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ASTORIA IS IN IT.
Railroad Contract Said to Have Been Signed Yesterday.
WORK TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.

The Oregon National Guard has a Fine Record in the War Office.
THE BLIZZARD STILL RAGING.
Heavy Rains in Washington City—Snow Storms in England—Minor Matters.

noon today. Many people were taken off their feet by the wind, and some of them sustained injuries. The wife of Senator Palmer was approaching the capitol on foot when the storm broke. She was taken off her feet and thrown against the steps, suffering a deep cut in the head. Her sister, who was with her, was uninjured. Mrs. Palmer's wound was dressed in the capitol, and she was taken home. Two other ladies were blown off their feet at the east entrance to the senate, and one stunned. The air was springlike when the rain began, but half an hour afterwards a severe snow storm, suggestive of a blizzard was raging.

About a Mysterious Disappearance.
MONMOUTH, Ill., March 11.—A strange case of circumstantial evidence containing all the elements of a romance has just come to light here. Fred M. Staley was once a resident of this place. Some years ago he removed to Kansas, where he worked on a ranch. Last fall he decided to spend the winter in Illinois, but did not publicly proclaim his intention. One day two young men of his acquaintance asked him to ride with them to town and he accepted the invitation. On the way he informed his companions that he believed he would take the train for the east that night. He did so, and had never written to or heard from his former home until Monday of this week, when he read in a newspaper that the young men with whom he had ridden had been indicted for the murder of Fred M. Staley, and the trial had been set for March 10th. The authorities undoubtedly have a strong case against the prisoners, as they were the last men his acquaintances had seen with him, and had not told them where he was going. Staley left here yesterday, and will doubtless be a welcome witness at the trial.

War Declared on the Columbia.
PORTLAND, March 11.—The rate war between the Union Pacific and the opposition steamboat lines on the Portland and Astoria route formally commenced this morning where the cut was promptly met by the steamer Telephone, and the Astorian will probably fall into line in a day or two. Not only are the passenger rates affected but the freight rates as well, which are considered far more important, as greater interests are involved. The Telephone belongs to the line which carries the Northern Pacific's traffic on the lower river, and as merchants in Astoria receive a great deal of eastern freight over the Northern's route, this is considered a point in their favor for a successful opposition.

Fusion in Kansas.
TOPKA, March 10.—It has been practically decided by the leading democrats of Kansas not to put a presidential electoral ticket in the field, and to support the people's party electoral ticket. A fusion will also be effected on state officers and congressmen at large. The democrats and alliance leaders claim that this will wipe out the republican party in Kansas. The same tactics are to be used in Nebraska and the Dakotas. To offset this the republican leaders of these states urge that the republicans in the Virginias, Tennessee, Georgia and the Carolinas enter into a fusion with the new party.

Wall Street in the Throes.
NEW YORK, March 11.—Just now Wall street is in the pangs of financial distress and the slightest rumors produce great agitation. To illustrate: Jay Gould is south, and the Herald yesterday said that his health had suddenly become very much worse, and that he was hurrying home from the south on that account. A panic followed, and it required several dispatches from George Gould to his father, and affidavits from Sidney Dillon, Russell Sage and George Gould to restore the equilibrium of the street; and convince operators that the "Little Wizard" was all right.

Snow Storm in England.
LONDON, March 10.—Snow continues to fall generally throughout Great Britain. In parts of the country the snow causes considerable obstruction to travel. In London, owing to the chilly weather and the high price of coal, there is much suffering among the poor.

Gold the Only Standard.
VIENNA, March 10.—A majority of the imperial commission on Austro-Hungary currency report that only a gold standard is possible; also that the half florin should be the unit, and that silver coinage should be limited to a circulation of 130,000,000 florins.

France and the Vatican.
PARIS, March 10.—It is reported Pope Leo is in favor of revising the concordat between the church and France with a view of establishing new relations that will be mutually satisfactory to church and state.

TORIES WANT A BOOM.
Behring Sea and Esquimaux Their Text to Work Upon.

DESPERATE ACTS FOR AN ISSUE.
"Canada Too Close to the United States to be Trusted."

THE NOISY HOUSE OF COMMONS.
What Uncle Sam May do in Case the Tory Element Force the Issue—Other News.

LONDON, March 10.—The question of the defenses of the harbor of Esquimaux, on Vancouver Island, was raised in the house of commons this afternoon, and was discussed by several liberal members, causing a very lively breeze. Hardly had this commotion died out when the Behring sea controversy was brought before the house by the questions addressed by Edward Temperley Gourley, the advanced liberal member from Sunderland, and answered for the government by the Right Hon. James William Lowther, under secretary of the foreign office. Ronald Crauford Monro Ferguson, liberal member from Leith, led off in the matter of Esquimaux's defenses by asking a series of questions of the first lord of admiralty. While making interrogatories, Mr. Ferguson was interrupted frequently by cries of "Oh," "Oh," "Oh," ironical laughter, and other noisy demonstrations of the ministerial majority. The impression left by his inquiries and by the emphatic, hear, hear, with which some of them were greeted from the opposition was that he intended to say Canada had drifted too far toward the United States to be trusted to cooperate with the mother country in case of trouble with the American government. This was Hamilton's view of the matter, and he declined to answer any except those in reference to the harbor itself. In the matter of the Behring sea controversy, it is intimated strongly that should the American government attempt retaliation against Canada, England will withdraw the arbitration and meet any issue the United States may choose to raise with the plain assertion of the right of English subjects to hunt seal outside the recognized limit of the United States jurisdiction. This position is urged by the Tories who are desperate for an issue that will arouse jingoism and rally the country to the support of the government. The Tories are playing a pretty bluff game by printing all manner of bombastic letters, forged perhaps, but alleged to come from Americans containing menaces against England. There is reason to believe they have been written to order, as Tories regard the time favorable for an anti-American demonstration on account of the irritation that exists among numbers of the working people, who had their wages reduced, or have been deprived of employment on account of the McKinley law. This feeling is especially strong in the manufacturing districts. In naval quarters it is stated the British squadron in the Pacific can be depended upon to do its duty in the event of any encounter with the Americans. On the other hand, from Washington it is well understood that in case Great Britain declines the proposition for a renewal of the *modus vivendi* this government will no doubt send all available vessels to the Behring sea soon enough, if possible, to control its approaches and prevent the entrance of all sealing vessels, American as well as others. The vessels available for this service are: The Charleston, the Baltimore and the Ranger, at San Francisco; the Mohican, now on her way to Port Orford, with the Nipec in tow, and the Yorktown and the Boston, en route to San Francisco from Callao. The revenue cutters Bear, Rush and Corwin, now fitting out at San Francisco for an annual cruise for the Seal Islands, will also assist.

Behring Sea Muddle.
WASHINGTON, March 10.—The president will take no further action regarding the Behring sea matter until he receives a reply from Salisbury to Wharton's note insisting on a renewal of the *modus vivendi* of last year. There need be no fear but that a resolute stand on this subject will at once put an end to the mischief complained of. Inquiry at the capitol today revealed the fact that in its present shape and under the present condition, the arbitration treaty will hardly be ratified.

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