

TALE OF COLONY'S ROUT BY MICE SPUN

Forestry Surveyor Repeats Revenge of Volcano on Destroyer of Settlement.

ISLE NEAR ALASKA SCENE

K. P. Cecil Tells of Backwoodsman Who Passed Night of Horror in Tree With Rodents to Escape Death From Rising Tide.

BY PAUL M. RYAN.

How a band of mice drove a Russian settlement from an island near the mouth of the Stikins River, in Alaska, and were destroyed subsequently by a volcanic eruption, is the story related by K. P. Cecil, a surveyor for the local forestry department, who passed last summer surveying homesteads there for the settlers in the Forest Reserve.

Mr. Cecil heard the story from a settler named Gingsras.

"Gingsras told me," said Mr. Cecil, "that the island where he lived was inhabited formerly by a Russian missionary settlement. The priests raised cattle and vegetables there for their posts in other sections. The settlement was prosperous.

Mice Make Life Miserable. "But the fathers were troubled constantly by mice. Despite all their efforts, the little rodents increased constantly in number. The priests' supplies were raided continually, and, at last, the island became uninhabitable. The good fathers concluded that it was the will of God that they should move. They abandoned the settlement.

Gingsras and his fellow settlers, however, were determined to stay on the island. They settled on the land, and took up the struggle.

"To illustrate how thick the mice really were, he told me of one occasion when he was caught by the tide, which rises high there when the moon is full. The island is low, and sometimes a large section of it is flooded.

Rodents Invade Tree Refuge. "Gingsras said that one night he was caught away out on the coast by the high water. Seeing that he could not reach high ground, he temporarily, he shinned up an adjacent tree.

"The moon, he said, was full, and it must have been a beautiful scene. I do not believe, however, that Gingsras enjoyed it. The water came swirling in around him, rose gradually, and forced him into the higher branches.

"As he grasped a limb, he felt something soft and furry beneath his hand. There was a faint squeak, whether from Gingsras or the furry object, he does not know. But Gingsras let go so quick that he almost fell into the water.

Gingsras' Body Becomes Refuge. "He glanced around furtively. The whole scene, he said, was filled with mice. His presence had alarmed them, he said, and they clung to the ends of the branches like squealing bunches of grapes.

"Every now and then one would be crowded off, and would fall into the water with a splash. Gingsras heartily enjoyed the sight, and would have allowed his fellow creatures to perish, but once in a while a mouse, stronger or luckier than his mates, would swim back to the tree and climb over him at every step, would climb over Gingsras' shivering body to the treetop.

"Well, Gingsras said that he passed an uncomfortable night, but at last the tide went out and he descended from the tree. He did not wait to see what happened to the mice.

Persecutions Are Averted. "Gingsras said, however, that the God who had allowed the mice to devastate the Russian missionaries, and annoy the settlers even to the point of putting ice water down their necks, at last took a terrible revenge on the persecutors. When the volcano on Kodiak Island erupted two years ago, he said, the mice were either scared to death or left the country. He solemnly assured me that not a mouse had been seen on the island since.

Mr. Cecil does not vouch for the truth of this story. He tells it merely as it was told to him by an honest backwoodsman. He says the island for some time, however, and says that he saw but few mice there.

"No more than two or three," said Mr. Cecil. "Of course I don't know how thick they were then."

Reserve Surveying Is Free. Mr. Cecil went to Alaska last June, and until November he surveyed homesteads for the settlers on the National Forest Reserve. The forestry department does this without charge, he says. Settlers outside the reserve have to pay from \$100 to \$200 for the field work of the surveyors, and from \$25 to \$50 for the notes.

The land in this section, he says, is chiefly covered with hemlock, with occasional stretches of prairie and swamp. Mr. Cecil says the country is so damp that most of the hay is put up in silos, and fed as ensilage.

TWO INDICTMENTS SECRET

Grand Jury Finds True Bill Against A. B. Gibson for Forgery.

Indictments against seven alleged malefactors were returned yesterday by the Multnomah County grand jury, of which two are new.

