EVERYBODY IS DOING IT

Where are you
going my pretty maid?
I'm going to Ellis' sir she said.
Why do you go there my pretty maid?
To get Ice Cream Sodas sir she said.
Is there no other place my pretty maid
Where Ice Cream Soda can be had?
There are other places sir
she said.
But Ellis' puts them all
in the shade.

ELIS' CONFECTIONERY, Main Street, Dallas

DALLAS STATION TIME CARD

SOUTHERN PACIFIC

LEAVING DALLAS		ARRIVING DALLAS	
Passenger No. 74	7.05 a. m.	Passenger No. 77	11:10 a. m.
Passenger No. 76	2:15 p. m.	Passenger No. 75	7:15 p. m.

SALEM, FALLS CITY & WESTERN RY. CO.

East Bound.

TRAIN NO. 2.
Lv. Dallas ..... 7:35 a. m.
Ar. West Salem ..... 8:15 a. m.

TRAIN NO. 4.
Lv. Black Rock ..... 11:00 a. m.
Lv. Falls City ..... 11::15 a. m.
Lv. Dallas ..... 11:50 a. m.
Ar. West Salem ..... 12:30 p. m.

TRAIN NO. 6.
Lv. Falls City ..... 2:40 p. m.
Lv. Dallas ..... 3:10 p. m.
Ar. West Salem ..... 3:40 p. m.

TRAIN NO. 8.
Lv. Falls City ..... 6:10 p. m.
Ar. Dallas ..... 6:40 p. m.

TRAIN NO. 10 (Sunday Only.)
Lv. Dallas ..... 7:35 a. m.
Ar. West Salem ..... 8:15 a. m.

TRAIN NO. 12. (Sunday Only.)
Lv. Black Rock ..... 11:40 a. m.
Lv. Falls City ..... 11:55 a. m.
Lv. Dallas ..... 12:30 p. m.
Ar. West Salem ..... 1:10 p. m.

TRAIN NO. 14. (Sunday Only.)
Lv. Black Rock ..... 4:00 p. m.
Lv. Falls City ..... 4:15 p. m.
Lv. Dallas ..... 4:50 p. m.
Ar. West Salem ..... 5:30 p. m.

West Bound.

TRAIN NO. 1.
Lv. West Salem ..... 9:00 a. m.
Lv. Dallas ..... 9:45 a. m.
Lv. Falls City ..... 10:15 a. m.
Ar. Black Rock ..... 10:35 a. m.

TRAIN NO. 3.
Lv. West Salem ..... 1:20 p. m.
Lv. Dallas ..... 2:00 p. m.
Ar. Falls City ..... 2:30 p. m.

TRAIN NO. 5.
Lv. West Salem ..... 4:45 p. m.
Lv. Dallas ..... 5:30 p. m.
Ar. Falls City ..... 6:00 p. m.

TRAIN NO. 11. (Sunday Only.)
Lv. West Salem ..... 9:00 a. m.
Lv. Dallas ..... 9:45 a. m.
Lv. Falls City ..... 10.15 a. m.
Ar. Black Rock ..... 10:35 a. m.

TRAIN NO. 13. (Sunday Only.)
Lv. West Salem ..... 1:20 p. m.
Lv. Dallas ..... 2:05 p. m.
Lv. Falls City ..... 2:35 p. m.
Ar. Black Rock ..... 2:55 p. m.

TRAIN NO. 15. (Sunday Only.)
Lv. West Salem ..... 5:50 p. m.
Ar. Dallas ..... 6:30 p. m.

INDEPENDENCE & MONMOUTH RY.

Dallas Division.

LEAVING DALLAS		ARRIVING DALLAS	
No. 65	8:30 a. m.	No. 64	6:45 a. m.
No. 69	1:00 p. m.	No. 68	11:30 a. m.
No. 73	3:30 p. m.	No. 66	3:05 p. m.
No. 71	7:20 p. m.	No. 70	6:55 p. m.
LEAVING INDEPENDENCE		ARRIVING INDEPENDENCE	
No. 64	6:00 p. m.	No. 65	9:15 a. m.
No 68	10:50 a. m.	No. 69	1:40 p. m.
No. 66	2:30 p. m.	No. 71	8:05 p. m.
No. 70	6:15 p. m.	No. 68	11:30 a. m.

