

The Mormons got into the Canadian northwest on a monogamous basis. It was then predicted that before long they would show their true colors. It is now reported that they are bringing in their plural wives as sisters, cousins and aunts. No dependence can be placed upon a people which acknowledges a power in the conduct of temporal affairs superior to the government and law of the land.

COMMANDER GOODRICH, chairman of the trial board, reports that the test of the dynamite cruiser *Vesuvius* has been successful to a degree not anticipated. The guns were fired five times in seventeen minutes, instead of thirty minutes, which had been estimated as the necessary time to fire that number of shots. The speed of the vessel was up to the requirements, and even beyond.

It is said that postmaster general Wannamaker will recommend, in his annual report that the free delivery system be extended to cities of eight thousand inhabitants. This recommendation is warranted by the fact that the revenues of the free delivery offices for the year will be from a million and a half to two million dollars in excess of expenses. In 1886 there were about 181 free delivery offices in the country. During Cleveland's administration the necessary population for a free delivery city was cut down, from twenty to ten thousand, and the number of these offices has increased at this time to 433. The further extension proposed by Wannamaker will increase the number of free delivery offices very largely and add greatly to the completeness of the postal system.

The *Railway Age* notes that during the nine months of the year that have now passed the work of railway building has been going on upon several hundred new roads, branches and extensions in various parts of the country, and yet so vast is our country and so little attention does the work of railway development in one locality attract in any other that the general public has very little idea how much has been done, and seems to be still laboring under the conviction that the year 1889 is to be marked in history by an insignificant amount of railway construction. It will, therefore, be of general interest to learn that already over 3,000 miles of main line track have been laid since the year began, and that the probabilities are that fully 5,000 miles, and perhaps more, will have been completed before the end of the year. The greatest activity in construction has been witnessed in the south. In eleven southern states, counting Texas as such, the track laid this year already aggregates 1,478 miles, or nearly 45 per cent of the total. Georgia leads the country thus far with an addition of 238 miles on twelve different lines, followed by Texas with 179 miles, Virginia with 176 miles, Tennessee with 170 miles, North Carolina with 147 miles, Mississippi with 140, Kentucky with 137, and so on. Aside from the southern states, Washington territory thus far makes the largest showing, 214 miles having been laid on twelve lines, and this will be very considerably increased before the end of the year.

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Specials to The Astorian.

An Unlucky Lineman's Horrible Fate.

He Falls, a Smoking, Sizzling Corpse  
On an Incandescent Gridiron of Tangled  
Overhead Electric Light and Other Wires

The Helpless and Horrified Crowd Are Paralyzed By The Pyrotic Cadaver.

The Columbia Waterway Association.

THE WATERWAY ASSOCIATION. The fifth session of the Columbia waterway association met again this afternoon.

The committee on memorial resolutions made a report memorializing congress in a strong appeal for adequate appropriations for the improvement of the mouth of the river, work at the cascades and the dalles.

SAFE IN HIS PRESENT LOCATION.

To-morrow is the time set for the second trial of Jas. Turk. Turk says he feels certain that shipping merchants here do not feel disposed to prosecute him now that he has taken a new departure. Jim says he has a very warm corner in his heart for Astoria.

SUPPOSED MURDERERS. PORTLAND, Oct. 11.—Two men are held in jail here who are supposed to be the murderers of Enos Crosby at Tacoma.

TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL.

This morning George Bowman who jumped from a second story window on Stark and Sixth streets, yesterday, while delirious from typhoid fever, was removed from the county jail to St. Vincent's hospital, where he will be well cared for.

THE MARITIME CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—Delegates to the international maritime conference are beginning to arrive. The first to report was A. M. Bisbee, the delegate from China.

BLAINE WANTS HIM TO EXPLAIN.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—Secretary Blaine has cabled William Baird Lewis, United States consul at Tangiers, to appear at the state department in Washington and meet charges of corruption made against him by Benenzelli, a Moroccan merchant. Benenzelli came all the way from Tangiers to prefer the charges. Simon Wolf and Solomon, American members of the Alliance Israelite Universel, accompanied Benenzelli before secretary Blaine, when Benenzelli yesterday entered complaint.

FATAL AND HORRIBLE CONTACT.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—An electric light man met with death at the corner of Center and Chamber streets, from coming in contact with an electric light wire. He was employed by the Western Union company. The unfortunate victim presented a terrible sight. He died on a network of wires in mid-air, while the deadly fluid actually made his body sizzle. His blood poured out on the sidewalk, and over the clothes of the horrified spectators. The accident occurring in the middle of the day and in the busiest part of the city was witnessed by a large crowd of people. The man's body lay limp and motionless over a mass of wires attached to the cross trees of the poles. Firemen brought down a ladder and went up with a pair of shears and cut the wires. The lineman was found dead, his face horribly burned. In fifteen minutes the electricity had burned off one half of the face of the victim. The left arm was also seen to be burning. Every few seconds blue flames spouted out from various parts of his body. Hundreds of people stood shivering as they looked at the awful sight overhead. No one dared go near to render assistance. Even firemen's faces blanched with horror.

Lineman Benson, the dead man's companion, was asked why he did not go up; he said, "It's no use; he is dead. I don't know the electric wires, and I can't help him. I was on the other pole and don't know anything about it." All this was said in a catching, halting voice as of a man completely overcome with horror and emotion.

