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Land office at Oregon City Or. July 31, 1890.

NOTICE is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled, "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," Nettie M. Kettle, of Seattle, County of King, State of Washington, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 2192, for the purchase of the S. W. ¼ of Section No. 12, in Township No. 13 South, Range No 2 East, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City Oregon, on Thursday the 6th day of November, 1890. She names as witnesses: John West, of Portland, Oregon, J. Squires, of Portland, Oregon, R. Howe, of Tacoma, Wash., and G. B. Kettle, of Seattle, Wash. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 6th day of November, 1890.

J. T. APPERSON, Register.

Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office, Oregon City Or., July 29, 1890.

NOTICE, is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," Casper Amacker, of Tacoma County of Pierce, State of Washington has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2181, for the purchase of the N. W. ¼ of Section No, 24, in Township No. 12 South, Range No. 2 East, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Reciver of this office at Oregon City Oregon, on Tuesday the 4th day of November 1890 He names as witnesses: T. Daly, M. M. Berberick, M. Reuh, and E. H. Smith, all of Tacoma, Wash. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 4th day of November 1890.

J. T. APPERSON, Register.

Notice for Publication,

United States Land Office, Oregon City Or., May 20, 1890.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timberlands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," Elmer Baskin of Rock Creek, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2106 for the purchase of the S. E. ¼ of Section No. 20, in Township No. 10 South Range No. 3 East, and will offer proof to show that the land saught is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Oregon on Thursday the 9th day of October, 1890. He names as witnesses: Geo. Miller of Portland, Oregon. D. A. Huyck, of Rock Creek Or. G. W. Wallace, of Rock Creek Or. E. E. Taft, of Rock Creek, Or.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 9th day of October, 1890.

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DOES IT MEAN WAR?

The Revenue Cutter Corwin Ordered to Seize British Sealers.

A BEHRING SEA EXCITEMENT.

Fifteen Persons Killed in a Terrible Train Wrecked Near Seattle—Smallpox Raging in Mexico.

NEW YORK, August 19.—A dispatch to the Herald from ... says the Corwin has sailed with orders to seize and dismantle British sealers. Commenting on this the Washington correspondent of the Herald says:

"If this is true Sir Julian Pauncefort, British minister, will ask for his letters, which will be virtually a declaration of war. The Corwin was last heard of at Seattle, where she was said to be awaiting orders from Washington. In all previous cases the United States revenue cutters have been sent to sea under sealed orders which leads to the inference that this report is exaggerated."

WASHINGTON, August 19.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Nettleton confirms the report that the Corwin has been ordered to Alaska, but will say nothing more.

FATAL TRAIN WRECK.

Fifteen Persons Killed and Twenty Injured at Quincy, Mass.

BOSTON, August 19.—A serious accident happened to the Cape Cod & Woods Hull train on the old colony road at Quincy this afternoon. It is known that three were killed, two women and one man. It is believed that 20 or 30 are injured. The nature of the accident is not known. One report is the train jumped the track. It is now learned that the first passenger coach fell on the engine, the latter having toppled over. The engine set fire to the train. The fireman was instantly killed and the engineer fatally injured. As far as can be learned eight passengers were killed and twenty injured. The latter were mostly injured by escaping steam, having been frightfully scalded. The Quincy fire department was called to the scene as quickly as possible and shortly afterward the fire was extinguished. The dead and injured were removed from the scene, the latter being taken to private houses and to the Quincy hospital.

LATER PARTICULARS.

It is now known that fifteen persons were killed and twenty-five seriously injured, three fatally and several more sustaining slight injuries. The train which was due here at 3:50 P. M consisted of an engine, baggage car, smoker, Pullman car and four ordinary coaches, heavily loaded. The train had passed Quincy running ten miles per hour, and just beyond the bridge the engine left the track from causes at present unknown, and plunged into an embankment 12 feet high. The tender, baggage car, smoker, and Pullman were stretched along for a distance of a hundred feet beside the track.

SMALLPOX IN MEXICO.

