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FACTS OF THE FUTURE.

There has recently been transferred from Scotland to the United States one of the finest sets in private hands of the four Shakespeare folios. The sum paid, £10,000, is quite unparalleled, either in the auction rooms or by private treaty. The folios were in the library of B. B. MacGeorge, well known by repute as a bibliophile. The late Marquis of Dufferin, not long before his death, found the keenest pleasure in going over the book treasures belonging to Mr. MacGeorge, including for instance, an uncut copy of "The Vicar of Wakefield," for which the owner has more than once been offered £1000, against a cost of less than £100, if we remember aright. Mr. MacGeorge possesses, too, the finest collection in existence of etchings, supplemented in many noteworthy cases—that of the masterly "Abside de Norte Dame," for instance—by original drawings. He had no desire to dispose of his Shakespeare folios, but some time ago a London dealer, acting on behalf of a trans-Atlantic Shakespeare enthusiast, approached him. He offered £5000. "I have no wish to sell, but maybe I might not feel justified in refusing double that sum," was the purport of the owner's answer. "Secure at £10,000," came the emphatic cable from America. And so the folios went from Glasgow. Probably the buyer is he who secured "The Tragedie of Richard III," fourth edition, which a few weeks ago broke all Shakespeare's records at £1750, and the Countess of Pembroke's "Tragedie of Antonie," 1595, valued in June at £560, exactly 5600 times the sum for which it was picked up in the north of England some years ago.

"CRAZY MAN'S CASTLE."

"Crazy Man's Castle," which has been totally demolished by a storm, was located near Minneiska, Minn., opposite Cochran, Wis. It was built entirely of driftwood by Putnam Gray and was for forty years in the building. Gray earned a few dollars each year by attending river lights for the government, and from the sixties he occupied himself with the construction of the castle.

The building was made entirely of driftwood—lumber and logs from rafts and broken pieces of old vessels wrecked on the river. Work did not approach completion until a few years ago. When substantially completed the castle was three stories high, bristling with frowning towers and filled with odd nooks and the most remarkable mixture of architecture.

A few days ago, when a storm struck the steamer Clyde as it was passing the castle and sunk the boat, the castle was badly shaken too, but remained intact for the time. A week later, however, when a wilder storm swept out of Lake Pepin and down the Mississippi, the castle fell into the river, a mass of wreckage.

After the storm Gray found the building, on which he had spent forty years' labor, entirely destroyed. He is heart-broken by his misfortunes, and travelers now pause to see him pining amid that part of the ruins not carried away by the river. Now past 70 years of age, Gray realizes that the rebuilding of his castle is impossible.

WHERE THERE IS NO PEACE.

It is another instance of peace when there is no peace, apparently, for Russia and Japan. The czar's wounds hardly began to feel easy when his troops in Caucasus were put to rout by the Tartars, and the mikado had to

place his capital under martial law before he had washed up after the campaign. It would be a fine thing if Russia and Japan could form an alliance against their internal enemies. But the worst is said to be over in Caucasus, and the world knows the Japs well enough to believe that they will not fight long with nothing to win.

The richest, the most populous and the most prosperous part of India is to be found in the basins of the Indus, the Ganges and the lower Brahmaputra.

Finland has a larger percentage of wooded area, in comparison with its total surface, than any other European country. It leads with 51.2 per cent.

North Shore News

ILWACO AND SURROUNDINGS.

Attorney J. J. Brumbach made a business trip to Ahlotta Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Snook, accompanied by their three daughters left Sunday for Portland and spent several days at the exposition.

Mrs. H. S. Nott returned from a several days' visit in Portland last Saturday.

Frank Eckert, who is interested in the Eagle Co-Operative Mercantile company, in South Bend, is home on a two weeks' vacation. He is assisting in the Aberdeen store this week, owing to the absence of some of the regular clerks.

A large delegation of Pacific people, who attended the exposition during Pacific county week, returned on the Potter Saturday evening. Included in the company were Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. James Graham, and Miss Katie Graham, and the Misses Maggie and Gladys Graham.

Mrs. O. M. Ford returned to her home in this city the first of the week after a successful operation in St. Mary's hospital, Astoria.

