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An Interesting Letter.

ASTORIA, Oregon, December 12th, 1890.

To the People of Astoria and Surrounding Country:

I hereby state that I am already here
An I have got you over that English Engineer;
Also the Russian Group and the German Crowd,
And I threw Scotch Dunbee William in the soup.

Yours truly, SANTA CLAUS.

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Notice of Trustee's Sale.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to the provisions of a certain contract between the Astoria & South Coast Railway Co.; the Pacific Construction Co.; and J. H. Smith, wherein the property hereinafter described, was conveyed and transferred to me in trust to hold as security for the payment of the sum of $48,749.49 due the said J. H. Smith for work in the construction of certain railroad, and to be sold by me and converted into cash in case the said sum should not be paid when due; and the said sum having been due and unpaid since the 12th day of August, 1890, and being still unpaid, I will, on the 17th day of December, 1890 at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the banking house of the I. W. Case Banking Co., in the city of Astoria, Clatsop county, state of Oregon, proceed to sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all or so much of the following described property as may be sufficient to satisfy said demand and interest from said 12th day of August, 1890, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum and the costs of this process, to-wit:—391 of the of the first mortgage bonds of said railway company, numbered from one to 391 inclusive, and each being in the sum of $1,000.

1,000 shares of the paid up capital stock of said railway company.

The following described lots in Railroad Addition to Ocean Grove, to-wit: lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of blk one; lots 7 and 8 of blk 2; lots 3, 8, 10, 16 and 17 of blk 3; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of blk 4; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of blk 5; lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 17 of blk 6; lots 5 and 9 of blk 7 and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of blk 8, in said Clatsop county, state of Oregon, also all the stock subscriptions now delinquent and unpaid and assigned to me as such trustee.

The above property was advertised to be sold Nov. 27, 1890, but by consent of the parties above named, the sale was adjourned until Dec 17, 1890

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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

Col. C. L. Wilson, a prominent California pioneer, died.

Charles G. Jefferson lifted over 1,500 pounds dead weight.

The new cruiser *Newark* broke down on her second trial trip.

The steamer *Veendam*, from New York, for Rotterdam, is ashore.

A heavy fall of snow is reported in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

The British cruiser *Melpomene* arrived in San Francisco yesterday.

The miners' strike in West Virginia is increasing; 2,000 men are out.

Ex-State Senator Frank B. Arnold, of New York, committed suicide.

The schooner *Laura* has been sold to a firm in Victoria and will join the sealing fleet.

The Federation of Labor in session at Detroit, yesterday passed several important resolutions.

Mrs. Moss, murdered at Port Angeles a few days ago, had a romantic and checkered career.

J. L. M. Irby was elected to the United States senate from South Carolina yesterday: he will succeed Wade Hampton.

The department at Washington has received a dispatch from General Miles to the effect that the Sioux Indian war has been checked.

A thrilling story of the loss of the British steamship *Westbourne* and the sufferings of her crew, only four of whom survived, comes from Philadelphia.

Additional Telegraph on Fourth Page.

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Why hasn't anyone thought of utilizing the cigarette as a microbe-killer? It has killed everything else it ever came in contact with.

Toward the Setting Sun

Myriads of emigrants take their way, thousands upon thousands of acres are visited with the virgin forest still await the axe of the pioneer. "Holding down a claim" on the frontier, it should be remarked, has other drawbacks besides that of disputed possession. Many an enterprising settler who, with indomitable hardihood, has cleared the waste, just as a small area is ready for tillage, is stricken by that foe of the frontiersman, malaria. What a boon to that man and his family is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, what wise forethought has he shown if he has obtained an adequate supply. The fairest fields for agricultural and mining enterprise on this continent and abroad are subject to this infliction, protected by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters it may be defied. It will not do to confide in a robust constitution alone. Malaria prostrates the strong and weak alike. Take the Bitters, too, for rheumatism, dyspepsia, biliousness, kidney trouble.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

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Dissolution of Partnership.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between G. B. McEwan and Louise McEwan has been dissolved by mutual consent, this 9th day of December, 1890. G. B. McEwan retires from the business on account of ill health. Mrs. Louise McEwan will continue the business and collect all accounts due and pay all bills against the late firm. G. B. McEWAN.
LOUISE McEWAN.