Alarming Spread of the Dread Disease in Many Towns.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., August 19.—Dr. J. H. Hamilton, United States consular agent at Guerrero, Mexico, has written a letter to a friend here, giving an account of the appalling prevalency of smallpox in that town. The disease is of the most malignant type, and there have been hundreds of deaths. The epidemic is spreading rapidly, and fears are entertained that other towns along the border will see a breaking out of of the disease.

NEW YORK WILL OPPOSE IT.

Does Not Like the Idea of the Removal of Gen. Grant's Remains.

WASHINGTON, August 19.—Representative O'Neill, chairman of the house library committee, has informed the New York delegation that the committee will call up the Plumb resolution looking to the removal of General Grant's remains to this city within a few days. O'Neill says he is confident of the passage of the resolution, and it can in no wise interfere with New York in the erection of the monument to General Grant. Representative Quinn says he will oppose the passage of the resolution with the utmost vigor. An effort is being made to get the absent New York members to return to this city

IDAHO REPUBLICANS.

The Men Who Are Likely to Receive the Nominations.

BOISE CITY, Idaho, August 19.—Delegates to the first republican state convention to be held here to-morrow have nearly all arrived in the city. There seems to be no doubt that Governor Shoup will receive the almost unanimous vote of the convention for governor, and the report is emphatic, and repeated statements are made that he will not accept the nomination for that office. There seems to be, however, a strong party sentiment which compels him to allow his name to head the ticket. Judge Willis Street, of Latah, will meet but with little opposition for congressional honors. The great struggle will be over the indorsement of the two candidates for United States senate. It is practically conceded that Fred T. DuBois will be one of these, and it is equally as certain that Governor Shoup will be the other.

Wm. H. Claggett, of Shoshone county, and W. J. McConnell, of Latah, are mentioned among the senatorial aspirants.

A BLOODY REVOLT.

Soldiers in a Mexican Garrison Murder Their Lieutenant.

NEW YORK, August 19.—A special to the Herald from the City of Mexico says that one of the most sensational events that has ever taken place in the military garrison occurred late last night in the Santiago tailloteco ward, where seventeen soldiers, acting as patrol for the city custom house, deserted in a body, after killing their lieutenant. They first hit him on the head with the stock of a gun, then shot him and stabbed him five times in the face with bayonets.

The revolt was headed by a sergeant who formed the men in line, marched to the nearest city gate and under some pretext got the keeper and guard to allow them to pass. Once outside they fired upon the keeper. Minister of War Hojasa and Garrison Commander Carrillo went personally to the scene of the murder and ordered a detachment of the Second cavalry in pursuit, and it is said that three of the deserters have been captured.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Quay's Terrible Resolutions Goes Over for Another Day.

WASHINGTON, August 19.—The presiding officer laid before the senate the resolution submitted by Quay yesterday for a change of rules so as to have a vote on the tariff bill taken on the 30th of August, and to postpone until the next session all of the legislative business, except several classes of bills as specified therein.

Hoar said he desired to address the senate on the subject, but would prefer to do so to-morrow. The resolution went over till to-morrow

A paper was in circulation on the floor of the house to-day addressed by republican members to the committee on rules, reciting the necessity for final action by congress upon the national election bill and expressing the willingness of the signers to continue the present session until such action is had. Representative Kennedy, of Ohio, circulated the paper and it was reported that more than forty republican signatures had been attached before the house met at noon.

A PLUCKY CAPTAIN.

He Puts to Sea to Prevent His Vessel From Being Seized.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 19.—R. Wheeler, owner of the sealer San Diego, has received news that his schooner has been in difficulty with the revenue officers in the north. After catching skins at Sand Point the San Diego was severely damaged by a heavy gale and put into Ounalaska for repairs. The collector of the port refused to receive her. A war of words followed, resulting in the collector threatening to send for a revenue cutter to seize her. This encounter the captain avoided by patting to sea.

Fatal Train Accident.

HELENA, August 19.—This afternoon a freight train crashed into a passenger train standing in the yard, killing Miss Potter of Michigan, a passenger and slightly injuring several others. Thirty freight cars and several passenger cars were wrecked.

Two Cents a Mile.

NEW YORK, August 19.—At a meeting of trunk line passenger agents to-day it was decided to give a two cent rate per mile for ten or more persons traveling on one ticket on any road of the association.