A genuine treat was enjoyed by the amusement-loving public Monday evening, when the Roberti Animal show appeared at the Ilwaco opera house. Among the trained performers were two bears and a monkey that could do nearly everything but talk. The company went to Portland.

Mrs. J. A. Morehead, of Nahcotta, wife of County Commissioner J. A. Morehead, accompanied by her two daughters, returned from a week's stay at the Portland exposition, Wednesday.

Andrew Wirt of Oysterville passed through here Wednesday, from a trip to the Lewis and Clark fair. Mrs. Wirt accompanied him on the trip but remained at Astoria for a few days' visit.

As a rule the commercial traveler is not a credulous individual, but Mr. De Voice, the genial drummer who sells Armour's hams, was somewhat taken in during his last trip to the mouth of the river. It appears that one of the Mr. DeVoice's friends had told him salmon fishing was good in the Columbia, and that if he would throw a troll line from the rear of a moving steamer, that he could eat fish to his heart's content. He bought the line and a fine trolling hook, but just how much farther he got, is not known. When he returned to Astoria from Ilwaco, he was disinclined to discuss the fishing question, and kept the line well from the view of the boat's crew and passengers. Notwithstanding, his attempt to catch salmon from the rear of the boat became whispered about, and there was considerable merriment aboard at his expense.

R. S. Smith, an old time resident of Pacific county and a steamboat man of the early days, passed through town Wednesday, for his ranch near Tokeland, after several days' visit in Portland. Mr. Smith is a marine engineer by trade, and is at present employed by the Northern Pacific Steamship company. His last assignment was first engineer on the Steamship Tacoma, which was captured by the Japanese while carrying a cargo of beef to the Russian army at Vladivostok. Mr. Smith was not on the vessel on this memorable occasion, having asked for a furlough just previous to the time the ship left for the Orient. He is at present improving his ranch but will resume his post as soon as the vessel is delivered from the hands of the Japanese. Mr. Smith steamed on Shoalwater Bay during boom days in Pacific county, when the county seat was yet at Oysterville, and South Bend consisted principally of Simpson's lumber mill. He was master of the Steamer Tom Morris for a number of years.

Ole Oleson, the Shoalwater Bay rancher, returned Tuesday from a visit of several days at the Lewis and Clark exposition.

School commenced this week with a large attendance. Following is the corps of instructors: Principal, M. H. Hochemberry; Sixth and Seventh grades, Miss Grace DeGraff; Fourth and Fifth Grades, Miss Clara Williams; Second and Third grades, Miss Anna Wallace; Primary and First grades, Miss Dobbs. Miss Anna Wallace is the only one of the instructors who taught last year.

Peter Becker returned to Ilwaco last week, after a sojourn on the Sound.

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$372,261 35
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	5,635 04
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	73,380 00
Other real estate owned	6,000 00
Due from National banks (not reserve agents)	39,433 41
Due from State Banks and Bankers	81,467 17

Due from approved reserve agents	137,550 87
Checks and other cash items	1,618 78
Notes on other National Banks	2,585 00
Nickels, and cents	22 69
Lawful money reserve in bank via:	
Specie	118,000 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation)	625 00
Total	\$851,079 29

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	50,000 00
Surplus fund	50,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	35,408 54
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500 00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$355,136 55
Demand certificates of deposit	147,908 20
Certified checks	60 00
Total	\$851,079 29

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. Gordon, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of August, 1905.

V. BOELLING, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

W. F. MCGREGOR,
 G. C. FLAVEL,
 JACOB KAMM,
 Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Astoria National Bank

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, August 25th, 1905.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$379,509 21
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	3,852 18
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	750 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	36,484 93
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	4,467 75
Other real estate owned	43,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	670 86
Due from State Banks and Bankers	4,530 79
Due from approved reserve agents	128,932 26
Checks and other cash items	3,913 46
Notes of other National Banks	180 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	1,242 60
Lawful Money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	62,123 55
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625 00
Total	\$644,159 59

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	32,903 15
National Bank notes outstanding	10,800 00
Individual deposits subject to check	\$306,515 86
Demand certificates of deposit	35,275 47
Time certificates of deposit	198,665 11
Total	\$644,159 59

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, J. E. Higgins, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of September, 1905.

M. C. MAGEE, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

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