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AGENTS... Astoria, Oregon.

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THE RAILROAD IS COMPLETED

The Last Spike Driven at 4:30 Sunday Evening.

REGULAR TRAIN SERVICE MAY 1

The Republican Delegates May Ride on the First Cars Into Astoria—On the 14th the Golden Spike Will Be Driven

The last spike in the railroad giving Astoria connection with the outside world was driven two and one-half miles west of Clatskanie and six miles east of Westport at the clock Sunday evening. The point where the connection was made is just below Marshfield and for several miles on each side the road runs through a level tract of land on the banks of the Columbia. Foreman Dillon had charge of the gang of men working from the Astoria end and Foreman Farling superintended the construction from the Goble end of the line and both pushed the work steadily for several days previous, the fine weather aiding their efforts to speed the completion of the road.

The construction train left this city Sunday at 10:30 a. m., with 25 cars of sand ballast, and was accompanied by the Rev. Superintendent McGuire, Manager Curtis, Engineer Jamieson, Auditor Keelner, and a representative of the Astorian, to witness the driving of the last spike. The train reached Westport shortly before 3 o'clock in the afternoon and the cars were unloaded a little beyond Westport. The train being heavily loaded reached its destination late, and the officers of the road were afraid the job looked for event would be delayed in consequence. They hoisted a hand car and after a half or three-quarters of an hour of hard work propelled themselves to the front. Foreman Dillon had expected the arrival of the party but no time was lost. A half dozen spikes yet remaining to be driven. A crowd of about 100 people, men, women and children, from adjacent settlements had gathered around the workmen, and in about five minutes after the arrival of the officers, Foreman Dillon, with his own hands, placed the last spike on the line and with a few strokes from his heavy arms it firmly bound together the steel rails constituting Astoria's connection with the great commercial centers of the nation. It was a happy event for the officers of the road who have worked so unceasingly for its speedy completion. Foreman Dillon had ordered a feast for his faithful workmen and plenty of everything good in the way of both eating and drinking was on hand and appreciatively disposed of. The Clatskanie coronet band was present and furnished music for the occasion. Providence favored the efforts of all concerned in successfully completing the job, as the evening was a beautiful one.

The road is now in condition for the operation of through trains any day, but Superintendent McGuire is anxious to have the four miles which remain to be ballasted completed before running regular passenger trains. Mr. McGuire states this will be done in six days. Two of the biggest engines now in Portland will be brought down to haul the cars and the work of ballasting these four miles will be rushed as fast as possible.

The third draw-bridge will be finished in about ten days and then the construction work of the road will be completed and the formality of driving the golden spike will occur about the time the delegates to the republican convention arrive.

Trains can be run with perfect safety as soon as the last few miles built is ballasted, and the republican delegates to the convention held in this city on the 14th will ride on the first through train from Portland into Astoria. Regular train service, however, will not commence until May 1.

The construction of the Astoria and Columbia River Railroad was begun in August, 1893, by Mr. Hammond and has continued since without interruption. In the fall of 1896 the force employed on the road was nearly entirely discharged, causing much speculation at the time as to whether the road would ever be completed. However, a regular force was employed in a short time after and construction work has been steadily pushed ever since. Mr. Hammond came here in 1894 and took the subsidy of 2000 acres raised by the citizens of Astoria and vicinity. He subsequently purchased the Astoria and South Coast Road for \$50,000. The right of way from Astoria to Goble, some of it running through valuable property, was nearly all donated, a money consideration being required only in a few instances for the transfer. Several railroad failures were made previous to Mr. Hammond coming here. The first attempt to build from the city was in 1867, and then came the subsequent attempts to build the Nehalem road by William Reid, Goss and Schofield, E. L. Dwyer, J. C. Stanton, Edwin Brown, W. H. Remington and others. Many of these great large sums of money to finance the project through but each ended in failure.

NEW YORK TROOPS FOR ATLANTA.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 4.—Colonel Smith, U. S. A., at Fort Porter, has received a message from Washington ordering him to have the four companies of his command at Buffalo and one company at Fort Niagara ready to proceed to Atlanta at a moment's notice. The company at Fort Niagara is expected in Buffalo today. Colonel Smith says his command is ready to move as soon as a train can be provided.

TO KLONDIKE BY BALLOON.

