

NO GROUND FOR COMPLAINT AGAINST CAPTAIN OF DREDGE

Captain Cann and Others Assert That Captain Dunbar Is in Every Way Competent to Handle Ship.

According to the statements of friends and acquaintances of Captain Dunbar, of the bar dredge Chinook, there is no ground for the complaint made against him by members of the crew of the vessel.

An Astorian representative yesterday made thorough investigation of the matter. First, he learned that the statement to the effect that Captain Dunbar and the chief engineer had come to blows was unfounded; that Captain Dunbar and Pilot Cann had always been the very best of friends and had never conflicted; that the big dredge is judiciously handled by the master, who treats his men with every consideration.

Pilot Cann has not been aboard the vessel for a week or 10 days. He is not permanently connected with the Chinook, but acts as pilot of the vessel when she is working on the bar. He said yesterday:

"The statement made by the men that Captain Dunbar and myself have been unable to agree is incorrect. I entertain for the captain the highest regard, and consider him a competent and gentlemanly officer. During my presence aboard the Chinook I have never known of any friction between the master and the men under him, and I am satisfied any complaint is without

cause. I desire also to say that I have never entertained any aspiration to become master of the dredge, and regret that the men have drawn my name into the controversy, for I may thus be placed in a false light. It is my belief that Captain Dunbar is the man for the command of the ship, and that he will achieve good results."

It was stated by the men that Captain Dunbar and his chief engineer had been involved in trouble, and had come to blows. It was learned that there was some difficulty between the two officers, but the statement that they came to blows is pronounced false.

A gentleman in position to know of the status of affairs aboard the Chinook made the following statement:

"This talk about Captain Dunbar being incompetent and harsh with his men is nonsense. As master of the vessel he must manage matters aboard ship. That he has always declined to permit the sailors to run things probably causes this complaint from the men, who, I am sure, have no just reason upon which to base their complaint. Captain Dunbar is not only a perfect gentleman, but he is likewise competent in every sense of the word. Any complaint from the members of the crew would only indicate that they should be replaced."

Inquiry at the office of Superintendent Hegardt failed to elicit a statement regarding the matter. Mr. Hegardt declined to discuss it, other than to say he deplored public discussion of matters that should be settled within the department.

From what was learned yesterday it is evident there was no ground for complaint against Captain Dunbar, who is said by everyone seen to be considerate with his men and quite capable of accomplishing the important work in which the Chinook is engaged.

WHEN SHOULD A MAN FIGHT? NOT UNTIL FORCED TO DO SO

The question of whether or not a man is guilty of fighting when protecting himself from assault came up in the police court yesterday afternoon. Officer Stark had arrested D. E. Williams and Dan Mays for fighting, early Saturday evening, and Williams appeared to contest the action. The defense was based on the ground that he had merely defended himself.

According to one of the witnesses for Williams, Mays is a "bad man." He was in an Astor street saloon Friday night, and, being full of fight, caused much annoyance to the patrons of the place. Efforts to induce him to behave himself were only momentarily successful. Finally, after having attempted to assault a bystander, Mays was ejected from the place by Williams and another man. He returned again and, extending his hand to Williams, said he wished to be friendly with him. As Williams grasped the extended hand, Mays swung at him but Williams evaded the blow. A clinch followed, the men going to the floor. The officer was called in at this juncture and both men were taken to the police station.

"The offense of fighting is specifically provided for in the city charter," said Judge Anderson, in passing sentence. "It is my belief that every man has the right to protect himself from assault and also to protect his business. Because of the showing made by the defendant Williams, I shall dismiss this case; but I caution you, sir, that I must give you the full benefit of the law if you are brought before me again on a similar charge."

It was evident the intent of the court to discourage fighting, for, as was the case in the matter of Williams, the man was justified, morally, at least in resisting the attack of Mays. To rule justly on this point is a difficult matter. The law says a man shall be fined for fighting, and he fights when he defends himself. Usually fighters forfeit bail, but occasionally a man contests the charge, and the court is up against rather a difficult proposition. It would seem, then, that a man should try and get out of fighting if he possibly can do so. If not, he ought to protect himself and take chances on the action of the court in disposing of his case.

Captain Harry Haslam, the steamboat man, was in the city yesterday from his home at Cathlamet.

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DEMOCRATIC CALL ISSUED

Chairman Jones Gives Notice for National Convention of the Party.

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Asks All Democrats Who Can Unite in Effecting a Pure Government to Vote for Delegates.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The following official call was issued today for the assembling of the Democratic National Convention, at St. Louis, July 6, next:

"Washington, Jan. 18.—The Democratic National Committee, having met in Washington, has appointed Wednesday, the sixth day of July, 1904, as the time, and chosen St. Louis, Mo., as the place for holding the democratic National Convention. Each state is entitled to representation therein double the number of senators and representatives in the congress of the United States, and each territory, Alaska, Indian Territory and the District of Columbia shall have six delegates. All democratic citizens of the United States who can unite with us in the effort for a pure and economical constitutional government are cordially invited to join us in sending delegates to the convention.

