PILOT DOIG'S STATEMENT.

I took charge of the ship at the automatic buoy at 12:30 A. M. It was a starlight night and I had no doubt as to keeping my course and getting in all right. After taking charge of the ship I headed her for the ber, which I crossed in safety at 12:55 A. M., and kept the lead constantly going from the time I across the bar I put the ship under slow bell and so kept her until she grounded. After crossing the bar I took my course for the middle of Sand Island, there being a bright lookout kept. Captain Carroll reported Sand Island to me and I answered him and said that it was all right. Capt. Carroll then said to me, "port your helm, Doig; she is getting too near the island." I answered and said, "I don't think that she is far enough in over from two to four minutes," From that time I sighted Sand Island myself and put her helm hard over, and the vessel answered her helm and came up on her course heading E. N. E., and immediately on the ship getting her course she brought up on the spit with her port bilge and on her starboard quarter. I had five fathoms of water by the lead; and the only reasons that I can give for the disaster are these: When I took charge of the vessel, I knew that it was ebb tide, and that the tide had been ebbing for at least one hour and thirty minutes; but had no fears as to her not having water enough, for she was only drawing 17 feet, and I knew that I had water enough for that draught at that stage of tide; but I had not counted on the ebb being so strong as it was, and with the ship working under the slow bell the ebb tide caught her strongly upon the starboard quarter and set her down from at least one-quarter to one-half of a mile from where I thought I was on my course. When she brought up on the spit, her headway was so slow that the jar was scarcely noticed by those on deck, and both the Captain and myself had every confidence that she would go off at the next high water, and consequently felt no uneasiness about her, and at daylight we tried to move her by backing and filling, but found it impossible to move her. I don't think it is of any use for me to say any more in regard to the matter as everything else has been stated by Captain

Astoria, April 23, 7:30 P. M .- The Republic has been abandoned and all goods coming ashore are now being claimed by the wreckers for salvage. Sand Island and north beach are now crowded with wreckers picking up goods from the lost steamship. At 2:30 yes-terday the main and foremast, together with the smoke stack, went by the board. A heavy northwest has been blowing since Sunday. One hundred feet of the forward has broken off clean from the rest of the ship and is being driven farther towards the beach.

ACCIDENTS. Capt. Carroll, in coming ashore from the wreck last evening, had a narrow escape with his life. Coming in a boat by himself when in the breakers it capsized, and he clung to her and was washed ashore. He seems to be completlely broken down, but returned to

the wreck at 3 o'clock this morning and went to work. Purser Peck is also at the wreck. The U. S. revenue cutter Corwin in

cressing the bar on Sunday lost two of her lifeboats by the sea breaking over her, and one of them was picked up on Clatsop beach this morning. DRIVEN TO DESPERATION.

One of the passengers of the ill-fated Republic committed suicide in this city this evening at 5 o'clock, by jumping from the Cedar street roadway into the bay. He was picked up by a fishing boat in 10 or 15 minutes, but life had fled. As yet he has not been identified. Nothing was found on his person to give any clue to who he was.

WRECKED BAGGAGE. Hustler's large wharf is turned into a receiving house for the wrecked baggage, and in some instances the scene is heartrending to see destitute passengers trying to identify something from the wreckage. About 40 truuks leave on the O. S. N. Co.'s boat in the morning for Portland.

A REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE. Among the passengers of the steamer were Harry Comstock, of the firm of C. T. Reynolds and Co., and J. T. Barman, a photographic artist in this city. Several years ago both of these gentlemen were passengers on the same vessel from Hong Kong, China, to Yokahama, Japan, when she encountered a typhoon and was badly wrecked, all the upper works and portions of the rigging being taken away. That these gentlemen should again meet on the same ship and be shipwrecked a second time is a remarkable coincidence. Both have their passage tickets of both trips, and they will be treasured as souvenirs of their

ing main. The Olympia Experiment says: Capt. L. M. Starr is soon to lay the keel of a new steamer at Seattle, and Mr. J. F. T. Mitchell has the contract for building it. This vessel will be one hundred and fifty feet long, twenty-eight feet beam, and nine feet depth of hold, only ten feet leas in length than the North Pacific, and in all other dimensions the same size. She will be propelled by beam engines and in all respects fitted up in first-class style.

lively experience in traversing the rag-

The Great Republic.

