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An Interesting Letter.

ASTORIA, Oregon, December 12th, 1890.

To the People of Astoria and Surrounding Country:

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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

At Mennont, France, an aged lady was killed by robbers.

The great firm of Dubodat & Son, Dublin, has failed.

A boiler in Liverpool exploded and killed three persons.

A train boy on the Northern Pacific was killed by a passenger.

James West, a school teacher, was frozen to death near Wheeling, W. Va.

George Watser, a traveling man, was gagged and robbed in a Kansas City hotel.

F. R. Walker, a paper manufacturer in New York, has assigned; liabilities $80,000.

W. T. Heney, a San Francisco furniture dealer has failed again: liabilities $15,000.

Betting in New York on the Dempsey-Fitzsimmons fight is largely in favor of Dempsey.

Terrific sand storms are reported in central Illinois, and much damage will be done.

Serious charges are made against the new chief of police at Tacoma and his subordinates.

The patients undergoing the lymph treatment in Baltimore are reported as all doing well.

A bank in South Chicago was robbed by daring thieves in broad daylight; two of them were captured.

Henry B. Brown, of Michigan, has been confirmed as associate justice of the United States supreme court.

A counterfeiter's den located in the mountains of Montana was raided, but only one arrest was made.

The democrats are arranging a surprise for the republicans at the coming session of the New York legislature.

Ex-Postmaster Pierce, of Turlock, was sentenced in San Francisco yesterday on eleven counts of embezzlement.

Adverse report against the abandonment of Fort Bidwell, California, will be made to Secretary Proctor by Captain Lee.

The strike among the employes in the Clark Thread works at Newark, N. J., has ended by the employes returning to work.

The situation of affairs growing out of the railway strike in Scotland is improving and trains have commenced to move again.

It is reported that an engagement occurred between the hostile Sioux and troops and that several on both sides were killed.

Jim Corbett and Jack Dempsey have been matched by the California Athletic club to fight to a finish on May 2 next for a purse of $10,000.

The disappearance of Albert John, a diamond merchant, in New York has been accounted for by the discovery that $20,000 worth of stock is missing.

Suits have been commenced in San Francisco against the Central & Southern and the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad company to compel them to live up to their contract with the government.

The reported battle on Porcupine creek between the hostiles and troops is confirmed. Captain Wallace, of the Seventh cavalry, was killed and Lieutenant Garlington wounded; very few of Big Foot's band were left alive.

Additional Telegraph on Fourth Page.

TRAGEDY ON THE RAIL

Murder of a Train Boy on the Northern Pacific Road.

DARING ROBBERY OF A BANK.

Great Sand Storm in Illinois—The Deadly Boiler Again—A Man Frozen to Death.

Special by THE UNITED PRESS.]

TACOMA, Dec. 29.—Passengers on the Northern Pacific railroad overland train tell of a horrible crime committed on the train near Dickinson.

A passenger, brawny and rough, asked the newsboy to bring him some cigars. The boy returned with the box and asked 15 cents each for the cigars. The passenger grumbled, but paid it.

The boy, a few hours later, and when the train was this side of Mandan, passed through the car with oranges. The same man took three, and after eating two asked the price. He was told and again he raised a howl on the price. He called the boy hard names as he was leaving the car, and as the boy opened the car door he fired a shot at him, the bullet taking effect in the back of his neck. The boy staggered and fell.

Several passengers grabbed the burly murderer and securely bound him. The dead boy and his murderer were sent back to Dickinson on the eastbound overland. Their names could not be ascertained.

DARING THIEVES.

A South Chicago Bank Robbed In Broad Day Light.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—A telephone message from South Chicago says that three men entered a bank there today, covered the cashier with a revolver and robbed the bank of all the money it contained. They then jumped into a buggy and drove rapidly toward this city.

An alarm was given and officers started in pursuit, but the robbers were out of sight.

The police in this city were notified at once and officers sent to intercept the fleeing robbers. The amount of money secured is not yet learned.

