

DISABLED VESSEL LIES OFF COOS BAY

Decks of Steamer Plant Swept by Heavy Seas, and Steering Gear Is Broken.

THIRTY PEOPLE ON BOARD

Boat Sends in Distress Signals, but Is Not Believed to Be in Immediate Danger — Was Bound for San Francisco.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—With 30 passengers and a crew of eight aboard, the steamer M. F. Plant is at anchor about two miles off Coos Bay as a result of breaking her machinery while passing over the bar on her regular trip to San Francisco. Just how badly the steamer is damaged cannot be ascertained, but it is believed that she is now in no immediate danger and that her master, Captain Burtis, will have her towed into port some time tomorrow.

While going to sea at noon today, the steamer was struck by a heavy sea that swept her decks fore and aft. The tremendous breaker caused the steamer to veer from her course, and before she could be straightened out five breakers piled over her, washing a portion of her deckload of shingles overboard. Finally the Plant made her way to sea, after her thrilling experience.

A half hour later the steamer Eureka crossed out without taking a drop of water. She stood by the Plant for a while and then steamed south.

Signals for Boat With Hawser.

At the lookout used by the lifesaving crew at the entrance of the bay, the Plant could be seen just before dark this evening. She was at anchor about two miles off and a little north of the tug Columbia. The signal was not right for bringing in the steamer. All the afternoon the Plant has been signaling to the lifesaving crew, but the heavy fog made reading of the signals difficult. One signal was to the effect that the vessel's steering apparatus was in order. Another read: "Mot with accident send boat with hawser."

Representatives of the steamship company who saw the boat from the lookout tonight feel assured that Captain Burtis is at anchor only to await a favorable time to be towed back to port. The Plant crossed the bar shortly after noon. The bar was rough but not worse than on many other occasions when it is crossed in safety. A heavy sea, however, struck the boat and carried away her sternpost and probably her steering apparatus, and some small pieces of wreckage and a pile of the freight came ashore, indicating that at least some damage was done.

Towed Back by Steamer Eureka.

With a small sail, the steamer turned toward the south, but shortly afterwards was towed back by the steamer Eureka, which left the bay soon after the Plant. North of the bar the Plant dropped anchor. She seemed to be in one side, but the Eureka left and as another steamer left, it is thought that Captain Burtis would not have remained where he was if there was any danger to the vessel.

Nothing further can be done to help the steamer tonight. On this trip the Plant carried a cargo of shingles and general merchandise. Among the passengers is Captain M. Emory, inspector of the lifesaving service, who is on the Coast Guard cutter. The first-class passengers who went out on the Plant were Havens, R. W. Buffum, Alex. Sturdevant, M. Bury, Theo. Bradley, E. H. Lembovsky, S. Assen, Charles Merchant, G. H. Bate, Mr. Buckings, F. A. Smith, Mr. Edges, W. P. Wiggins, E. S. Gordon, Mr. McDonald, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Amundsen, T. H. Harrahan, Mrs. Harrahan, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, John Boyd, Anna Colebrook, J. A. Valden, Mr. Moore, C. A. Erickson and J. A. Snyder.

Boat Is Spanish War Prize.

The M. F. Plant was formerly the Cuba in the Spanish merchant marine and was the first prize boat captured by the United States Navy in the war with Spain. She was bought up by the Plant Company and later by the Oregon Coal & Navigation Company and has been running between Coos Bay and San Francisco for the past three years. She is 207 feet long, carries 700 tons of freight and is valued at about \$60,000, and is not insured.

Lately M. N. Kuppenberg, of Spokane, has been negotiating for the purchase of the Plant, together with other property owned by the company. This is the first time in which it was reported James J. Hill was interested. The deal, however, has not yet been closed, although it was about to be, and the boat is still owned by the Oregon Coal & Navigation Company.

THROGS CROWD TO TAFT

Judge Rick's Indignation. He worked on the Lake Shore and refused to accept freight from the Ann Arbor station, preferring to stand by Secret Rule No. 12. He was sentenced to jail, although his confinement was but a formality. The brotherhood supported him for six years after that, then the Lake Shore reinstated him and he is now running a passenger engine between Elkhart and Toledo. He said in answering Mr. Taft: "I shall not only vote for Judge Taft, but I am doing all I can to aid in his cause. I have been working for him ever since the beginning of the campaign."

Rights of Railroad Men.

Referring to Mr. Lennon and the railway workers in general, Mr. Taft said to the Elkhart audience: "I am very much obliged to Mr. Lennon for introducing me to this audience, because there was a time, a number of years ago, when Mr. Lennon and I had some differences; that is, I did not have them, but a judge on the bench who we had then, I think Mr. Lennon and I agree on the principles that ought to apply between railway employer and railroad employees and it shows a broad, intelligent spirit on the part of Mr. Lennon to introduce me here and to take the stand that is in favor of the Republican ticket next November."

