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WILL SUE STAGE CO. FOR DAMAGES

One of the Passengers in the Smash Up of Drain Stage By Heavy Sea Says He Will Bring Action Against the Owners.

HE BLAMES THE DRIVER

Says That the Wreck Was the Result of Carelessness and Will Seek to Recover Damages.

M. A. Thornton, the piano man, who recently spent some time in Marshfield, and who was a passenger in the outgoing stage that was wrecked by a heavy sea near Jarvis Landing last week, announces that he will sue the stage line for damages.

M. A. Thornton, who is employed as the manager of agencies for Eilers Piano House, arrived in this city yesterday with his wife and his baby girl, Gladys, 16 months old, after a hair-raising experience in the Drain stage coach, which was washed into the Pacific Ocean December 9, near Jarvis Landing.

Mr. Thornton is highly indignant at what he asserts to have been the carelessness of the driver who was placed in charge of the stage, and will file a claim for damages against the Drain Stage Lines Company for the loss of clothing and baggage and for the suffering and shock undergone by his baby, his wife and himself.

"We left the Jarvis Landing at about 6:30 a. m. It was still dark. We could not see very well. When we reached the seawall we were to enter the beach in our 20-mile drive to the mouth of the Umpqua river. I had never made the trip before, but several others had. As we started on the beach we drove into the water and to several of us it appeared that the tide begins to ebb. Although still of going out. It is supposed, I believe, that the driver shall wait until the tide begins to ebb. Although still dark, a number noticed this and spoke up, advising the driver to delay a while. It was raining and a strong wind was blowing. Altogether it was a most miserable morning to start anywhere, much less along the very edge of the sea. The driver said there was no danger at all.

"We went along this way for two and a half miles, the water lapping at our wheels in depths varying from a few inches to three feet. I should say that we were about 50 feet from the embankment when suddenly a great wave came in on us and struck the stage. In the heart of the wave was an immense log which struck us squarely. Another big wave followed, going clear over the top of the coach. I don't remember just what followed. I felt myself going, reached out for something to catch hold of and came up swimming about 30 feet from the stage. All I could see was the bottom of the stage sticking out of the water. All the others had been caught by the water and pinned down on the bottom by the weight of the bed of the stage. The top and its supports had been smashed and broken off.

"Several other waves followed, the wagon bed settling down each time in the same place. My first thought was of my wife and baby. By this time there was a fair amount of light. I could see under the water. I found my wife lying on the bottom with her face turned up toward the sky and our little baby clasped tightly to her breast. She must have thought that she was dying, for it took the combined strength of another man, who had extricated himself in the meantime, and myself to tear the baby away from her. We then had to lift the demolished con-

CASHIER DEAD BANK CLOSED

HE FEARS BANK AND LOSES \$375

POMERROY, Wash., Dec. 17.—William Scoggin, a farmer living 14 miles south of Pomeroy, in the mountain district, lost recently on his way to town a purse containing \$575 in currency and gold. He remembered putting the purse in his pocket upon leaving home, but missed it soon after his arrival in town. There is much travel on the greater part of the mountain road, and Mr. Scoggin believed that the chance of his finding the money on his return trip was very remote. About a month ago, at the beginning of the financial flurry Mr. Scoggin became alarmed and drew \$500 out of the Pomeroy Savings bank and took it home for safe keeping. Yesterday he lost it, with \$75 which he had added to it. He is a hard working man in rather poor circumstances, and this loss to him is a heavy one.

It is thought that closing is only temporary to permit a complete examination of the books.

ACT FOLLOWS SUICIDE

TO DISCHARGE RECEIVER

INCREASE DIVIDEND.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—The Pennsylvania Co., which operates the Pennsylvania railroad lines west of Pittsburg, today raised the dividend from six to a seven cent basis and declared semi-annual dividend of four per cent. The last semi-annual dividend having been three per cent. The directors of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati & St. Louis Company today declared a regular semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2 per cent on common.

OTHER DIVIDENDS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The New York Central declared its regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company today declared its regular annual dividend of 2 per cent and an extra dividend of 1 per cent on common stock. The usual semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent on common stock was same as declared at last dividend meeting.

FINDS GOOD COAL DEPOSIT—Postmaster W. E. Harris, of Sumner, was a pleasant visitor in the city yesterday. He arrived here with some excellent samples of coal and clay which he sent to Portland on the Breakwater to have assayed. Both of the samples were secured from his ranch. Mr. Harris reports that he has found good coal on his ranch, the lower veins being four feet in thickness. There is plenty of it and quite a number of citizens in that vicinity are prospecting for coal. Mr. Harris claims to have a good deposit of clay which will make excellent brick, and to make sure of his finds he is having them tested as to their actual value. He also operates a big dairy and cheese factory besides attending to the mail at Sumner.

