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IMPROVEMENT AT MOUTH OF RIVER EXTREMELY URGENT TO HOLD COMMERCE

An unusual amount of interest is being roused in the development of the Columbia bar and river and the saving and enhancing of the commerce of that stream and its vast valley; and apropos of this, the following communication sent to this paper yesterday by one of the best posted and most ardent Astorians, will be read with interest:

Astoria, Nov. 28, 1908.

Editor Astorian:

In an editorial in the Oregonian of the 17th inst., that paper said: "The commerce of the great Northwest will no longer vacillate and move from one port to another. It is settling down into a permanent groove, from which it will not soon be dislodged. That groove will drain the traffic of the great Inland Empire either to Portland or Puget Sound." In connection with this editorial it is interesting to note the statement of Mr. M. J. Kinney, in a letter to the Evening Telegram, and published in that paper of the 21st inst., in which he quotes from a recent issue of the San Francisco Commercial News to the effect that there was, at that date, but one vessel of the 3000-ton class en route to the Columbia, the Taku Maru, 3087 net tons register, while there were 14 vessels from 3000 to 6195 net tons register, not counting the Minnesota, of 13,323 net tons, en route to Puget Sound an average of 3935 tons each, and the ten largest

vessels en route to San Francisco registered 6075 tons each. "Unless improvement at the mouth of the Columbia is made much faster than heretofore, it can easily be seen where the groove is that will drain the traffic of the great Inland Empire. It is of immense interest to all Oregon, Washington and Idaho that the work at the mouth of the river be hastened, and that the river's mouth be deepened so that vessels of the largest classes may enter and depart at pleasure. The work should not be confined to the building of a south jetty. The dredge should be placed in commission, and, if necessary, a north jetty built. It is the work of first importance to the Northwest, and to the Nation, in the Northwest."

THUMB AND FINGER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—The finger print system of identification has been installed by the local police department to aid in the determination of the identity of suspects. A full record of the palm and finger-end prints of all prisoners will be kept in the future and the apparatus necessary to a close study of these prints has been secured.

THE BOYCOTT RIOTS.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 28.—Advices were received by the steamer Empress of Japan last night that the recent anti-boycott riots at Hong Kong were incited because of insulting cartoons on Japanese lanterns before Japanese stores announcing the end of the boycott. Steamers were returning to Japan, bringing Japanese goods which were refused by the consignees on account of the rioting at Hong Kong.

The Morning Astorian contains all the local and Associated Press reports.

PREACHER WITH ALIAS TAKEN TO TEXAS

REV. SUMMERS LEAVES ROSEBURG IN CHARGE OF THE SHERIFF FOR TEXAS.

TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION

He Eloped With Organist From Texas And She Will, With Her Children, Also Return to That State, Her Old Home.

ROSEBURG, Or., Nov. 28.—Rev. George Summer, alias Clark, has resigned from the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church of Oregon. He departed with Sheriff Sperlock for Throckmorton, Texas, this morning. In his written resignation to the church he does not sign his name Summers, and also in the following copy of his resignation he uses the alias:

"Roseburg, Or., Nov. 26.—To the Oregon annual conference—I, the undersigned, do hereby withdraw from the ministry and the membership of the Methodist Episcopal church.

"(Signed), GEO. CLARK. This resignation, together with his full credentials were turned over to Rev. J. K. Hawkins of this city.

Miss Bessie Massey, the organist with whom Summers eloped from Texas, and her two children, of whom Clark is the father, will return to her home in Texas with the sheriff and his prisoner, Sheriff Sperlock having made arrangements to take the woman along and look after her, as her health and the care of the two children make it a difficult task for her to make the trip alone. She has confessed to the whole affair. In a letter to Clark from Gardiner she virtually declared that she was through with him.

Clark has spent most of his time in jail cursing Jack Parrott, the complaining witness, according to the prisoners. With the departure of the Summers family to Texas the case is ended so far as Douglas county is concerned, but the case will not have so short a duration in Texas, as it is six months before court convenes.

Revenge the Object

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saw at first glance that the attorney was dead and kept back the crowd of curious clerks and employes who had rushed into the corridor.

Attorney Dolph said that Finch appeared intoxicated though he carried himself erectly.

Fisher toppled from his chair when the bullet struck him and with his knees doubled up and his head drooped over, lay just as he had fallen when Dr. Leonard found him. From his position it is evident that he did not even turn around when his slayer entered the office.

Three shots in all were fired. One of these took effect. The bullet passed through the brain of Fisher and embedded itself in the wall several feet away. Another bullet shattered the plateglass window facing in Morrison street and another went several feet wild of its mark and to the right of Fisher as he sat in his chair at his desk. The gun was of .38 caliber and of the Iver & Johnson make.

