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PRICE FIVE CENTS

BLOODY BATTLE AT RITZVILLE.

David Denne Smothers His Cell Mate at Seattle.

CAPTURED AFTER TEN YEARS.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

PORTLAND, Oregon, March 1.—J. W. Poole, aged 29 years, has been lodged in the county jail by Wm. Edwards, the deputy sheriff of Ada county, Idaho, charged with murder, committed in Douglas county, Oregon, about ten years ago.

In reply to numerous questions Poole said: "I was arrested a week ago to-day on Wm. Smothers' farm in Ada county, Idaho, where I had been at work for shooting James McNeil in self-defense on the 10th of Oct., 1880. "The facts in the case are these: On a certain day McNeil's son and I were in my father's house on Elk creek, Douglas county, when the elder McNeil became very angry and talked roughly to the boy. Then he began on me without apparent cause. I talked back, and he came at me with a hatchet, then a knife. At last he threatened to shoot me with a gun which he was carrying. I was so scared that I fled from the premises. I was absent six or seven hours, and on returning to the house McNeil was still there. In the mean time I procured a revolver, meaning to use in self-defense. As I entered the house the old man spoke to me roughly and made a pass as if to reach for his gun, which was in the further part of the room. I said: "If you get your gun I'll shoot you." McNeil then went down into his pockets to get his knife, angrily saying, "I'll kill you, you—"

I wanted no trouble, but he kept coming at me, when I shot him in the leg. I had no intention of killing him, but merely wanted to disable him. However, he died from the effects of the shot."

A Cut Healed Slightly.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

PORTLAND, March 1.—On the 19th of last month Thos. Patterson, a grocery man was cut by a delivery wagon driver named Charles Miller. Patterson's injury was not considered dangerous at first, but now he is in a bad condition, being delirious nearly all the while. Miller has not yet been captured.

No Design Against the Government.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

PORTLAND, Or. March 1.—Some time since the government brought suit through the Hon. L. M. Arthur, in the United States circuit court, against the Northern Pacific railway company, Willamette Steam Mills and Lumbering company, J. Alfred Kinney, George W. Weidler, and Alfred Kinney, to recover the sum of \$2,095 for nearly 3,000,000 feet of timber, which the defendants are alleged to have cut from government land in Washington. The suit came up before Judge Sabin this morning and the decision rendered favors the defendants.

The Hunt Proposited.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

PORTLAND, March 1.—The committee appointed by the board of trade of this city to investigate the Hunt proposal, at a special meeting of the body this afternoon, reported favorably toward the extension of the Hunt system to the city. The citizens' mass meeting will be held next Tuesday evening at the Tabernacle to further consider the Hunt proposal.

Desperate to Get Free.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SEATTLE, March 1.—David Denne, the desperado who robbed a bank and shot his door keeper about a month ago, made a desperate attempt this morning to free the county jail, where he was incarcerated. About 12:30 o'clock Jack Gray, his cellmate, awoke and found the cell full of smoke, while the flames were springing up from Denne's mattress. Gray jumped up with a yell, when Denne seized hold of him and commanded silence. A terrible struggle ensued. The night jailer heard the cries of Gray and the other prisoners, and rushed down to the cell followed by several policemen. They found Gray unconscious from the choking Denne had given him, and from smoke. The fire was put out with difficulty. Gray's condition is pronounced critical. He inhaled a great quantity of smoke, and may die.

Denne gives no explanation of his desperate deed, but believed that he would make his escape during the confusion caused by the fire. It is only one week ago that he pleaded guilty to the charges against him and was sentenced to the penitentiary. Shortly after being sentenced he said he would rather die than serve his time behind the prison bars.

Carry the News to Hermann.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 1.—The prisoner, supposed to be Silcott, the embroiling sergeant-at-arms of the House, who has been arrested and taken to Chehalis, Lewis county, on the Northern Pacific railroad, is corpulent and pigeon-toed and answers to the description of the absconder. The officials making the capture are rejoiced, but will notify the government and obtain a requisition.

