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STORY OF SILVER LAKE

And Various Other Items Clipped From Exchanges.

THE WIRES ARE STILL DOWN.

All Efforts to Get Telegraph Communication with Portland so far Unsuccessful.

Again this morning the Astorian is compelled to announce that the Western Union wires are still down between this city and Portland—hence the total absence of the usual Associated Press report in this paper. The line between here and Westport was down again yesterday, but soon repaired. As it is, all dispatches are being received and forwarded via the steamer Potter. It is believed by Manager Overbeck that the line will be in operation by this afternoon.

A SAD CHRISTMAS, Desolation and Sorrow in Silver Lake Homes.

In a letter to the Sun, from a resident of Silver Lake, the following story is told of the awful holocaust that occurred there on Christmas eve: "On Christmas eve, a crowd of about 150 had assembled at a Christmas tree entertainment in the only hall in the place, which, like all the houses hereabouts, was constructed entirely of pine and was thoroughly seasoned. It was over Crisman Bros' store and the post-office. At about 9:15 p. m. a pendant lamp near the door was accidentally upset by a man mounting a seat to get a better view, scattering all around and in a few minutes the whole room was ablaze. The only entrance was by a single door in the rear of the hall, and a narrow stairway outside. If a start had been made at once, most, if not all, could have got out, but some one cried out, 'keep still, no danger,' and this caused quite a number to remain inside until too late to escape at all. There were two windows at the front over a small, flimsy porch, and quite a number crowded through them until the porch gave way, precipitating them to the hard, frozen ground 10 feet below, injuring several slightly. Several more jumped from the windows and received bruises. But forty persons, young and old, are known to have perished in the flames, while 16 more are severely burned, but are all in a fair way to recover. I was out of town at the time, and so did not see the worst, but I learned of it about midnight, and immediately hurried to the scene.

It was a terrible sight. A mass of ruins, with human bones scattered all over them, the fire still burning fiercely. When the fire died down the remains were nearly consumed, only a few bones in different places to tell where a body had lain. These later on were gathered up, but identification was impossible, and they, with the ashes in which they were laid, were boxed up and laid in a common grave. There was no "merry" Christmas here. It was a day of mourning and sorrow, as there are very few homes around here from which one or more members are not missing. As there were only 250 people in the entire precinct, you can perceive what a heavy loss it is.

A TALE OF SPOOKS.

The following fairy story is from the Tillamook Headlight: Way up in the mountains east of Newhookton P. O. at the head of Skookum Creek is a lake. It is about half a mile long and a few hundred yards wide, and seems to have been formed by a mountain slide filling the lower end of a big canyon. The lake is very deep, and is tempering with trout. There is a jiclic natural meadow around the lake, and an old deserted cabin in there. Some rich looking ledges of mineral are found near by, and it is said the cabin was the habitation of an old miner who disappeared mysteriously. The route to this lake is a very difficult one to travel, and few people have visited it, and its loneliness and weird surroundings are sufficient to inspire the bravest hearts with awe. Besides, the region is said to be haunted, and none of the Indians of this vicinity can be persuaded to go near it. They have many peculiar traditions about Indians losing their lives there in mysterious ways, and the disappearance of the old miner could never be accounted for. All persons who have visited the place declare something is wrong, and Hank Sampson, a cool-headed skeptical old pioneer, visited the place once, and was forced to acknowledge there were some queer manifestations there during the hours of night. It is needless to say that few ever remain there over one night. Last week, Ben Hignobosson and Curt Chance went up there, thinking they might secure a few beaver skins and get some samples of ore. They are sorry now they went. Ben is a tall,

ALL OVER THE COUNTRY

Telegraph Items of Interest in a Condensed Form.

THE JAY GOULD ESTATE.

Large Portion Exempt From Taxation—Various Other Topics of General Interest.

