

Burning of the White Star Cannery.

At five o'clock yesterday afternoon huge volumes of black smoke rolled up from what appeared to be the Astoria box factory, and a few minutes later sheets of red flame shot up. The fire alarm rang out, and nine minutes from the time it was sounded the department had traversed the mile and a half and Rescue's Silby was pumping a stream on the east end of the lumber piles on the Astoria box factory's premises.

The cannery had not been in use this season. From all accounts the fire originated in the west side, probably from a spark blown from the smoke stack of the Astoria box factory, thirty feet to the eastward, and which effecting lodgment smoldered and spread, unseen, till smoke issuing through the roof directed attention to the blaze.

The cannery was built in 1880 by C. Timmins, F. O. Reed, A. T. Brakke and E. Gallagher. It was afterwards bought by the White Star Packing company and last January passed into the hands of Elmore & Sanborn, who estimate their loss at \$15,000. The insurance is understood to aggregate \$13,000. The cannery will not be rebuilt.

The Wrecked Bark "Julia Ford."

The crew of the bark Julia Ford, which was wrecked in the Karluk river, Alaska, April 27th last, arrived on Thursday by the schooner Frances Alice. The Julia Ford went on the rocks in a northeaster and became a total wreck. The crew have been making various statements along the water front, to the effect that the whole fault of the wreck lay with the Alaska Commercial company, which they say had a steamer in the vicinity of the wreck, but which refused to go to the Ford's assistance, as the bark was taking up goods and materials for a rival company.

Louis Sloss of the Alaska Commercial company denies these charges, saying that the company has no interest in Karluk, has no office there and that its steamers have no business in, nor are they ever in the Karluk river. Following is the story of the wreck, which has been received at the office of the Karluk Packing company from their agent at Karluk. The letter is dated April 24th and says:

"The bark Julia Ford arrived at 3 P. M. to-day bringing A. E. Webber and others of the Alaska Improvement company. She anchored in close proximity to our buoy and fouled the company's lighter. On the 25th the steamer Karluk arrived, and the captain of the Julia Ford was offered a tow, but he refused to take advantage of the offer and sailed his vessel to a dangerous position at the south head of the river. On the 27th the Ford was wrecked in a north-easter gale south of the river spit, and the hull was sold to Thomas & Webber for \$551. Several thousand dollars' worth of tin was saved."

The Karluk Packing company claims that the captain of the Julia Ford anchored within fifty yards of its buoy, near Karluk, thinking that the latter place was a good place to land, and as he could get close to the beach to discharge his cargo. He was ordered to leave his position in order to make room for the steamer Karluk. He moved and anchored abreast of the river, inside of the buoy, and that night (the 27th) a northeaster came down upon him and he could not get away from the storm. The next day he showed signs of distress, and the Karluk Packing company, so it is claimed, went to his assistance and furnished his men with blankets and stores until the Frances Alice was ready to take them to San Francisco.—S. F. Chronicle, 9.

Handsome Banners For The Convention. During the presidential campaign of '84, two banners prepared from designs furnished by Mrs. A. E. Osgood, formed a prominent part in several public meetings at San Francisco, Cal., and elsewhere. The banners were originally eight feet by ten; in one was an oil portrait of Jas. G. Blaine, in the other an oil painting of Jno. A. Logan, the work being done by the famous Tojetti. These paintings were decorated by Mrs. Osgood, with plush, gold bullion, and appropriate designs, and when complete, cost \$700. They were afterwards cut down some, and since their arrival in this city have been at the residence of I. L. Osgood, where many have seen and admired them.

SERIOUS TROUBLE IN THE SOUTH-WEST.

(SPECIAL TO THE ASTORIAN.) GAINESVILLE, Tex., June 12.—Some time ago the cattlemen of the Chickasaw nation, Indian territory, resisted the cattle tax of \$16 per head for grazing on Indian lands and drove the collector and his deputies away with violence. The governor was notified, and through him the United States government. Peaceable settlement was attempted, but without a result favorable to the Indians. The cowboys began to assemble and now about five hundred are rendezvoused in the southern part of the nation. Gov. Guy has ordered out the national militia and about one hundred Indians, and they are encamped at Ardmore preparatory to moving upon the cowboys. Capt. McLish has been put in command of them and he has orders to move on them at once. Today the camp is astir getting ready for the campaign and it is expected the troops will be on the march tomorrow. They will move cautiously, as it is feared they are not strong enough to combat the cattlemen who are armed with Winchester.

Many of these men are citizens of the nation and it is feared that this is the first outbreak of civil war. The government troops are at Fort Reno and are prepared to take the field in case the Chickasaws cannot quell the disturbance.

