

Mr. Billings' Dispatch.

The Tacoma Ledger prints the following telegram from the President of the Northern Pacific railroad company, to the General superintendent, Gen. J. W. Sprague:

New York, March 31.—I cannot keep track of all the statements in the newspapers. There is no mistaking the purpose of those who are trying to get control of the Northern Pacific. It is to arrest its construction west of Wallula, and make it tributary to the Oregon Railway and Navigation company. Fidelity to the charter as well as to the interests of the Pacific coast and the interest of the company, all require the road to go to Puget sound. Any scheme to prevent its going there I think will not succeed.

FREDERICK BILLINGS, President.

Billings Answered.

Mr. Villard, president of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company, sends the Oregonian, under date of April 1st, the following statement of the relations between the Oregon Railway and Navigation company and the Northern Pacific. He says: "I am advised that you have published a dispatch from President Billings to General Sprague, stating, among other things, that the object of myself and friends in obtaining control of the Northern Pacific, is to stop its construction west of Wallula, in order to make it tributary exclusively to the Oregon Railway and Navigation company. I pronounce this allegation unqualifiedly false, and defy President Billings to produce the evidence. Myself and friends own and control over \$30,000,000 of Northern Pacific common and preferred stock, representing an investment of \$16,000,000, which we propose to make permanent. It is absurd and ridiculous to assert that we should deliberately proceed to make this investment unproductive by preventing the development of the Northern Pacific enterprise within the proposed limits. Our interests in the Northern Pacific represent five times the money value of our holding of Oregon Railway and Navigation company stock. The Oregon Railway and Navigation company itself does not own a single share of Northern Pacific stock. You may publish this over my signature. H. VILLARD.

The Dead Commander.

The light-house steamer Manzanita, with the body of the late Commander C. J. McDougal, who was drowned off cape Mendocino March 28th, was detained at Humboldt by rough weather, but has probably reached San Francisco before this. The body will be transferred to Mare island, where it will be interred with appropriate ceremonies. Details of the death of Commander McDougal report that, being at cape Mendocino Sunday night, Captain McDougal decided to land on the following morning if everything was favorable. At half-past seven o'clock on Monday morning the boat was lowered and Captain McDougal, Captain Kortz, Mr. Butler, of the Argonaut, and six seamen started for the shore. The boat carried a surf-line, which was anchored outside the outer line of breakers. When between the outer and inner line an extra and unexpected sea swamped the boat, throwing all the occupants out. Five of them, who clung to the boat, reached the shore in safety. Captain McDougal, when last seen, was within thirty yards of the beach, where he went down for the last time before aid from the shore could reach him. Captain Kortz, after being in the water forty-five minutes, reached the shore in an unconscious condition, and was taken to the Ocean house, where by prompt and skillful attention he was resuscitated. Mr. Butler and Gus. Peterson, a sailor, were seen but once after the boat swamped. Their bodies had not been recovered at last accounts.

The Bogus Lusk.

It is now time for Mr. J. Lusk, of Oakland, to step in and aid us in the effort to ferret the fraud of A. Lusk & Co. The following dispatch from Messrs. W. T. Coleman & Co. is self explaining:

EDITOR ASTORIAN: A. Lusk and company, Brannan street, San Francisco, who are packing Sacramento river salmon and labeling Columbia, is an entirely different concern from J. Lusk, canning company, of Oakland, who pack fruits exclusively, and are represented by us. Please publish and oblige. Wm. T. COLEMAN & Co.

German losses on American iron contracts are said to come to 10,000,000 marks.

MARRIED.

At Gervais, April 5th, by Rev. T. H. Henderson, Mr. F. B. Ellerson of Astoria, to Miss Nettie, daughter of Hon. S. Brown.

NEW TO-DAY.

Notice.

THE STEAM TUG "MARY TAYLOR" will be sold at Auction at Astoria on Thursday, April 7th, at 10 o'clock A. M. S. WATERMAN, 74-76 per Trenchard & Upshur, Agents.

Nanaimo, Fort Wrangle and Sitka.

Carrying U. S. Mails. THE STEAMSHIP CALIFORNIA.

JAMES CARROLL, Commander. Will leave Port Townsend for the above ports on the first day of each month, 1881. Passengers and freight taken from Portland and Astoria. Ed. C. HUGHES, Purser.



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This Herbal Kingdom, scientifically prepared, is rapidly gaining in every city on this coast, and the many astonishing cures it has effected have now established its efficacy beyond a doubt. Remember diseases of the BLOOD OR LIVER AND KIDNEY, SKIN TROUBLES,

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For further information and particulars see circular around each bottle. Sold by your druggist. Price, per bottle, \$1.00 or \$5.00 for six bottles. Directions in English, German, French and Scandinavian.

For Sale.

A NEW SKIFF SIXTEEN FEET LONG. Spruce lumber well seasoned. Parties apply to NICHOLS, At the Parker House.

SPECIAL AUCTION SALE.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7. AT 10:30 A. M.

At my auction rooms I will sell a consignment received by steamship Columbia from San Francisco, of

China Crockery and Glassware,

Consisting of Plates, Platters, Bakers, Nappies, Covered Vegetable Dishes, Bowls, Pitchers, Tea Pots, Cups and Saucers, Egg Cups, Pickles, Custards, Creamers and Sugar Bowls, Chamber Sets, Etc., Etc.

Also: China Tea and Coffee Sets, Platters and Covered Dishes, Etc. Also: Glass Goblets, Tumblers, Spoon Holders, Ice Creams, Covered Glass Bowls, and Fruit Dishes, Vases, Etc.

Also, at commencement of sale I am instructed to sell to the highest bidder One Handsome Jenny Lind Table.

And a collection of Fine Blooming House Plants.

Sale to commence promptly at half past ten o'clock. E. C. HOLDEN, Auctioneer.

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