A New York dispatch of the 7th says Lawyer McGuire, who in March, 1893, was appointed appraiser by the surrogate to fix the value of the estate of the late Jay Gould at the time of his death, with a view to determining the amount of tax that should be imposed upon the personal property, has made his report. He finds the value of the personal estate of the late millionaire to be upwards of \$50,000. He allows \$5,000,000 as an indebtedness to the estate of George J. Gould, which is deducted from the total value of the estate. The value of the estate is \$30,354,330, less the amount of the debts, \$5,000,000, and less legacies, annuities, etc., to his brother, sister, and grandson, of \$1,156,512, making the amount of the residuary estate to be \$24,222,818. Each of the six children is entitled to a life interest in trust, with the remainder to their children. Under a recent decision of the court of appeals, it is held that these remainders are not liable to taxation, whereas formerly they were. This will reduce the tax considerably. It is expected that the executors will be entitled to recover from the \$500,000 which they have paid to the estate, a small sum in their favor.

BACK TO "OLE VIRGINNY."

Negro Miners Leaving Coos County for Their Old Homes. Marshfield, Jan. 8.—Yesterday there was another important incident connected with the transportation of negro miners and their families, who reached here last week to mine coal at Beaver Hill. This morning the steamer Blanco steamed down the bay with flags flying. This and the strain of music from the Libby Brass Band attracted a mob of people to the steamer's landing at the foot of A street. She had on board about 20 negroes, who were being escorted to Empire City by a committee of white miners from Libby, accompanied by the band. While the negroes are in destitute circumstances and are being transported to the county seat, where they will be kept at the county's expense until provisions can be made to send them back to Virginia, they feel none the less proud about it. They treated the crowd of bystanders to several plantation choruses. During the interval the steamer was lying at the dock, Mr. Elias Miles, colored, climbed to the top of the cabin on the steamer and delivered a short address, thanking the people for their kindness, and for their willing and ready assistance in sending them home. He said, while he and his associates were comparative strangers in a foreign land, he felt that they were never to be caught up in running down American wages. His remarks were received with round after round of applause. The negroes will give an entertainment here tomorrow night, the proceeds to assist in sending them back to Poconahontas, Virginia.

THE SALE OF THE "CALL."

That Paper Now in the Hands of C. M. Shortridge. A dispatch yesterday from San Francisco says: Charles M. Shortridge made the final payment of \$42,000 for the Morning Call today, and the paper passed into his possession. It was developed that the 600 carrier routes on the paper are worth as much as the paper itself, one route having sold for \$7000 a few weeks ago. Shortridge gave in payment a check on the Nevada bank, and took immediate possession. Speaking of his policy, he said: "I shall not attempt to conduct the largest paper in the country, but I shall publish the brightest paper money can secure, and to accomplish that end I shall make a great many changes." The sale of the Bulletin will take place tomorrow. Mr. Shortridge has already offered \$50,000 for it. Though he says he will not be a strong competitor, he will not buy it unless it comes at a bargain. It is understood that Mr. Elitch, one of the present owners, will make a strong effort to retain the Bulletin.

WHERE SEAS WERE HIGH.

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—The Nicaraguan bark Don Carlos, from Newcastle, N. S. W., reports that December 24 a strong northwest gale was encountered. The seas ran high, and the vessel was tossed about like a cork. The bulwarks on both sides of the vessel were stove in, and the whole deck was swept of everything movable. The doors and windows of the forward house and the fore-cabin were broken, and the cabin was flooded. The galley was completely gutted and the cooking utensils were washed away.

CAPTAIN TOZIER'S REPORT.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Captain Tozier of the revenue cutter Grant, reports that he has searched along the Pacific coast as far south as the Columbia river from Port Townsend, without seeing any signs of wreckage or hearing tidings of the six missing vessels which started south from Victoria, B. C. several weeks ago.

THE BARRON WILL CONTEST.

San Jose, Cal., Jan. 8.—Owing to the unsatisfactory service of citation upon the minor children of Eva Jesse Barron, the widow who is defending the contest of the will of her husband, Edward Barron, the millwright, the case was continued until Thursday.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following goes to show that real estate is on the improve in this county, which betokens a sign of better times. C. H. Page and wife to city of Astoria, southeast quarter of northwest quarter of section 24, township 8 north, range 8 west..... 44
F. M. Luovath and wife to Irene West, lots 7, 8, 9, block 9, Columbia Addition..... 200
John C. Paulson and wife to Bursie Greenwood, lots 11 to 20 inclusive, block 8, Prospect Park, Chas. E. Bennett to B. E. Crawford, lots 13, 14, 15 and 16, blk. 2, Sea View..... 606
Arthur Mason and wife to A. S. Johnson, lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, block 22, Pacific addition..... 406
Astoria Realty Guaranty Co. to Northern Land and Trust Co., all of blocks 11, 12, 15, 16, 21, 26, 27, 34, 52, 57, 75, 76, 84, 87, 91, 100, 108, 111, 112, and lots numbered 21 to 23 inclusive, 51 to 54 inclusive, 155 to 164 inclusive, block 115, Taylor's Astoria..... 1