Some Seattle Stirrings.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SEATTLE, Washington, March 1.—While clearing ground at Rosenna Park, a suburb of the city, yesterday, Chas. Morse, a wood chopper, was killed by a falling tree. He was 50 years of age and leaves a wife and three children in Minnesota. Serious apprehension is felt here for the safety of the bark *Nellie May* which left Port Blakely for San Francisco 37 days ago.

The cell mate of Denne, who was suffocated by smoke from the fire, started by the latter, will recover.

A Bloody Battle in Washington.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SPOKANE FALLS, March 1.—A special from Ritzville, a small town to the southwest of here, says: Six men fought a bloody battle near Ritzville's ranch yesterday morning. Ritzville had purchased stock and hay, the ownership of which was contested by other parties.

Two men by the name of Wilson, brothers, with their followers claimed the property and announced their determination to hold the same. The other party in the dispute armed themselves and started to dispossess Wilson's crowd. A regular pitched battle ensued. Ritzville's men attacked the Wilson's and failing to dislodge them from their position, charged upon them in military style.

Dick Garlick was shot in the head and another man called Dutch Ben, of the attacking party, was shot through the abdomen. After the revolvers of Ritzville's men were emptied the Wilson's men charged and drove the Wilson's away. In the melee L. G. Wilson and Virgil, his brother, were both shot, one through the abdomen and the other through the back. It is thought that neither can live. After the battle Frank Brooks came to Ritzville and made the report. Dr. Burroughs left immediately for the scene of the conflict. Several of the participants are well known in the Big Bend country.

Died from His Injuries.

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PORTLAND, March 1.—Fred Wagner, the fireman who was injured yesterday by being struck with a nozzle which got away from the pipe man while testing a fire engine, died this morning.

Blockade Raised.

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NEVADA CITY, Cal., March 1.—The railroad blockade between Grass Valley and here, existing since the 19th, was raised this afternoon. Trains are now running to and from here on time. From the 12th to the 30th of last January the road was snowed in at this end and was closed the whole length most of the time.

Pat Desmond Shot and Killed.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

ODGEN, Utah, March 1.—Pat Desmond was shot and instantly killed by Thomas H. Tol shortly after midnight this morning. The two men were drinking considerably during the night, and had quarreled. No one saw the shooting. Tol gave himself up and says Desmond drew his gun first, but it was found by his side with all the chambers filled. Desmond was once a member of the Omaha city council, also marshal of Pueblo, Col., where it is said that he stood in with crooks and amassed a fortune in a mysterious way. The *Daily Commercial* predicted three weeks ago that Pat Desmond would die with his boots on, and yesterday he began a suit against that paper for \$10,000 for libel.

Montana Movements.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

HELENA, Mont., March 1.—Albott Spencer Wood, a hauler for the Alhambra Flume company, was killed there to-day by a falling tree. The strike at the Rocky Fork coal mines in which three hundred men are out, because of the introduction of labor saving machinery, is ended and the men are at work again.

Arrangements have been made for the absorption of the Rocky Fork and Cook City railroads by the Northern Pacific company to take effect some time this month. The road is forty-four miles long, running through the Crow Indian reservation and tapping the largest coal fields in Montana. It was built less than a year ago at a cost of \$3,000,000. The particulars of the transfer will not be made public before April, but the officials say the deal has been closed and the road is to be extended to the Cook City mining district, one of the richest in the state. As yet it is undeveloped because of the lack of transportation.

The chief engineer of the Great Northern returned from his trip of inspection over the lines surveyed for the extension of that road westward. The route selected is from Fort Assiniboine through Northern Montana, parallel to the boundary line of the northwest territory.

Southern Antidote for Malaria.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

It is generally known that Simmons' Liver Regulator is relied upon to secure immunity from all malarial disorders. This is proven by its popularity, and anyone who has tried in the south has seen its curative effects and the protection it gives against this weakening and dangerous malarial disease more promptly than calomel or quinine.

SETTING THE PRICE

For Catching Salmon in Alaska Next Season.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

NEW YORK, March 1.—A special cable describes the French people as a "martyr."

