## The Daily Astorian.

#### ASTORIA, OREGON: SEPTEMBER 18, 1887 SUNDAY.

### THE VALUE OF A NAME,

THE promoters of the Manchester ship canal are said to have already expended \$1,750,000 in furthering their scheme, and the first sod has yet to be turned. As the total estimated cost is \$28,850,000, this represents a very handsome percentage of the amount to be expended in simply "getting ready." The usual addition of ten per cent "for contingencies' would be far out in this case. In this preliminary expense sheet there is said to be a fee of \$20,000 paid the late James B. Eads for a professional opinion. If this is correct, and there seems little reason to doubt it, this is probably the largest professional single fee ever paid to an American engineer. And with all due credit to Mr. Eads, it shows the value of a wide reputation as a man of sound natural judgment and experience in great undertakings as compared with that of the more modest engineer proper who has only extensive but purely professional experience to recommend him.

The professional position of Mr. Eads, as an engineer, is rather difficult to define. He was a purely self-made man and entirely without what is recognized as a technical education as an engineer, and yet he possessed in a high degree and made excellent use of that inherent something without which the best trained engineer in the wheat deal, shows as follows: Money world will not succeed. He instinct- borrowed on wheat and secured, \$1, ively understood both the management of men and matter, and without \$6,553,000; losses on contract, \$300,

ecutive engineer in building what was total indebtedness of more than \$7, in its day the bridge of boldest span, 500,000, which is practically unsecured but he also so impressed others who and which is supposed to approxiwere not engineers with his ability to mately represent the loss in the great carry out his projects and with his deal. Taken as a whole the exhibit sound judgment in advancing plans that furnished him with all the money markable in the history of specularequired. His skill in managing af- tion in this country, and is accepted fairs was well exemplified in this as a confession of the necessity of the case, where the actual cost of this changes which occurred some days

then novel feat of engineering was ago in the directory of the Nevada about \$12,000,000 on an original es- bank. timate of less than \$5,000,000. His great work in opening the mouth of the Mississippi to navigation was also the result of the possession of other accomplishments than that of pure engineering knowledge alone. He doubtless had an advantage over engineers generally in having made almost a life study of the river he proposed to improve, and he had become familiar with its vagaries and power by long service in that best of all schools-the school of experience. But when he had convinced himself that he could accom-Northern Pacific election." plish the task before him, he had all

the courage of his convictions, and risked his own fortune, and persauded others to risk theirs, in battling professional, personal and political preju

SPEAKING of senator Stanford's roposition to bring immigrants to California over the Southern Pacific road for a nominal fare, the S. F. Post says "the proposition is a startling one. It is in a measure the realization of Henry George's idea, that

terms with the eastern roads that he can offer a through rate of \$5 from the Missouri and \$15 from Chicago. Every precaution is to be taken to confine these advantages to actual immigrants. The applicants will have to furnish proof that their stay in California is not to be transient, and it is proposed to bring them in parties to prevent the transfer of tickets. Of course, the railroad does not devise this scheme as a matter of philanthropy. It understands that every settler brought over its lines will be a permanent customer. For the trifling expense of carrying a family on a single trip it will have the hauling of several additional carloads of wheat

or fruit a year, as well as the transportation of the merchandise the family will use, and an indefinite number of local passenger fares. It is easy to see that the enterprise could become a very profitable investment. The experiment is worth trying and if it worked badly it could easily be stopped."

A SUMMARY of the losses sustained by Dresbach & Rosenfeld in the great sary to pierce its eyes, and I never as w Dutton miss but once. When we landed Dutton went in front, his friend near him, then came the old negro, and I closed up the rear. We traveled on for about two miles when the swamp became so dense it assemd we could not to small 855,000; owing to the Nevada bank, so dense it seemed we could not go much further, and as it was getting late in the evening we called a halt, and determined the knowledge necessary to figure a 000; losses on cargoes en ronte, \$535, evening we called a halt, and determined to go back to our boat before night caught us in the swamp. We were all ready to go except Dutton, who had gone on some distance ahead of us and was out of sight. I told the old darky to hurry ahead and tell him to return, and he had just started in obedience to my command, when the blood in my veins was chilled by strain-sheet, not only was he the ex- 000; other losses, \$200,000, making a was chilled by is regarded as one of the most re-

AN AWFUL SHRIER FOR HELP. If I live for a hundred years I shall never forget that cry. It seemed to come from the direction to the right of us-a direction which none of us had gone, and which Dutton could only have taken by turning away from the line we had decided to travel when we started out. As the last note of that awful cry died away, the old darky who had started away to do my bidding seemed paralyzed and became so weak he could hardly stand. The only words I could hear from his half-open lips, as I rushed past him in the direction of the cry, were: "It's no use ter go after him, master; it's no AN AWFUL SHRIER FOR HELP.

