

### NOT ENOUGH LIFE SHOWN

#### Owners of Tide Washed Lands Getting Listless Regarding Proposed Sea Wall.

### REPLIES SLOW COMING IN

#### Committee Is Anxious to Finish Up the Work But Nothing Can Be Done if Assistance Is Not Gained.

The committee of ten is not meeting with as earnest co-operation on the part of interested owners of tide washed lands along the water front as will be necessary for a harmonious understanding of the project in hand. Many replies have been received from those addressed on the subject, but attention is not as prompt as desired. This committee was appointed for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment regarding the construction of the sea wall, filling with dredgings from the river channel and sluicing from the hills. The committee was appointed to do something, and do something it will, if property owners wake up to the realization of their responsibility and lend their assistance to the great undertaking. Otherwise nothing will be accomplished. The facts are plain and should be squarely faced. This much was expressed yesterday by a prominent member of the committee, who added:

"Positions on this committee were not sought and the members thereof do not feel it their duty to get down

on their knees to the individual property owners and beg reply. All that the circular letter asks is to answer 'yes' or 'no,' adding anything desired. I would say to the property owners: 'Express yourself as freely as you like, but do it in black and white that the replies may be used as reference.' The committee can not remember everything said on the subject, and if this was attempted somebody would be misrepresented when final report is made to the public.

"Nobody knows the complexion of the committee. They may all be for or against or divided on the proposition, so it is safe to suppose that all communications will receive due and fair consideration. The personnel of the committee is sufficient guarantee for fair treatment, no matter which side of the question the members may take individually.

"This is a work which should be finished up at an early day and the committee is anxious to do it, so if the property owners of the district will get a move on it can be done. Quite a number of replies have been received from non-resident owners, so there is really no excuse for delay by our resident owners."

**Senate Confirms Nomination.**  
Washington, March 12.—The senate today confirmed the following nominations:

H. S. Smith Wolley, assayer of the United States assay office at Boise.

Captain George A. Converse, chief of the bureau of ordnance, with the rank of rear-admiral; Captain Henry N. Manners, chief of the bureau of equipment, with rank of rear-admiral.

**Breaks the Record.**  
Ann Arbor, March 12.—The 16-pound shot record was broken tonight at the indoor track meeting between the university of Michigan and the First regiment, of Chicago, by Rose, the Michigan freshman, who did 47 feet 1-2 inches.

### GOT AWAY IN NICK OF TIME

#### Captain Keegan, of Wrecked Schooner Howe, Escapes Tar and Feathers.

### RESIDENTS MADE INDIGNANT

#### Slanderous Stories Told by Master and Men Concerning the Good People of Ilwaco Who Kept Them Alive.

That Captain Austin Keegan, late master of the shipwrecked schooner Frank W. Howe, and the good people of Ilwaco and North beach are warm personal enemies, is attested by the statement made by a leading resident of the Pacific county town to an Astorian man yesterday. This gentleman said that public feeling had become so aroused against the unpopular captain that there was talk of administering to him a coat of tar and feathers, and that the only thing that saved him from such humiliation and preserved the peace and quiet of Ilwaco was the fact that Keegan went to Portland when events had about reached a crisis.

Whether the smell of tar caused his departure is not known, but it is clear that his leave-taking was opportune as far as he was concerned. The reason for the captain's unpopularity rests upon alleged statements made by him that reflected upon the integrity and honor of the people that succeeded him and his crew in their time of need. The captain stoutly denies that he has ever entertained aught but the kindest of feelings for those whom he is accredited with slandering, and says that he was never treated better in his life than since the wreck of his vessel. He was interviewed recently by the Ilwaco Journal and made the following statement:

"This talk about me criticizing the people of Ilwaco is wrong, and I want to refute the charges. I was never treated better in my life. They have assisted myself and the crew in many ways, and I am very grateful to them. I did say that I was over-charged in the bill at the Hackney cottage, and I say so yet. I told Mr. Hackney so, but did not spread malicious reports about him."

All of which First Mate Ritchie spouts by saying:

"Our clothes were removed from the boat by people from Long Beach and Ilwaco. They even took letters from my wife, which I had carefully laid on a table. The public at large can draw its own conclusions from people who will do such acts. For the necessities of life we were required to pay two prices at Ilwaco."