THIEVES TAKE SMALL SUM—The home of H. Granby was entered by thieves last Saturday during the absence of himself and wife, and \$3.40 was stolen from the shelf in the kitchen of the establishment in South Marshfield. Mr. Granby was absent during the day attending to his work at the railroad depot, and in the afternoon Mrs. Granby went down town shopping. She had been ironing some clothing which she put on a shelf in the kitchen and she hid the money in the clothing before leaving the home. She left the doors open and when she returned found that the money had been removed. It is thought the deed was accomplished by somebody who was acquainted with the household, but as yet there has been no clue to the thieves.

PICKARD'S HAND PAINTED CHINA AT RED CROSS

GOLD AND SILVER DETACHABLE HANDLE UMBRELLAS AT THE RED CROSS.

LOOKS LIKE PROSPERITY

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A GIRL VICTIM OF HUMAN FIEND

SAY MEN LIKE DOCILE WIVES.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Suggestions for a declaration of independence by wives are made by Professor William I. Thomas, of the University of Chicago, sociologist and author of "Sex and Society."

In an address before the Chicago Woman's Club upon "The Future of Marriage," Professor Thomas sounded the liberty bell for wives by saying:

"Under the pressure of natural selection man made a tardy alliance with woman and the home in primitive times. He has used woman as a plaything, as a lay figure on which to hang his wealth; has bought her cheap and bought her dear, but he has really never associated with her."

The speaker said that the wives men liked were of the house dog type, domestic animals, "docile, affectionate, friendly, unquestioning."

PRETTY PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL TEACHER ASSAULTED BY RICH YOUNG FARMER AND IN A SERIOUS CONDITION AS A RESULT OF THE ENCOUNTER.

GUILTY FIEND IS FOUND

POSSE OF FARMERS CAPTURE BRUTE WHO IS IN DANGER OF BEING LYNCHED UNTIL HURRIED AWAY BY OFFICERS.

(By Associated Press)

JAMESTOWN, Pa., Dec. 18.—Miss Maud McCrumb, 23 years old, a school teacher, is in a serious condition as a result of an attack alleged to have been made by Charles Summers, 32 years old, a wealthy farmer of Turnersville. Summers is in jail at Greenville, where he was taken to prevent mob violence. Miss McCrumb is the daughter of Justice of the Peace McCrumb. She was walking from the school to her home when the attempted assault was made. Her screams attracted a farmer who gave the alarm. A posse formed and after search of several hours Summers was found hiding in a cemetery and taken to the town lockup. In the meantime several hundred citizens gathered and demanded the prisoner. Summers was then taken to Greenville. Miss McCrumb was nearly choked to death and her face and body covered with scratches and bruises.

DR. GALE APPOINTED COOS MARINE SURGEON

DR. MCCORMACK RESIGNS BECAUSE OF INCONVENIENCE OF GETTING TO NORTH BEND

DR. R. G. GALE, OF NORTH BEND, HAS BEEN APPOINTED MARINE SURGEON FOR COOS BAY BY THE SURGEON GENERAL AT WASHINGTON TO TAKE THE PLACE OF DR. J. T. MCCORMACK, WHO SENT IN HIS RESIGNATION LAST OCTOBER. DR. MCCORMACK RECEIVED WORD YESTERDAY THAT HIS RESIGNATION HAD BEEN ACCEPTED AND THAT THE NORTH BEND PHYSICIAN HAD BEEN APPOINTED.

FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS DR. MCCORMACK HAS BEEN MARINE SURGEON ON THE COOS BAY. HE GAVE AS HIS REASON FOR HIS RESIGNATION THAT NINE TENTHS OF THE MARINE CASES ORIGINATED IN NORTH BEND BECAUSE THAT WAS THE FIRST PLACE INCOMING SHIPS WENT WHEN THERE WERE ANY SICK OR INJURED MEN ON BOARD.

THE MERCY HOSPITAL, HE SAID, WAS USED FOR THE PATIENTS AND THE INCONVENIENCE OF RUNNING OVER TO THE NEIGHBORING TOWN HAD INTERFERED WITH HIS BUSINESS HERE. CONSEQUENTLY HE HAD SENT IN HIS RESIGNATION WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT A NORTH BEND PHYSICIAN BE APPOINTED BECAUSE OF THE CONVENIENCE OF BEING NEAR THE HOSPITAL, WITH THE RESULT THAT DR. GALE HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR THE APPOINTMENT.

SERIOUS RUNAWAY.

HORSE ATTACHED TO NORTH BEND MEAT WAGON TAKES FRIGHT WITH DRASTIC RESULTS.

THE HORSE ATTACHED TO THE GAMBLE MEAT WAGON, IN SOME MANNER BECAME FRIGHTENED, WHICH RESULTED IN A SERIOUS SMASH-UP ON MONDAY, AT NORTH BEND. THE FRIGHTENED ANIMAL RAN INTO A TELEPHONE POLE INJURING THE DRIVER AND BREAKING THE HORSES LEG SO BADLY THAT THE OWNER HAD TO KILL HIM.