After a chase of seven miles the police captured two of the robbers. Several shots were exchanged between the police and the fleeing thieves, and one of the latter was seriously wounded in the thigh. The third robber is still at large.

SAND AND DUST.

Terrific Storms Raging in Central Illinois.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 29.—Such storms of sand and dust as are now prevailing in Central Illinois were never before known at this season, or indeed at any time of the year. Not a drop of rain has fallen in this country for months. The wind has blown strong and continuously for several days, and the dust and sand have been so thick that it has been at times almost impossible to see across the street. The dust has been blown entirely off the higher portions of the streets and lies in deep drifts like snow. Things are drying up rapidly, and the scarcity of rain is occasioning great inconvenience to farmers.

FROZEN IN THE SNOW.

Sad Death of a School Teacher In West Virginia.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 29.—The first loss of life in this section from the great snow storm is just reported from Bamlen, Lincoln county, to-day.

James West, a school teacher, was found frozen to death near there. He was buried in a snow drift on the road and was evidently on his way hom eto spend New Years, when overcome by the cold.

THE DEADLY BOILER.

An Explosion in Liverpool That Cost Three Lives.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 29.—The boiler in Irvin's lard factory exploded to-day. Three persons were killed and the building badly wrecked.

A POSTMASTER IN LIMBO.

He is Sentenced on Eleven Counts for Embezzlement.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—H. W. Pierce, ex-postmaster at Turlock, indicted for embezzlement was this morning sentenced by United States District Judge Hoffman to thirty days imprisonment on each of eleven counts, and fined $500 on each count. Pierce will appear before United States commissioner this afternoon and take the "poor man's oath" by which he hopes to get out of paying the fine.

Something for the New Year.

The world renowned success of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, and their continued popularity for over a third of a century as a stomachic, is scarcely more wonderful than the welcome that greets the annual appearance of Hostetter's Almanac. This valuable medical treatise is published by The Hostetter Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., under their own immediate supervision, employing 60 hands in that department. They are running about 11 months in the year on this work, and the issue of same for 1891 will be more than ten millions, printed in the English, German, French, Welsh, Norwegian, Swedish, Holland, Bohemian and Spanish languages. Refer to a copy of it for valuable and interesting reading concerning health, and numerous testimonials as to the efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, amusement, varied information, astronomical calculations and chronological items, &c., which can be depended on for correctness. The Almanac for 1891 can be obtained free of cost, from druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the country.

Worse Than Leprosy

Is Catarrh, and there is but one preparation that does cure that disease, and that is the California Positive and Negative Electric Liniment. Sold by J. W. Conn. It also cures neuralgia, rheumatism, headache, sprains, burns and all pain. Try it and tell your neighbor where to get it.

AFTER THE RAILROADS.

The Government File a Series of New Suits.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Suit has been commenced in the United States circuit court by the United States government against the Southern Pacific Company, the Central Pacific Railway, Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company.

This is one of a series of suits, the first of which was filed some time ago.

The first suit included the Southern Pacific Company, Central Pacific Railroad Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company. Similar suits have been filed in other circuit courts in different parts of the United States.

The purpose of the suit last begun in this circuit is to compel the several companies enumerated to operate their own lines of railroad and telegraph under their own franchises and to set aside the leases made in violation of the terms agreed upon with the government.

The Dubois Failure.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

ELGIN, Ill., Dec. 29.—Judgments, aggregating over $60,000, have so far been entered against M. W. Dubois, and it is thought that all liabilities will reach $100,000. His failure will of necessity affect the Elgin Cattle Company, in which he is a stockholder. The failure of the National Bank of Kansas City some time ago is said to have been the starting point to Dubois' misfortune.

THE SIOUX WAR IS NOT ENDED

Reported Engagement Between Troops and the Indians.

