

# \$10 REWARD

We shall give \$10.00 in gold as a first prize, and \$5.00 as a second prize, to the boy or girl under eighteen years of age writing the best poem of two or more verses, using the MONARCH RANGE as subject of the poem. All poems to be handed in before 6 P. M. on February 16, 1905

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## SETBACK TO SEASON

Logging Must Wait Upon the Elements.

## TWO RAFTS DISINTREGATED

Passengers and Freight Traffic on the Coast and Columbia River Present Heartening Possibilities for the Merchants and Owners.

The bad weather that has prevailed off the coast for the past two weeks has delayed the early preparations for the logging season to an extent. Two small rafts that were moved west to places in the river, and the warning was sufficient for the majority of the interests. The large rafts will not be begun for at least a month, and it is likely that the operations at the principal camps that are preparing material for the mills will be held back until there is a certainty of smooth enough weather to permit of rafts being held in the channels.

The impetus that has been given the coast traffic by the addition of formidable competitors in the freight carrying trade has not yet seen its end, and the announcement by the Harriman interests that large and fast boats will be placed on the San Francisco-Portland run during the spring and the summer is causing the local freighters to think twice about the statements they have been reiterating that there is not sufficient cargo and passenger traffic to keep the vessels now on the runs going on a paying basis. For ten days there has been a passenger for every first class cabin northbound, and the southbound steamers have had few "morgues" on their passenger decks. There is competition among the freight agents, but there has been freight enough so that the losers of the larger cargoes have not gone jobless, and increased demand is putting the wharf agents in better humor.

The steamer Costa Rica left out for San Francisco yesterday with passengers and freight, having only been two days in her port. This is a quicker return than has been the rule on this line.

The steamer F. A. Kilburn arrived in yesterday from San Francisco with freight and passengers. She left up for Portland last evening.

The French bark Eugene Fautrel has at last left out grain laden for Europe. The Fautrel furnished more news while in port than any vessel that has meandered in over the bar for a long time. When she wasn't in the courts the Fautrel's sailors were falling overboard, or were deserting. The master is likely to put in considerable time with a marlin spike on the voyage home.

Vessels aground or water-logged in channels will be handled as has been the rule heretofore. A recent order of the department has called attention to the necessity for action where derelicts or grounded hulks menace navigation, but the rules for procedure on the part of officers of ports have not been changed.

**AD MARINE** . . . . .  
Willapa bay—Beacon 2, page 68, list of lights, buoys and daymarks; Pacific coast, 1904. February 7 the pile carrying this structure was reported as missing. It will be replaced as soon as practicable.

### BYRNES ON REFORM.

Would Reorganize New York's Police Department.

New York, Feb. 11.—Former Superintendent of Police Thomas F. Byrnes has discussed at length before the City Club body which has come to be known as "the committee of nine," suggestions for the rejuvenation of the New York police force, upon which subject the committee has been seeking light in various quarters.

Radical plans of reform were outlined by the former chief. He proposed the placing of the appointment of a police commissioner for this city in the hands of the governor and state senate.

In his opening remarks he said the police commissioner should have a term of office of at least 10 years and

# IN BAD PLIGHT

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co-partnership, of 1901, but I am unable to find it. I think it must be among my papers in the office. Harry, of course, prepared those articles. You will see Harry on his arrival. I found our supplemental agreements, of date November 1, 1904, which are all right. Harry has these with him. Now facts are these, and you must deal with them accordingly:

First, under our articles, I was not to have any interest whatever in any business you might do in any of the departments or any land matters; second, as matter of fact, I never knew until now, that any charges for any such services had been credited, either to me or the firm, or that my account had ever been credited with any part thereof. As I was never furnished with any statement of any bank account or of any charges whatever, and I have nothing to do with the books, nor did I see same, and you will remember several times, I cautioned you not to mix me up in any way with any land office matters; third, to this day I do not know what book entries you have made, or what you did with any cash, or checks, if you ever received any for service, nor was I ever advised by you, or did I have any knowledge that any part of any such cash or receipts was placed either to credit, of our firm or myself. Now, Judge, you will agree with me, I am sure, these are facts, and I am also sure, whatever entries you made, you never intended I should have any part of such cash or checks, if any, and that you intended that in some way in settling accounts between us no part of any such moneys or checks should be mine, but your individual property.

I had supposed, of course, that you had kept all such charges and accounts in your own name. There is no offense on your part in doing business for honest people in these land matters, I hope, therefore, you will do me justice at the proper time in giving the facts just as they are, and as I have stated them. You must not get rattled or alarmed. Harry will, doubtless identify co-partnership articles of 1901 as having been prepared by him. See him at once on his arrival. Don't be interviewed until I see you and, now, strictly confidential, don't tell Harry, your son, or any one. Can't you, immediately on receipt of this, drop everything and come directly here. Bring with you in trunk, but don't let your family or anyone know, as I am extremely anxious to see for myself personally what books show. Best, Les. It is important we should talk over with Fulton, who is to help defend me in regard to cases. I hope you can come. If so, don't let a soul know you are coming. Not even Harry, and if you conclude to come, wire me as follows:

John leaves direct for Washington this morning. Tanner.

I do hope you can come and immediately, before you are led again before grand jury. Sincerely your friend,  
JOHN H. MITCHELL.

P. S.—Don't show Harry this letter, or tell him anything about it. Don't let him see our books. Tell him nothing.

P. S.—Keep all important papers in safe, and our office carefully locked, as those scoundrels will get in if possible.

P. S.—Burn this without fail.

### DEVASTATING ICE.

Damage to Boats and Whalers in the Harbors.

New York, Feb. 11.—Much damage has been done to summer cottages, wharves, landings and boat houses along Rockaway beach by the heavy ice and the action of the tide. Losses already have reached \$50,000 and when the spring thaws occur it will be greatly increased.

