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A MYSTERY FINALLY SOLVED

A CURIOUS CONTRIVANCE THAT HAS BEEN THE CAUSE OF MANY QUESTIONS BEING ASKED AND ANSWERED.

At the blacksmith shop of Henry Asp, corner Twelfth and Duane streets, there has been finished a "contraption" that has been more of a puzzle to many of the Astoria people than the solution of the question of "How Old is Ann." More questions have been asked about it than would appear in a stenographic report of the examination of a salesman for a place on the jury of a San Francisco graft case.

Many would ask what it was but there was no one to answer. The cause of all the inquiries was what appeared to be a logging truck. Two large wheels placed upon an arched axle with a heavy "longue" was being painted a glowing vermilion. When Judge Trenchard was held that it was a logging truck he immediately hunted up Commissioner Larsen and they measured the width of the thing.

"It won't do," said the Judge, "that's too wide for our roads. We'll have to widen them if these things are to be used. Won't we, Larsen?" Commissioner Larsen agreed with him but whispered in the judge's ear: "I just heard that Herman Prael is having that made for a trotting sulky."

"If you'll promise to keep quiet I'll tell you what it is. It's a new racing cart that the survivor of old 'Rescue's' is having built for a horse race with the Skamokawa team."

"The wheel of progress will hit Astoria," said Mayor Wise, "and these are the advance guard."

About that time Judge Anderson came along, after sentencing some poor unfortunate, and said:

"That's for us to put the county of seals on in the coming tug-of-war match so that we can pull them easy."

Some suggested that it might be the patrol wagon that Chief Gammal wants so badly. Others that it might be part of the proposed extension of the car line to Seaside.

But it devolved on one who had heard the many inquiries to quietly make some investigation into the matter with this result: the "contraption" is being finished for the Pacific Iron Works who, having purchased the wreck of the bark "Galena" are stripping her intending to use the "what is it?" in moving the

masts and spars. About two months ago they commenced the work of dismantling the wreck but owing to the scarcity of labor were forced to desist. On Monday last they resumed work and will continue until the wreckage has been removed to Astoria.

This is solved one of the greatest mysteries of Astoria for years and the cause of the mystery can be seen today for the last time in the city as it will be finished tonight.

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STRAUS PLEASURES ALL
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occasion one of the largest and most representative bodies of business men ever gathered in Honolulu assembled to present the commercial needs of the Islands. L. A. Thurston, speaking in behalf of the merchants and planters, described certain commercial disadvantages resulting from annexation, laying particular stress upon the necessity for a modification of the coastwise shipping laws applying to the Islands, which penalize the carrying of passengers and freight between the territory and the mainland of the United States in other than American bottoms.

Replying to this address Secretary Straus assured the Islanders that he would endeavor to have existing grievances remedied, and concluded his address by saying:

"I have the knowledge and experience of the fact that one of the greatest shortcomings in the way of the progress of the Islands is that there is not sufficient communication between them and the mainland. This you must have and you ought to have, and speaking individually and officially, I promise you that I shall do everything within my power to assist in getting the shipping facilities that you need. I have seen much of the world. I am familiar with those places which are the favored lands for tourists, and my eight days' stay here has convinced me that there is no land on the face of the earth, considering climate and population, and considering beauty and attractiveness of scenery and charms of hospitality, which offers so much to the tourist, either in health or pleasure, as this Eden of the Pacific."

"An ideal condition for the future welfare of these Islands will be that there should not be too great a preponderance of any one race, but that an equilibrium be maintained. I would impress upon you, and upon each of the several races here, to have a care not to exploit these Islands and their resources for the benefit of the country from which they came, but to act in the spirit of the government under which

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they live; of loyalty to the interests of the islands which offer such happy and ideal homes for them and for their children."

When the Secretary left Honolulu a large crowd was assembled on the dock to witness the departure. Secretary Straus stood on the deck of the steamer decked with a wreath of flowers, the last token of friendship bestowed by the warm-hearted Islanders, who cheered vociferously as the steamer moved from the harbor. The last sound that reached the steamer from the shore was "Aloha Nui," the Hawaiian farewell greeting and expression of regard and esteem.

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ARMERIA MARKING CHANNEL.

PORTLAND, Sept. 12.—Carrying buoys and spars, the United States lighthouse tender Armeria, Captain Gregory, left the Greenwich dock at 1 o'clock this afternoon, to mark the ship channel between Portland and the sea, in accordance with the recent surveys completed by the pilots. A greater number of buoys and spars will be put in place this year than usual, so plainly marking the channel that no one will ever have any excuse for running a ship aground. The Armeria will be employed at the task for the greater part of a week. It was her first visit to Portland, and during her brief stay she was boarded by a large number of people. The fact that she is the largest craft in the lighthouse service in American waters was the principal attraction, although Captain Gregory's popularity had much to do with it.