Immediately after the accident Mayor Grant was notified. The mayor gave orders to have the wires, which caused the accident, cut at once. His secretary said the mayor would not promptly in the matter. It is possible he may order the cutting of the electric light wires above ground to-night, the consequence of which would be a large part of the city in darkness.

STILL ABOUNDRANT.

SANDY HOOK, Oct. 11.—The tugs have ceased pulling on the steamer *City of New York*, which is still stuck on the mud. She is being lightened. Another attempt will be made to pull her off at high tide to-night. The opinion of expert engineers is that the strain on the vessel by the fearful hauling she has received has caused her severe injuries which it will take time and considerable money to repair.

THE CEAR IN BERLIN.

BERLIN, Oct. 11.—The czar arrived at Berlin this morning accompanied by emperor William. They were received by the empress and embraced repeatedly. Afterwards the czar turned to Bismarck and shook hands with him, and also had a brief conversation with the chancellor. Subsequently entering a carriage they drove to the Russian embassy at a fast trot.

the entire distance. Salutes were fired and the streets were plentifully decorated but the crowd did not cheer as the czar passed along. The emperor took his departure from the embassy after a few minutes. Bismarck, however, remained and had a conversation with the czar lasting twenty minutes.

THE WASHINGTON OBSERVER.

CITY OF MEXICO, Oct. 11.—Gen. Cervantes, commanding the government forces in the Yagui country, arrived here Saturday on a leave of absence. He returned to his post yesterday by order of the government. No exact account of the fighting there can be obtained as General Cervantes assured the correspondent that it was dangerous to give or publish the news of the campaign.

ABOUT GAME FISH.

It is well known that Alaska has greater fishing resources than any other part of the country. But very little has been said or written about any other than salmon and codfish. A recent number of the *Alaskan*, published in Sitka, raises the question as to what particular fish gives Alaska its fame? It is admitted that salmon has given Alaska more reputation abroad than other fish. "But is salmon our best fish?" enquires that paper. "We are tired of salmon." The canneries of the territory, as well as elsewhere, take these fish in nets. Occasionally, in the spring and early summer, these fish are taken by sportsmen with the hook and line in the smaller streams of California and Oregon. The related species of salmon trout are within the limits of what are called game fish. Probably if no salmon were taken except with the hook and line, there would be no question that this is actually a game fish. But when they are taken in seines in such numbers as to furnish the sportsman who catches half a dozen with hook and line where a thousand may be taken with a seine, has little to say about the salmon as a game fish. The *Alaskan* has something to say about a fish that is at the head of the list of game fish:

Why is it that so little has been said of our very best of fish—a fish of which we never tire—black bass? Though not caught in sufficient quantities to export, the fish is plentiful enough to supply all the tables of Alaska, even with an increased population. Black bass, not only furnishes our tables with a wholesome food, but affords excellent sport. Those who have not had the pleasure of an afternoon among our surrounding islands, with a good supply of hooks, lines and bait, have missed something which they are not aware of. Black bass being our most "gamey" fish afford a pleasure not known until experienced.

The black bass, for some reason, does not seem to be abundant along the shores of California. At least, one never hears much about them. Observations made in the markets from time to time confirm the impression that this game fish is very scarce in this latitude. Occasionally one is seen, and the fishermen sometimes bring in half a dozen with hundreds of other fish.

A writer in the *Alaskan* describes black bass fishing in the adjacent waters:

Our bait consisted of needle-fish, to be obtained only at low tide and dug from the sand. The hooks had barely sunk beneath the surface when both poles were suddenly pulled into the water by some unseen thing of apparent great weight and strength. How they pulled—plunging down, then drawing the line beneath the boat, then darting directly from us. Fighting for life and using their utmost strength to free themselves from the hooks which were pulling them to their death, brought forth from us no expression of pity. It only tended to increase the pleasure and excitement. Gradually our victims weakened—we were drawing them near the surface. Our lines had become entangled, a most disagreeable occurrence—it seemed to reverse; we at last conquered, and with the two lines twisted together we pulled into the boat two large and beautiful black bass. \* \* \* Our luck continued until late in the evening, when we cast the boat loose and pulled for home. The catch amounted to something over ninety fish, ranging from one to six pounds.

In the Atlantic states the black bass ranks at the head of game and edible fish. They range in weight from one or two pounds up to ten or twelve pounds. They do not ascend rivers very far, but feed along the shore line of bays and roadsteads. On that side of the country the salmon is even more esteemed than the black bass. But that is probably because the former is seldom caught. For the same reason, perhaps the black bass is rated higher by this Alaskan authority. It may interest the "gentle craft" to know that in Alaska the black bass abounds, and even there is placed at the head of the list of game fish. It is a long way to go for the mild sport of fishing with a hook and line. But as some thousands in all are now making annual excursions to Alaska, and thousands more are contemplating such excursions, not the least attraction in those waters may be these tempting game fish. If the rivers of northern California and Oregon were not swarming with trout, the best of all the game fish that ever ascended a fresh water stream, Alaska would very soon become the chosen place for real sportsmen who care nothing for the commercial side of fishing.—*S. F. Bulletin.*

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