Breakers fromithe Wreck-Sale of Ship and Cargo-Investigation to Begin Monday-Etc., Etc.

ASTORIA, April 25-6:20 P. M .- The ship Great Republic was sold at 5:30 o'clock for \$1,280 to Jackson & Myers. of Portland. The cargo in the vessel was sold at the same time for \$2,500 to the same parties. There is no change in the condition of the wreck.

COURT OF INQUIRY APPOINTED.

Since the wreck of the Great Repub lic, dispatches to and from the departtook charge of the ship. After getting ment at Washington have been constantly interchanging, and the government has ordered C. C. Bemish, Esq., supervising inspector of the district west of the Rocky Mountains, to in-stitute a court of inquiry to ascertain all the particulars of the disaster and the causes that led thereto. Mr. Bemish, who resides in San Francisco, has deputized, by telegraph, Capt. George H. Flanders, inspector of hulls, and Mr. James Lotan, inspector of boilers. These gentlemen form the court, and will institute official inquiry into the causes of the stranding of the wrecked steamship. The court will be held in Portland, and the witnesses, including Capt. Carroll and Pilot Doig, have been notified to appear before them to-morrow. The investigation will begin on Monday next and the whole particulars gleamed as nearly and correctly as it is possible to reach them. INCIDENTAL.

The military guard has been withdrawn from Sand Island, so that now the wreckers have things their own way. On Wednesday last as Capt. Carroll and a boat full of visitors boarded the stranded ship, they were surprised to hear the glad whinings of a poor horse that had failed into the engine room and remained there without food or water for three days. The captain concluded it to be an act of charity to end the faithful old fellow's suffering, and, though against his will, a bullet was sent crashing through the poor thing's brain, and its long season of misery ended forever. Eight fishing boats belonging to Mr. George Hume, that came up on the steamer were saved, but the parties who have the property in charge refuse to surrender it to that gentleman, so that now he intends to institute suit for the recovery of his boats. All the agents representing parties in Portland and elsewhere, have left the wreck, considering their services as no longer required.

### The School Book Question-

In the case of Bancroft & Co. vs W. W. Thayer, Judge Deady yesterday granted a preliminary injuction against the Governor, Secretary of State and Superintendent of Public Instruction, praying an injunction restraining the defendants from adopting a series of text books in the place of the "Pacific Coast Series," until the expiration of the contracts of plaintiffs—October 1, 1881, allowing defendants ten days to show cause why the injunction should not be granted.

# Willamotto Valley.

The Statesman says a difficulty be tween a man called Lambertson, who runs a farm two miles west of Dallas, and a tenant of his called West, culminated in a shooting affray on Tuesday evening last. During the melce Lambertson shot West three times; once in the wrist, once in the back and once in the neck. Fortunately the pistol was one of the Smith & Weston small bore, and the wounds are not very dangerous. Dr. T. J. Smith extracted the balls, and the patient is doing well. Both parties are under arrest, counter charges being preferred.

# Jail Delivery.

Escape of Four Prisoners from the Marion County Jail-Full Description of the Fugitives-

Last evening at about twenty minutes of nine, the inmates of the county jail, Ed. Cole, Robt. Hunter, Billy Foss and Joe Leabo made their escape from jail by means of a mattock passed in by

some person from the outside.

Cole is about five feet nine inches in height, sandy complexion, with sandy mustache and hair, face round, small and smooth shaved, is somewhat slim built, has on red clothes of a dirty color and is about 30 years of age and weight about 150 pounds.

