

**He Never Came Back.**

A man giving the name of Lewis Biggs, who has been about town for a number of days secured a saddle horse at L. A. Porter's livery stable last Saturday saying he wanted to go to Wasco. He started but only got as far as Biggs where he arranged to lease twelve head of horses to a rancher, and hired the man to ride the saddle-horse to The Dalles, claiming that his wife had telegraphed him that she was very sick, so he was anxious to return and would come by train.

Before leaving, however, he told the rancher he had left a buggy team with Geo. Miller and for him to get it and return to Biggs where he, Biggs, would again meet him. The rancher arrived in this city last evening and immediately started out to find Mr. Miller, who had no knowledge of the transaction of the affair whatever. The authorities learned of the man being in town so hunted him up and secured the horse for Mr. Porter, who had become somewhat alarmed over the absence of his property. The sequel of the affair is that Biggs has no wife or team here and had no intention of returning by train.

He is surely a peculiar man, for had he desired he could have disposed of the horse and outfit, pocketed the money and gone East on the railroad.

We learn from the sheriff that only last year Biggs was released from the penitentiary where he had been serving a two-year sentence for stealing a team from Levi Clarke, at Rufus, and coming to The Dalles and disposing of it. The man surely is slightly unbalanced or he would never have visited the same vicinity and commit a similar crime. He has not been located as yet, but the authorities are keeping a sharp lookout for the fellow and it is thought he will be secured before long.

**Your Face**

Shows the state of your feelings and the state of your health as well. Impure blood makes itself apparent in a pale and sallow complexion, Pimples and Skin Eruptions. If you are feeling weak and worn out and do not have a healthy appearance you should try Acker's Blood Elixir. It cures all blood diseases where cheap Sarsaparilla and so called purifiers fail; knowing this we sell every bottle on a positive guarantee. Blakeley & Houghton, druggists.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnston of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and paining me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton."

**To Fight the Boers.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—A special to the Record from Victoria, B. C., says: The editor of the Yukon Sun is raising a corps of mounted ex-soldiers who will be offered to the British authorities for service in South Africa. The United States government,

**Knock-Out Drops**

"I am a saloon-keeper, and used to think that rock and rye, or whiskey and quinine were proper remedies for coughs and colds. Most of my acquaintances were of the same opinion. Now I know something at least a thousand times better. It is Acker's English Remedy for Coughs and Colds. A good while ago I began to cough and found out then that rock and rye was no good. I got worse and I was beginning to think that the trouble would run into consumption. I didn't take any stock in patent medicines, but somehow or other I tried Acker's English Remedy. One bottle did the business for me—knocked that cough out completely—and it has never come back again. There is never a day passes that I don't say a good word about this wonderful medicine. I almost forgot to say that I am stronger and fleshier now, since taking the remedy, than I was before the cough began. I write this letter voluntarily and cheerfully and am glad to do it." (Signed) CHRIS. HUMBLE, Saloon-keeper, Pocatello, Idaho.

Sold at 25c., 50c. and \$1 a bottle, throughout the United States and Canada; and in England, at 1s. 2d., 2s. 3d., 4s. 6d. If you are not satisfied after buying, return the bottle to your druggist, and get your money back.

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through its consul here, has announced that it will present gold medals for life-saving to F. J. Cobson, storekeeper; F. S. Paine, policeman; Nigel L. Campbell, Thomas Carr and S. Thorzoran, all of Clayoquat, on the west coast of Vancouver island, for gallantry and heroism displayed by them in November last, in rescuing five seamen from the burning American schooner Hera.

**A Convincing Answer.**

"I hobbled into Mr. Blackmon's drug store one evening," says Wesley Nelson, of Hamilton, Ga., "and he asked me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism, with which I had suffered for a long time. I told him I had no faith in any medicine as they all failed. He said: 'Well if Chamberlain's Pain Balm does not help you, you need not pay for it.' I took a bottle of it home and used it according to directions and in one week I was cured, and have not since been troubled with rheumatism." Sold by Blakeley & Houghton.

"After doctors failed to cure me of pneumonia I used One Minute Cough Cure and three bottles of it cured me. It is also the best remedy on earth for whooping cough. It cured my grandchildren of the worst cases," writes Jno. Berry, Loganton, Pa. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, croup and throat and lung troubles. It prevents consumption. Children always like it. Mothers endorse it.

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**NEUTRALITY IS OUTRAGED**

Lee Denounces England's Action as Damnable.

**WANTS AN EXPLANATION**

Ex-Consul Macrum's Letter Stirs Up a Hornet's Nest—All of His Communication With His Government Were Censored, and He Asked Permission to Come Home and Lay the Facts Concerning the Situation Before the Officials.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—In the house today, Wheeler, of Kentucky, introduced a resolution which, after reciting some charges made by Macrum, former consul to Pretoria, in his statement issued last night, reads: "Resolved by the house that the secretary of state is directed to inform the house of representatives if the said Charles E. Macrum, as consul of the American government, informed the state department that his official mail had been opened and read by the British censor at Durban, and if so, what steps, if any, have been taken to obtain an explanation and apology from the British government."

"Section 2—He is further directed to inform the house of representatives what truth there is in the charge that a secret alliance exists between the republic of the United States and the empire of Great Britain."

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—"War with England should be the policy of this government," said Governor Andrew D. Lee, of South Dakota. "If the facts set forth in Consul Macrum's open letter, issued to the American people are found to be correct."