What I want to speak about is railway labor in this country. One of the things that seem to me to portend good in this country is the fact that railway laborers and the railway employers are convinced that, except with reference to the division of dividends and wages, the interests of the railway employes and the interest of the railway employer are identical and

that they have the right and that they ought, in order to look after their interests, to unite in politics to see that a square deal is given in the treatment of railways and that unjust legislation against railroads should meet their condemnation as much as does that of the stockholders and officers of the railroad. When we have that calm, deliberate conclusion, a sensible one, reached by the railway orders, we may know that labor and capital are coming together on common grounds and that it must work for the benefit of the public at large."

In his speech at Gary tonight, Mr. Taft talked on the bank deposit guarantee question and made a general reference to the tariff and prosperity issues.

This afternoon the candidate was entertained in his car by Indiana campaign songs sung by four young ladies from Huntington.

Talks on Tariff at Gary.

Northern Indiana and Chicago contributed to the entertainment of the new industrial city of Gary tonight. The town, which was built by the United States Steel Corporation, is declared to be Republican beyond question, because of the tariff protection afforded it.

The proposition that the party has been debauched by contributions by the corporations, is most absurd," declared the candidate with a smile. "I am in a position to know that there is not enough campaign funds to debauch any party or any body of men. And I want to suggest at this hour that, if you are looking for a good charity in which to deposit your surplus cash, the Republican cause furnishes a most desirable object."

When Mr. Taft expressed confidence in his election, he was wildly cheered and cries of "You're all right, Bill, you'll get there" came from all quarters of the hall.

Mr. Taft discussed his position on labor and received hearty commendations. The Taft special left Gary for New York at 10:30 tonight and will reach that city at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

NEARLY CHOKED TO DEATH

Clairevoyant's Client Springs From Chair Grabbing Him by Neck.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—While reading a man's palm in his office in the Pacific Hotel this morning, H. Mansfield, an aged clairvoyant, was suddenly grabbed by the throat by his subject and choked into unconsciousness. He was found nearly dead and badly bruised, but it is believed he will recover, notwithstanding his age.

While the reading was in progress a man entered the ante-room and said that he must have an immediate reading of his life lines. Mansfield rose to tell him to wait for a few moments, when the man whose palm he had been reading threw himself on him. In the struggle the hats of all three men fell on the floor and, making his escape, the smaller of the men took Mansfield's hat and left his own. Later in the day Mansfield described the hat and with this clew the detectives arrested Charles Johnson, who proved to be wearing the hat, which is an extremely large one.

PAROLED INDIAN IN JAIL

Woman Alleges Clark Robbed Her of Certificate of Deposit.

OREGON CITY, Or., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Harry Clark, a young Indian, who was on parole, is in the county jail, charged with robbing Mrs. Victoria Howard, who says Clark took from her a certificate of deposit on a Sheridan bank for \$125.00. Mrs. Howard is of dusky hue and comes from the Grand Ronde Reservation. Last night she was given a coffee by the Indian entertainers and says there were knock-out drops in it. When she regained her senses this morning she found her money gone.

TULL & GIBBS LOSE \$40,000

Serious Fire in Spokane Due to Defective Wiring.

SPOKANE, Oct. 24.—Fire which started beside the elevator shaft in Tull & Gibbs' furniture store warehouse here this morning did considerable damage. The entire stock of Tull & Gibbs, stored in this warehouse, was destroyed, entailing a loss of between \$25,000 and \$40,000.

The National Blauco Company lost its entire stock valued at \$7500 and the building, belonging to C. H. Weeks, was damaged about \$10,000. The loss is reported to be well covered by insurance. The blaze is believed to have started from defective wiring.

SALE SAMPLE SUITS.

Manufacturers' sample line of women's tailored suits on sale at 60c on the dollar of wholesale cost. All latest styles and colorings, and only one of a kind. No charge for alterations. McAllen & McDonnell, Third and Morrison.

IT'S THE HAT.

The trimmed hat, the tailor suit hat, all kinds of hats. Le Palais Royal has them at the lowest prices. 375 Washington street.

Dixie, She Falls From Train.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Nancy Young, of Central Point, fell from the vestibule of an incoming train yesterday and narrowly escaped a serious accident. Mrs. Young was in company with her sister. As the train slackened its speed within the yard limits both were standing by an open vestibule, and either from dizziness or sickness Mrs. Young lurched forward from the steps and fell heavily upon the ground, being severely bruised by the fall.

