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Life Saving Station at Cape Disappointment.

We note in the memoranda furnished our reporter by Capt. Taylor of the schooner Emily Stephens, and published in another column, that as soon as the chain to his big anchor parted and he realized the imminent danger to which both the vessel and her crew were exposed, he hoisted a signal of distress, which was still flying when the captain and his crew were picked up by the tug, some five hours, the captain says, after he lost his first anchor. Capt. Taylor states that the weather was perfectly clear all this time, and Cape Disappointment in plain view. Capt. West Whitcomb of the steamer Canby, which was either at the cape or in its vicinity most of this time, fully corroborates Captain Taylor's statement on this point, and says the Stephens was plainly visible to his naked eye after she crossed the middle sands, and he then took her to be a schooner bound to Shoalwater bay. Under these circumstances a very pertinent inquiry is: Where were the recently organized life saving station men during all this time? Capt. Whitcomb says most of the men were down at the landing while the Canby lay there. Was there any one of them on the lookout on the cape? The public have a right to make this inquiry and ascertain the facts in the case. It would seem that a most favorable opportunity presented itself yesterday to Capt. Harris and his men, not only to display their competency to grapple with the dangers and difficulties incident to the life saving service, but also to prove that the government had acted wisely in establishing such a service at that point. That the life boat could have been safely launched and pulled to the rescue of the men whose lives were in imminent peril is self-evident from the fact that the crew of the schooner although unable to make headway against a strong ebb tide succeeded in keeping their frail ship's boat afloat on the bar until picked up by the tug boat Columbia. Capt. Taylor informs us that he is at a loss to know why the life boat men did not come out to see if their assistance was needed, and truthfully remarks "it may be a very long time before the boys will have such another favorable opportunity to show what they are made of as they had yesterday."

The meat preserving companies of Australia, which have, during the past two years, taken to preserving the rabbits killed in such enormous numbers, have found their resources unequal to boiling and tinning, in a fresh state, all that have been offered them. One company, whose works are situated about ninety miles from Melbourne, had, on an average, 7,000 of these little rodents brought in every night, for the first four nights of the past season. How the supply would have increased as the season advanced it is impossible to say, but orders were given to limit the daily quantity to 2,700 pairs. This number, cooked and canned for five days a week, and during a season of twenty-five weeks, gave 675,000 rabbits as the return for one establishment, a quantity which was fifty per cent. more than was dealt with in the season of 1879.

The steamship Great Eastern, launched in November, 1857, has, it is said, cost \$25,000,000, has not paid one-quarter of that sum to her owners, and has gained such a name for ill-luck that sailors refuse to ship in her. The only paying scheme she was ever in was the laying of the Atlantic cable in 1864.

The price of subscription to THE WEEKLY ASTORIAN has been reduced to \$2 per annum when paid in advance. If not paid in advance the old price of \$3 will be charged.

Solid Chunks of Meteorological Wisdom.

The Herald, which long since addicted itself to meteorological matters, has the following under the head of "Significant Pacific Slope Storms:" "The great rain storm on the Pacific slope and the high pressure wave of intense cold now in the northwest, form a remarkable conjuncture of weather. The deluge of San Francisco with a rainfall of 6.37 inches in forty-eight hours, and the fact that the heavy precipitation extended from California to British Columbia, indicate that the atmosphere of the north Pacific ocean is densely and unusually charged with vapor. North of latitude 41 degrees the winter rains of the Pacific coast generally reached the maximum—a circumstance due to direct impinging near the straits of Juan De Fuca of the vapor-laden anti-trade winds upon the coast of the mountains. Now, however, the rain belt was swung further south, and was so saturated with Pacific moisture that the lower temperature south of the 41st parallel has sufficed to condense it in torrential quantities. A barometric depression, probably resulting from this extensive rainfall, may be expected to set in motion the atmosphere far to the north and west, causing a Pacific coast anti-cyclone. Should such a high-pressure wave now advance eastward over the Rocky Mountains, it will reinforce a similar wave recently in the northwest, where pressures as high as 30.61 inches and temperatures from 30 degrees to 40 degrees below zero were reported, and the sea of gelid air over Manitoba, Dakota and Minnesota will probably be borne eastward into upper Mississippi valley, where we shall soon hear from it. On the 31st ult, the minimum temperature in Dakota was as low as (44 degrees below zero) as that in the great Manitoban wave of December 28th last at Fort Garry. We may therefore look out for another cold spell before the week closes, but the present pluvial excesses on the Pacific slope give no doubtful hints that the sun is unusually hot and his rays now exerting unwonted evaporative power over the oceans, so that when he crosses the line we shall have a good share of his heat."

A Sawmill Swept Away.

While the late freshet following the heavy rains of last week did but little damage in the northern portion of Trinity county, the lower Trinity and New River sections did not escape so fortunately. The damage done there, and, in fact, the only real disaster occurring in the county, was the complete destruction and carrying off of the fine new steam sawmill only recently erected on New River, about four miles above the mouth of that stream, by the contractors who were building ditch and flume for the New River Hydraulic Mining company. This mill, as we are informed by Robert H. Palmer, chief engineer, was one of the most complete and smoothest-running sawmills in the state. The machinery had all been packed to New River from Arcata, the boiler being made on the ground. The mill was situated just below the dam, but the water cutting around the end of the latter undermined the mill and carried it away. "Not even so much as a monkey wrench," says Mr. Palmer, "was left." The dam was two hundred feet long and the water poured over it fully ten feet deep. It was just seven minutes from the time it broke around the end of the dam until the mill was gone, together with the ground on which it stood and everything else within forty feet of its site, including about 60,000 feet of lumber, 150,000 feet of logs and a number of bents ready framed for the flume and to be forwarded to the front. In addition to this about forty boxes of the flume were also carried away. It is estimated that the loss sustained will not be far from \$20,000, the mill itself costing in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

A Tour of Europe at Cost Price.

All of us who have not been there expect some day to go to Europe, and this always makes an item about the expense of a trip to Europe a matter of interest. A Detroit, who has "been there" several times, shows how a three months' tour of the continent can be made for \$174. Here is his estimate: Passage, second cabin, \$40; Liverpool to London, \$4; London to Paris, \$1; Paris to Vienna, \$1; total, \$59; return, \$59; which makes \$118 paid for traveling. Two months, board he estimates at \$56, which makes a grand total of \$174 for a tour of a very interesting portion of Europe.

It is not infrequent to find in the papers notices that "Whereas my wife has left my bed and board," etc., therefore no trust. A pleasant variation is found in a Vermont paper, a man giving notice that whereas his wife has returned to his house, he will "give her as good care and support as his means will allow." If husbands would stick to that principle, there would be less trouble in families. It is not larger means, but less meanness, that many wives demand.

Who ever heard a business man who advertises did not pay his bill?

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To discriminate between what is news and what is advertising in an item is often a difficult task for a publisher. Newspapers, to be on the safe side, must charge when the item brings money to others. Such is but justice, and in compliance with the laws of business, and without this discrimination a newspaper will fail financially.

A wealthy Pittsburg merchant is reported as having said: "I always feel happy when I am advertising, for then I know, that waking or sleeping, I have a strong, though silent orator working for me, one who never tires, never sleeps, never makes mistakes and who is certain to enter the households from which, if at all, my trade must come."

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