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## THE "ALICE D." LOST.

She is Driven Ashore on a Peninsula and Totally Wrecked.

### ARREST OF CORRUPT OFFICIALS

Special by THE UNITED PRESS.  
SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 12.—Two months ago H. A. Howard sent the *Alice D.* in charge of Capt. Albert Blair on a coal prospecting trip to operate on the east side of the Gulf of California. The *Alice D.* was the second largest schooner in the bay and the captain took a crew of four to man her. This morning Howard received a telegraphic message from Captain Blair at Real del Castillo, lower California, informing him that the vessel was driven ashore on July 25th, on the east side of the peninsula, the vessel being a total loss. All hands were saved.

### CORRUPT OFFICIALS.

They Are Traitors to Their Trust. Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 12.—Chief Justice Woolsey and assistant judge John Morrison were arrested last evening on warrants sworn out by collector Phelps, and they were subsequently released on bonds in the sum of \$5,000 each. The evidence of their guilt seems pretty strong. Special treasury agent Adams does not hesitate in charging the crime of aiding Chinese to escape to the two officials, and says he has sufficient evidence to convict both. Morrison has been surrendered by his bondsmen.

### A WIFE BEATER

Receives Deserved Punishment. Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
CARSON, Nev., Aug. 12.—Geo. Olds, of the Brunswick mill, had words with his wife to-day, and abused her. She told her brother who promptly thrashed Olds. When Mrs. Olds returned home in the evening Olds beat her. Forty or fifty wood drivers in Empire captured the wife beater and took his shoes off, put him in a wagon and ran him into the river, clothes and all. They repeated the performance three times and the last time he was left to shift for himself.

### THE WHISKY TRUST

Now Have Competition in California. Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—For several years there has not been any distillery in operation on the Pacific coast. The whisky trust having shipped spirits in and sold them so low that there was no profit in the business. The recent increase of prices, made by the trust, has had its effect however, and a distillery at Antioch which has a capacity of 12,000 gallons per day started up yesterday.

### News Regarding Major Scott.

Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
SAN DIEGO, Aug. 12.—A report comes from the City of Mexico that when the Mexican government made the demand on the English government for Major Scott's return to Mexico, on account of his filibustering scheme, they were notified that he died on his way to India. Major Scott was general manager of the International company at the time of the scheme.

### A Chinaman Gets \$5,000.

Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—Lee Aut, a Chinaman formerly employed by two brothers named McClellan, near San Mateo, was awarded a verdict of \$5,000 in the circuit court to-day. In April of last year the brothers accused Aut of stealing some valuables. They beat him and hanged him until he was nearly dead. The Chinaman brought a suit with the result as stated.

### Wrestling Match Arranged.

Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—Parson Davis, representing Evan Lewis, and D. S. McClellan of the Olympic fame, to-day and signed articles for a wrestling match between the latter and Lewis for \$400 a side in the latter part of this month.

### Arrival of Eastern Molders.

Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—The long expected consignment of eastern molders for the manufacturers arrived this morning at 4 o'clock. There were twenty-three in number. The strikers were on the alert, and have already managed to secure eleven of the new importations.

### Merit Wins.

Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—Nicholas Luring, the well-known capitalist, died last night of heart disease. He leaves an estate valued at \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

"It is a fact," that Hood's Sarsaparilla does cure scrofula, salt rheum, and other diseases or affections arising from impure state or low condition of the blood, overcomes the tired feeling, creates a good appetite, and gives strength to every part of the system. Try it.

## AN ALASKAN VOLCANO.

Active After 100 Years Rest. Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—The nations around Oonulaska, according to the statement of a gentleman who has just come from there, are beginning to have fear of another volcano which promises to break forth one of these days. It is located about 100 miles from Oonulaska at a place known as Oonamuk. The mountain is a very high one and most of the time the huge crater is enveloped in clouds. Lately, however, observers near the volcano have noticed that the sky above the crater was decidedly black, and later on a redish tinge lit up the top. This is a sign that the volcano is to become active for the first time in over one hundred years.