The ice freezing thickly around the piles upon which the cottages are built has been gradually raised by the tides, carrying piles and all upward. In consequence cottages have been tilted on one end and some have already almost been overturned. Wharves have been uprooted while frail boat houses have been demolished. At some points the blocks of ice are four or five feet thick.

**Villamayor Surrenders.**

New York, Feb. 11.—Major Villamayor has surrendered to the authorities of Veintidno de Mayo townships, cables the Herald's correspondent at Buenos Ayres, Argentina. Other leaders of the recent insurrection also have surrendered at Cordoba and a council of war has assembled to begin the trial of the officers involved.

**Sullivan Drunk Again.**

St. Louis, Feb. 11.—After an absence of more than 12 years from the ring John L. Sullivan has publicly challenged J. J. Corbett to a return match. In reply to the challenge, Corbett telegraphed from Cincinnati: "My answer to Sullivan's challenge is as follows: I wish he had the health and youth to be able to fight me or anybody else. That is all the bad luck I wish the poor old fellow."

be removable only for malfeasance in office or neglect of duty, after trial by the appellate court. Absolute power of dismissal of subordinates on charges also was favored by Mr. Byrnes. He recommended four or five deputies to be appointed by the commissioner from within or without the department. The first deputy should be, he believed, the executive head of the department, from whom all orders should emanate. The second deputy should be in charge of the detective force of the entire city with other departments divided among the remaining deputies.

### JUSTICE MISCARRIED.

Judge Severely Scores Jury and the Sheriff.

San Francisco, Feb. 11.—George Curry, a car conductor, who last July shot and killed his wife, was convicted of manslaughter.

Judge Dunne characterized the verdict as a miscarriage of justice, saying:

"It is just such verdicts as this that make the name of this city for law and order a by-word for shame and disgrace."

The court intimated that perjury had been committed in the trial and asked the district attorney if he intended to make an inquiry into the conduct of the sheriff's office. Three deputy sheriffs testified that Curry, during his detention in the county jail, had fainting spells and fits. This testimony paved the way for evidence tending to prove Curry was insane at times.

## MENACED BY ICYCLES

Brooklyn Bridge is Closed to Pedestrians.

## BIG CHUNKS OF ICE FALLING

Lives of People on Ferryboats Endangered by Ice Falling From Supports of the Big Bridge—Horses Knocked Overboard.

New York, Feb. 11.—Icicles on the cables and trestles of the bridges across the East river have been a source of great danger since the rain of Thursday night and the police finally were compelled to close the Brooklyn bridge to foot passengers.

Some of the icicles were many feet in length and weighed more than 100 pounds. Loosened by the sun's rays, they fell frequently and imperilled the lives of those on board passing ferry boats who insisted on remaining outside the cabins.

In one instance a chunk of falling ice struck a horse harnessed to a wagon on the deck of a boat. The animal became frightened and plunged into the East river. He fell on a large cake of ice and was rescued after much effort.

### Saintly Railroad.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The hearing of the case of William R. Hearst against the Anthracite coal carrying railroads, involving the question of alleged excessive coal rates, was continued before the interstate commerce commission yesterday. Francis Gowen, counsel for the Lehigh Valley railroad, declared that there was no pool among the coal-carrying roads; that there was no combination and no discrimination. He also contended that the rates at which the coal was carried were reasonable. Judge Campbell for the Reading railroad, contended that if the roads were let alone their trend would be toward lowering the rates on foodstuffs.

### Same Old Fake.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—James Ozello, a wine merchant and proprietor of a small hotel here, who was swindled out of \$5020 on a "fake" foot race at Clinton, Ill., has retaliated by inducing the "promoters" to visit Chicago on the pretext that he was ready to make another wager. They were arrested and gave their names as Martin Weller, James Hall, Robert Curley and John Cummings. Nearly \$2500 in currency was found in Curley's possession.

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Hundreds of pairs to choose from.  
\$1.40 for pants worth up to \$2.50.  
\$2.40 for pants worth up to \$4.50.  
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We will put an alteration sale on about 20 styles that will clear them out.  
\$4.50 for odd lots carried over from last season, all colors, worth \$10.  
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\$1.50 for a splendid lot worth up to \$2.50  
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\$3.75 for special lot, 2 pairs pants, worth \$6.

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\$2.50 for splendid lot of heavy shoes, worth to \$3.50.

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We will sell you a hat if style and low prices will do the work.  
\$1.35 will buy soft and stiff hats worth \$2.50.  
\$2.35 will buy soft and stiff hats worth \$3.50.  
\$3.00 Contract hat, standard price. We can't cut this, but we give the choice of any tie or suspenders in the house to worth 75c with each Hawes Hat.

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A hundred more bargains that we can't find room to mention.  
35c for grades of 50 and 60c underwear.  
65c for wool merino and Balbriggan \$1 Underwear.  
85c for select wool and English Balbriggan \$1.50 underwear.  
\$1.15 for lambswool and French balbriggan underwear.

### SHIRTS

25c for a big lot 50c and 75c stiff shirts.  
35c for golf, negligee and black sateen 50 to 65c shirts.  
55c for a golf and negligee select style \$1 shirt.  
85c for choice of all Monarch \$1.25 shirts  
5c for 10c sox.  
8c for 15c sox.  
12 1-2c for 20c sox.  
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5c for an odd lot dumb web 15c suspenders.  
15c for choice of all fine 25c suspenders.  
25c for choice of fine suspenders worth to 50c.  
35c for choice of all extra fine suspenders worth 75c.  
5c for boy's 10c stockings.  
12c for 20c stockings, double sole and heel.  
10c for four-in-hand silk 25c ties.  
37c for choice of all neckware worth to \$1.00.