Public indictments were as follows: A. B. Gibson, passing a forged check, two charges; Rintaro Shimoye, larceny in a dwelling; Alexander Wulfsberg, larceny in a store; Oscar Anderson, assault with a dangerous weapon upon Peter Chase, a fellow sailor on an English ship now in port, and F. M. Brownell, non-support.

Not true bills were returned in the cases of Fred J. Vance, charged with non-support; P. H. Sturdoch, accused of having obtained money by false pretenses; Harry Wallace, Maude McDonald and Cecil Leary, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and H. L. Reid, charged with larceny by embezzlement.

J. LUDWIG AHLERS SUED

Recent Bride Seeks Divorce and Property Protection.

Married in March of this year, Elizabeth Ahlers brought suit for divorce against J. Ludwig Ahlers yesterday, asking a division of property interests and alimony of \$75 a month. It is asked that the defendant be restrained from disposing of his property pending the settlement of the suit. Cruel and inhuman treatment is charged. It is set out that the husband is the owner of a country home near Salem of the value of \$10,000 and that he has other property and securities to the value of from \$20,000 to \$20,000. The plaintiff says she believes he has as-

signed part of his property to a third person to prevent her from securing it and asks that the court prevent this action. Lucille A. sued Harry A. Tuttle for desertion. Alimony of \$40 a month is asked. Ella sued Luigi Piluso on the ground of cruel treatment, and the wife petitions that their property be divided. Margaret sued Donnie C. Coleman, asking that her maiden name, Paterbaugh, be restored. Daniel brought suit against Winifred Millane, declaring his wife deserted him. Judge Davis granted divorce yesterday to Margaret from J. J. Edgerton on the ground of desertion, to Anna from H. W. Henderson, the latter being charged with cruel and inhuman treatment, and the same plaintiff served for Alta Thorp, given a decree from John Thorp. Judge McOlin granted a divorce to Elvie from Hugh Ritten-

FRACTURED SKULL CAUSES DEATH OF SEATTLE MAN.

Elmer Owen Fairchild.

Elmer Owen Fairchild, of Seattle, died November 7, as the result of a fractured skull, caused by a fall. Mr. Fairchild was employed by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company at the time of his demise.

His widow, parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Fairchild, of Cornelius, Or., James B. Robert L. Charles T. of Portland; Edward S. of Seattle; Joseph T. of Forest Grove, and sisters, Miss Emma M. Fairchild, Mrs. S. Stevens, of Portland, and Mrs. Samuel Wille, of Forest Grove, survive him. Interment will take place in Cornelius Cemetery November 10.

E. C. D'ARMOND IS DEAD

Father of Portland Man Will Be Buried at Grants Pass Today.

Ellas Cowan D'Armond died Friday night at the home of his son, R. F. D'Armond, 1052 1/2 Corbett street, at the age of 79 years.

On his arrival in Oregon Mr. D'Armond settled on a claim near Albany. Later he moved to Grants Pass. For the last four years he had been a resident of McMinnville. He had lived at his son's residence in Portland for seven weeks.

D'Armond is survived by his widow and eight children, besides two brothers, a sister and nine grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at Grants Pass today.

ASYLUM RETURNS \$45,000

Eastern Oregon Hospital to Ask Less Funds for Next Year.

That the Eastern Oregon State Hospital turned back to the state \$45,000 of its appropriation this year, and will ask for \$12,000 less from the next Legislature than it received from the last, despite an increased number of patients, was announced yesterday by Dr. W. E. McNary, head of the institution.

"We have, believe, the most modern hospital for the instance in this state," said Dr. McNary. "The last Legislature appropriated \$187,200 for our use. This amounted to about \$22 a month for our 350 patients. We still have about \$45,000 of it. This year we will ask for about \$12,000 less than our last appropriation."

BREEDING STOCK BARRED

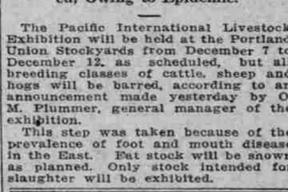
December Cattle Display Here Limited, Owing to Epidemic.

The Pacific International Livestock Exhibition will be held at the Portland Union Stockyards from December 7 to December 12, as scheduled, but all breeding classes of cattle, sheep and hogs will be barred, according to an announcement made yesterday by O. S. Plummer, general manager of the exhibition.