## NEW STEAMSHIP LINE

Between San Diego and Sandwich Islands. Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 12.—W. H. Clark, of the shipping firm of Livingston & Clark, who lately started a line of steamers between this city and Hawaiian islands and San Francisco, is authority for the statement that the news he has just received is sufficiently encouraging to positively insure the permanent of the line.

## HIS LAST DRUNK.

A Portland Contractor Drowned While Intoxicated. CUSTOMS INSPECTOR REWARDED. Special by THE UNITED PRESS.  
PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—Last Friday afternoon Pat Mallory, a contractor, and Nellie Grant, a notorious woman of the town, took a boat ride, rowing to Tom Williams' floating school, below Ross island. There they indulged in too much drink, and on the return trip the couple in the boat wanted to exchange seats, resulting in the upsetting of the craft near Ross island point. Mallory was drowned, but the woman saved her life by clinging to the boat. The body was recovered this morning by a stranger, who notified the coroner, and the remains were taken to the morgue.

## No Disturbance.

Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The making up and sending out of freight trains is progressing without disturbance.

## LAWSLESS WHITE CAPS

Again Causing Trouble Among Peaceable Citizens. Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Aug. 12.—Several weeks ago William McIntosh, a sheep-raiser, employed several men in this city to dig a well for him on White Cap mountain, in Santa Fe county. The men were progressing nicely, doing their work in good shape and receiving their wages every Saturday night. One day last week a couple of Santa Fe county Whites came to the mountain, and told them if they did not cease work they would be seriously dealt with. These Santa Fe and San Miguel county White Caps are known all over the territory for their lawlessness. The men quit work yesterday and came to this city. To-day they declared they would never return to work. It matters not how much McIntosh would pay them.

## FOOLHARDY AMUSEMENT.

Soldier Bitten by a Rattlesnake. Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
GLOBE, Ariz., Aug. 12.—A soldier named Mann, of Troop I, 10th cavalry, stationed at Fort Apache, Arizona, was to-day bitten in the face by a rattlesnake which he had captured and had been juggling with, putting his head in his mouth, and taking various other liberties with the reptile. He momentarily took his eyes from the snake and at that instant was bitten. His recovery is doubtful.

## Fatal Intimacy.

Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—Dr. O. Sawyer, a provincial physician, was shot and probably fatally wounded this afternoon by J. Barton Sanchez, who claims to be a correspondent of the Chicago *Horseman*. The shooting was brought about by alleged intimacy between the doctor and Sanchez's wife.

## Temporary Peace Reported.

Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Cable advices are reported to have been received in this city stating that fighting in Central America has come to an end and that a temporary truce exists.

## What They Are Good For.

BRANDRETT'S PILLS are the best medicine known.  
First—They are purely vegetable, in fact a medicinal food.  
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Third—They purify the blood.  
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The first two or three doses tell the story. The skin becomes clear, the eye bright, the mind active, digestion restored, constiveness cured, the animal vigor is recruited and all decay arrested.  
BRANDRETT'S PILLS are sold in every drug and medicine store, either plain or sugar coated.  
Go to the Columbia bakery for all kinds of cakes.

## A TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

Several Men Literally Cooked Alive By Steam.

## A BLAST FURNACE BURSTS.

Special by THE UNITED PRESS.  
JOLIET, Ill., Aug. 12.—There was an explosion at the Illinois steel works this morning. Blast furnace, No. 2, sprang a leak and the molten metal ran out and down into the canal generating steam, which caused an explosion. The metal was blown in all directions, tearing off the top of the furnace and the roof of the building. John Novak and Oscar Solwoski, employes in the works, were blown out of existence. Their remains have not yet been found. Peter Schrier was horribly burned, being literally cooked alive. He lived half an hour. Tim McCarthy was burned about the back and will die. Several other employes received slight burns.

## NO MORE STRIKE.

Trains are Running All Right. Special by THE UNITED PRESS.  
NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—At the Grand Central depot this morning there no longer existed even the shadow of a strike. The passenger trains were coming and going with the appearance of usual regularity. A telegram to the general manager from Syracuse says that order has been fully restored there and trains are running without interruption. This, he said, was the end of the strike. Vice-president Webb says arrangements are being completed to run freight trains. Vice-president Webb said also that the road had all the men it needed now.