Stockholders' Meeting.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Alaska Packing Company will be held at the residence of P. H. Johnson, Anderbrook, on Monday, December 15th, 1890, at 7:30 P. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.
By order of the President.
did G. A. NELSON, Sec'y.

Dissolution of Partnership.

THIS IS TO NOTIFY ALL WHOM IT may concern that the partnership heretofore existing between Earnest Loll and L. Larsen is this day dissolved. The business will be continued by L. Larsen who will collect all debts due and settle all claims against the firm of Loll & Larsen.
Astoria, Oct. 27, 1890.

A WILD AND WEIRD TALE

Thrilling Story of a Shipwreck in The Black Sea.

MEN FROZEN AT THEIR POSTS.

Only Four Out of a Crew of Twenty-Five Survive—the Vessel's Decks Burst Open.

Special by THE UNITED PRESS.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—There reached this city yesterday through a private channel, a thrilling story of the loss of the British ship *Westbourne* in the Black sea. It is no ordinary tale of shipwreck, but relates extreme sufferings, and unusual and extraordinary misfortunes of the vessel's crew. Of twenty-five men, four are all that survive the ill starred voyage and the four are miserable wrecks of humanity, lying prostrated by suffering in the Odessa hospital, under care of the British consul.

The *Westbourne*, an ordinary tramp steamship, left Theodosia, which is the ancient name of Jaffa, in the south east of Crimea, Nov. 24, laden with linseed bound to Dunkerk, thence to Philadelphia with a general cargo.

On the eve of her departure a gale peculiar to the Black sea alone arose accompanied by a rapidly falling thermometer. The weather grew so intensely cold that men were frozen to death in a life-like posture, at the wheel, or wherever their duties called them.

Every sea that swept over the vessel froze to her, making her sluggish and so heavy that she refused to ride the waves and became unmanageable. When water gained an entrance to the hold the cargo began to swell and burst open the decks fore and aft as though powder had exploded in her.

About midnight, although but a few hours out of port, the vessel began to go down. Already the corpses of a number of the seamen were visible about the deck standing up against the hand rails just as erect as though in full vigor. They were frozen hard as iron.

With all the crew that still held fast to their lives Captain Bennington put out in a small boat and headed back to Theodosia, distant then some 50 miles. During the early morning the men died off one by one until on reaching Theodosia the following night, the number had been reduced to eight. Subsequently four men died while undergoing medical treatment, leaving but four survivors.

Captain Bennington, the commander of the *Westbourne* is well known to Philadelphia shipping men. He is completely prostrated by his sufferings in the open boat and by the death of his brother, the ship's chief officer, who perished of the awful cold before his eyes.

MARINE NEWS AND NOTES.

The British ship *Iron Cross* came down from Portland yesterday and will complete cargo here.

It is probable that the *Harvest Queen* will be put on as a night boat some time in the near future.

The British bark *Parthia*, yesterday received the balance of her cargo of flour, and will soon be ready to depart.

The steamer *Cosmopolis* is due here this evening from the Sound, on her way to Portland with a cargo of coal.

The British ship *Cabul*, 1697 tons, from Marila, and the British ship *Brunnell*, 1637 tons, from San Diego, are added to the list of vessels on the way to the Columbia river. This raises the tonnage to 51,075.

The steamer *General Canby* broke a crank pin on the trip to Ilwaco yesterday and was towed back to this city by the steamer *Geo. H. Mendell*. The steamer *Suomi* will take the *Canby's* place while repairs on the latter are being made.

The lighthouse tender, the steamer *Manzanita*, Capt. Richardson, which returned from Gray's Harbor and Shoalwater bay on Wednesday evening, unloaded some old buoys at the buoy depot yesterday. This morning she starts up the river for Portland, but will probably be two days on the way, as supplies will be distributed among the forty stake light stations along the river. In Portland new carpets and furniture will probably be received, and then the steamer will return to this city.

In regard to the new and fast steamer now being built in Portland for service on the Sound, the *Oregonian* says that the work on the *Victorian* is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible, though it will yet be two or three months before she is ready for her trial trip. She is lying at the Willamette Iron works' dock, where her machinery is being put into place. The boilers, bedplates, condensers and housings of the engine are already set and there is yet to be put in the cylinders, shafts, crank shafts and steam-pipes. One cylinder is now aboard and the other two are lying on the dock. The machinery is of the most massive description, being about the size of that of the ocean steamers plying between here and San Francisco. The propeller, which is twelve feet in diameter, will make two revolutions per second, and when her very narrow beam is considered, there is every reason to believe that she will show remarkable speed. The woodwork is being put in as rapidly as possible and will be completed as soon as the machinery is in place.