Bridget's Original Ways.

From the Philadelphia Times.

"Bridget," said I, after she had been initiated into her new duties as chambermaid, "call me at six o'clock to-morrow morning, and prepare a bath for me."

Next morning at six o'clock sharp there came a knock which startled the occupants of the entire house, and Bridget's dulcet voice exclaimed: "Yez needn't wake up, sor. The wather is that cold yez couldn't bathe at all, at all!"

One morning the letter-carrier brought a letter whose destination was doubtful, as the street and number were illegible. He tried at our house, and waited to be informed whether "Mr. Jones lived within." Bridget gave the carrier a chair near the window in the parlor while she carried the letter to my wife. "No, Bridget," said the latter, "the letter is not for us, Put it on the mantel-piece, and when the carrier comes in the morning give it to him.' So Bridget placed the letter on the shelf and said to the carrier, "yez need not wait longer. It's on the shelf and yez can get it to-morrow, but not before."

STATE AND COAST.

California Democratic State Convention Assembles.

ANOTHER ASTORIA RAILROAD

A Destructive Fire in Slaughter, Washington—The Swift Work of the Seattle Fire Department.

SAN JOSE, August 19.—The democratic state convention met this afternoon and effected a temporary organization. R. F. Watters of San Bernardino county, was elected temporary chairman. After appointing the usual committees the convention adjourned until to-morrow.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 19.—The Examiner's dispatch from San Jose will say to-morrow: Pond is gaining ground steadily. The other candidates admit this and seem to be combining against him. It is rumored that Coleman and English will throw their votes to Paulsell if necessary. to beat Pond.

FIRE NEAR SEATTLE.

A Shoemaker Heavily in Debt Burns His Store and Skips.

SEATTLE, August 19.—At 2:45 a. m. a report came to this city by telephone: "The town of Slaughter is burning up. Send relief and engines at once."

Slaughter is a thriving little city of 900 inhabitants in a rich agricultural country, in the county of King.

In less than five minutes after the message was received an Associated Press correspondent was aboard a special train at the Northern Pacific depot, together with an engine, hose cart and a crew of the Seattle fire department. The run to Slaughter of twenty-two miles was made in twenty minutes, and twenty eight minutes after the alarm was sent in the Seattle engine was playing two strong streams on the flames. The fire was not near so serious as was at first reported, only one block having been burned instead of the whole town.

The fire broke out in Charle Martin's shoe shop, on the one street of the town, in a long row of frame buildings. Martin had been drunk all the early part of the night.

It is reported that Martin, who was deeply in debt, left Slaughter on the late train at night, having first set fire to his stock.

The loss is aggregated at about $12,000.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

Another Railroad Line Projected Toward Astoria.

SALEM, August 19.—Captain A. H. Ankeny, an old and respected citizen of Oregon, well known over the Willamette valley, was adjudged insane in Jackson county and placed to-day in the insane asylum. He is 78 years old and has been mining in Southern Oregon. His insanity was the result of hemorrhage. New Market block, in Portland, was built by him.

Wm. Reid. J. H. Smith and E. T. Johnson, of Portland, to-day filed with the secretary of state to day articles of incorporation of the Portland, Salem & Astoria Railroad Company. The capital stock is a million and a half dollars. The object is to build and operate a railroad from Portland to Astoria and from Portland to Salem and way points. The Astoria & South Coast Railway line will be leased or purchased by the new company.

The examination of Ed. Morris and Lena Guire, the former charged with adultery and the latter with polygamy, had their preliminary examination this afternoon before Justice M. E. Goddell. She was released and he was held to await the action of the grand jury for the crime of polygamy in bail of $500.

COAL ADVANCING.

The Strike Among the Miners Causes It To Go Up.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 19.—On account of the strike among Dunsmuir's miners in the Wellington mine there is scarcely any Wellington coal in the market. Wellington has already advanced to $11 per ton and a further rise is sure to occur unless the miners return to work. Dealers are anxiously awaiting the arrival of coal ships, but it is probable that none of these vessels will arrive for some time. There are only a half dozen ships on the way from Australia, and the first one is but 62 days out from Sidney.