"WHO can tell," says the Oregonian, which party has won the Northern Pacific? Thursday night Seattle celebrated her victory in the election. no use ter go after him, master; it's no To-night Tacoma is to celebrate her victory in the election. Seattle cele-Dutton's friend followed me quickly, and we had not gone more than a hun-dred yards when a sight met my eyes, the like of which I would rather undergo brated because Villard got in; Tacoma will celebrate out of loyalty to the death than again to encounter. In an open space in front of me was what ap-peared to be a marshy stretch. It looked like its bottom was right on the surface, and I would have attempted to wade across it without hesitation except for the science for the surface of the powers that be. Portland, being a railroad center and having three transcontinental lines and another under construction, is quite independ-

across it without restation except for the sight before me. In the midst of this marshy lake was Dutton struggling as if with some invisible power that was draw-ing him downward. It was only an in-stant until I discerned what it was that was drawing my friend into this awful ent of any particular road, and therefore hasn't been exercised about the

TRAP OF DEATH. Around his body, coiled in sickening masses, were reptiles of every descrip-tion, with which Okefinokee Swamp

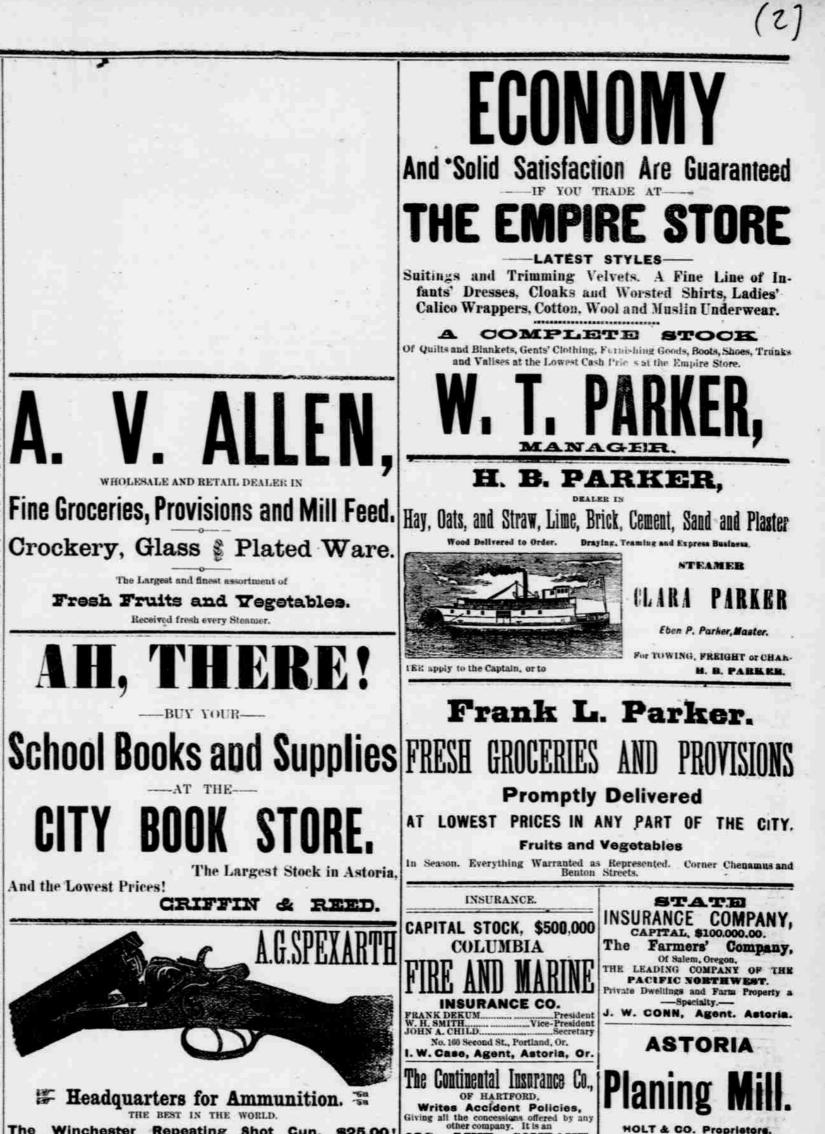
Okefinokee Swamp, for a long time, said Mr. Crompton. and I have seen a great many strange things while hunting there, but the most terrible ordeal of my life was passed in the average of the second ization of Henry George's idea, that transportation should be like air and sunlight. Mr. Stanford proposes to bring immigrants to California for nothing, so far as the lines of the Southern Pacific company are con-cerned. He hopes to make such The swamp is in a great many places very dense, but here and there in the very densest parts you will find clearings that extend perhaps a hundred yards square. These clearings are not discern-able until you are right close to them, as the undergrowth, and the overshadowing trees make it impossible to see far ahead of you. Such clearings are frequently covered with mud and water a foot deep, and sometimes in the center you find—if you are unlucky enough to try to wade through it—boles more like large wells. These holes are not more than ten or fifteen yards wide, and are often so deep that it is impossible to fathom them so that it is impossible to fathom the DEATH IS INEVITABLE Whenever a person happens to get into one of them. Such holes are all the more delusive, since they do not show their depth on the surface, nor do they have anything to denote their existence. Oke-finokee swamp abounds in alligators, and I was one of a party bent upon alligator hunting one day early in the spring of 1853. In some parts of the swamp it is possible to row a boat many miles before you have to go on foot, and on the occa-sion referred to we went as far as possi-ble in our boat, getting out at a point not far from the Florida line and proceeding on foot. There were four in our party, s negro to row the boat, an Englishman named Datton and a friend of his who had only arrived a short time before. Dutton was a clever fellow, generous to a fault, and a splendid marksman. During his stay with me we had been on many hunts, and in many tight places, and no matter how great the danger he never lost his presence of mind. In order to aboot an alligator with a rifle it is neces-sary to pierce its eyes, and I never aaw Dutton miss but once. When we handed DEATH IS INEVITABLE