This expression of difference between Captain Keegan and his superior officer is not the first disagreement of opinion exhibited in which the master of the schooner figured as the minority. In this instance the members of the crew all agree with the first mate that they were robbed of their clothing, were charged double prices and are being treated generally in a shameful manner. The people of Ilwaco and vicinity have done everything possible for the men, and are justly indignant that they should be slandered.

In speaking of the matter the Ilwaco Journal says in part:

"The trouble started over the board bill charged at Hackney cottage, where the men were nursed back to life, after being removed from the stranded vessel. The sailors thought the bill was excessive and gratefulness did not prevent them from making a kick. They paid the bill, but spread the report around that they had been robbed."

"They encountered their second grievance when they went to the vessel, and found that some of their belongings were missing. They refused to believe that the breakers might have washed their effects overboard, but on

the contrary declared that they had been robbed by Ilwaco thieves.

"The third grievance was at the hands of the Ilwaco storekeepers, whom they allege, charged them two prices for goods which they purchased. The sailors paid the price asked, but again spread broadcast the story that they had been robbed, and that Ilwaco was the proper place to pay two prices for merchandise."

Captain Keegan seems to be as dearly loved by the members of his crew as he is by the residents of Ilwaco. They believed that the wreck of the schooner was directly due to his mismanagement, and say so without hesitation. The hatches, they say, were not properly placed, so that the schooner filled rapidly; that the captain at first was indifferent to the danger which confronted his vessel, and lent little or no assistance to avert a catastrophe that those under him were certain would soon overwhelm them. For the second mate the sailors have kind words, but are very severe when the names of the captain and first mate are mentioned.

From the captain down they seem to be an unpleasant lot of fellows, and the people of Ilwaco and North beach, whose hospitality has been so ungratefully received, will be relieved when they see the last of them.

**Society Notes.**  
Miss Floretta Elmore was in Portland Wednesday.  
Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Fulton left Wednesday for southern California.  
Mrs. J. D. Sutherland is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Roland Mills.  
Mrs. J. A. Rannels and daughter, Miss Grace Rannels, spent most of the past week in Portland.  
Dr. and Mrs. Finch have sent out invitations for a large card party on Thursday evening, March 17.  
Mrs. Charles S. Brown has returned from Hot Springs, where she has been for the benefit of her health.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Tallant and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Carruthers entertained the members of the Friday Evening Euchre Club at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Tallant Friday evening.  
The officers of the Perry entertained at a chafing dish supper on Friday evening. Those present besides the officers were: Dr. and Mrs. Finch, Miss Elmore, Miss Hobson and Miss Floretta Elmore.  
The Thursday Afternoon Club was entertained this week by Miss Heilborn and Mrs. Charles Heilborn, Jr., at the home of Miss Heilborn. A guessing game of authors was played during the afternoon and the prizes were won by Miss Elmore and Mrs. Richard Carruthers.  
Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Logan celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on Tuesday evening by a small card party. Five hundred was played and prizes were won by Mrs. Charles Callender, Mr. Horace Thing, Mrs. Albert Dunbar and Mrs. Richard Prael.  
A tin and handkerchief shower was given Miss Bessie Ross on Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Higgins. There were 33 guests present and all had a most enjoyable time. Miss Ross is to be married the first of April and go to California to live. Mrs. Higgins was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. H. H. Brown and Miss Maude Ross.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. A. Bennett entertained the Chafing Dish Club on Tuesday evening at their home on Grand avenue. The house was prettily decorated in greens, and red carnations. Keno was played during the evening, Miss Tallant and Mr. Greenough winning the prizes. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. Finch, the Misses Elmore, Hobson, Crang and Tallant, Messrs. Greenough, Glover Whittier, Malloy and Sherman.

The first social afternoon of this club year was given by the Woman's Club yesterday, at the new home for the club, in the A. O. U. W. hall. The committee had spared no pains to make the affair a success. The hall was decorated in the club colors, purple and white, and with ferns and ivy, it certainly was very attractive. About 60 ladies gathered by 3 p. m. A number of tables, each with a different game, were waiting for them. After the games dainty refreshments, also in the club colors, were served. Instrumental music added to the pleasure of the afternoon. At the games Mrs. R. J. Pilkington won first prize and Mrs. Gelo Parker was awarded second best.

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