

LANGFITT INTENDS TO PRESS WORK

HE WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER LARGE ROCK FOR JETTY COULD BE OBTAINED FROM BUGBY AND THEREFORE DECIDED TO RELET PART OF THE CONTRACT.

Major Langfitt is determined to press the work upon the government jetty at the mouth of the Columbia as rapidly as possible. He explains that it was with this end in view that the Northwest Construction company was relieved of over one-half of its second contract for supplying the rock. When asked whether the new arrangement was made because of any uncertainty as to the ability of the Northwest Construction company to furnish the large rock required by the second jetty contract, he replied:

"I don't know whether the company can get enough large rock from Bugby quarry or not. The rock may be there, but I don't propose to take any chances. I want to be sure, so the new contract was decided upon."

The Journal has repeatedly called attention to the failure of the Northwest Construction company to turn out from Bugby quarry the large rock required for the construction of the jetty. Even on the first contract, which called for much smaller rock than is demanded by the second contract, the company fell far short, and delivered practically no Class A rock. The whole side of Bugby hill was hauled down by the immense blasts which the company employed to develop the quarry, but owing to the seamy character of the rock it seemed impossible to get it out in large blocks.

Specifications for the new contract are being prepared in Major Langfitt's office, and the government will probably advertise for bids next week. It is expected that the laying of rock will be resumed early in April.

HIGH CASTE PUPIL WILL BE EDUCATED

Somi Ram's friends who organized in this city the Oregon Society for the Emancipation of India from Caste Slavery, met last Wednesday evening at the residence of Judge Seneca Smith, Judge Lionel B. Webster presiding.

Considering that the society was but very recently organized, its work has progressed remarkably well. Within only six weeks since its organization everything is in good working order. It is quite likely that by the next fall term an Indian student will be placed in the state agricultural college at Corvallis and maintained there at the expense of the society until he graduates.

Such student is to be selected from the high caste, by a special board, in East India. Upon completing his studies he is to devote his labors toward abolishing the caste system in his native land. The meeting was in every way the most interesting one since the organization of the society. Mrs. Smith arranged for the musical features of the evening. These consisted of a vocal selection by Mr. Godfrey accompanied by Miss Lewton, and a piano selection by Mrs. Bushnell. Mrs. Louise Goddard gave a humorous sketch of Hamlet. The address of the evening was by William H. Galvani, giving a review of the origin of the caste system in India from earliest days, its influence upon the country and the people, as well as an outline of the best method whereby this evil system would be speedily abolished. It was decided to have this address published in full. The meeting accepted the invitation of Judge and Mrs. Smith to meet at their residence again on February 17 at 8 o'clock p. m.

PREDICT FROST FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Feb. 6.—A sharp drop in the temperature accompanied by frost is tomorrow morning's prediction for southern California, made by the local weather bureau, but those unwelcome conditions are to be followed by more rain. The country south of Tehachapi last received another good drenching last night and this morning. The added precipitation amounts to between a quarter and three-quarters of an inch. It was cloudy in that section today. Northern California was visited by a heavy frost last night but the approach of a generous rain set in. The downpour is expected to continue throughout the day.

COLISEUM SEATING CAPACITY SMALLER

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Feb. 6.—The measurement of the Coliseum was made today under the new regulations governing the seating capacity of public houses. It was instituted and was rigorously enforced since the Iroquois fire. It shows the hall can seat but 8,000 people as against the old capacity of 11,000. It will allow but few seats to outsiders at the Republican convention, as nearly the entire space will be allotted to the delegates, alternates, the distinguished guests and representatives of the press. The latter alone require a minimum of 300 seats.

AN OIL FRAUD GETS A TERM IN PRISON

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Feb. 6.—W. B. Ewing was sentenced to 15 months in San Quentin and to pay a fine of \$5,000 by United States District Judge De Haven this morning. Ewing was an oil promoter and was using the mails to defraud many victims on the coast.