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SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—Quite an assemblage of anxious and discontented seamen congregated outside the office of the Alaska Commercial company on the corner of Sansone and Hallock streets this morning in answer to a call by the company for a number of fishermen to go salmon fishing at Copper River on Friday, William's sound, Alaska. The cause of discontent of the men lies in the fact that the company offered them only \$100 for the season and \$20 per thousand for small salmon and \$50 per thousand for king or large salmon, whereas last season they were paid \$45 a month and one cent per fish, out of which they could manage to realize about \$35 or \$36 per month for the season, which lasted seven and a half months. After considerable discussion over the matter this morning, the company finally acceded to the demands of the men so far as to pay \$20 per thousand for small salmon, but this advance is not satisfactory to many of them, and some backed out even after signing the articles.

The Road Still Blocked.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—The Oregon road is still blocked at tunnel No. 3, but the company expect to have the tunnel cleared by to-morrow morning, when service can be resumed as far as Corv Creek canyon, seven miles beyond Ashland.

Beneficial Challenges Forfeit.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—Joe McAniff has challenged Jim Corbett to fight him to a finish in one of the club rooms of this city, under the Queensbury rules, and for any amount of money, the fight to take place during the month of March.

An Obnoxious Class.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—A petition signed by a large number of the most prominent firms in this city, and addressed to the Pacific coast delegation in congress, will be sent to Washington, D. C., asking that they use their best endeavor to secure the passage of a bill now before congress to repeal sections 4 and 5 of the interstate commerce law known as the long and short haul clause.

No Tax in Challenging Corbett.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—Jim Corbett publishes a letter this afternoon stating that for the present he will follow all challenges to pass unnoted.

Some Serious Charges.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

LOS ANGELES, March 1.—The trial by court martial of Colonel W. H. H. Russell and Lieutenant Colonel A. T. Palmer of the seventh regiment of infantry, National Guard California, commenced to-day by order of General Dimond. Russell is charged with conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, neglect of duty and misappropriation of large sums of state money.

A Great Strike in Frisco.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—On Monday the employees of twelve iron foundries in this city will go on a strike on account of the resolution recently passed by the owners of the foundries that after March 10, they will not be governed by the unions as regards wages, hours of work and apprentices. Over one thousand men more will be idle on account of this strike.

The Flood Abating.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

CINCINNATI, March 1.—The river is still rising at the rate of half an inch an hour. It stood at 56 feet, 10 1/2 inches above high water at 10 this morning. The indications are that it has nearly reached the maximum. The cold weather checks the flow and the absence of rain permits the tributaries to fall rapidly.

Put on the Brakes.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

If you find you are going down hill in point of health, failing strength, impaired digestion and assimilation are the marks of decline. Check these and other indications of premature decay with the grand vitality and restraining tonic, Hostetter's Stomach Bitter. Regulating the fountain head, Ritters corrects its errors, and sets it vigorously at work. The digestive organ is thus enabled to thoroughly separate from the food its nutritive principles, which the blood assimilating, is enriched, thus the system nourished, and being nourished in this paper, together with the elocated perfumery, and toilet articles, etc., can be bought at the lowest prices at J. W. Conn's drug store, opposite Occident hotel, Astoria.

An Alabama Tornado.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

TALLADEGA, Ala., March 1.—A tornado yesterday struck this town and leveled many houses, and injured many persons, but none fatally.

A LUXURIOUS PRISONER

Posting Before the French People as a "Martyr."

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TRANS-PACIFIC LINES.

Matters Taking Definite Shape for Action.

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NEW YORK, March 1.—The following given out semi-officially to-day: The Northern Pacific company say that no arrangement has so far been made with the Pacific Mail Steamship company, although active negotiations are being had with that end in view. The Northern Pacific company have resolved to put on a steamship line between Tacoma, China and Japan. This important step is rendered necessary, in reason of the fact that the Canadian Pacific has had a China line in operation for some two years. It was thought better before taking this step to make arrangements if practicable, by arrangement with the Northern Pacific, preferably the Pacific Mail. The result of the arrangement if made will be that each continental line will be on an equal footing as to all China and Japan business. The proposed arrangement will in no manner affect the transcontinental rates now in force or future schedules. It will have a tendency to make them more permanent.