This step was taken because of the prevalence of foot and mouth disease in the East. That stock will be shown as planned. Only stock intended for slaughter will be exhibited.

TALENTED VIOLINIST PLAYS AT RECEPTION TOMORROW

HERMAN S. HELLER TO APPEAR AT RECEPTION TOMORROW.



Herman S. Heller. One of the soloists who is to take part in the excellent programme to be offered in the concert at the Masonic Temple auditorium Tuesday night is Herman S. Heller, violinist. Mr. Heller, who recently came to this city from San Francisco, where he led an orchestra at one of the leading hotels, is a member of the first violin section of the Portland Symphony Orchestra.

MEET BEG TO ENLIST

Paul Reimers, of Portland, Says Germany Untouched.

MILLIONS READY TO GO

Letter Reports 6,000,000 in Field and as Many More Prepared. Strategy Enables Him to Elude British Searching Officers.

That Germany has 6,000,000 men in the field and could send as many more, is the assertion of Paul Reimers, ex-president of the Anderson & Crowe Company, of Portland, now an officer in the German naval reserve in Europe, in a letter to Mrs. Reimers, who is in Portland.

Mr. Reimers denounces England for her part in the hostilities, and predicts the disruption of the allies and a separate treaty of peace between Germany and France before Christmas.

"If you travel through Germany," says Mr. Reimers in his letter, "you will see young, able-bodied men, thousands of them, everywhere. You wonder why they are not at the front. The reason is that there are too many, about 6,000,000, soldiers at the front now. Just as many more could be sent. Gradually the stay-at-homes become recruits. Later they will join the army.

Men Eager to Enlist. "If you could see these young Germans with tears in their eyes because they are not taken, you would know why Germany must win this war. They run from one regimental office to the other, from one town to another, hoping they may find a regiment which takes men. At one regiment 50 men were wanted. There were hundreds to select from, so a footrace was started and the best runners were enlisted.

"Another important factor in this war is our railroads. Not only did they move to the east and west front about 4,000,000 soldiers in a short time, but they distributed cannon, horses, food and ammunition, besides taking out these men to their respective regiments. When the history of this war is written the railroads of Germany will fill an important chapter.

Prisoners of War Increase. "Our armies are in possession of all Belgium except Antwerp and Ostend. We are about 20 miles from Paris, and large parts of Russia and France have already German civil government. Not one French, Belgian, Russian or English soldier stands on German soil, except as a prisoner of war. There are plenty. We have more than 200,000 now, and more are arriving every day. About half are Russians and half French, with about 9000 English.

"Thousands of wounded and imprisoned French soldiers are writing to their homes of the fair treatment they receive at our hands. The Zouaves and Turcos are mostly Mohammedans. We send these to Constantinople. They will learn there who their friends are. The French wounded are treated exactly the same as our German brethren."

Mr. Reimers left Portland for Germany on August 5. He intended to ship as a seaman on a Norwegian ship, but other reserve officers persuaded him to sail with them on the steamer Ancona. The Ancona was searched by the English at Gibraltar, and 25 German reserve officers arrested.

Strategy Wins Escape. Mr. Reimers describes his escape as follows: "Soon a launch flying the English colors came alongside, and a commission of three officers came aboard. He had made the acquaintance of the ship's doctor, and he promised to lend me a pair of spectacles. I had not shaved since leaving home.

"When the officers came on board I got the spectacles, but the silly thing would not stick on my nose. Finally I stuck them on, but I could see nothing. The doctor must have been very near-sighted. My hands were dirty. I put on a dirty shirt and looked as little like an officer as possible.

"I told the officers that I wanted to find my daughter in Germany and take her back to Portland. This was true, even if I did not intend to do it at once. I was passed as 'too old for service.'"

COLLEGIANS GIVE PLAY

"PIGEON," THREE-ACT DRAMA, IS REED COLLEGE TREAT.

Students Stage John Galsworthy's Classic at Lincoln High—Every Role Is Portrayed Well.

John Galsworthy's three-act play, "Pigeon," was presented by the dramatic club of Reed College at the Lincoln High School last night.

The play, a figurative one, concerns a man, charitable to a fault, who gives his all to the deserving and the undeserving alike. In turn they fulfill or betray his trust in them, some humorously, others pathetically or dramatically, as the case may be.