## TO AMEND THE CENSUS LAW.

Special by THE UNITED PRESS.  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—The house this morning passed a concurrent resolution, extending to August 25th the appropriations for the support of the government not already provided for in the appropriation bills passed. Mr. Cannon explained that the principal item of disagreement on the tariff bill was in reference to legislation regarding irrigation. The senate amendment to the house bill for the establishment of a national park at Chocomauga was non-concurrent, extending to August 25th. In the senate this morning Mr. Hale reported the house bill to amend the census law, so as to compel non-census express companies to give information about their business and it was passed.

## Col. Alexander Promoted.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Col. Alexander J. Perry, assistant quartermaster general, is to be relieved from duty as chief quartermaster of the division of the Pacific and department of California, and will proceed to New York city and assume charge of the general depot of the quartermaster's department at that place. He is to be succeeded at San Francisco by Lieut. Col. John G. Chandler, who is now stationed in Philadelphia. Surveyor general J. Perry, assistant quartermaster general, has been relieved from duty and is to be relieved from duty in a few days. He was stationed at San Francisco when he was appointed to his present position some two or three years ago, and had been there several years then. Instead, however, of returning to San Francisco to live, Gen. Moore will live in Washington and make his future home in that city.

## Table Etiquette.

Much space is given in this book to the question whether or not it is good form to leave the teaspoon in the cup whilst encompassing its contents, or when passing it back to get it replenished. It is the belief among the old-school Presbyterians and Whigs, I think, that the spoon should remain in an upright position in the cup, ready to the more or less of the host holds that the spoon should be laid in the saucer or concealed about the person whilst sipping the coffee. To this the Calvinistic gentlemen who still adhere to the by front pants and infant damnation reply that, according to good usage, the laying down of the spoon implies dissatisfaction with the food and a call for a new deal. However this may be the manual does not straighten the matter up at all, but says that the author himself adheres to the custom of leaving the spoon in the cup. This, I think, will have a great deal to do with breaking up the practice.—Bill Nye.

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## THE GRAND CENTRAL.

Plenty of Men at Hand. Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Although the strike on the Central is not declared off by the Knights of Labor, it is virtually at an end. The decision of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, refusing to come out, was its death knell. About the Grand Central depot this morning everything was quiet, trains being dispatched with perfect regularity. The police were as strong as ever, but apparently there was no necessity for them. Webb, who was early at the office, expressed himself thoroughly satisfied with the situation. Webb expected 60 men to arrive this morning from Pittsburgh; these, with those brought from other points, number about 250. With these and the new arrivals great progress will be made during the day in clearing the various freight yards.

## Police Force Prepared.

Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Inspector Byrnes said: "It is the intention of the company to operate the whole freight line of the road to-day. The officials claim to have enough men to do so and we have sufficient force to protect the company's men and property. In that event, in order that we might have all the force required to meet any unexpected contingency, I have ordered back to the city all the captains away on leave of absence."

## NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL.

A Brief Synopsis of the Work Now Being Performed. Special by THE UNITED PRESS.  
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## G. A. R. DEMONSTRATION.

The Grandest Street Parade Ever Witnessed in the "Hub."

## MANY THOUSAND VISITORS.

Special by THE UNITED PRESS.  
BOSTON, Aug. 12.—The weather is most favorable for the big G. A. R. demonstration. The sun is obscured and the thermometer registers 67 degrees, with a brisk northeast wind. As early as 6 o'clock the veterans were already upon the streets, and crowds of people began to arrive in town in holiday attire. It is estimated that fully 100,000 strangers are in town. General Alger appointed comrade John Ryan, of Newton, to bear the headquarters standard in the procession. Ryan has seen fourteen years of military service of the United States, and was with Custer and Reno and Reno's division when the massacre at Little Big Horn occurred. The influx of visitors continued the entire night.

## Heavy Railroad Transfer.

Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 12.—The Chicago & Atlantic railroad was sold under foreclosure to-day for \$5,000,000 to a representative of the Erie road, which secures an entrance into Chicago.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA SALMON.