Billy Foss is a boy about 15 years of age, no beard, black hair, and black eyes sunk in the forehead, chin extended wore boots and a suit of dirty striped clothes, weight about 145 pounds and generally wears his pants inside of his

boots. Joe Leabo is heavy set, well built, with a striped suit of clothes, heavy head of light hair, keen, small blue eyes, light complexion, smooth shaved, about 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 190 pounds,

and is 28 years of age.

Robert Hunter, alias Thompson, is sandy complexioned, with long, sandy chin whiskers, about 35 years of age, accustomed to drink, has on overalls, is somewhat hump-shouldered, weighs 160

pounds.

State and Territorial.

Astoria.

Citizens of Astoria visit the wreck and sav relics as souvenits of the disaster. Cannerymen on the Columbia cannot agree

on any plan for their mutual benefit, The Astorian says part of the wharf gave way near Dr. O'Brien's hotel yesterday and

Twenty-five dellars reward is offered for the recovery of the body of Thomas McEvoy, one of the men lost from the Great Republic.

The Nehalem settlers at a recent meeting resolved to put that read through this Summer, if a little more aid is rendered by the city of Astoria. M. R. A. Habersham, one of the most ex-

perienced assistant engineers in the corps, went to Fort Stevens yesterday, preparing for a survey of Sand Island. He expects to com-plete his work this week. The tug Brenham came to Astoria the

The tag Brennam came to Astoria the other day with a horse on board, and a good story that he had been found paddling out at sea, late passenger by the Republic, and they had picked him up. The erowd felt very indignant when some expert discovered mud on his fetlocks and they learned Capt. Flavel had bought him at Fort Canby.

The man Conway, who committed suicide in Astoria on Wednesday last, was a tailor by profession. The Astorian says he has acted strangely for some time, but not sufficiently to make it appear that he was insane. He came down on the Ancon last Sunday and expected to go to San Francisco but was drinking heavily and got left here. He begged Mr. Curry to write to his wife and friends below in case anything happened to

Willamette Valley.

Line county is receiving some immigration from as far south as Georgia.

J. J. Cooper has gone to California in the interests of the Plummer fruit dryer.

Mr. J. B. Mathews' new sheriff of Washagton county, has entered upon his duties. Oregon City owes \$1,477 42 and has cash in the treasury \$399 34, so is in debt \$1,078 08. Henry Schneider is in jail at Hillsbero for seaulting a boy named Louis McMaugh with

a cane,

The Ploneer Oil Mills are now turning out about 200 gallons per day of the best quality of linseed oil.

Enthusiastic meetings are being held in Clackamas county, and liberal subscriptions made to the narrow track railroad.

The Enterprise says: "Out of seven cases of diptheria at Molalla, all but one recovered. A little son of Mr. Wright, aged six years, died with this disastrous disease.

The Mercury says Hon. John Minto left Salem for the Santiam country to make ar-rangements for the opening of the trail through the Minto Pass to Wasco county. General Applegate is to lecture on "Ghosts.

As "Lish" was always intangible when he spoke on ordinary topics, he will probably make things plain when he talks about shadows.

The Albany Register tells of a scallawag of

a married man who eloped from Lebanon with a poor motherless girl of 17, whose brother pursued and brought her back. That Can-non ought to be fired out of that community. The Independent says the Directors of the Washington County Fair propose to offer a few premiums for trials of speed on the 3d and 4th of July, an exhibit of horses, dinner, shooting match, oration and base ball, all for

The Albany Democrat insists that Linn county farmers should raise potatoes, because California potatoes have been selling at \$1 25 per bushel, but we guess those potatoes were raised on the Columbia river, which supplied Albany, and California too, all Winter.

On Friday last A. W. Wyland, of Oregon City, while taking aim at a bird with a revolver, and resting the same on his left arm, two of the chambers, upper and lower, went off, one bullet besides the ramrod passing through his arm between the elbow and wrist.

