

BARK BIG BONANZA MAY BE WRECKED

Portland-Bound for Lumber, Ship Flounders Close to Rocks on Coast.

SIX MEN MAY BE LOST

Tug Sampson Forced to Cut Loose and With Difficulty Makes Port Herself—Last Seen, Bark Was Tumbling.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 5.—The bark Big Bonanza, Portland bound from San Francisco, with six men aboard, is believed to be lost. The tug Sampson came to this port yesterday badly holed and the crew reported having been towing the Bonanza to Portland, where she was to get a load of lumber.

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BADLY WORSTED IN STORM

Tug Sampson Struggles for Three Days Off Coos Bay Coast.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Jan. 5.—The tug Sampson arrived here yesterday and all on board were glad to reach port. The Sampson left San Francisco January 1, with the bark Big Bonanza in tow for Portland. The bark was holed and the tug was unable to get her out to sea and she was forced to return to the coast.

When a little to the north of North-west Seal Rocks, and about 10 miles off shore, the tug was compelled to let the hawser, as the bits were already started, in order to save the tug.

The wind shifting at sundown to southwest, was driving the boat inshore among the rocks, when the boilers were cooled enough to reduce the pressure, the steam began filling the boilers with salt water, halting it from over the side of the tug in buckets, and it was early Friday morning before the tug could get away to help herself.

It became necessary to tear out the berths and other woodwork in order to start the fire so steam enough could be raised to start the oil pump. When the Sampson finally got under way she was within a mile of shore among the rocks, and another half hour in her crippled condition would have put her on shore and most likely all on board, consisting of a crew of 18 men, would have been lost.

After getting up steam the pumps were started, but they worked for only a few minutes, when they became choked and useless. The engineers were helpless to repair the pumps, all tools having been swept into the bilge when the heavy sea entered the engine room.

When about eight miles off shore Thursday evening, Captain Jones sighted a steamer going south and he burned a flare light for over 20 minutes, but the steamer paid no attention to his distress signals and passed on. The weather at this time was clear and he could see the lights of the coast very plainly.

It was due to the coolness of Captain Jones and his good management that the Sampson was saved. The captain spoke most highly of the manner in which his crew conducted themselves in which he was particularly pleased to mention the gallant and heroic actions of the crew.

SHERIFF POUNCES ON GAME

Ex-Councilman Among Those Arrested at Tillamook.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Jan. 5.—Sheriff Cronshaw made a raid on the town of Tillamook this morning, and arrested those who have been violating the local option law in this city this week, as he promised before election that he would.

He raided Hadley's saloon, now run as a drinking establishment, and billiard hall by W. J. Stephens. In the raid Sheriff Cronshaw forced his way into the gambling room, where he found George E. Edmunds and Howard Edmunds, father and son, M. F. Leach and Tom Johnson. He placed them under arrest. W. O. Chase, a fisherman, and unsuccessful independent candidate for Justice of the Peace at the last county election, was arrested, charged with operating a 21 game at his private residence.

TO CHANGE DATE NEW TERM

Movement to Have Officials Take Up Duties on January 1.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The Oregon Legislature will be asked at its session this winter to amend the law fixing the time for state officers to begin their terms. At present they assume their offices on the second Monday in January, which is the day upon which the Legislature convenes. Under that system the old set of officials continues from 3 to 14 days in the new fiscal year. The Treasurer, Secretary

of State and other officers balance their books and check up the cash on December 31, and then continue to take in money and transact business for a week or two in the new year. It is proposed that the law be changed so that the new officers shall assume their duties on the morning of January 1. Then they will have all that day, which is a holiday, to get settled in their offices, and be ready to transact business when the doors are opened on the morning of January 2. Secretary of State Dunbar strongly commends the proposed law. He has opened a new set of books and is now transacting business on the year 1907, and drawing a salary during the interim, but would have gladly relinquished it, had the law been changed as proposed, and believes it would be better to come in at the time of the rush incident to the convening of the Legislature, and, therefore, labor under the difficulty of being unaccustomed to their duties.

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Carrie Swanson, a cook in the Thompson family, and Fred West, who advanced Chester the money to go to Paris, are under subpoena by the defense and have not testified. Mr. Morris said he hoped to have one or both in court Monday. If they appear their only testimony will be that corroborative of what has gone before.

There had been a conference of counsel with Judge Snell in anticipation of this situation, and at the time of the conference the court made it plain that he expected to hear the defense testimony for the defense Monday morning. To save the state and the defense the attorneys for the state and the defense agreed to get on a line of hypothetical questions to be propounded.