Take Out Lumber Cargoes.

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—The steamer G. W. Fenwick cleared at the Customs-House today for San Francisco with a cargo of 1,500,000 feet of plating, loaded at the Hammond Lumber Company's mill. The steamer Cascades also cleared for San Francisco today. She carries a cargo of 215,000 feet of lumber, loaded at Rainier.

Wireless Service Works Perfectly.

SEATTLE, Oct. 24.—The Army wireless signal service station in Alaska, Eagle City, Circle City, Fairbanks and Fort Gibbon are handling the commercial and press matter ordinarily carried by the land wires with as much promptness as when the land wires were in use.

More Sugar Lumps for Bryan.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Twenty contributors turned \$200 into the Democratic campaign fund yesterday in sums of \$200 or over. The sources of \$25 were made public in New York yesterday, the remainder, \$194, being announced here today.

BIG MILL PLANNED

Somerville Brothers Build at Vancouver.

PLANT TO COST \$150,000

Waterfront Property Purchased by Firm for \$31,200 to Be Used as Site for Proposed Sawmill.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Somerville Bros., of Napavine, Wash., have purchased 26 acres of waterfront property about 200 feet below the big railway bridge over the Columbia, paying for the land \$31,200. The land is the Van Atta and Whipple tracts and has a water frontage of 800 feet.

Somerville Bros., together with others interested with them, will build a \$150,000 milling plant on the property, according to information given out by J. A. Webber, their representative in this city. The plant will include a sawmill, planing mill, shingle mill, sash and door factory and furniture factory, and when complete an iron running order, will employ 500 men.

Somerville Bros. have two sawmills at Napavine, Wash., and are old lumbermen on the Coast. They have recently made big lumber and timber shipments to the Isthmus to be used in the construction of the Panama Canal.

They expect to buy their logs for their Vancouver plant, as they at present have no timber holdings in this section.

TAX VALUES ARE REDUCED

Washington County Figures Are \$4,033,786 Less Than Year Ago.

HILLSBORO, Or., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Assessor Wilcox has completed the 1908 assessment with description and values as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Value. Includes items like Acres (illable land, 97,189), Improvements (deserted lands, 280,234), and various other property types.

came along, slowed down a little but did not stop, and the laborers, grown careless by long custom, continued work on the track until the car was almost upon them and then one by one stepped out of its way.

Swanson waited too long and was struck. He was felled heavily to the pavement and sustained a severe scalp wound. He lay unconscious until some one called the Red Cross ambulance in which he was removed to the Good Samaritan Hospital where he was attended by Dr. Rockey. He will be able to return to his work in a few days.

County Court Appointments.

The County Court yesterday appointed Thomas Norton and Charles Honeymeyer clerks in the Justice Court, and C. C. Ford and Thomas Carroll, gatekeepers on the Madison-street bridge, to succeed Andrew Bradford and G. P. Fuller, resigned, and George M. McDonald to succeed William Taylor, deceased, as gate-keeper on the Burnside-street bridge.

Meet at the Electric Fountain in the Perkins Grill, and listen to Webber's Novelty Orchestra at 12 o'clock lunch, 6 o'clock dinner and after the theater.

TAFT FRIEND OF UNIONS

C. S. Gleason Delivers Rousing Speech at Goldendale.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Oct. 24.—An enthusiastic Republican campaign meeting was held here this evening. Mrs. Victoria Howard, who says Clark took from her a certificate of deposit on a Sheridan bank for \$125.00.

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SELECTS SITE FOR STATION

Lifesaving Department to Have Exhibit at Seattle Fair.

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Captain Wicklund, of the Point Adams Lifesaving crew, has returned from Seattle, where he went to select a site for the station that the department will install at the exposition to be held here next year. He chose the site on Lake Union, near the center of the grounds, and the building and all its equipment will be so constructed that at the conclusion of the exposition it can be removed and permanently placed on one of the sites on the Coast where new lifesaving stations are to be located by the Government.

DRILL FOR OIL AT COOS

Machinery Will Be Put in Place Within Next Few Weeks.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Frank O'Day, an oil man, who recently visited Coos Bay, is expected here within two weeks with machinery to drill for oil. It has been known for some time past that there was oil around Coos Bay, and during the past summer a number of investigations along that line have been made.

CARELESS LABORER HURT

Falls to Get Off Track Before Approaching Car Hits Him.

Peter Swanson, a laborer, who lives at 1844 Denver avenue, and is employed by the O. W. P. line, was painfully injured yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock in a street-car accident at East Tenth street and Hawthorne avenue. Swanson, together with a number of other workmen, were engaged in laying new track at this point. A car



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BEN SELLING LEADING CLOTHIER

SEARCHERS GIVE UP HOPE

Believe Green River Hunters Will Not Be Found Alive.