New York, April 4.—Antoine Varlet, of the French Geographical Society, has arrived here with a balloon with which he intends to make a trip from Juneau to the Klondike. A dozen persons are in the party. Arthur Tervagne, LL. D., is president of the expedition and is also correspondent of the Times. Varlet, head of the expedition, is 45 years old and a well known engineer and inventor in France. He claims that his balloon can be steered with ease.

BIG SUIT AGAINST THE ASTORIA ROAD

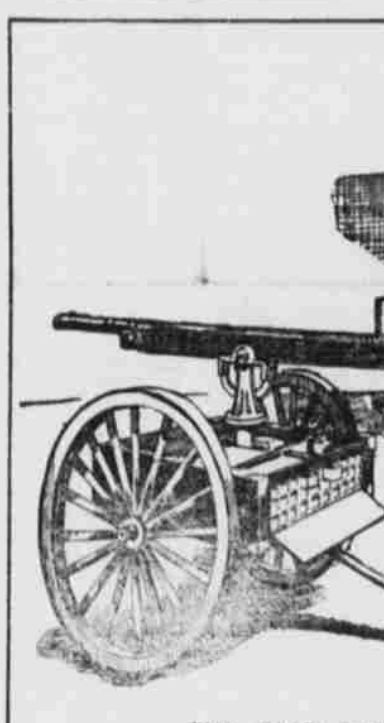
Honeyman, DeHart & Glenn File a Mechanic's Lien for \$241,488.

STATEMENT OF MR. HAMMOND

Says the Work and Contractors Failed in Their Work, and That the Amount Is Not Due Them.

Portland, April 4.—(Special to the Astorian.)—In the office of the county clerk of Columbia county, Honeyman, DeHart & Glenn today filed a mechanic's lien against the Astoria and Columbia River Railroad for \$241,488. It is alleged that this sum is due for work and material supplied in construction of 6 1/2 miles of the railroad from Neer City to Station 77, in Columbia county, the work having been done between July 1, 1896, and March, 1898. The construction contract was let nearly three years ago to the Northwest Construction Company of which T. H. Curtis, recently appointed manager of the railroad, is president. The job was subcontracted by the construction company to Honeyman, DeHart & Glenn for \$269,500. Of this sum it is acknowledged that \$24,182 has been paid in cash and \$125 in notes, leaving a balance of \$241,488 unpaid, that being the amount of the lien filed.

E. J. DeHart, of Honeyman, DeHart & Glenn, was asked what significance there was in the filing of the mechanic's lien, and he replied that the usual significance attached to it, and that it was intended to have full force and virtue of such a proceeding instituted in good faith. It



THE COLT RAPID FIRE GUNS.

Each of the six-caliber, rapid fire, automatic guns which have been sent to the navy yards of the United States is a masterpiece of modern gunnery. The guns, which are made by the Colt company, are of recent invention. The government began to buy them about two years ago, and already it has fifty or more of them ready for use. They may be used either at sea or on land. Most of the guns are about three feet long and about eight inches in diameter. The bore is only .235 of an inch.

was not merely a formal move, he said, but one his company regarded as essential to protect its rights.

He declined to make a statement of the matter in controversy, saying there was a difference of opinion as to certain contracts, and this move was taken as the proper one to bring the question to a legal focus.

A. H. Hammond, president of the railroad company, said Honeyman, DeHart & Glenn did not complete their contract, and the construction company, after Honeyman, DeHart & Glenn were several months behind with the work, resumed charge of the construction and completed the road.

"There is nothing due Honeyman, DeHart & Glenn on that contract," said Mr. Hammond. "They failed to do the work according to contract, and practically abandoned it in January, alleging bad weather, unfavorable soil, etc., as reasons for their inaction. The construction company took hold of it, pushed the road through to completion, and charged the expense up against Honeyman, DeHart & Glenn, whose claims were thus fully canceled. We have money to pay our bills, and are ready to pay what we owe, but cannot be expected to do our own construction and at the same time pay others for doing it."

LOCAL FIRM GETS CONTRACT.

Kalama, Wash., April 4.—(Special to the Astorian.)—The Columbia Iron Works today secured the contract for the iron work for the foundation and roundhouse to be built at Astoria by the Astoria and Columbia River Railroad.

ELECTIONS IN MONTANA.

Helena, Mont., April 4.—At the city election today the republicans elected the mayor, treasurer, police judge and four of the seven aldermen, the democrats capturing the other three. The democrats will control the council.