MAY NOT BE LEGAL—WHILE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WERE AT COQUILLE THIS WEEK, THEY INFORMALLY DISCUSSED THE METHOD OF TRANSCRIBING INTO THE COUNTY BOOKS THE RECORDS OF PLATS FILED. SO FAR AS IS KNOWN BY MOST OF THE COMMISSIONERS, THIS IS THE ONLY COUNTY IN THE STATE WHICH HAS A COPY OF THE PLATS SIMPLY PASTED INTO THE BOOKS, AND THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DOUBT AS TO THE LEGALITY OF THE PROCEEDING. IT IS PROBABLE THAT EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO HAVE THE PLATS PROPERLY TRANSCRIBED, AS THE \$200 FEE IS PART TO BE USED FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE TRANSCRIBING PROCESS.

INJUNCTION AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE

Justice Gould Issues Legal Restraining Order Against Secretary Cortelyou in Financial Action.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Justice Gould of the District Supreme Court today enjoined Secretary Cortelyou \$21,450,000 of Panama Canal bonds to banks and persons to whom allotted. The injunction was issued on application of George W. Austin, of New York, who avers he offered to purchase \$3,000,000 bonds at 1.03.375 and stands ready to deposit this amount with the assistant treasurer at New York.

GETS APPOINTMENT

Attorney Treadgold of Bandon Made U. S. Commissioner.

BANDON, Dec. 17.—Attorney G. T. Treadgold, of this place, has been appointed U. S. Commissioner to reside at Bandon with all powers and duties usually incident to that office.

VEYANCE OFF TO GET HER OUT. My wife quickly came to. The baby remained unconscious for 40 minutes.

"We had to walk back to Jarvis Landing through the wet and the wind and the cold. There was only one house there, but it had a fire in it, so we huddled around it. Luckily there was a little boat, the Retta; at the landing when we got there, so arrangements were made at once to charter her to take us to North Bend, where we secured medical attendance and purchased dry clothing.

"My wife, baby and myself, all bear bruises to remind us of the awful experience. One remarkable thing was that the four horses to the stage were found standing after the coach was overturned and stood quietly through it all. We lost all our hats, most of our baggage and all lost loose articles, such as our umbrellas, etc. All the passengers agree that it was nothing but carelessness on the part of the driver, and I believe that claims will be made in every case. Two passengers were so badly injured that they are still in Marshfield receiving medical attention.

"After two days' recuperation we again started on the trip. This time we had a good driver. We waited for the tide to go out and came through safely. I wouldn't want to make it again, tide in or out."

Norton & Hansen, local agents for the stage line, which is operated by the Gardner Lumber Company, say that there is no opening for damages because of the accident to the stage which was dumped over in the surf. It is claimed that the driver was in no way to blame for the accident which was impossible to avert, the up-set being caused by the violence of the waves at a point where the driver was unable to extricate his passengers.

GREAT CIRCUS MAN DIES IN SOUTH

Gus Ringling, Head of the Great American Shows, Passes Away in New Orleans.

(By Associated Press)

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18.—Gus Ringling, head of the circus combination controlling the shows of Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey and the Forepaugh-Sells, died here today in a sanitarium. Death was due to a complication of diseases.

FLEEING BANKER CAUGHT

Connecticut Financier Is Arrested in California.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Dec. 18.—It is reported that William F. Walker, defaulting treasurer of the New Britain Savings bank, has been arrested at Escondido, California. Officers of the bank will not talk.

VALUABLE FIND AT BANDON

Sea Otter Worth \$500 Found on Beach There.

BANDON, Dec. 17.—A sea otter worth \$500 was found on the beach the other day by Wm. Hite. He had been killed by the surf among the rocks.

BANDON BRIEFS

BANDON, Dec. 16.—Postoffice Inspector Stockmeyer was in Bandon Saturday.

Guss D. Gross and Miss Daisy Thornhaven were united in Marriage yesterday by Justice of the Peace Geo. P. Topping and Claude Tuttle and Miss Anna Clausen, both of Bandon, were married in Coquille the same day. Six marriages within five days is Bandon's record.

OREGON NEWS

SHERIDAN is improving to the extent of some new sidewalks.

TILLAMOOK has voted against cows and chickens running at large.

A GOLD BEACH man had sweet corn for his garden for his Thanksgiving dinner.

ON a single fruit farm in Eden Valley in Jackson county an additional 2,000 trees have been set out.

THE Astoria leader is a new illustrated weekly started by W. L. Thorndyke, recently of St. Johns.

LINCOLN—Jonathan January of Lincoln county raised three onions that weighed respectively 32, 26 and 24 ounces. He gathered from a half acre over 18,000 pounds of onions.