"Pigeon" himself always is half-humorous, always a philosopher and always a great, whole-hearted man. Howard Barlow was ideally suited to the part of the artist-philanthropist. His every motion and expression bespoke his feeling of the part. Perhaps no part was harder or more noble than that of the errand boy, Alexander Lackey, was a Frenchman, every inch of him, from his bizarre manner to his tiny mustache and his ardent in love. Genevieve Megan, whose quaint brogue and plainness of manner bespoke her Irish descent, was portrayed by Verna Menefee. Timson, the thomas, added a delicious touch of comedy to the play. Frank Scott did most creditable work in the role.

Mr. Althanda took the part of the conventional English girl, Ann Wellwyn, who didn't know the meaning of charity.

All the cast did excellent work and received hearty applause. The cast was: Christopher Wellwyn, an artist, Howard Barlow; Ann, his daughter, Marian Althanda; Ferrand, an alien, Alexander Lackey; Timson, once a cabman, Frank Scott; Genevieve Megan, a flower seller, Verna Menefee; Cory Megan, her husband, Jay Schreist; Edward Bertley, a canon, Charles Larreber; Alfred Calway, a professor, Stephen Plummer; Sir Thomas Hoxton, a justice of the peace, Joyce Kelly; a Police Constable, Donald Lancerfield; First Humbleman, Harold Grier; Second Humbleman, Mathew Riddle; a Loafer, Lindsay Ross.

Castle Rock Debaters Win. CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Nov. 14.—(Special).—The debating team of the Castle Rock High School, went to Winlock last night, and won the contest, the first in the state debate. The team consisted of Joseph H. Grier, George Hubbard and Mildred McClane, all seniors. Single tax was the question debated, the team from this city having the negative.

How Could Pianos Worth Over \$86,000 Be Sold in Portland During October?

Goods of Real Merit Priced Lower Than Ever Again Is the Why!

It was the unprecedented combination, the Manufacturers' Emergency and Surplus Sale, coupled with the sale of the residue of the costliest makes from the Soule Bros' Failure Sale, authorized by the court. It's a record we're proud of. But November will be bigger, because the Manufacturers' representatives, Ellsworth, Barnes and Davey, now in charge of this great sale, are making prices lower than ever heretofore equalled or heard of. Special offer to purchasers Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Every pianolesse home should make careful investigation. It is so easy to pay a little each month and own one of the superb instruments now offered during this most extraordinary piano sale.

Manufacturers' Emergency and Surplus Sale Will Soon Close

Bring this advertisement. We give you absolutely free \$23.00 as initial payment on any new piano or player piano. We will make you a special sale price, and we arrange payments in 10 months, or 20, or 30, or even 40, according to price. You have the privilege of paying by the week and also paying all or more a any time.

The manufacturers do not need the money, but they do want to keep the wheels of their great institutions turning. They have undertaken to sell out the great stock of Eilers Music House on an agreement that we buy three surplus instruments for every two now sold by their representatives, Messrs. Ellsworth, Barnes and Davey.

Here are a few prices which will make our selling records for November biggest of any November since the House of Eilers was established many years ago. Remember, every instrument in this sale is accompanied by a guarantee, assuring absolute satisfaction to the purchaser or no sale.

See these and many others at the sale of the Soule Bros' Failure Stock and the Manufacturers' Emergency and Surplus Sale.

Practically every piano in this sale is new, not even shopworn; but all that are used are in perfect and guaranteed condition. All can be had on very easy payments. Take 10, 20 or 30 or 40 months.

The Price That Was The Soule Bros' and also the San Francisco and other consignments branch.