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dice, and only won by finally offering to do all he promised or no pay. When it came to the work the engineering was really simple, and what there was of it was carried out by other hands. His supreme executive ability and confidence in himself, and not his engineering skill or reputation, was what won the battle.

And it was the boldness of his pro jects and the marked success with which he found men and means to carry them out that made his name famous on both sides of the Atlantic and made an expression of his judgment valuable to the promoters of the Manchester canal. But after all it was the name they paid for; purely professional advice, in more elaborate detail, could have been purchased for a fraction of the sum mentioned, and they doubtless had such already in abundance. They wanted to have their views backed up by a name that would impress the public and establish public confidence in the enterprise, and encourage the public to invest that money without which the vest that money without which the scheme could not succeed. It is an every-day method in England, and is the usual way in which the dukes and other titled personages there are made generally useful. And it is other titled personages there are made generally useful. And it is after all a legitimate proceedure when the scheme is an honest, one, as this one was, and Mr. Eads undoubtedly gave the same opinion he would have expressed in his own country for a much smaller fee. The only differ-ence was that that opinion was more valuable in England than in America. The investing class of En-America. The investing class of En-

glishmen are accustomed to the wor ship of name or title, even to the extent of risking their fortunes in any project that has a sufficient number of coronets on its board; while the more cautious American investor is apt to examine the matter for himself. and gamble upon his own judgment in such matters, rather than upon the opinion of some one else, no matter how high the personal or professional standing of the other party may be.

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when we first saw him he was at the edge of the hole, but by the time we reached the scene the reptiles had pulled him in, struggling as he was, into the center, and to reach him without the as-sistance of a role was impossible.

center, and to reach him without the as-sistance of a pole was impossible. I looked around me, but could not see any-thing that I could possibly reach out to the drowning man. The space for 100 yards was clear as could be. It was growing dark, which added horror to the scene, and every moment Dutton was being drawn lower into the bottomless pit. I hallowed to him and implored him to make a desperate effort to come nearer to the edge, so that I could reach him. He had such up to his shoulders by this time, and when he did not answer

by this time, and when he did not answer me I looked to see the reason. A large HAD COILED ITSELF ABOUND HIS NECK.

snake RAD COILED ITSELF ABOUND HIS NECK, And had drawn tighter and tighter until Dutton was black in the face and unable to speak. In another instant he went down, taking the mass of squirming rep-tiles with him, leaving nothing but a bubble on the surface to denote the terri-ble struggle that had taken place. I turned to Dutton's friend, who had not anid a word up to this time, and motioned him to lead the way on to our boat. I was hardly able to stand. We managed to get back to where the old negro was. He had not stirred a step and still had that scared look on his face. "Did they choke him to death?" he asked, and upon receiving a reply in the affirmative he led the way to our boat without another word. Dutton's friend left for England a few days after and I have never scen him since. The next day I asked the old darkey why he acted so strange and scemed to know that the vantiles hed choked my

why he acted so strange and seemed to know that the reptiles had choked my poor friend, when he was not there. He said?

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poor friend, when he was not there. He said? "Master, it is just twenty years ago since I said I would never go into that swamp again. Just twenty years ago I was hunting alligators with my only boy, a smart boy of seventeen years, and I heard that same cry, and rashed to where he was to find myself unable to do any-thing for him. I stood there and saw the snakes strangle him to death and draw him into that awful hole. When I heard that cry yesterday I knew what it was, although I had not heard it in twenty years, and it streek terror to my soul. It would have been no use if you had been able to get a stick. I tried that when my boy was dragged down, and although I handed it to him he could not take it. The monsters had pinioned his hands and legs, and nothing could be done but to stand by and watch him die." "Since that time," said Mr. Crompton, "though I have lived within two hours' ride of the swamp, I have never gone near it. The very thought sickens me, and catheta, Ga., Times-Democrat.

BORN.

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