Tascott Turns Up Again.

SANTA FE, August 19.—Rollo Jones, of the Cincinnati detective force, has arrested a man answering the description of Tascott, the murderer of William Snell, even to the scars on both elbows and the right knee. The man claims to have been working in the mines at Pioche.

Port and a Big Union Depot.

PORTLAND, August 19.—The modified plans for the foundation of the union depot were received to-day by manager Johnson of the terminal company from the architects. The contract for the piling for the foundation has been let to R. Wakefield who will begin work to-morrow The number of piles to be driven is between 5,000 and 6,000, and it is expected the work will be completed in a little over three months. This building is to be 513¾ feet long. Work will also be begun to-morrow on the freight depot which the terminal company are to build at West Park and H street, the contract having been signed by J. B. Bridges. The depot will be 48x800 feet.

A SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT.

Four Prisoners Escape From Folsom Penitentiary.

FOLSOM PRISON, Cal., August 19.—Four prisoners escaped from the penitentiary here this mording. It was discovered that a great slab of granite, five feet long and twelve feet wide and thick, had been recently removed from its place in the floor and put back again so carefully as almost to defy detection. This slab was removed and the whole plan was discovered. The men had dug a tunnel some 60 feet long, shooting down a steep incline to get under the prison wall, and when that was reached tunneling upwards again some ten feet into the air, opening out on the north of the prison structure. An abundance of crowbars, chisels, hammers, drills and all other needed tools were found in the tunnel. To dispose of rock and earth and avoid detection they used to deposit just enough of rock and dirt in their slop buckets to escape notice, and when they were emptied each morning it was not easy to detect anything wrong. The names of the escapes are Mathias Blumer, Chas. Gilerman, Tom Wilson and C. H. Koehler, all Germans. A reward of $50 each has been offered for their capture.

Organization Completed.

ROSEBURG, August 19.—The organization of the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern Railway and Navigation company was completed there to-day and the entire amount of the capital stock subscribed for. T. R. Sheridan was elected president, T. W. Burnett, vice-president and general solicitor, W. E Bayne, secretary and treasurer, and R. A. Graham, general manager. The board of directors includes the former officials, in addition to W. S. King, E. G. Flanagan and C. I. Seely. The contract for the construction of the entire road was let to R. A. Graham and work will be commenced at once.

A Mine Discovery.

ELLENSBURG, August 19.—A fine line of specimens of ore from the Pi-shar-tan district was brought in here to-night by W. P. Lile, an old California and Colorado miner, and H. C. Walters. Much of the ore goes $20 per ton, with free gold and gold bearing sulphurets of much more value. Some assays from them go as high as $400 per ton. The samples include fine white asbetos, long fibres of a large body exists. Steps will be taken to-day to organize a company to build sampling works and an assay office which, it is believed, will be the foundation of the reduction works.

Wild Rush for Land.

TEMPLETON, Cal., August 19.—Excitement here is increasing and the streets are lined with teams and pack animals. Fields are being pre-empted by hundreds of squatters claiming the land under U. S laws, as government land. All through the night excited people were en route for this valuable country, six miles south of here. The people are determined and will resist eviction until their rights to this new piece of land have been decided by some legal tribunal.

A Vessel Seized.

VICTORIA, August 19.—A small sloop of about five tons, owned by John Hartman, of Irondale, has been seized by the custom officers here. The vessel's name is unknown. She was found at anchor in a small bay about five miles from the city Sunday afternoon. The owner appeared to claim her to-day, saying that he had been up the coast. This explanation was not deemed satifactory, and the matter has been referred to the customs department at Ottawa.

A Great Strike Imminent.

NEW YORK, August 19.—The much talked of conference of the labor leaders occurred this evening at the St. Cloud hotel. The whole situation was fully discussed, but no conclusion reached. At midnight the indications are that a strike far reaching in its lines will to-day be inaugurated upon all the roads in the great Vanderbilt system.

Railway Contract

EUGENE, August 19.—The contract for the construction of an extension of the Huntington railroad from Coburg to Jasper has been let to G. V. Stevens, formerly superintendent of construction on the Oregon Pacific. It is said the work of grading will begin at once and as much done as possible before winter.