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A NASAL INJECTOR free with each bottle of Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy Price 50 cents.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Proceedings of the Convention At Detroit Yesterday.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

DETROIT, Dec. 11.—At a convention of the American Federation of Labor this morning, Chairman Gumpers appointed a committee to formulate the views of the federation on the subject of eight hours a day.

A resolution was adopted asking action of the federation to head off the immigration of laboring men from Europe during the coming world's fair.

A resolution asking the federation to support woman suffrage was reported favorably.

The convention resolved to extend sympathy to the striking Alabama coal miners.

A resolution looking to the more discreet use of the boycott was passed.

LOTS OF THE BEAUTIFUL.

Four Feet of Snow Reported on the Sierra Nevadas.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—There is about four feet of snow on the Sierras and a considerable depth at Tehachapi. The snow fall has been heavy throughout Nevada, ranging as deep as four feet in many places. There has not been zero weather at any point on the coast as reported to the signal service up to this morning, but zero has been nearly touched in the upper Sierras.

HER LIFE WAS ONE OF EVIL.

Checkered Career of a Woman Murdered at Port Angeles.

FORMERLY A VARIETY ACTRESS.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Moss, who was murdered at Port Angeles, Wash., a few days ago, was well known in Washington, though not as Mrs. Moss. Her life was one of evil, though through it all she possessed ability that made her what she was, and finally resulted in her being killed.

Her name was Betty Steward, and her father was a respectable citizen of Norfolk, but bad stories were told about her mother, and when she was big enough Betty entered on a life of shame. She was a pretty girl, with splendid blonde hair and grey eyes, which, when she was young, were as bright as stars.

At one time she took to the theatrical profession and graced the variety stage for several seasons, her stage name being Spray Arlington. Once while she was in bathing with a gay party a jealous lover cut a long gash in her left cheek with a pocket knife.

About three years ago Betty met Charles A. Moss, a young Washingtonian of some means. They became infatuated with each other and together came to Washington to live. Betty became an inmate of a house here and was known as "Carrie Tompkins." She lived there some time when her lover decided to engage in business out west. He invested his capital in a mill stock about three miles out of Port Angeles, Washington. He built up a profitable business and his mistress became a model of constancy. Two weeks ago Mr. Moss decided to come to Washington. He came back the latter part of last week and last night he received a telegram announcing the death of his wife, as the Washington state authorities supposed her to be.

Important Notice.

Now is the time to test the best Catarrh, Bronchitis, Asthma and Rheumatic Cure in the City of Astoria. Fifty packages of Leroy's West India Catarrh Cure, the regular price of which is $5.00, can be had from J. W. Conn, the druggist, at $1.00 per package, thereby saving $4.00. This is a preparation warranted to cure. Call and get a package, as they go fast.

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SHILOH'S CURE will immediately relieve Croup, Whooping Cough and Bronchitis.

BLEW THE SAFE OPEN

"Cracksmen" Attempt a Big Job on Second Street.

TOO MUCH GUNPOWDER USED.

The Safe Wrecked, But No "Boodle" Obtained—the Fire Department Called On.

The "safe blowers" that have operated so extensively in the South Bend country have evidently returned to this city, for early this morning one of the most dastardly and desperate attempts at safe robbing that ever happened in this city occurred in Parker & Hanson's store.

About 2:20 o'clock a loud explosion occurred. The noise came from Second street and an excited individual turned in a fire alarm. There was no occasion for the alarm, but there was for detectives.

Chief of Police Barry was on the scene almost simultaneously with THE ASTORIAN reporter. He found that the doors of the safe in the office of the firm, which is at least 100 feet from the front entrance on Second street, had been blown off.

Investigation by the officers disclosed that the burglars had scuttled up through the floor and charged the safe with gunpowder. The shot they placed in over the combination was a very heavy one, for the safe doors were not only blown off their hinges, but the lock and combination also were broken, and the safe doors were thrown clear across the office, a distance of several feet. The walls of the office were bulged out and the glass blown out of the window, while the door was blown off its hinges.