On each side there are under subpoena four or five witnesses, who will be called to testify. To examine these men directly, and following with the redirect on both sides and following with the redirect on both sides will probably be finished by the afternoon of Monday. The testimony of Chester Thompson by the specific acts he has performed as testified by witnesses.

POWER TO CROSS STATE LINE

Joint Jurisdiction Gives Water Bailiffs Increased Authority.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Last September, Water Bailiff System found a joint trap in the Columbia River, but located on the north side of the river and operated under a Washington license, issuing during the closed season. The matter was referred to the District Attorney, who said he was in doubt about the courts sustaining him in bringing an action against the owner or operator of the trap. The matter was referred to the Columbia River water bailiffs, who are now in possession of the trap, and the courts have decided in favor of the bailiffs.

CARD PLAYERS PAY \$50 EACH

Mayor of Tillamook Then Dismisses Charge of Gambling.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—In the case against George R. Edmunds, Howard Edmunds, M. F. Leach and Tom Johnson, who were charged with gambling in a saloon, the Mayor of Tillamook has decided to dismiss the charges against them. The Mayor said that the evidence was not sufficient to sustain the charges.

NEW COUNCIL MAKES APPOINTMENTS

HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the Council tonight the old body was dissolved and the new members were sworn in. The following appointments were made: Marshal, H. D. McKenney; Police Sergeant, E. A. Upson; patrolman, C. Carpenter and J. McElroy; Street Commissioner, W. A. Dawson.

The following members of the Council were appointed chairmen of the committees: J. C. Shaw, fire, light and water; A. J. Young, public property; J. G. Young, public property.

YAKIMA TO PAVE HER STREETS.

NORAH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The property owners in the business district have decided to pave Yakima avenue its entire length and some of the adjoining business thoroughfares. A committee consisting of A. B. Wood, for the property owners; Engineer Noble and a number of the City Council will investigate the best material and the also the cost of paving the street. The committee will report at a meeting of the Central Improvement Club to be held the first Thursday of February.

The majority of the property owners favor brick, and it is probable that this material will be adopted.

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Chief Justice Mount writes a brief but vigorous dissenting opinion, holding the court has no authority to appoint a lunacy commission, as was done. This view is shared by Justice Fullerton.

The majority opinion is very lengthy. It briefly recites the killing of Joshua Griffith, husband of Maud Crawford, by George Mitchell, and the subsequent murder of Mitchell by his sister, Esther Mitchell; the arrest of these women, charged jointly with the murder of Griffith; the insanity commission, by Judge Frater to pass upon the mental condition of the women; and the finding by the judge that both women were insane and should be deported to Oregon, their place of residence.

RIGHTS OF COMMON LAW.

The application of Prosecuting Attorney Mackintosh, of King County, for a writ to restrain Judge Frater from signing the order finding the women insane and ordering deportation, is the basis for this action, in its majority decision the court says the lower court is possessed of inherent power and jurisdiction to conduct an inquiry as to insanity without regard to statutory authority.

This power, it is stated, comes from the common law. Elsewhere Judge Crow deems it "knowingly and recklessly" to issue an order on a crime punishable by death is not to be treated by the courts of any civilized nation.

The whole argument of the court along this point is in the duty of the court to conduct such an examination where the person is accused of a crime involving the death penalty, and thus to try an insane person is unconstitutional, because the defendant is not capable of understanding the charge against him and making defense. The deportation statute is held invalid because it required the sheriff to take the deported person to a point outside the state, which could not legally be enforced, as the Sheriff's power ends at the state line.

ASK STRINGENT GAME LAW

Baker City Sportsmen Would Close Deer Season for Five Years.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Plans that will probably result in the protection of Baker County game were adopted last night at a meeting of Baker sportsmen at the Elk's Club when a draft of a new game law was made that provided for the protection of elk, deer, mountain sheep and many of the birds of the state. The proposed bill provides a heavy penalty for breaking the law, and provides that half of each fine shall go to the person furnishing the information upon which conviction is secured.

Peculiarly severe will be the punishment for killing elk, if the proposed draft which Senator Hart will be asked to introduce, becomes a law. The draft provides that there shall be no elk shooting until 1910 and provides a penalty of from \$500 to \$1000 for killing that animal for five years and the fine for killing them shall be from \$100 to \$500. Mountain sheep will be closed for five years with a fine of from \$50 to \$500 for killing, and the same fine attached.

For the preservation of birds the proposed law is also stringent. A fine of from \$50 to \$500 is attached to the killing of quail or quinn's pheasant during the next five years. The open duck season is planned to extend from September 1 to February 1; the season for sage hen and grouse to open July 15 and close December 15, and for native pheasants from September 1 to December 1. For killing these birds out of season the fine will be from \$25 to \$50 for each bird.