The advantage, if any, will be to the Canadian Pacific people of the transcontinental Pacific business, which they have heretofore had between the north Pacific coast and Japan.

Is Leo XIII Dying?

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

NEW YORK, March 1.—The *Mail and Express* this afternoon prints a special cable dated at Rome which says the pope is seriously ill and in spite of all denials those who are well informed think that his death is not far off. The recent conclave of cardinals received from the pope an intimation that his death seemed to be near. He desired to recommend Cardinal Vanetti as his successor. This step would never have been taken unless his end was believed to be near.

End of an Unsuccessful Life.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

NEW YORK, March 1.—Jerome Grisold, the inventor who spent forty-five thousand dollars and many years of labor in unsuccessful attempt to introduce a patent wheel-brake, committed suicide here last night. He inhaled illuminating gas through a tube. He was found dead in his office this morning. He leaves a widow and three children in California. He directed that his body be given to the hospital for dissection.

His Job Is Good Enough.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

NEW YORK, March 1.—Clintney M. Dewey denies the published statement that he contemplates resigning as president of the New York Central railroad to become a candidate for presidency in 1892.

Argument on the Postal Telegraph.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Dr. Norvin Green, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, to-day continued his statement respecting the postal telegraph bill before the house committee on post offices and post roads. Respecting the rates generally, Dr. Green said that they were about half what they were 22 years ago. The ratio between our own and the British rates was as 25 cents to 20 cents, and the British system had been operated with a deficit of \$2,000,000 since its establishment. The salaries paid the American operators are about double that paid the British. He claimed that the U. S. government could not operate its lines as cheaply as the Western Union is now doing.

Crane asked Dr. Green if his objection to the proposed bill, if not based on the assumption that it provided for the creation and maintenance of government lines. Dr. Green replied that that was what it amounted to. Mr. Crane asked why the Western Union opposed the bill, if it proposed an impracticable plan. Dr. Green said that it was because the fools were not all dead and there were very many people who would jump into building lines without any assurance that they could make anything.

A Princely Gift.

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CHICAGO, March 1.—Mrs. Moses Taylor of New York contributes \$300,000 to the Moses Taylor memorial hospital here. This makes a total of \$650,000 donated by the family to this institution.

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REED RESPECTFULLY DECLINES.

The Usual Railroad Collision—Murder in Indian Territory.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The senate committee on privileges and elections took up the Montana senatorial controversy to-day. Several hours were devoted to discussing the legal questions involved, but no conclusion was reached. Chairman Hoar and Gray were appointed a subcommittee to collect the reported facts and report to the committee next Saturday.

MR. TAULBEE WILL RECOVER.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The house to-day passed the senate bill providing for the appointment of an additional secretary of war at the salary of \$4,400.

Another War Secretary.

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Another Oregonian Happy.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Commissioner of pensions has appointed Dr. John V. Goff pension examining surgeon at Shields, Oregon.

NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Speaker Reed declines a Kentucky treat. The Blue Grass club. The reason is very simple. I notice that Jay E. Durham is president of that club now. Durham assured me that during the late 'disturbance' that if they had me in Kentucky they would look upon me as a rebel. Durham to be a journalist, his declaration to me imparts absolute verity. I do not wish to be killed, especially in Kentucky, where such an event is too common an occurrence to attract attention. For a good man to die anywhere is of course a gain, but I think I can make more by dying later and elsewhere.

Very truly,
J. B. REED.

The Taulbee Kincaid Squabble.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Ex-Congressman Taulbee, who was shot by the newspaper correspondent Kincaid yesterday, is resting easy to-day with bright prospects of recovery. Kincaid spent the night in Lieutenant Kelly's private room in the station house and is awaiting the decision of the prosecuting attorney on the matter of application for bail.