When Chief of Police Barry overhauled the debris he found that the money compartment of the safe was intact, but that books and papers to a large extent, together with the outer safe doors had been scattered about the room. The outer doors showed the drill holes made by the thieves and the thoroughness of the work. The intention of the men was to break the safe, but they were evidently amateurs for the simple reason that they overcharged the safe and made an explosion that alarmed the entire city and called out the fire department.

As stated, the work was evidently done by the men who have been operating across the river and who have been with one or two exceptions very successful.

Chief Barry knows the men referred to and the chances are that the criminals will be behind the bars within the next twenty-four hours.

The firemen who first entered the store were almost overcome by the fumes of the powder, which filled the building from one end to the other.

Officer Beasley sustained a severe injury to his right arm, in trying to get into the store through the glass front door. Dr. Estes dressed his arm and removed the glass splinter.

Upon further examination by Officer Kirby burglars' tools were found near a scaffolding which had been put up at the side of the building. While there a Chinaman informed the officer that he saw two men running away from the building immediately after the explosion.

The till in the counter was rifled of $15 or $16 and little small change to the amount five or six dollars. The thieves in their haste left two coats and some other articles behind that may assist in their apprehension.

The latest investigation showed that the men probably got into the store first and then cut the hole in the floor for convenient escape, but as the heavy doors were blown across the hole, they went out of the window without stopping to plunder the safe, which represents the principal damage.

A Railroad Strike.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

LEADVILLE, Col., Dec 11.—Eleven crews of thirty-three men, composing the freight brakemen and conductors on the second division of the Colorado Midland railroad, running between Leadville and Grand Junction have struck for advance.

2,000 MEN OUT.

The Miners' Strike in West Virginia Increasing.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 11.—Evictions of striking miners were begun at the Monongahela mines to-day. The strike has spread to alarming proportions. Men at the Montana and Despard works having joined the strikers and over 2,000 men are now out.

The strike is against a reduction of five cents per ton. The mines are controlled by a syndicate in which Ex-senator Camden, Gov. Fleming and Senator Gorman of Maryland are largely interested.

A British Cruiser in 'Frisco.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Her British Majesty's cruiser *Melpomene* dropped anchor early this afternoon in the bay and after a short stay of only a few hours steamed out again on her way north to Esquimault. She has been cruising since last June, when she left England for the Pacific station. She stopped at various points on her way there, but had nothing special to report concerning the cruise. She is a twin screw cruiser of the third class, and of 2,950 tons.

A Steamer Ashore.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Dutch steamer *Veendam* from New York to Rotterdam, is ashore at Maaslies. All efforts of tugs to haul her off the peninsula were unavailing.

THE SIOUX INDIAN WAR OVER.

Encouraging Letter Received From Commander General Miles.

"HUMPH" HAS GIVEN IT UP.

Special by THE UNITED PRESS.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—General Schofield to-day received a dispatch from General Miles, from which the following is an extract: "Reports from General Ruger and General Brooke are favorable. The presence of troops now in position has had a demoralizing influence upon the Indians and those that one week ago were defiant and warlike, are now giving evidence of submission. Captain Ewers of the Fifth infantry has returned with 'Humph' from Fort Bennett."

"'Humph' desires to renew his allegiance to the government and I will make good use of him in bringing in the others."

BROKE THE RECORD.

A Man Lifts over Fifteen Hundred Pounds.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—Chas. G. Jefferson, of Clinton, amateur light weight lifter, to-day, broke the record by lifting with his hands alone, 1,571¼ pounds of iron in the presence of a number of prominent gentlemen.

Will Become a Sealer.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—The schooner *Laura*, which for several years past has been engaged in the coasting trade between this port and Bodega bay, and has also run along the lower California coast, has been purchased by a Victoria, B. C. firm and next year will become one of the sealing fleet in Alaskan waters.

A Rich Man's Will.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

CLEVELAND, Dec. 11.—Horace Keller, who died here a week ago, leaving an estate of $750,000 denates by his will $500,000 for a National Gallery of art to be established in this city.

The property is in real estate and three trustees are designated to carry out the provisions of his will.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Jesse Baker, C. Sorensen and H. P. Ahlberg, three well known citizens of Gray's River, were over here yesterday and favored this office with a friendly call.

Capt. Fred Sherman is now in command of the steamer *Harvest Queen*, which came down yesterday towing a barge load of wheat. She will tow up the *Tillie E. Starbuck* to-day in company with the *Ocklahama*.

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