Butte, Mont., April 4.—The election today was for eight aldermen. The democrats elected seven and the silver republicans one. The republicans and populists made a poor showing. The next council will stand twelve democrats to four republicans and silver republicans.

PORTLAND POLITICS.

Portland, April 4.—W. S. Mason was today nominated for mayor by a number of electors of Portland, and he has accepted the nomination.

County Clerk Smith today refused to file the poll books of primary election held Saturday as the poll books of the republican primaries, holding that they are not such, but might be filed as "Mitchell Republican," or any other designation.

SPANARDS WANT A CLASH OF ARMS

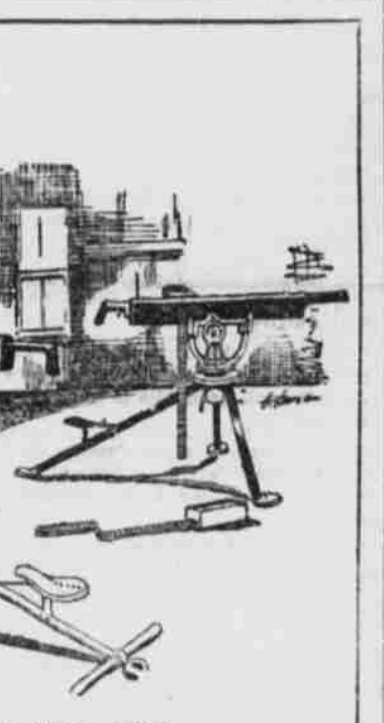
War Peeling at Havana Said to be Growing Very Strong.

FORTS BEING STRENGTHENED

Fleets of Ammunition Said to be in the Possession of the Spanish in Cuba, but Not in Excess.

New York, April 4.—A Tribune dispatch from Havana says: Peace has few partisans among Spain's official representatives in Havana. For a day or two feelings of accepting the friendly intervention of the United States and intervention were entertained. The change of sentiment is significant as reflecting the feeling in Madrid. It is interpreted here as a sign that the Sagasta ministry cannot save Cuba except by war. The Spanish population continues to have its appetite whetted for hostilities through the talk of those in authority close to Blanes. They charge that the "faithless Yankees" are now exposed to all the world; that Spain's concession of autonomy, unwillingness of the United States to give it further time is proof of territorial greed. When sentiments of this kind are put forth by high officers their influence is not slight. The volunteers are now the most enthusiastic supporters of hostile measures. They are pelted more than the army.

It should be said that General Blanco at the conference with the colonels of the volunteers has made them feel a sense of responsibility in maintaining order in



MESSAGE ON WEDNESDAY.

Washington, April 4.—The cabinet adjourned at 11:35, after thoroughly considering the president's address, the message. Secretary Long authorized the Associated Press to announce that the message would be sent to congress Wednesday.

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CUBA MUST BE SELF GOVERNED

United States Will Decline Mediation Unless This Is Granted.

THE MESSAGE WEDNESDAY

Said the President Will Take a Vigorous Stand and Insist Upon the Independence of Cuba

Washington, April 4.—The two foremost branches of the Cuban question in Washington today were the president's message and European mediation, which now has taken an active form in course of Europe, according to advices received at the foreign embassies here, though no proffer has been made by the United States.

Regarding the first, it can be stated that it is fully expected by the administration that the message will be sent to congress on Wednesday, in all probability, and certainly by Thursday. The members of McKinley's cabinet and his friends in congress stated definitely today that it will deal vigorously with the question, will include the Maine incident, and make definite recommendations to congress, one of which will be the recognition of Cuban independence.

As to the mediation of Europe or the pope, they declare that those material and moral powers must exercise their suzerain on Spain, for this government will insist on the independence of Cuba as the ultimate sine qua non, unless the insurgents themselves should consent to less, and this they have flatly refused to do. Speaking of this point, one of the cabinet officers said today:

"You can say for me that all the powers of Europe and all the heads of the churches may propose mediation to Spain if they desire, but the United States will positively not listen to mediation of any kind that does not lead to the acceptance of our conditions, which is the independence of Cuba."