GREEN RIVER HOT SPRINGS, Wash., Oct. 24.—Hope of ever seeing Fred W. Kloeber and Julius Kumble alive has been abandoned and searchers are now directing their efforts to recovering the bodies of the missing men, who left Hot Springs Hotel last Monday morning on a short hunting expedition. Since that time nothing has been heard of them, despite that half a hundred experienced woodsmen have been on the trail for four nights and days.

At daybreak today a party of six left the hotel for a canyon two miles to the north, which is known as an exceptionally dangerous place. It is feared the absent ones may have perished there, and thorough search will be made for the bodies. Monday night was the coldest of the year, so far, and as the men had no provisions, it is believed in their weakened condition they may have been frozen to death. There is much snow in the canyon at this time of year, making

It a terrible place to spend a night without equipment.

CHINESE BECOME CALMER

Bellingham Police Believe Danger of Clash With Chinese Is Over.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Oct. 24.—While the Chinese of this city are still highly excited over the raid made upon their bunk houses yesterday by the police, it is believed that all danger of a race war with the local Japanese is at an end. Today and tonight the Celestials, aided by detectives, are still hunting for the Japanese who caused the search warrant to be issued on the charge of theft. If he is found, it is possible there will be serious trouble, but the police believe he has slipped town.

Newberg 11; McMinnville 6.

NEWBERG, Or., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Newberg High School defeated McMinnville High School this afternoon by a score of 11 to 6.

Get your order in for Chalmers' "36."

BULLY IS LOCKED IN JAIL

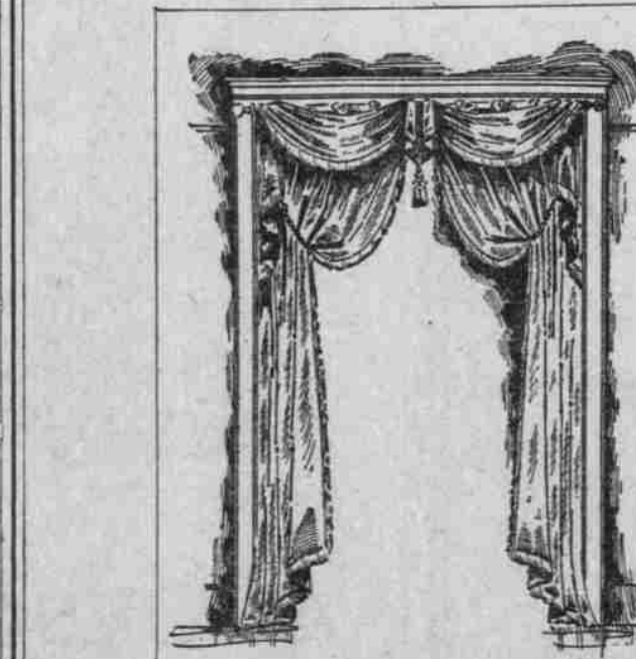
John Stark Makes Uncalled-for Attack on Newsboy.

John Stark, a German laborer, 37 years of age, who lives in South Portland, was arrested at Third and Washington streets at 10 o'clock last night by Constable Lou Wagner because of an unwarranted attack made upon Louis Goldstein, 15 years of age, a newsboy, who lives at 594 Front street. The episode attracted a crowd of perhaps a thousand people, who jeered the man as the officer placed him under arrest.

Stark wanted to buy a paper from the lad, but becoming enraged because he was not waited on quickly enough to suit his convenience, grabbed the boy's papers and tore them up, after throwing them into the street he started in to thrash the boy but was stopped by Constable Wagner. Stark was locked up in the City Jail.

The books carried by a passing New York schoolboy were found to weigh 3 1/2 pounds.

New and Stylish Furnishings



Carpets—This season's favorite Carpet is undoubtedly the Axminster, while the most stylish colors are tan or brown, with rich Oriental figures. We offer an extraordinary selection of tan Axminsters, in exclusive designs. Large stock for immediate delivery. Prices, \$1.30 to \$1.80 yard, laid.

Draperies—Many new Tapestries, Damasks and other fabrics, in the latest colors, enrich our Drapery stock. For craftsman interiors we show new printed Serims, Bungalow Nets and similar inexpensive but effective stuffs.

Furniture—A large assortment of new Davenport—oak, mahogany and overstuffed pieces; new, quaint furniture and new mahogany Tea Tables, Serving-Tables and Novelty Pieces have been added to our furniture lines this week.

Fifth and Stark J. G. Mack & Co. Fifth and Stark