TOPEKA, Kan., June 12.—A telegram from Brigadier Gen. Murray says an alarming state of affairs exists in Stevens county, on the frontier, caused by railway bond elections. The towns of Woodside and Hugolon, are located about two miles apart and a bitter feeling has always existed between them growing out of the county seat fight. P. L. Jones, deputy sheriff, who is constable of Woodside township, and another officer, rode into Hugolon and attempted to assassinate Sam Robinson and J. B. Chamberlain, chairman board of county commissioners. They pretended to have warrants of arrest for the parties, but instead of serving warrants they drew their revolvers and opened fire upon the marshal and chairman of the board. The fire was returned and the attacking party retired. One man was seriously wounded. The inhabitants of both towns are armed to the teeth and bloodshed may follow.

Launch of The "Hazel."

A pretty little sloop was yesterday hauled to the end of the Main street wharf to be launched into the heaving Columbia. Launching a vessel from a dock bow foremost, and so on was so unusual a performance that 1327 American citizens of the male persuasion aged from eleven months to seventy-three years got there to see how it would go. After considerable energetic advice and a good deal of getting ready the craft was finally up ended and got into position. Capt. Hustler got his cannon out and gave the sloop a salute, Ben Worsley stood by with a bottle of Pommery Sec., to break over her bow as she glided by, when catching sight of the blaze at upper town he dropped the champagne and lit out, and ten minutes after was directing that a stream be thrown on the north east quarter of the south east corner of the Astoria box factory's lumber pile, T. S. N. R. 3 west, Columbia meridian.

But the sloop was slid off all the same and dove into the water with a great splash, and a cheer from the crowd, and as she rounded to and was brought up with a turn she looked taut and trim and reflected credit on her clever builder, Joe Leathers.

This will be a ribbon year. Ribbon sashes fluttering, ribbon loopings, ribbons making a scrap of lace the entire gown. A pretty summer gown just completed is entirely of white lace over silk, striped with hundreds of yards of moire ribbon in yellow and mauve. Quaint old-time brocades striped in two colors will be used at many out-of-door fetes when the warm weather begins. So will white clothes of all sorts with gold buttons and heavily braided in gold. Many of the new lace-trimmed gingham are so pretty and effective that they will appear on quite ceremonious occasions by the side of more costly fabrics. Summer silks will be the choice of twenty people where one wore them last year. Parasols match all gown fabrics this spring.

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SUICIDO OF A SPOKANE LAWYER.

(SPECIAL TO THE ASTORIAN.) J. F. Parks, a young attorney from Spokane Falls, committed suicide at the St. Charles hotel to-day by taking an overdose of morphine. He came down a few days ago and had been drinking and gambling since arriving. He came down stairs from his room early this morning and was seen at the hotel office. He went back to his room and was seen no more. About one o'clock he was found in bed in a dying condition. All efforts to save him were unavailing on the table was found a box of morphine, nothing was found that furnished a clue or assigned a reason for the act but every indication is that it was a deliberate suicide.

Laying The Corner Stone.

On Friday, the 15th at 10 A. M., the interesting ceremony of laying the corner stone of the magnificent exhibition building and zoological gardens of the North Pacific Industrial association will take place. This association, organized with a capital of \$150,000.00, is now erecting a mammoth building in the city of Portland. Work on the structure will be ready for the first annual exposition early in the coming fall. No expense will be spared to make this the grandest display of the industrial interests of the coast that has ever been attempted. Its comprehensive scope and the perfection of detail give evidence that no merely ordinary fair is in contemplation, and the names connected with the enterprise are sufficient assurance that it will be a complete success in every feature. The whole northwest should unite in a determination to make this truly representative of the vast interests of the region. It will be a wonderful aggregation.

That Terrible North Coast.

The captain of the Silverdale whose trouble with his crew was reported in last letter complains bitterly at the excessive charge made by the owners of the tug Pioneer, for towing his vessel from Cape Flattery to Royal Roads. On the other hand, the tug owners in reply to this charge say \$2,029 for saving from total destruction a fine ship of the size of this vessel, is in their judgement, moderate and fair. The first visit of the Silverdale to Puget Sound has been most unfortunate; while loading at Port Discovery two of the old crew were lost, one by drowning and the other falling into the hold. The captain has had a most unpleasant experience throughout his stay on the Sound, and the ship had gotten a reputation of being an unlucky one. This bad luck seemed to reach out even as far as the tug that towed her. The tug Pioneer, captain Grant, after leaving the Silverdale at Royal Roads, ran on the rocks near Victoria. A steamer and two scows succeeded in floating her off at high tide. Her hull, being of iron, sustained very little damage, so said the diver who examined the bottom.—Port Townsend Correspondence San Francisco Daily Commercial News.

Grand Excursion

And Basket Picnic by the Ladies of Grace Church.

The Fine Steamer S. G. Reed Has been engaged for the occasion and will leave Flavel's Dock at 8:30 A. M., Wednesday, June 20. FOR Bayview Grove at Cathlamet.

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