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BIG SMELTER IS BUILDING

Will Be Ready for Alaska Smelting Company by End of the Month.

Idea Is To Have Smelter in Operation By Spring-Forty Tons Copper Per Day to Be Worked.

Spokane, Feb. 20 .- The smelter which the Alaska Smelting & Refining Company is erecting at Hadley, Prince of Wales island, is expected to be completed by the end of the month. The furnaces will be blown in either in April or May. The plant has been built primarily with a view of treating the low grade copper and gold ores of southeastern Alaska. Paul Johnson, who was recently in New York on business in connection with the smelter, states that the plant will surely begin work in the spring.

"This smelter will probably be the most up-to-date plant in the country, mays Mr. Johnson. "It is the finest that I ever built, and I have constructed a number of them throughout the country. Our blast furnace will handle from 400 to 500 tons of ore a day, and will have a capacity of 2000 tons per day. At first we will ship matte, but expect to put in converter works and close attendance at his bedside. Mr. we will turn out blister copper.

"There are very large bodies of copper and gold bearing quartz ore in southeastern Alaska, which will supply the smelter. We have at one place a vein 150 feet wide and runs from 2 to 6 per cent in copper and carries from \$4 to \$5 in gold and two ounces of sliver. We will have our own barges and steamers to bring the ore from the mainland to the smelter. We have trip to Astoria Tuesday, three or four hundred thousand tons of ore in sight.

"The climate is milder than in Spokane, and there will be no difficulty about operating all winter. We will get our coke from Wilkerson and bring church, held regular services in St it up in our own ships. The cost of Thomas' chapel at Skipanon Friday smelting will be lower than any place evening. in the country, though I do not care to give out the exact figures.

"As we shall turn out about 40 tons of copper a day the company is figuring on erecting its own electrolytic rea market for our product in the west. There are numerous electrolytic plants in the east, but none in this part of the country. We have no telegraphic communication as yet, but will-install the Marconi system from Port Simpson, which is 75 miles from Hadley."

ARMAMENT FOR HALIFAX.

Every Incoming Steamer Lands Bi Guns and Explosives.

New York, Feb. 19 .-- During the past six months every steamer belonging to the Furness line arriving at this port has landed explosives and big guns, says a World dispatch from Halifax, N. S. They were distributed among the harbor fortifications. The shift of workmen employed until recently was the largest in the history of the garri-

IF WOMEN ONIL KNEW

What a Heap of Happiness it Woul Bring to Astoria Homes.

Hard to do housework with an ach-

Hours of misery at leisure or at work If women only knew the cause Backache pains come from sick kid-

Doan's Kidney Pills will cure it. Astoria people endorse this

Mrs. D. Murphw, widow, who lives at 295 Ivon street, Portland, says: "Years ago when livng in Kansas I was greatly troubled with kidney complaint. At that time I was, I might say, perfectly helpless for months, but in time it wore away as mysteriously as it came. It did not bother me again until last fall, when there was every symptom of its return, and knowing what I had suffered formerly I began to look around for something to check it, and on looking over the paper I noticed Doan's Kidney Pills highly recommended, so I procured them and took them as directed. It only required a few days' treatment to ward off the attack. Since then I have recommended Doan's Kidney Pills to a number of my friends."

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For sale by all dealers.. Price, 50 ents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name Doan's and take

son and numbered 1806. These men, under direction of engineers from England, working night and day shifts, made great changes in the forts and assisted in mounting the new guns, all of which are of the latest pattern, with disappearing mounts. The old guns were dismounted.

General Parsons, commander-inchief of the imperial forces in Canada, acting under orders from the war office, has ordered a three days' mobilization of the royal artillery. The order calls PLANT WILL BE UP TO DATE for the manning of every fortification be thoroughly tested and discharged and searchlights will play every night, during the present troubles.

Deny Freight Blockade.

New York, Feb. 20. -Officials of Merchants are complaining of delay in shipments, especially flour from Buffalo, but the railroad men declare there is no extensive blockade and such congestion as does exist is due only to the unusually severe weather conditions.

West Side Notes.

D. M. Stuart was in Warrenton Fri-

C. S. Wright, John Hahn, and F P. Kendall were in Warrenton Tues day to attend the mill meeting.

Mrs. S. C. Carruthers, was in Astoria Thursday calling on friends, Mrs. C. W. Holt, of Bucoda, and Mrs. W. Mathason, of Portland, are DIVERTS at Hammond with their father, B. C. Kindred. The old gentleman is ill.

B. C. Kindred is very ill at his home in Hammond, and his children are in Kindred is nearly 86 years of age. The stockholders of the new War-

renton mill held a meeting Tuesday and reported all business in good condition, and the mill will be cutting lum-The machinists of the A. & C. R. R.

hall next Saturday evening. J. W. Townsend made a

Frank Sweeney has returned to War-

renton from Portland and will remain down for a few days. He may remove his family to Portland soon.