Notwithstanding the many reports of European mediation, they assumed their first tangible form this afternoon, when at least two of the European establishments in Washington received notice that exchanges of notes between the great powers were in progress in arriving at a basis on which they make a joint proposal for mediation. It is evident that the exchange has not yet been productive of a common understanding, as the ambassadors and ministers at Washington have not received instructions yet to initiate the movement. The only information thus far is that notes are passing by telegraph between the capitals of Europe. It had been understood that France and Austria were most active in bringing about this movement, and that Great Britain had held aloof from it, but it developed today that the British government was also taking part in the exchange, and that, in case of concerted action by the powers, Great Britain would probably act with the others.

SENATORS WERE ELOQUENT.

Perkins and Others Demand the Independence of the Cuban Patriots.

Washington, April 4.—It was frankly and openly charged in the senate today by Perkins, of California, in a set speech, that Spain was responsible for the Maine disaster, as it had been brought about by Spanish machinations and Spanish treachery. The speech of Perkins was only one of the four personal addresses on the Cuban question delivered in the senate today. Clay, of Georgia, while hoping for a peaceful solution of the problem the country is now facing, declared strongly in favor of the independence of the Cubans, and pledged to the administration the loyal support of the south, which, in the event of war, would have to bear the brunt of the conflict.

Perkins took substantially the same grounds, and his vigorous treatment of the subject aroused the crowded galleries to enthusiastic applause. Mantle, of Montana, while expressing confidence in the administration, maintained that if time for action had now arrived, and that action must be to the end that Cuba should be free. Rawlins, of Utah, entirely eliminated the president from consideration in his speech, contending that the case against Spain was already made up, and that with congress tested the responsibility of declaring war.

MORE VESSELS PURCHASED.

New York, April 4.—Upon receiving an order from Washington today to buy ten vessels the naval auxiliary board purchased the following for auxiliary cruisers: Caracas and Venezuela, of the Red D line; Kansas City, of the Savannah line; Yorktown, Jamestown and Princess Ann, of the Old Dominion line; El Sol and three others, of the Morgan line.

HUNDRED LIVES LOST IN FLOOD

Death List Increasing in the Terrible Shawneetown Disaster.

MANY NEGROES DROWNED

The Waters Came Upon the People Without Warning, with Appalling Loss of Life—Many Homeless.

Hideway, Ill., April 4.—Tonight almost two score bodies of the victims of the Shawneetown flood, last evening, had been recovered, and hundreds of homeless people are dependent upon charity for food and shelter. The death list is likely to be largely increased when definite information from the negro quarter is secured. The flood burst on these people without warning and, owing to the weak construction of their shanties, they toppled over in the rush of waters, leaving their inmates no means of getting out of danger. Hundreds of people who live farther from the river front sought safety on the roofs and upper stories, or made for the hills to the west. Those are being removed as rapidly as possible to places where they can be given proper care. No effort has been made to search for bodies yet, the attention of the relief parties being directed almost entirely to the distribution of supplies and making the homeless as comfortable as possible. The relief work is well organized. The tents and blankets sent by the governor today will be promptly distributed. Those who escaped lost everything, and their homes are in ruins.

The missing, as far as known tonight, are: Colonel Callcott, Washington C. Callcott, Mrs. Callcott, Mrs. Galloway, Deora Galloway, Mary Galloway, Mrs. Holly, Mrs. Groer, Mrs. Ed. Flaks, Chas. Clayton, Mrs. Clayton, four Clayton children, Annie Rhineholt, Clarence Rhineholt, Mrs. Paul Phalon, three Phalon children, a nephew of the Phalons, Mrs. McClary, Florence Evans, Ella McAllister (colored), Mary McAllister (colored), R. B. Hooker, a telegraph operator on the Louisville and Nashville; Harry King and four children (colored), Miss Cora Sherwood, Frank A. Morrison and Mrs. A. Hathaway.

Late tonight it is estimated that the loss of life in the negro quarters may reach fifty, besides those accounted for. Ed Flaks, whose wife was drowned, came to Cypress Junction today and said there were fifteen people in his house when the flood struck the building. Only himself and one other succeeded in escaping before the building toppled over. Flaks is hysterical from grief and could not give the names of the thirteen who lost their lives.

Marsh Callcott, a son of Washington Callcott and wife, who perished, made a heroic effort to save his parents. He secured a rowboat and got to within forty feet of where his mother and father were imprisoned. A swift current prevented him from getting nearer. The parents stood in the yard in water to their waists awaiting the arrival of the boat. Suddenly a wave swept them into the current and they were drowned before their son's eyes.

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