MARINE NOTES.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—Sailed—French bark Veronique, for Portland. Arrived at 11 last night—Steamer Oregon, from Portland.
Astoria, Feb. 6.—Arrived at 3 p. m.—German bark Magdalene, from San Francisco, and schooner Commerce, from Portland. Sailed at 5 p. m.—Steamers Auble, Charles Nelson and Francis H. Leggett, for San Francisco. Arrived at 3 p. m.—Schooner Virginia, from San Francisco.
Eureka, Feb. 6.—Sailed at 4 p. m.—Steamer Aberdeen, for Portland.
San Francisco, Feb. 6.—Sailed at 4:30 p. m.—U. S. Transport Dix, for Portland.
Astoria, Feb. 6.—No bar report; cape line down.
Weather at Astoria at 3 a. m., rainy; wind south.

CHARGES HIM WITH PRACTICING FRAUD

GEORGIA T. KELSAY BRINGS SUIT AGAINST E. J. JEFFERY, ACCUSING HIM OF WRONGFULLY OBTAINING MONEY FROM HER GUARDIAN 18 YEARS AGO.

E. J. Jeffery is charged with fraudulently retaining \$1,222.19, which he is alleged to have secured by misrepresentation, the accusation being set forth in a complaint filed this morning in the state circuit court by Georgia T. Kelsay. She sues to recover the amount, with interest from December 6, 1886, together with costs and disbursements of suit, bringing the total up to \$2,917.09. According to the complaint, Georgia T. Kelsay is the daughter of George F. Tribou, who died intestate in this county on January 21, 1886, leaving real and personal property which afterward was disposed of for \$1,222.19. Jeffery was appointed administrator of the estate on January 27. As the complainant was then a minor, Annett Tribou was appointed her guardian, Jeffery being the surety on her bond.

It is alleged that on December 1, 1886, the defendant falsely and fraudulently induced the plaintiff's guardian to believe that she could loan the proceeds of the sale of the estate without an order of the court, himself securing the money.

Mrs. Kelsay attained her majority on May 5 last. Since then, it is alleged, a demand has been made on Jeffery for the return of the money, but he has refused to accede to the request. For this reason, it is asserted, suit to recover the money, with interest and costs, is brought.

CONDUCTOR IS SHOT FOR RESISTING MEN

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Feb. 6.—George Beckler, a conductor on the Western avenue electric line, was shot and fatally wounded by two men early today, when he resisted their attempts to rob him. The robbers escaped.

ERIN AS DISPATCH BOAT.

(Journal Special Service.) London, Feb. 6.—The London Times is negotiating with Sir Thomas Lipton to buy the steam yacht Erin, which will be used as a dispatch boat in case of a Japanese-Russia war.



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MURDERER GLOVER HANGED AT FOLSOM

(Journal Special Service.) Folsom, Cal., Feb. 6.—W. H. Glover, who murdered Frederick Nierhoff, near Auburn, Folsom county, on June 11, 1902, was hanged at the prison today. He was pronounced dead in 14 minutes. Glover went bravely to the gallows, but had nothing to say, contrary to expectations. He wrote a few letters last night, and slight well. Glover was courting Nierhoff's 14-year-old daughter, Agnes Nierhoff, and ordered her away. A few days later Nierhoff was standing in his yard talking with Oscar, a brother of the condemned man, when the condemned man shot him. Glover claimed the killing was in self-defense, as did Miss Nierhoff. Subsequently she testified the murder was cold-blooded and the first statement was made under threats of death by the Glovers. Oscar Glover was tried for complicity, but was acquitted.

FINGER MARKS.

From the Albany Journal. The Bertillon bureau in the state department of prisons was recently asked by Chief of Police Watts of Boston to identify, if possible, a certain dead burglar. A photograph of the dead crook—who was shot in Boston while in the act of robbing a safe—was mailed here. The department was unable to make the identification. In speaking of the matter Superintendent Collins said: "We have never made a mistake yet in an identification in all the 4,500 identifications we have made since the inauguration of the bureau. The Boston police had to photograph the man after he was dead and our department was unable to prove to a certainty his identity, although there were two or three pictures on file here bearing a striking resemblance. We could have identified the man without question if his fingerprints had been taken. That means of identification is unfailing. There are now in the bureau here the fingerprints of 3,200 criminals, all taken since March 1, 1903. We have a scheme of classification here which makes identification by fingerprints easy, and I have found that the experiment is a great success."