Will be Held at Tacoma.

OLYMPIA. August 19.—At a meeting of the republican state central committee to-night it was decided to hold the next state convention in Tacoma September 25.

A TERRIBLE CYCLONE

It Sweeps with Deadly Effect Over Pennsylvania.

SCORES OF PEOPLE KILLED.

Hundreds of Houses Wrecked—The Awful Work of Destruction to Life and Property.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., August 19.—At 5 o'clock this afternoon the most terrible cyclone that was ever experienced in this locality struck this city. It came up the river and the suddenness of its coming was one of its awful features. The heavens were as black as night and the wind blew with the most frightful velocity. Whole rows of trees were blown down, hundreds of houses unroofed or partially blown over, and many completely demolished, and many people killed. Large districts in several sections of this city are in absolute ruin.

The damage will reach hundreds of thousands of dollars. A passenger train and locomotive at the depot were blown over and every wire in the city, electric light, telephone and telegraph is down. Fortunately no fires as yet have taken place. The street is impassible with trees and fallen buildings and the engines could not be drawn through them. The total dead, so far as ascertained, is 124 men. A house on Scott street occupied by miners, who had just returned from work, fell in and three inmates killed The huge smokestack of the Kytle planing mill fell on a man and two horses and all were killed. A little colored girl was killed by a falling building. Two men suffered death by the falling of a portion of Stegamair's brewery, and a third incurred the same fate through the almost complete demolition of S. S. Brown's brick business block on Market street. There are undoubtedly 15 or 16 others killed. Many poor people are suffering heavily and it will be months before all the damage can be repaired, fully 200 buildings being blown down or otherwise damaged. The Murray Shaft fan house was blown down and the fan stopped. There are 27 men in the mine, but it is hoped they can be got out safely.

LATER, 7:30 P. M.—Reports came from Sugar Notch, a mining town, three miles from here, that the destruction of property was terrible and 15 persons were killed. At Parsons and Mill Creek, four miles from here, the coal breakers in all directions have been more or less damaged.

CAUGHT AT THEIR OWN GAME.

Horse Sharpers Taken in by a Familiar Swindle.

One of our boys was over in the Mohawk valley one day, and on that same day a couple of chaps came to town in a tin pedler's wagon. They were driving a horse that could have fooled no one but a hayseed, says a story teller in the New York Sun. This was when 2:50 was a marvel.

The peddlers found the usual crowd at the village tavern, and it didn't take them two hours to get up a match with the boss trotter of the neighborhood. It was best two in three for $50, and the tin wagon horse won both heats in 2:55. It was evidently a put up job to skin the rustics, and as they were heading our way we determined to be ready for them. We sent 100 miles after a trotter, scraped all our dollars together, and the day the peddlers arrived we had him drawing manure with a cart. When the peddlers arrived one of them asked:

"Got anything in hoss flesh to brag of?"

"One purty fair hoss." replied the village cooper.

"Can he go?"

"Wall, he's cleaned 'em so far."

"Our old hoss does a mile fairly well."

"Yes."

"And, just for the fun of the thing we sometimes trot him."

"Yes?"

"Can't we get up a go?"

"Wal, our hoss is no cheap animal. We'd want to make it a hundred at least."

"We'd rather make it $250."

In ten minutes we had the money up and the race agreed to. The peddlers brought in a sulky they had left just out of town, our horse was provided with another and every man, woman and child in that town turned out, The race was square up and up, and our horse got the first heat by three good lengths. The peddlers were puzzled, but they had sand, and each put up $20 more. The race was fair, and even for a quarter of a mile. Then our horse began drawing away, and when he went under the string he was thirty feet ahead. The peddlers gave up the stakes, sat down by themselves and had a talk, and then the spokesman moved over to where the cooper stood and said:

"We see through it, but we can't squeal. As for your getting an old 'ringer,' to match ours, we haven't any fault to find, but what harrows us so is that we were taken in and done for by such a benign old cuss as you seemed to be, but ain't! I'll tie both feet and one hand and fight you for the hoss and wagon!"