\$650 Mission Wegman Piano, now less than half, \$316

\$550 Lester G. A. interest free, almost half, \$437

\$350 Wash. Co. elegant finished Mahogany Soule Bros' Upright, \$160

\$325 Everet Upright, \$140

\$575 Steinway, ebony stained case, \$225 and a smaller sized Mahogany, \$185

\$525 Harzand, very elaborate \$188

\$500 Largest sized Weber Upright, \$196

\$1150 Weber Upright, like new, the best and most complete, \$488

Many other slightly-used Pianos of a Piano's worth. The model list Metrostyle attachments, \$380, \$337, \$285

\$900 I. & S. also Fischer Upright Walnut, \$185

\$325 Another Mahogany, \$135

\$600 Most elaborate finest tone Steinway Upright ever seen in concert price, \$295

\$950 Steinway Pianos just like new, the best and most expensive models ever built by Steinway, \$435

\$850 Massive Mahogany Apollo Player Piano \$380, \$385

\$1050 Knabe Grand, \$475

\$350 Vose & Sons, \$108

\$475 Deley, \$165, another, \$135

\$275 Ludwig, \$165, another, \$146

\$800 Angelus Player Piano, \$225

\$400 Hallet & Davis, fine for students, \$140

\$200 Cable Nelson make, \$72

\$275 Kingsbury make, \$88

\$550 Player Piano beautiful Mahogany, \$210

My goodness, look! A gift of \$23.00 free at Eilers. Free storage until Thanksgiving or Christmas, and free delivery. No need to worry over first payment money. Here it is. See, \$23! Free, \$23!

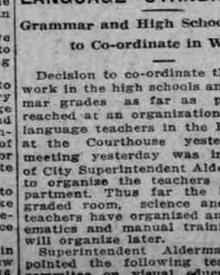
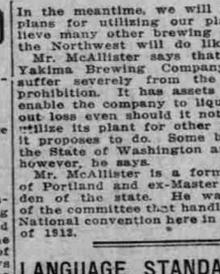
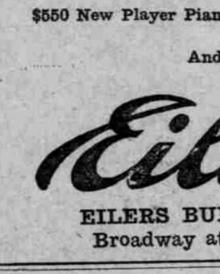
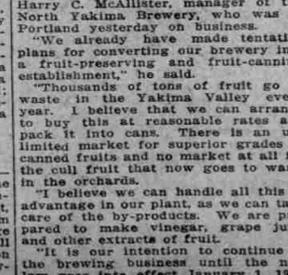
These Pianos, \$200, \$250, \$300 values, new, plain styles, \$98—others \$118 and \$145—the \$25 and \$50 values, \$318 and \$333



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USED, BUT JUST LIKE NEW.

THE MEANS, WE WILL PERFECT OUR PLANS FOR UTILIZING OUR PLANT. I BELIEVE MANY OTHER BREWING CONCERNS IN THE NORTHWEST WILL DO LIKEWISE.

Wiley, S. E. Downs and Miss Edith Darling. These teachers are investigating the work done with lantern slides in the schools of the State. The idea of enlarging upon that branch of work now incorporated in the Portland schools. The plan is to specialize on views depicting natural industries and scenery.

MUTS TO SHOOT FOR NEEDY Rabbits in Holidays. The Muts are arranging to provide the poor and needy with ducks for Thanksgiving and rabbits for Christmas.

ASYLUM INCREASE NEEDED State Board Will Ask Legislature for \$214,950 Appropriation. SALEM, Or., Nov. 14.—(Special).—The State Board of Control has decided to recommend to the Legislature that it appropriate \$214,950 for the Eastern Oregon Insane Asylum for the next two years. It is an increase of \$30,121 over the appropriation by the last Legislature, and is declared necessary because of the increasing population of the institution and the higher cost of living. In addition \$100,000 will be asked for constructing a wing to the building for the accommodation of about 250 additional inmates. The board will recommend an appropriation of \$70,000 for the Blind School for the biennial period. The last Legislature appropriated \$37,235 for the institution for the two years ending January 1, next.

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REED VESPER SERVICE IS TODAY. The speaker for the Reed College vesper services this afternoon at 4 o'clock will be Dr. Bernard C. Ever. Music will be rendered, consisting of a prelude from Bach, and

GRUB STREET CLUB TO RESUME. Winter sessions of the Club Street Club will be resumed tonight at a meeting at the home of the secretary, Mrs. Harold Sawyer, 743 Everett street, at 7:45 o'clock. The club, which was launched last winter, is an organization of fiction writers, efforts of some of the members being concentrated particularly on short-story writing. Meetings will be held every other week.

LYONS, FRANCE, HAS A UNION OF SILK MERCHANTS.