DEMAND BETTER SERVICE

Hoquiam Commercial Club Makes Request of Telephone Company.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Commercial Club tonight, drastic action was taken regarding the poor service given this city by the Sunset Telephone Company. A resolution was passed censuring the service and making a demand for a resident manager to look after the trouble.

SLOW PROGRESS STATE ROAD

Washington Highway Commission Is Puzzled Over Legal Matters.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The State Board of Highway Commissioners held a long conference here yesterday, but it remains the same Monday regarding the state road that was provided for by the last Legislature to connect the territory on the Straits of Fuca with the Gray's Harbor country.

THE PIANO SEEKER'S OPPORTUNITY

TIME FOR ACTION GROWING SHORT BUY THE PIANO AT ONCE AND SAVE ENOUGH TO PAY FOR THE MUSICAL EDUCATION OF THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

Think what you can accomplish with the \$100 or \$200 you can save by buying your piano at once—the first thing tomorrow. It will pay for the musical instruction of the entire family—paving the way to one of the greatest accomplishments one can possess. Or if you do not need that instruction, think of the innumerable things you might do with the money saved if you buy now—a trip to the Jamestown Fair this coming Summer, or a vacation to California and return, or the articles you could buy for yourself or the home.

THIRTY-FIVE OF THE WORLD'S BEST MAKES TO CHOOSE FROM—A SMALL MONTHLY PAYMENT BUYS ANY ONE YOU SELECT, AND A GUARANTEE WITH EVERY SALE THAT GUARANTEES.

No other piano firm on the Coast has ever duplicated such a proposition as this, and probably never will. Not another house can duplicate the incomparable list of makes; not another house can duplicate the prices—or the terms; and when this sale ends an opportunity will be withdrawn that will not be repeated probably for many years, if ever. You can afford a piano now, when you could not under all ordinary circumstances. And again, you can buy a far better piano now than you had hoped to. It's certainly a chance that should not be missed, if you have the slightest desire for a piano. Attend to it at once—the first thing tomorrow morning. Bring \$10 or \$8 or even \$5, and we'll have a fine instrument in your home by evening.

EILERS PIANO HOUSE

THE HOUSE OF HIGHEST QUALITY 353 WASHINGTON, COR. PARK BIGGEST, BUSIEST AND BEST OF ALL

NO FUEL AT YAKIMA

Single Carload of Coal Is Doled Out by the Sackful.

CORDWOOD NOT TO BE HAD

Hundreds of Families With Nothing to Burn—Dealers Give Short Weight and Consumers Determined to Prosecute.

DEMANDS BILL OF HEALTH

Passengers Can't Enter Spokane Unless They Show Certificate.

PROMINENT PROHIBITION LEADER

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 5.—Dr. Stephen W. Bowers, a well-known theologian and prohibition reformer of the Pacific Coast, died at his home here today, aged 75 years. He had become connected with the United States Geological Survey, and later became State Examiner.

DEAD OF THE PACIFIC COAST

OSCEOLA, Ia., Banker. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 5.—Henry Clay Sigler, formerly a prominent merchant banker, railroad builder and church worker in Iowa, is dead at his home here. At one time he owned several banks in the vicinity of Osceola, Iowa.

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WANT TO GO TO OXFORD

Four Students Will Enter Tryout at University of Oregon.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Examinations for the Rhodes Scholarship will be held in Eugene at the State University on Thursday and Friday, January 17 and 18. Only four contestants have signified their intention of entering the tryout, Cecil Lyons, Loris and Wister Johnson and Bolton Hamble, all of Eugene.

THE WHITE HEART OF THE WHEAT

Made by the man who makes 'The Flour'

ITS TASTE HAS MADE IT WIN

The breakfast food that captures the children's taste. Everybody is talking about the increasing success of

PILLSBURY'S BEST CEREAL, VITOS

One reason for its great popularity is its economy. A 2 lb. package makes 12 lbs. when served. A creamy white, granular food—rich, full and delicious.

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ASK ADVANCE OF FIFTY CENTS.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 5.—A special to the Miner from Great Falls says: "By a vote of three to one, the members of the local Mill and Smeltermen's Union have decided to make a demand upon the management of the Boston & Montana Smelter for an increase of 50 cents a day for all who work on change shifts. The men have been receiving \$3 a day."

SUES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—But has been brought against the Construction Company, the builders of the Central Railway of Oregon, by T. W. Davis, of Union, who claims \$483.25 as a balance due him on a settlement. Sheriff Childers went to Union today to serve the civil papers.