Taulbee Out of Danger.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, March 1.—To-night Mr. Taulbee was pronounced out of danger, and about six o'clock correspondent Kincaid, after examination, was admitted to \$2,000 bail, which was at once furnished.

A Whole Family Murdered.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

OKLAHOMA, I. T., March 1.—News from Shawnee, 30 miles east of this city, says the dead bodies of a man named Holmes and wife and children were found last Thursday. They were returning to their claim when killed. It is supposed that they were murdered for their money by outlaws that invest the Pottawatomie reservation. There is no clue to the assassins.

Railroad Consolidation.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

ASHLAND, Wis., March 1.—Official notice has been received here that the freight and passenger business of the Northern Pacific and Wisconsin Central roads for Ashland has been consolidated, the transfer having been made to-day.

The Usual Railroad Accident.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

CHICAGO, March 1.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul fast mail train collided with a freight train at Oakwood this morning; the freight train was running ahead of the fast mail. The engineer reversed the engine, but it was too late and the engine crashed into the caboose. Engineer Carroll, the firemen and brakemen were all terribly cut; it is feared that they cannot recover. The damage to the trains will exceed \$30,000.

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A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

No Reasonable Cause Apparent for His Absence.

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NEW YORK, Mar. 1.—Frank Gowran, who traveled through South America under the direction of Thomas A. Edison to secure a peculiar bamboo material by Edison for his experiments, has been missing since January 15. On that date he called on a cigar manufactory, 131 Clinton place, and after transacting some business left at 4:30 in the afternoon for his home at Orange. Since then nothing has been seen or heard of him.

Systematic search of all hospitals and public institutions within a radius of 100 miles, has been made under Edison's direction without avail. Gowran had \$1,800 in money on his person when last seen; this may explain the mystery or give a reason for his disappearance. He had steady habits and no trouble. He had also considerable investments in gold and silver mines in South America but there is no reason why he should go there suddenly. All the facts make his disappearance mysterious.

GERMAN POLITICAL MOVEMENTS.

Bismarck's Predictions Come to Pass. Socialists Rule.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

LONDON, March 1.—Dr. Bamberger, the leader of the German liberals, has been interviewed, and said: "The liberals find great encouragement in the result of the recent elections. The immense increase in the socialist vote must have alarmed the emperor so such an extent as to make him plead with Bismarck, who is not in accordance with him as to the social and commercial policy of Germany. Bismarck did not countenance the emperor's famous rescript and was frequently absent from the reichstag. Issuing this rescript just before the election had the effect Bismarck predicted—double the socialist vote. The composition of the reichstag makes little difference to the chancellor. If any measure which he thinks is vital is obstructed he will dissolve the reichstag or rely upon extravagant utterances. The socialists will enable him to make combinations, and gain his ends with their aid. This great socialist vote has astonished the whole world and makes the emperor naturally feel uneasy. Taking this liberal gain in Germany along with the overthrow of royalty in Brazil, the disturbances in Portugal and Spain, and the nihilistic efforts in Russia, the outlook for crowned heads is dismal. To see the day when even Germany will be a republic or very mild monarchy requires no glance into a distant future. It is remarkable what a change has taken place in Bismarck's policy. He at last recognizes that he must change his tactics."

THE EMPEROR FEELS UNEASY.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

BERLIN, March 1.—Re-ballots in seventeen districts have resulted in six states favorable to the socialists and five for the liberals. Carrel parties carried the remainder. The socialists now have more than the requisite number of seats in the reichstag, which is 25, to make the party qualified to introduce bills.

The Socialists Increasing.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

BERLIN, March 1.—The Progressives defeated the Socialists in Stettin, Rostock, and East Breslaw. The Socialist, Utzamer, was elected in West Breslaw. The Progressives are elected in Liagnitz, Waldenburg, Soran, Zittau, Buzlaw and Gendau. The Socialist candidate is successful in Koenigsburg but the Clerical nominee has beaten the Socialist candidate in Cologne.

The Emperor is Liberal.

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