"This section of the British authorities at Durban in tampering with mail matter addressed to Mr. Macrum is damnable," the governor continued, "and an outrage against the rights of neutral powers. If the facts as stated in that letter are true, the American government instantly should call Great Britain to severe account. That may mean another war on our hands, I know, but war is preferable to national dishonor. The spectacle of an American citizen, be he in private or public life, having to sit idly by and see his mail opened by an official of a foreign power is too humiliating for my blood to stand."

Almost equally as radical comments were made by several of the leaders in the anti-trust conference, who were shown the dispatches from Washington setting forth the experiences of the ex-consul. All were emphatic in saying that the rights of citizens of neutral powers should be protected and that England should be condemned strongly for her high-handed methods.

**Statement Not Credited.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—While the state department officials were averse today to discussing the published statement of ex-Consul Macrum, it was authoritatively stated that a search of the records failed to show that Macrum had ever reported to the department that his official mail was being regularly tampered with by the British authorities. It was said that he did in a general way report that both the official and private mail intended for American citizens did not reach him punctually and asked that a protest be made on account of this rather arbitrary proceeding on the part of the postal authorities.

The department investigated the matter and learned that no unnecessary delay existed and does not credit the statement that any correspondence, official or otherwise, was opened, inspected and delayed by the British authorities.

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**Proposals for Refunding Water Bonds, Dalles City Oregon.**

Sealed proposals will be received by the board of water commissioners of Dalles City, Oregon, at said city until 8:30 o'clock p. m. of the 26 day of Feb., 1900, for twenty-five thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars of refunding water bonds of said city, (as it is not settled as to whether the total amount of bonds will be \$25,000 or \$20,000) authority is extended to the said board to issue refunding water bonds in the sum of \$25,000, but if found not to be necessary, the issue will be for no more than \$20,000; and at a rate of interest not exceeding four per cent per annum payable twenty years from date of issue, interest payable semi-annually, principal and interest payable in gold coin of the United States, at any city therein, at the option of the buyer.

The bonds mentioned will be issued under the provisions of the several legislative acts of the state of Oregon, approved Feb. 26, 1885, Feb. 19, 1889, and Feb. 14, 1895, and in pursuance of an ordinance adopted by the common council of Dalles City, approved January 25, 1900. The proposed refunding water bonds are intended for the redemption of outstanding water bonds in the sum of \$25,000; but in case the board of water commissioners prefer, it will issue refunding bonds for \$20,000 only, therefore bidders may make proposals for both \$25,000 and \$20,000, and in the denomination of \$500 each.

No bid will be entertained for a rate less than par value of the bonds. Premiums and rate of interest will be taken into consideration in passing on the value of all bids.

Bidders must deposit with the president of the board a duly certified check on some responsible bank equal to 2 per cent of the amount of bonds bid for, or accompany his bid with cash of such amount as will equal such per cent of his bid, and such certified check made payable to the president of the board of water commissioners of Dalles City, Or., as liquidated damages in case the bidder shall fail or neglect to receive and pay for, at the office of the city treasurer of said city, the bonds awarded to him on his bid, on or before the first day of March, 1900.

Attention should be given the fact that the board will not issue and dispose of more than \$20,000 of such refunding bonds, unless it shall be deemed necessary to do so, but otherwise, if the board shall find that it is necessary to issue bonds in the sum of \$25,000, it will then offer and issue the full sum, (\$25,000).

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved by the said board of water commissioners. Bids should be addressed to the president of said board, or to the city recorder, Dalles City, Wasco county, Oregon, and noted "Proposals for refunding water bonds."

By order of the Board of Water Commission, by and with the consent of the Common Council. This 25th day of January, 1900.

T. J. SKUPKET, President of Board, NED H. GATES, Recorder of Dalles City.

**A Night of Terror.**

"Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Barnham of Maclias, Mo., when the doctors said she could not live till morning," writes Mrs. S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from Pneumonia, but she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, saying it had more than once saved her life, and had cured her of Consumption. After three small doses she slept easily all night, and its further use completely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung Diseases. Only 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store.

**Needed No More Money.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—From Dr. Moller in Europe, Secretary Van Sicken, of the Boer relief committee, has received a letter saying that the Netherlands Red Cross committee has all the money it needs at present, all the ambulances needed, having been provided and furnished through the Cape Town committee, therefore has stopped receiving money for this purpose.

A detachment of 50 nurses and surgeons, provided by the fund raised by the Irish-American societies, will sail this morning on La Gascoigne for France, whence they will take steamer for Delagoa bay.

"I had bronchitis every winter for years and no medicine gave me permanent relief till I began to take One Minute Cough Cure. I know it is the best cough medicine made," says J. Koontz, Corry, Pa. It quickly cures coughs, colds, croup, asthma, grippe and throat and lung troubles. It is the children's favorite remedy. Cures quickly.

**The Fall of "Swiftwater."**

FOREST GROVE, Or., Feb. 15.—William French is a late arrival from the Klondike, coming direct from Dawson City. He reports times very brisk, but notwithstanding this fact, "Swiftwater Bill" Gates is discharging the duties of saloon porter.

Mr. French states that the mosquitoes of the northern country are about the size of Eastern Oregon sage hens, being possessed of a very greedy appetite, it is necessary for each camp to offer up a man a day to keep them in good condition. Mr. French will return in about ten days taking with him mining machinery to develop his mines.

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of Application for Liquor License.  
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, J. J. Wiley, will at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, on Wednesday, the 7th day of March, 1900, be and his petition for said license, which he will present to the said County Court on said date, hereinafter set forth.  
Dated this 5th day of February, 1900.  
J. J. WILEY.

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