The British ship Scottish Glen, thirteen days from Portland for Astoria, in port, arrived yesterday. She was not fully loaded, and several hundred tons of wheat will be put on her before her departure for Europe. It is thought that numerous sand bars which have proved obstructions to navigation heretofore, were removed by the Scottish Glen in coming down the river. It is further thought, by many old pilots here, that there will be a general rush of ships down this new channel, in order to get them out before the spring freshets fill up the deepened places.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder
ABSOLUTELY PURE

AN IMPORTANT MOVE.

Messrs. Bonner and Hammond Close Another Contract.

OPTION ON THE GOBLE SURVEYS

It Means that Matters are Bearing a Point Where Work Will Soon Commence.

Yesterday another important step towards the final construction of the Goble road was taken. At the office of the Astoria Improvement and Construction Co. a meeting of the directors was held at which Mr. Fred Strong, attorney for Bonner and Hammond, was present. The purpose of the meeting was to arrange for the transfer of all surveys, plans, etc., that are held by this company, to Bonner and Hammond, who have contracted to construct a railroad between this city and Goble. The Astoria Improvement and Construction Co., and another company, known as the Astoria and Columbia River Railway Company, were incorporated in 1883, and spent considerable money in having surveyed a line along the south bank of the Columbia river, to a point on the Northern Pacific at Goble. The incorporators were nearly all Astoria men, as follows: C. H. Page, Alfred Kinney, D. K. Warren, E. A. Beely, J. Q. A. Bowyer, Ben. Young, B. VanDusen, J. H. Smith and W. R. Smith. The object of the company was to construct, maintain and operate a railroad over the line surveyed. The survey was completed in due time, and altogether the sum of \$14,000 was expended on the work, but their plans were never carried to that point where active work had been commenced on the construction of a roadbed. They preferred to wait and let someone else come along and take the job of their hands. The appearance of Bonner and Hammond on the scene, as they fulfilled their most ardent wishes, for yesterday the construction company gave to the Montana capitalists an option until April 1st, on all their rights-of-way, surveys, and other property for the cost of same, not to exceed \$4,500. Following the construction company's option, the Columbia River and Astoria Railway Company agreed to sell all stock and all franchises, etc., and turn over the entire control to Messrs. Bonner and Hammond, for the minimal sum of one dollar. Then a contract was entered into by the company, with Bonner and Hammond, for the building of a railroad in the time and manner as provided in the contract, already signed with the subsidy committee.

This has another important step been taken, and brings matters around in such shape as will hurry to a completion the efforts of Mr. Hammond, who is now in New York arranging for the necessary money to carry on the work of construction. Other work has to be done, however, and the sooner the people here realize the fact, and assist in every way possible, in causing up all agreements previously entered into with Messrs. Bonner and Hammond, the sooner will it do.

The papers of the whole country have been commenting on Astoria's railroad prospects, and already it is pretty well known throughout the land that ground will be broken at no distant day. From people who have been held during the past few months, it is learned that Goble's sea port is a much-talked-of place and it is reasonable to believe that the commencement of active construction will set such a flood of people and capital this way as will establish the most hopeful.

North Yalima is rejoicing over the completion of the irrigation canal of the Yalima Valley Canal Company, the principal promoters of which were Chester A. Congdon and James M. Gilbert. The canal heads in Netoca river and crosses the Corvallis canyon by means of a siphon pipe 1100 feet long, 24 1/2 inches in diameter and has a fall of 100 feet. The canal which through bench lands eight miles, drains 1300 acres, and is finally discharged into Wide Hollow creek. The work has been in progress for a number of months, employing many men. It is regarded as a very important enterprise in the development of lands tributary to North Yalima.

The damaged tube in the power house of the street railway company, was repaired yesterday shortly after noon, and the cars resumed running.