An Unprecedented Run Thoroughly Upsets Former Theories. CAUSED BY FISH HATCHING. Special by THE UNITED PRESS.  
OTTAWA, Aug. 12.—The Canadian minister of marine and fisheries has received a telegram from the department officer of British Columbia, saying that the run of salmon this year is of a most extraordinary character, being fully equal to that of last year. Twenty thousand salmon were taken by the canneries on Saturday. This year's run has upset all the theories previously held in regard to salmon. Heretofore, one good season has invariably been followed by two poor ones. Last season was the best the salmon canneries ever had, and if the total pack this year is as large, the old rule will not apply and the only reason that is assigned for the increased run this year is that it is the effects of the good work done during the past four or five years at the government fish hatcheries are now beginning to manifest themselves.

## Japan's Lucky Fish.

A few weeks ago the capture of a strange fish, a Nigriti-ken, Japan was reported. It resembled a tin in many respects. It was six feet in length, its body was of a bright red color, with little polka dots scattered about, and it had a long flowing golden beard. The beard was two feet in length and as fine as silk. When the fish was landed crowds came from all over the country to view the strange sight. For days it was a worthy unit on old fisherman 80 years of age saw it.

## Oh, Come On!

The S. F. Examiner of the 9th inst., has a long special telegram from Point Reyes, Cal., stating that the marriage of Delbert and Della Baynolds, a boy and girl, and that the relatives of the child claim that she was born a male. Mrs. Hardman claims that her transformation occurred within the past eighteen months.

## All the patent medicines advertised.

In this paper, together with the choicest perfumery, and toilet articles etc., can be bought at the lowest prices at J. W. Conn's drug store, opposite Centinel hotel, Astoria.

## NERVE-PAINS.

Cures S. F. Jacobs' Neuralgia. Oil Neuralgia. Salt Point, N. Y., April 16, 1889. I suffered six weeks with neuralgia; a half bottle of S. F. Jacobs' Oil cured me; I returned in three days. Have sold it to many, and have not had a single case that did not relieve or permanently cure.

## Weinhard's Beer.

And Free Lunch at the Telephone Saloon, 5 cents.

## Delicious Ice Cream

Served daily at the Columbia bakery.

## A fine line of Cigars and Cigarettes

can be found at the Columbia Bakery, 525 Third street.

## LOUISIANA LOTTERY.

List of Numbers Drawing Prizes. Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 12.—The following numbers drew the principal prizes in to-day's drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery: 1st, 51,176; 2nd, 92,811; 3rd, 88,871; 4th, 10,385; 5th, 55,336; 6th, 74,858; 7th, 24,778; 8th, 48,779; 9th, 88,105; 10th, 78,434. The following are the numbers drawing \$1,000 prizes: 43,534, 46,880, 55,425, 58,513, 52,269, 68,170, 72,809, 74,495, 78,228, 78,623, 81,457, 81,845, 86,054, 90,824.

## The Grand Central On Time.

Special by THE ASTORIAN.  
NEW YORK, Aug. 12, 1 p. m.—Reports from along the New York Central road indicate that the strike is practically at an end. Passenger trains are running on time between here and Albany this morning and the delay west of there is unimportant. All trains are now leaving the Grand Central depot exactly on time, and the incoming trains are only slightly delayed.

## First we seized the British vessels

then when an inquiry was made by the English government an order was issued by Secretary Bayard for their release, and the manner this order was trifled with makes our government appear ridiculous. The authorities at Sitka refused to comply with the order and when lawyer (now judge) Drake of Victoria was sent and demanded to know the reason why judge Dawson and the U. S. marshal denied having received such an order, he then demanded the court journal and the court reporter. Judge Dawson was paralyzed but the marshal who assurance was of a higher order immediately spoke up and said that he had received the order but thought it might be a forgery, so he refused to act upon it.

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## CAPTAIN WINANT'S OPINION

Of President Harrison's Proclamation Declaring Behring Sea Closed.

The following letter from Captain Winant to the *Victoria Colonist*, considers the sealing question from some points of view that are somewhat unusual and therefore interesting at this time when the matter is assuming a constantly increasing international importance.

"Is the Behring sea a closed sea? The president of the United States declares it by proclamation and, yet over twenty-five British Columbia vessels will enter the sea the present season for the purpose of taking seal."

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