A NUMBER REPORTED KILLED

Special by THE UNITED PRESS.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 29.—A *Bee* special from Pine Ridge says: A battle was fought last night between the hostiles and the troops, on Porcupine creek, and a number were killed on both sides.

Captain Wallace and other officers of the lower rank of the 7th Cavalry are among the killed.

No more particulars were obtainable up to a late hour to-day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The war department has received no report of the fight between the 7th Cavalry and the Indians.

PINE RIDGE AGENCY, S. D., Dec. 29.—Couriers from the Bad Lands, who arrived here this morning, announced that a bloody and desperate conflict occurred on Porcupine creek between United States troops and the hostiles. The fight was precipitated by troops under Colonel Forsythe, attempting to disarm Big Foot's band.

Captain Wallace, commanding a troop of the Seventh cavalry, was killed and Lieutenant Garlington, of the same regiment, was shot in both arms. Several soldiers and Indians were also wounded. The greatest excitement prevails among the agency employes, and also among the friendlies, many of whom are relatives of the young bucks now on the warpath. Grave fears are entertained here for the safety of this post.

The courier who brought this news of the conflict could only give facts relating to the commencement of the fight.

LATER.—A second fight occurred near this agency this afternoon. One of Colonel Forsythe's troops of the 7th Cavalry was fired on by some Indians, who went out from Rosebud camp near Pine Ridge. This caused a skirmish in which two soldiers were wounded. The Indians who were camped near where this skirmish took place, moved west to a creek near the agency. Owing to the absence of the cavalry there is great trepidation here.

Indian scouts who have just come in say that but few of Big Foot's band are left alive.

Fort Bidwell Safe.

pecial to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Captain Lee has reported to Secretary Proctor against the proposition to abandon Fort Bidwell, in California, as a military post.

ALL THE SAME RUSSIA

High Handed Proceedings of Tacoma's Chief of Police.

INNOCENT PERSONS ARRESTED.

It is Charged That Blackmail is Levied And Other Outrages Perpetrated.

Special by the UNITED PRESS.]

TACOMA, Dec. 29.—Much indignation is felt by citizens here over the actions of the new chief of police and his subordinates.

Several innocent men have been arrested, thrown into dirty cells with filthy drunkards and criminals and not allowed even to send a note to friends to bail them out.

One man especially, named C. Harper, has been in solitary confinement for nearly a week. He is booked on suspicion, given no trial and no chance to make a statement. The only excuse the police force make is that "there is a big reward offered for a murderer in Illinois, and Harper looks like him."

Harper claims to have friends, who can clear him of suspicion, but until lately no one knew he was in prison.

Money, it is said, has been extorted from keepers of houses of ill-fame under pretense of fines and they were told to be ready to pay again shortly. It is thought a petition will be presented to the mayor to remove the present incumbent.

GAGGED AND ROBBED.

A Traveling Man Has a Very Rough Experience.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 29.—Geo. Waters, a representative of the Morris Safe and Lock Company, of Covington, Ky., was gagged and robbed of $65 by two men in a room at the Union Depot hotel about 11:30 this morning. When the robbers had departed Waters rang the bell and help came, but it was too late to get any trace of the robbers.

MURDEROUS ROBBERS.

They Kill an Aged Lady Who Resisted Them.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

PARIS, Dec. 29.—While the Cure of Mermont was attending to his duties at the church last evening burglars entered his house and, being discovered were resisted by the Cure's mother, 88 years old. They murdered the lady. There is as yet no clue to their identity.

His Second Failure.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—W. T. Heney, a furniture dealer, failed today. Liabilities, $45,000; assets, $30,000. Heney failed two years ago.

Took a Holiday.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The house of representatives was not in session to-day.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. F. Halloran returned last evening from a trip up the river.

Councilman John Fox and Col. E. C. Hughes returned from a trip to Portland last evening.

D. Morgan and wife, of this city, were registered at the Occidental hotel, San Francisco, on Christmas day.

Miss May Hayden, a compositor in the office of the *Oregonian*, passed through the city yesterday on her way to San Francisco, on the *Columbia*.