Vancouver. Salmon fishing commenced at Vancouver

Last week a sheep belonging to Adam Schweble, of Government island, gave birth to three lambs, all now alive and properly taken care of by the mother. The Vancouver Independent says:

rangements are making for a May Day party at Bratton's landing, on Lowis river. Address by Capt. W. H. Smallwood; Prof. Robb in-vited to deliver an original poem. As a party of govern

As a party of government employes were taking sand from a pit at Burnt Bridge creek on Saturday, the bank caved in. A private of Co. G. 21st Infantry, was in the pit, and came very near being buried alive. His face was badly scraped and he was bruised some.

The new buildings of St. Joseph's Hospital are now entirely completed, though not entirely furnished. The boarding house is occupied, and there are several patients in the hospital. The total cost of the new buildings has been about \$5,000.

Vancouver merchants and others had con-siderable freight on the Great Republic, the losses on which, as far as heard from, about as follows: W. C. Hazard, 81,400; Matt Brown, \$100, and possibly a new billiard table, \$100 more; Thos. Padden, \$90; J. E. Francis, \$150; Wm. Stevens, candies; Mrs. Wise, one package; M. J. Maxon, \$70; J. A. Dupuis, \$35; M. Wintler, \$75; Sohns & Schuele, \$75.

Southern Oregon. Subscriptions will be solicited for a Presby-terian church in Jacksonville.

The body of Wm. Cook was found floating in the Umpqua river, near Gardner, and given decent burial.

The persons arrested for assault on D. W. Wilbee, on Applegate, were all acquitted-not much of an assault.

The Jacksonville Sentinel explains that the Stage Company are obliged to wait for a change in the weather and roads before chang-The owners of the old Fowler ledge at Steamboat, says the Sentinel, have made B. F. Dowell, trustee, with full power to incorporate, which will be done next month.

Jake Pence, of Steamboat, Jackson county found in it a white fir limb over a foot long and as large as a broom stick. The limb had passed through the animal's liver, and when found it was close to one side of the deer's

East of the Mountains.

About 470 Cayuse horses passed through La Grande lately on their way to Nebraska. The Gazette tells a singular story of a boy named Lloyd shooting a man named Smith, and for no reasonable motive.

The Lewiston Teller says: Quite a number of families have moved out on their pre-emp-tion claims within the last few days.

The grand jury at Lewiston, last week ac-quitted Mr. Kent, who was charged with kill-ing Mr. H. T. Gregory near Palouse City, veral weeks ago

The Dayton (W. T.) News says Wm. Jones is the man arrested and imprisoned for cruelly using and tormenting a horse that he cut and \* Mr. H. M. McNary, of Salem, has sold his farm, cattle and implements in Rockland, W. T., to Mr. Z. P. Taylor and James Lewis, for the sum of \$5,500. The La Grande Gazette says the grade down the Wallowa river is being made a good road and travel to that valley will no longer have the big hill to climb.

Luddy, arrested at Boise as a deserter, and confined at the guard house, made his escape and roams the Boise mountains or sage brush plains at his own free will.

Judging from the number of immigrants already going to the Palouse country, the prediction that this will be a prosperous year, has every appearance of benig verified.

Some Fall sown wheat was Winter-killed above Walla Walls, in Columbia county, and

own it.

A man named C. Lee Marshall disappeared from Boise City a year ago, leaving his bag-gage at the hotel. He has probably commit-ted suicide, as he was depressed in spirits when last seen. The Mountaineer says the foundation for

The Mountaineer says the foundation for the new Umatilla House is about completed. The parsonage for the Congregational Church is almost finished, and the preprietor of the Columbian will have to put another story on that hotel. The Idaho Statesman says the residence of

James H. Hart, Boise City, was entered and robbed of \$270. The money belonged to Mrs. Bennett, the result of savings for five years. A Chinaman probably took it, and he ought to be hung if he did.