"JAMES K. JONES, Chairman, "C. A. WALSH, Secretary."

RAINING IN CALIFORNIA

Farmers Pleased That the Prolonged Drought is at Last Broken.

San Francisco, Jan. 18.—The most notable drought that has afflicted this state in many years was broken yesterday and today by copious rain.

From the most northerly point in the state and as far south as San Diego, rain fell in torrents yesterday, putting an end to the prolonged dry spell in the lower counties and aiding the growing crops in the north. It was the biggest and most general storm of the season, and in view of the benefit which will result, was one of the most important that ever visited California. With the coast and valley counties well soaked, the weather flag still flies, and a repetition of yesterday's downpour is predicted for today.

Farming, dairying and stock interests welcome the rain as a great blessing. In the central coast counties cattle were dying and the hard ground defied the plow. Enough rain has fallen to start green grass and insure a hay and grain crop in southern California. Stockmen in many places had made preparations to ship their cattle to Nevada, but will now keep them at home.

In Los Angeles county there had been only one rain, a light one, in 210 days.

MANY CLERGYMEN BLACKLISTED BY RAILROADS

(Tacoma Ledger.)

Because of flagrant abuse of the half-permit system by clergymen, the western railroads have adopted a new style of permit, calculated to keep tab on the most expert manipulator of the privilege tickets. Local passenger agents yesterday received official bulletin No. 12, issued by the Western, Southwestern and Transcontinental Clergy bureaus, which gives the names of no less than 345 wearers of the cloth who are under the ban of the railways, and whose permits are forfeited to the roads for the reason stated.

Conductors and ticket sellers are instructed to take up such permits when presented. The names of the holders, the numbers of their tickets and other data accompany the bulletin.

The new style of permit begins by requiring the holder to fill out an application blank and pay a fee of \$1. This certificate must be certified by the local agent and forwarded to the bureau. The certificates are in book form with 100 trip checks. The expiration is shown, and inside is printed an iron-clad agreement to be signed in ink.

For each trip the clergyman must write, in the presence of the ticket agent, on the first unused check the destination of the ticket desired and present it to the agent undetached

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from the certificate. The ticket is then sold at the line's unauthorized clergy rates and is endorsed with the number of the certificate. When the ticket is presented to the conductor, the bearer must produce the certificate and again attach his signature, this time to the certificate check in the presence of the conductor, who will make the comparison with the signature affixed to the certificate contract. Signatures written previous to the presentation of the ticket will not be accepted by the conductor.

The old permits were simply marked "clergy." There was no signature and no identification required. Naturally, this gave opportunity for abuse, with the result that many unscrupulous holders of the permits are said to have loaned their tickets to lay members, receiving in return a percentage of the difference between what the ticket cost and what it would have cost under regular conditions.

A well-known Tacoma clergyman was shown the "blacklist" by one of the ticket agents a few days ago, and is said to have expressed himself as being astonished at the perfidy of his fellow laborers. "Unless I had been shown the actual bulletin of the clergy bureaus, I would not have believed that the new system of certification was adopted with a view to restricting an evil such as has been described," he said.

For the benefit of local clergy and others, it may be stated that no Tacoma clergymen are included in the "445."

Unclaimed Letters.

List of letters remaining unclaimed for thirty days at the Astoria post office, January 18, 1904.

- Anderson, O. P.
Anderson, Charles.
Anderson, J.
Armstrong, B. Mr.
Barnett, E. L.
Beathy, G. H.
Christenson, Wm.
Comstock, William Mr.
Deherty, R. C. Mrs.
Eberle, G. M. Mr.
Emsley, H.
Foord, B. E. Mr.
Fritson, Fred Mr.
Gardner, G. A.—M. D.
Griffiths, F. W. Mr.
Hagland, Chas.
Hansfelt, H. L.
Hass, Mr. J.
Hatten, Ole Mr.
Heatenen, Erick
Helen Elizabeth, Mrs.
Hongland, George Mr.
Inman, John T. Dr.
James, Jas.
Johnson, Andruke
Johnson, Frank
Jones, L. J. Mr.
Karhonen, Hermann
Kitering, Geo. Mr.

- Krebs, Mrs.
Lehman, C. B.
Leman, Mrs.
Lillenes, Haldor O.
McClure, W.
McCoy, Edward Capt.
Nilson, Rikard Mr.
Pinkko, Matt
Smedborg, G. W.
Taunilla, Evert Mr.
Tenson, John
Williams, August
Whitten, Wm. Mrs.
Whitten Wm.

Packages.

Fox, Charles

Huhart, W. J.

Foreign Letters.

Alatala, Kalle Mr.

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