F. L. Putney, editor of the Willapa City *Republican*, and member-elect of the Washington legislature, has been here for two days and leaves this morning for Portland and Olympia.

H. B. Ferguson, a brother of J. E. and E. Z. Ferguson, arrived in this city Sunday from Petah City, Wash. He left here several years ago, and has returned to locate in the city of his first love.

A Happy New Year

That is what every one desires, therefore I wish all, friends and strangers, a Prosperous and Happy New Year. May you be exempt from all dangers, and may Providence guard and bless you all is the fervent wish of

Your grateful friend,
HERMAN WISE.

THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

Senator Aldrich Presents His Proposed Amendment.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Aldrich, in accordance with notice given by him heretofore, presented to the senate today his proposed amendment to the rules of that body to provide for calling the previous question on any question under debate during this session of congress.

To a United Press reporter later Senator Aldrich said that he would not ask for a consideration of the resolution to-morrow, but would let it go to the calendar. It will require a vote of the senate to take it from the calendar for consideration, and to do this it will be necessary that a quorum of republican senators be present.

A COUNTERFEITER'S DEN.

Spurious Coin Made in a Lonely Cabin in Montana.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

LIVINGSTON, Mont., Dec. 29.—Lately a band of counterfeiter has been flooding Montana with silver dollars, but the United States detectives have been puzzled as to the location of the counterfeiter's den.

On Saturday United States Marshal Dever found a deserted cabin near Gray Cliff, on the Crow Indian reservation, in which were all the apparatus for the manufacture of spurious coins. A man named Frank Ellis was found in the locality and was arrested. He refused to say anything.

THE SAFE WAS CLEANED OUT

Disappearance of a Diamond Merchant Accounted For.

LEFT POOL TICKETS BEHIND.

Special by THE UNITED PRESS.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The diamond and jewelry store of Albert John at No. 389 Eighth avenue is in charge of the sheriff. John has been missing since Christmas, and when his big safe was opened to-day, instead of $20,000 worth of stock being found therein the safe contained only one copper penny and a lot of pool tickets on Guttenburg.

Liabilities $80,000.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Frank R. Walker, a paper manufacturer, made an assignment to-day. His liabilities are estimated at $80,000.

MARINE NEWS AND NOTES.

The steam collier *Willamette* sailed for Seattle and other ports on the Sound yesterday.

The British bark *Lizzie Bell* was yesterday taken alongside the U. P. dock to lighter cargo before proceeding inland.

The British ship *Dunbogne* is lightering alongside the U. P. dock, after which she will go inland to finish discharging.

The British ship *Kirkcudbrightshire* cleared at the custom house yesterday for Queenstown with 22,771 barrels of flour valued at $77,598.

H. B. Parker's new steamer, the *Astorian*, went to Portland last evening. On her return here she will be given a trial trip, or as soon as the weather is favorable.

The steamship *Columbia*, Captain F. Bolles, sailed at noon yesterday for San Francisco with a light passenger list and the following freight from here: Nine hundred and forty-one bundles of pulp, 400 bundles of shooks, 5,000 feet of lumber, 66 sacks of oysters, 14 barrels of cranberries and 3 tons assorted truck.

An Early Morning Blaze.

The alarm of fire at 2 o'clock this morning was for a slight blaze in one of the rooms of the Occident hotel. Timely discovery prevented a serious fire, but as it was the guests woke up in fright and promenaded the hallways in all sorts of undress uniform. The loss was nominal. Night clerk Hitchens extinguished the blaze with hand grenades, but the smoke poured out so densely that many thought the building was on fire.

TIGHT!

What's Tight? Why, Money!

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—OR—

YOUR LIFE

ON IT

I Won't have room for the Elegant Spring Stock now being manufactured for me; consequently I am determined to dispose of everything at such low figures that you will rush in haste to get the first pick at my Great Stock of

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