Several weeks ago Fisher received an anonymous letter in a disguised hand threatening his life if his diligence in the prosecution of disbarred members was not abandoned at once. These letters were later turned over to the police and an investigation started. These letters will now be taken in charge by the coroner to be used later as evidence.

The tragic feature of the slaying of Ralph B. Fisher, chairman of the Oregon State Bar Association here today by J. A. Finch, the disbarred lawyer, second only to the killing itself was the unexpected visit to Fisher's office of Mrs. Fisher. When Finch entered, Fisher's office and with words, "Hello, Ralph," on his lips, fired the fatal shots. Fisher was waiting for his wife and baby son. Fisher's body had been taken away from his office, where the tragedy occurred, but there were other ghastly evidences apparent which conveyed to Mrs. Fisher that her husband had been slain.

Fisher practiced law in this city for four years, coming here from Troy, Idaho, where he read law and was admitted to the bar. His wife was the daughter of Thomas Kay, woolen manufacturer of Salem. Fisher was 28 years old. He was the man who drafted the resolution of sympathy to Mrs. Francis J. Heney that was sent by the Bar Association. Finch was born in this state and studied law in Albany while working for a newspaper. He was admitted to practice about eight years ago, going almost immediately to Salem and shortly after that coming to Portland.

Fisher conducted disbarment proceedings against Finch which resulted in his suspension for one year, and it was Fisher's refusal to sign a petition urging Finch's reinstatement that caused today's attack to be made.

Finch was either out of his mind when he shot Fisher, or he is playing a deep gam, using his knowledge of the law to help him in his present dilemma. While asserting in the most emphatic language that he did not see Fisher at all today, and consequently did not kill him, he talks perfectly frank on all other subjects. he does not plead forgetfulness, on the other hand when the officers who examined him tonight declared to Finch that he had been seen in Fisher's office and had been arrested in the Mohawk building, and other matters connected with the tragedy he became very excited and told them they were "damned liars." He insisted that he is not insane. He says that the news that he was disbarred was a great shock to him. He denied that he had been drinking excessively since that event.

SHARP DISTINCTION.

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—While not mentioning the so-called "unwritten law" Judge McSully, drew a distinction between the terms "domestic crime" and an "anti-social crime" yesterday in sentencing Santo Porcaro to 25 years in the penitentiary. The defendant shot and killed his wife and severely wounded Frank Di Trento, who boarded at their house, July 22.

Porcaro accused Di Trento of alienating his wife's affections. In deciding the case Judge McSully said:

"This defendant has pleaded guilty to having murdered his wife as

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Watch Whose Windows for Prices? WATERMAN'S

STORM WRECKS VESSEL.

MANILA, Nov. 28.—It has been learned that the name of the coasting vessel which was lost during a storm off San Fernando yesterday was the San Pablo, not the Ponting, as at first reported. Fourteen more survivors of the disaster have been picked up and it is now estimated that 75 persons were drowned.

JARRED BY EARTHQUAKE.

BOSTON, Nov. 28.—The heaviest earthquake felt in New England in many years shook Boston at 2:38 a. m. The vibrations lasted 10 seconds.

GETS FIFTEEN YEARS.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 28.—William Montgomery, former cashier of the Allegheny National bank, who looted the institution of \$1,000,000, was sentenced today to serve 15 years in the western Pennsylvania penitentiary. His defalcation was one of the

most sensational in the history of American banking frauds.

Seek Mr. Taft's Aid—

Said the Portland Telegram last night: "Because of his assistance to Taft and Hitchcock, Fulton's friends hope that the Senator will be able to interest the President-elect in his efforts to block the election of Chamberlain next January. Fulton could expect little assistance from Roosevelt, as the President and the Senator have not been on intimate or even friendly terms, but with Taft the Fulton men consider that the President-elect is under obligations to the Oregon man. The Fulton faction practically controlled the management of the state campaign for Taft last month, and in rolling up a plurality of 25,000 contend that the voters of the state have therefore repudiated their selection of Chamberlain last June. Unless Taft assists Fulton to carry out his plan for the defeat of Chamberlain the Senator's friends will be greatly disappointed."

DEATH IN COLLISION.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Nov. 28.—In a collision between two freight trains today in a fog on the Seaboard Air Line, near Silver Springs, four trainmen were killed. Both engines and eight cars were demolished. Several other trainmen were injured, but not fatally.



A Scene of Show Gals, Broilers and Squabs with Rice & Cady in Hip, Hip, Hooray at the Theatre Tonight