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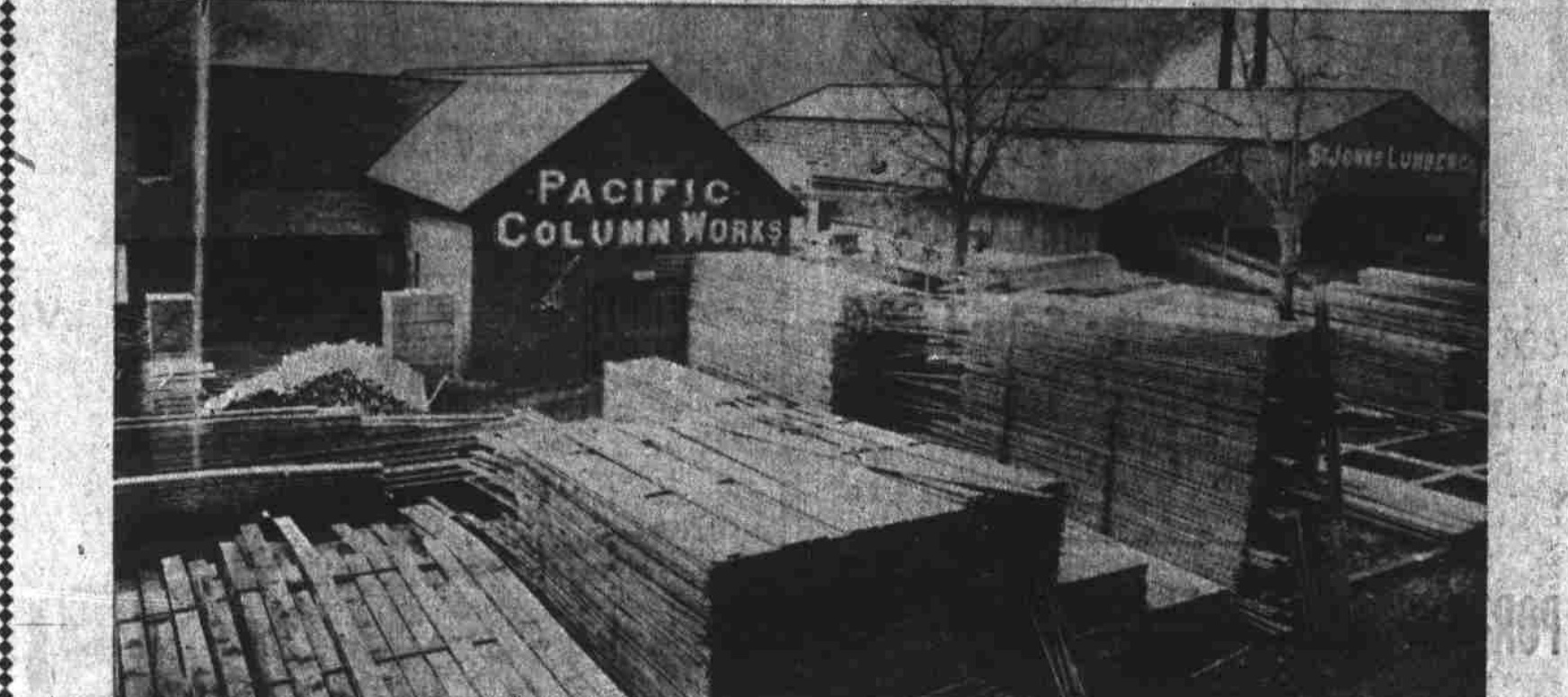
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Few people realize what an important feature of diet nuts can be made. They are not only the cheapest source of energy, but the best. The little husks on them are not nourishing, but they aid the digestion, so should be eaten. Nuts will keep you firm, give energy and, if you do not work too hard, make you fat, but do not eat them unless you give up meat, as they are a substitute, not a food accessory.

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