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### THE STATE OF FLORIDA WRECK.

QUEBEC, May 12.—The bark *Theresa* with the remainder of the survivors of the *State of Florida*, arrived today and was taken in charge. The agent of the steamer refused to talk of the accident. Officer Thompson is much depressed.

The seamen are less reticent than the officers, but are unable to throw any light upon the cause of the disaster, having been aboard when the vessels collided. They say they had small accommodations and sparse rations. Those saved from the *Pomona* are Captain Heyburn, Angela Ross and Thomas Nicholson. The names of the lost of the *Pomona* are not known.

The *Pomona* was in ballast from Liverpool for Miramichi. The sailors of the *State of Florida* are secured by the agent, and kept away from newspaper men. One sailor of the bark perished from exposure in the boat. Captain Heyburn lost everything. Nicholson, on the lookout at the time of the collision, ascribes the fault of the disaster to the steamer.

All speak favorably of Officer Allen and agree that the *City of Rome* refused assistance. She was so near that it was impossible not to have seen or understood the signals. All corroborate the bravery of engineers Bain and Anderson, and testify to the activity of the second officer of the *State of Florida*, who was lost.

A STATEMENT.

New York, May 12.—Captain Munroe, of the steamer *City of Rome*, stated that April 23, while passing six sailing vessels, almost becalmed within two or three miles of each other, a full rigged ship was observed two or three miles distant, displaying signals which they are not allowed to use. The vessel was not a ship wrecked or distressed, but no urgency signal was displayed, or if displayed was not seen, nor was the name or nationality of the ship given. Had a signal of distress or urgency been seen it would have had immediate attention. As the day was calm, the signal dropping, it was difficult to make out, but it would have been easy for the vessel to put out a boat, which could have intercepted the *City of Rome*. Not until after arriving at Liverpool, and hearing that a State line steamer was overdue, did the incident become connected in my mind with the indistinct signal, when I at once reported my conjecture. I certainly would have the best man to me about the city of every seaman to render assistance to any one in distress at sea, having on more than one occasion been indebted to others for the preservation of my own life.

The second and fourth officers on watch duty at the time of the signaling testify to their adherence to Munroe's statement.

### The "Cow Counties."

The Sunday Welcome, in its criticism of the action of the Republican state convention in making the nominations of the "cow counties" controlled affairs and left Portland "out in the cold" regarding candidates. It by the derisive term "cow counties," we are to understand that large section of country outside of Portland (and we believe there is a considerable portion of the area of Oregon not included in Multnomah county), we can see no reason why they should not have managed the nominations of the Republican convention, as they represent the industrial interests of the northwest.

For many years the metropolis has appeared to array herself in direct antagonism to matters of great importance in which the sections south and east are directly interested. We believe, for her own aggrandizement and the improvement of the Columbia and Willamette rivers upon which she is dependent for an outlet to the sea, she has worked against other internal improvements southern and eastern Oregon greatly desire. Her leading journal has times without number decried the prosecution of work at the locks and has denominated their construction a useless expenditure of the public money. Our people believe that, because of her influence at the national capital through representatives in congress who are subservient to her interests, this work has been retarded. In the matter of the forfeiture of the unearned land grants, her board of trade passed resolutions declaring it to be the desire of the people of the northwest that the Northern Pacific company should retain all the land granted to them, conditionally, by act of congress, especially making it appear that that portion from Wallula to Portland was necessary for the construction of a road through that section (when the company never intended to build a foot of road, and the O. R. & N. C. had one in running operation for many years). All these acts on the part of Portland have demonstrated clearly to the minds of our people that we can expect no help from her for any projected enterprise and that all congressional representation from that city will be inimical to the interests of southern Oregon. The grievances of southern Oregon are not as clearly marked. Whatever they may be they are sufficient to make that section wheel into line with the country east of the Cascades to detest Portland from holding the despotic sway over the rest of Oregon. —*Dallas Times-Mountain*.



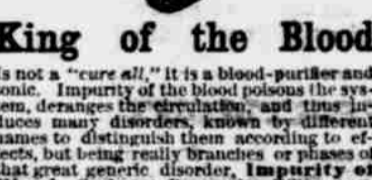
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