Rev. W. S. Short, of Astoria Grace

Notice For Bids.

bids up to twelve o'clock noon of Tues- ing friends tried to save him. day, March the first, 1904, at his office, Lucien Conklin was appointed to The committee is especially desirous of room numbered 20, Concord building, Portland, Multnomah county, state of pointing his son as an assistant. But der escapes, which were universally Oregon, for the hereinafter described Gegner did not let go. He kept up the used up to a few years ago with iron property; said bids to be accompanied by a certified check for ten ordered its removal, per cent of the bid tendered. The property to be sold convisting of all the real and personal property of the Rainler Mill and Lumter Company (except the accounts and village to prevent his removal, and failcash on hands) which said property is now in the undersigned's hands and un- the office of Terrace Park practically to maintain it. By gently arousing the der the undersigned's control and which said property consists as follows, to-

The n. w. quarter of section 16, township 11 north range 6 west, in Pacific county, Washington. Also contracts for stumpage on 360 acres known as Mitchell and Blaney claims, situated on Grays river, in the state of Washington; also all the logging camps and equipment and logs (approximately 1 .-500,000 feet), known as the Grays River Logging camp, situated in Pacific county, Washington.

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YOUNG LADIES IN COREA ARE THOUGHT TO BE SAFE

looked out for by the American consul over the safety of his daughters. by every available man. All guns will at Seoul, and that everything possible Harry F. Meserve, formerly cashier would be done to insure their safety of the Merchants' National Bank of

written under the date of January 1, tives of Judge Struve, and whose innorthern railroads terminating here in which no mention was made of the terests are being looked out for by deny the extensively circulated reports disorganized state of the country, and the government. Mr. Meserve is the of a freight blockade on their lines. the judge considers that the two women manager of Leigh Hunt's big Korean are sufficiently removed from the scene mining commisions, and is located of disorder to render them at least com- about 50 miles from Seoul,

Seattle, Feb. 19 .- Judge Henry G. paratively safe. From the tone of Struve, whose two daughters are in both the letter from Secretary Hay and Korea, and regarding whose safety he the one from his daughter, Judge wrothe to the state department, has re- Struve thinks that the American conceived a letter from Secretary Hay sul is fully able to cope with the sitstating that his relatives would be uation, and he is no longer worrying

Seattle, his wife, who was formerly A letter has also been received by Miss Struve, Miss Mary L. Struve, and the judge from Miss Mary L. Struve, Miss Lacelle MacClusky are the rela-

HANGS ON TO POST OFFICE

New Appointment Gets Little Business Owing to Knocking of Predecessor.

MUCH BUSINESS

Gathers Up Much Mail and Takes it to Cinncinati Office-Had Held Position for Years.

Cincinnati, Feb. 20.-Terrace Park, the pretty village twelve miles east of Cincinnati, is in the throes of a postoffice row that beats any that President will give a dancing party in Warren's Roosevelt has succeeded in stirring up Palace hotels, all of which are equipped by his appointments of colored per-

> Terrace Park has a postmaster who refuses to be dismissed. Charle Gegner is his name.

well known. He has been postmaster since the mind of man runneth not to by the building inspector, to adopt the the contrary.

Several months ago an inspector arrived and found things in the affairs of erected. The committee will consult the office that resulted in a report to the corporation coursel on the subject, Washington. That report resulted in The undersigned will receive sealed the removal of Gegner, notwithstand-

succeed Gegner. He took hold, apsign "Postoilice" until the government

Then he kept on receiving mail, while Conklin protested, but could do nothing. It is claimed Gegner, after appealing to almost every one in the

Friends of Conklin say Gegner col-

lects all the mail he can and takes It to the Cincinnati postoffice, thereby depriving the Terrace Park postoffice of a big part of its legitimate business.

Conklin is protesting, but up to date has not found a way of stopping Gegner. It is also claimed that while Gegner was postmaster the receipts were such that the position paid about \$500 a year. Since then there has been so much of a decrease that \$200 will be about the limit salary.

Alterations of Hotels.

Seattle, Feb. 19 .- Fire Marshal Kellogg, Fire Chief Cook and Building Inspector Place devoted the whole of yesterday afternoon to an examination of the condition of First avenue hotels, south of Union street, with a view to determining what additional equipment for the safety of guests in the event of fire will be required.

were found to be necessary in the Arlington, Cecil, Vendome, Stevens and with fire escapes, but not all with the character of escapes which the committee approves. In this connection the question has arisen as to the power of the city to require the owners of Gegner is an old soldier, crippled, and buildings equipped with escapes and other safety appliances once approved more modern escapes which have come into vogue since the structures were and in the event it is advised that their powers are discretionary numerous alterations and changes will be required. stairways down which women and children can descend with both safety and dispatch.

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AS OLD AS

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spread to all parts of the world. Contagious blood poison, as it is called in modern times, begins with a small sore or ulcer through which the virus enters the blood. This is followed by inflam-

mation and swelling of the glands of the groins, a red eruption breaks out on the body, sores appear in the mouth and the throat becomes ulcerated, and as the disease takes a deeper hold and the blood becomes more thoroughly infected, the hair and eyebrows drop out, the skin is spotted with copper-colored splotches, the bones and muscles ache, and it seems to the victim of this monster scourge there is not a sound spot in the whole body.

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