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NEW TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Concern Formed Which Will Compete Against Postal and Western Union.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—The American Union Telegraph Company, which promises to become a strong competitor of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies, will open offices in Chicago in two weeks, according to L. K. Davis, president of the Rock Island Construction Company.

The capital stock of the new company will be \$5,000,000. It will be incorporat-

ed under the laws of New Jersey or Maine, but the headquarters of the company will be in Chicago.

Mr. Davis said today: "Wealthy capitalists of New York, St. Louis and Chicago are interested in the new company. We have secured options on the wires of four telephone companies, and 100,000 miles of telephone wires are available for use now in the East, West and a large portion of the South.

"We propose to construct, equip and operate standard telegraph lines throughout the United States.

"By the use of our proposed new instruments we will be able to transmit telegraphic messages over local and through telephone wires without interrupting or in any way interfering with the telephone service, thereby greatly increasing the earning capacity of the local and general telephone companies and reducing the cost of operation and maintenance.

"We will in no way affiliate with any other telegraph company. Our rates will be lower. The cost to the telegraph company in sending five or ten extra words in the same message would be exceedingly slight, while the benefit to the general public would be a great consideration.

"We will adopt the eight-hour system from the start and maintain it. We will also pay for all overtime according to a just and equitable scale, to be agreed upon. Arbitration shall be adopted in each case of dispute with employees.

"We expect to form our company next week and to open up for business a week later."

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FALLS IN BURNING SYRUP.

Joe King in Friendly Scuffle With Friend Falls in Boiling Vat.

SEATTLE, Sept. 12.—Joe King was probably fatally burned and Art Mills was seriously burned by falling into a vat of boiling fruit juices at the plant of the Pacific Coast Syrup Company this morning, following a friendly scuffle between the two men. Little hope is held out for King's recovery, as he fell in head first. His face, shoulders, arms, and breast were so badly scalded that death is expected within a few hours.

Mills fell into a corner vat but managed to catch hold of the side, saving himself from falling in. Other employees, hearing the cry of King, rushed to his assistance and pulled him out. A hose was turned on him, which prevented the boiling juice from burning him any worse. Lee Matheny put his arms into the vat and caught King by the collar and pulled him out. Matheny's arm was badly scalded.

King claims all blame for the accident, saying it was his fault, and that they should not have engaged in a scuffle so close to the vat.

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PRODS HORSE WITH NAIL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—The most flagrant case of cruelty to animals that has come to the notice of the police recently was revealed in Judge Weller's court this morning when Thomas Warner, the driver of a passenger bus, pleaded guilty to the charge.

Warner was driving his bus along Market street near Stockton when Special Officer Hinkel, of the Pacific Humane Society, noticed blood on the back of the horse. He watched the driver for some time and saw him continually prodding the back of the animal with the whip handle, on the end of which a horseshoe nail was fixed. Every time the driver struck the horse, blood oozed forth from a new wound.

In Judge Weller's court this morning the man was severely lectured and the court ordered that the whip be destroyed.

BIGGY IS CHIEF OF POLICE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—The police commissioners today elected W. J. Biggy chief of police. He served a short time as chief of police under Mayor Phelan several years ago. The past nine months he has been assessor of the superior court acting as the custodian of Abraham Ruef.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy One Of The Best On The Market.

For many years Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has constantly gained in favor and popularity until it is now one of the most staple medicines in use and has an enormous sale. It is intended especially for acute throat and lung diseases, such as coughs, colds and croup, and can always be depended upon. It is pleasant and safe to take and is undoubtedly the best in the market for the purposes for which it is intended. Sold by Frank Hart and leading Druggists.

MOTHERHOOD

The first requisite of a good mother is good health, and the experience of maternity should not be approached without careful physical preparation, as a woman who is in good physical condition transmits to her children the blessings of a good constitution.

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has been the standby of American mothers in preparing for childbirth. Notewhats Mrs. James Chester, of 127 W. 35th St., New York says in this letter:—Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—"I wish every expectant mother knew about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. A neighbor who had learned of its great value at this trying period of a woman's life urged me to try it and I did so, and I cannot say enough in regard to the good it did me. I recovered quickly and am in the best of health now."

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Mrs. Pinkham's Standing Invitation to Women

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to write Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free.



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ANARCHIST PLOT TO KILL KING.

MARIENBAD, Sept. 12.—An anarchist plot against King Edward, who has been here several weeks taking the cure, is reported to have been discovered by Paris detectives. The greatest precautions have been taken to guard the King until he arrives in London tomorrow.

According to word sent to the police from Paris, an emissary of anarchists left there yesterday for Marienbad to carry out the plot.

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