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The Mountaineer says: On last Thursday afternoon, April 22d, George Henderson, aged about sixteen years, son of M. P. Henderson, who lives on Fifteen Mile creek, was accidentually killed by being run over by a large roller—weighing some seven or eight hundred pounds. He had just hitched his team to the roller and was leading them through the gate, when they took fright and ran away, carrying him about a hundred yards, when he fell and both horses and roller passed over him. He was carried over roller passed over him. He was carried over a pile of brush, a piece of which entered his body, causing his death.

three dead indians, one of which must have been a chief from the way he was fixed up. There were three white scalps tied to his belt, one of which was a white woman's. She had light, nearly blonde hair, somewhat curly. His rifle and six-shooter were buried with him, also a broken up Wells, Fargo & Co. express box. I think they must have been killed by the patrol boat last Summer.

Puget Sound. Lewis county, W. T., has 2,220 inhabitants. Many immigrants are arriving at the Sound and hunting locations.

Kaufman's store at Seattle was robbed the other night of \$100 worth of cloth. The Post says Chinamen are suspected of the

The Olympia Experiment says some wretch at Tenino unscrews nuts from car bolts and opens axle-boxes to take out the packing and fill up with sand.

The Bellingham Bay Mail says: The settle-ments of Skagit valley are within the limits of Whatcom county, and comprise a popula-tion of about 800 inhabitants.

The Mail says: We are informed that the dikeing at Matsqui, B. C., still continues. The dikes are from four to fourteen feet in height, and thirty feet at the base. The works are expected to be completed by the 1st of June.

The Seattle Post gives particulars of the drowning of young Armstrong, in the Skagit river. He was a passenger on the steamer Josephine, lost his balance when sitting on a high stove on the hurricane deck, fell and struck the guards and sank almost immediately. He was a good swimmer, but must have been paralyzed by the blow on the guards.

Mercer Island, in Lake Washington, is infested by panthers, who give every indication of being of great size and strength. The Seattle Post learns that they have killed and seaters to siwash horses within the last few weeks. Mr. Proctor found one of the horses that had been killed and buried, and says that nothing but the largest kind of a panther could have done it.

# Seal Fishing.

Quite a number of vessels are engaged in seal fishing at Cape Flattery—six schooners or sloops being engaged in the business. The Indians at Cape Flattery are the most successful seal fishers; they often make from eight to ten dollars per day. The sealing grounds are from twenty to forty miles outside the Cape, and as the Indians are fearful of going too far to sea so early in the season when the weather is so treacherous, they pay these schooners—usually from three to twelve tons burden—to take them out to the "grounds," where, in case of storm, they have a refuge. The seals are taken when sleeping on the surface of the water. The Indians approach noiselessly in cances and when near enough—anywhere within thirty feet—they throw their spears, with a small, stout cord attached, and hauling the seal alongside their cances, dispatch them with a club made especially for the purpose. The white men who engage in seal fishing use rifles entirely in hunting them. The objection to this mode of operation is that the report of the shot awakens all the game within hearing distance, when they quickly take alarm and make their escape. Some of the Indians at Cape Flattery have in ready money from \$1,000 to \$7,000—one old chief who answers to the cuphonious title of "Capt. John," having a greater sum than the last named amount.—Seattle Post.

ARREST OF A FUGITIVE MURDERER. - A fugitive from justice by reason of a murder committed in Garrard County, Kentucky, some three years ago, by the name of Samuel Moore Williams was arrested on Saturday morning last at Chicken Springs, on the Canyon City road, about twenty-five miles from this city by Durand Marlin and Hart Sylvester, acting as deputy sheriffs, who started out on Friday evening in search of him. Williams left here on Friday morning, having no doubt seen a copy of the New York Police Gazette that contained a portrait and an account of his crime, etc. As soon as Sheriff Crossen learnest that Williams was a fugitive from justice he sent a number of depaties to hunt him up, which resulted as above stated. Williams is about twenty-six years of age, and in every particular answers the description published in the Gazette of him. The reward offered is 2350 for his arrest and delivery to the sheriff of Garrard County, Kentucky. Williams claims that he was justified in killing the man he did, as it was done in self-defense.—Mountaineer

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