Airlie Division.

LEAVING AIRLIE		ARRIVING AIRLIE	
No. 62	7:30 a. m.	No. 61	7:20 a. m.
No. 72	5:00 p. m.	No. 73	4:45 p. m.
LEAVING INDEPENDENCE		ARRIVING INDEPENDENCE	
No. 61	6:30 p. m.	No. 62	8:15 a. m.
No. 73	3:35 p. m.	No. 72	5:45 p. m.

LODGE DIRECTORY

REBEKAHS—Almira Lodge No. 26 meets first and third Wednesday of each month at Odd Fellows' Hall.
NOLA COAD, Noble Grand.
ORA COSPER, Secretary.

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W. G. VASSAL, Clerk.

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SADIE LYNN, Clerk.

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W. L. SOEHREN, W. M.
WALTER S. MUIR, Secretary.

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F. G. WING, M. A.
WILLIS SIMONTON, Secretary.

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Street Commis'er . P. S. Greenwood
Night Policeman ..... D. J. Grant

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, William Corley, has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, executor of the estate of Jabez Thurston, deceased, and has qualified.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present them, duly verified, with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the said executor at the law office of Oscar Hayter, in Dallas, Polk County, Oregon.

Dated and first published, May 14th, 1912.

WILLIAM CORLEY,
Executor of the estate of Jabez Thurston, deceased.
OSCAR HAYTER, Attorney.
5-14 6-11

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Mary Letitia Collins, has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, administratrix of the estate of William Wallace Collins, deceased, and has qualified.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present them, duly verified, with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the said administratrix at her residence near Suver, in Polk County, State of Oregon.

Dated and first published May 14th, 1912.

MARY LETITIA COLLINS,
Administratrix of the estate of William Wallace Collins, deceased.
OSCAR HAYTER, Attorney.
5-14 6-11

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County.
Department No. 2.
Elnora R. A. Park, Plaintiff.
vs.
J. J. Yewdall and Mrs. J. J. Yewdall, his wife, Defendants.

To J. J. Yewdall and Mrs. J. J. Yewdall, his wife, the above named defendants:

In the name of the State of Oregon.

You and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause and Court on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer the plaintiff will take a decree against you and each of you as prayed for in her complaint herein, to-wit: That plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of the following described real property, commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 12, in Township 9 South of Range 4 West of the Willamette Meridian in Polk County, Oregon, thence running West 40 Rods, thence South 20 Rods, thence West 40 Rods, thence South 30 Rods, thence East 80 Rods, thence North 50 Rods to the place of beginning containing 20 acres more or less, and that you and each of you be forever barred and enjoined from claiming any right, title or interest of, in or to said real premises or any part thereof and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is published for six weeks by order of the Hon. Ed. F. Coad, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County, made at Chambers on the 25th day of April, 1912 and the date of the first publication thereof will be April 30th, 1912, and the date of the last publication thereof will be on the 11th day of June, 1912.

SIBLEY & EAKIN,
4-30 6-11 Attorney's for Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an execution and order of sale duly issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, on the 24th day of April, 1912, and to me directed, upon a judgment and decree duly rendered by said Court on the 23d day of March, 1912, and which judgment was enrolled and docketed in the office of the Clerk of said Court on the 22d day of April, 1912, in a certain suit then pending in said Court, wherein Horace J. Glandon, Amanda McKern, A. E. McKern, her husband, and Lizzie Glandon were plaintiffs, recovered judgment and decree against Cora F. Kerr, J. M. Kerr, and Jay W. Moore and Charles Hazeltine defendants, and by which execution and order of sale I am commanded to sell the real property in said execution and hereinafter described, to satisfy plaintiff's judgment herein, to-wit: The sum of $13,058.00 principal and interest, and the further sum of $600.00 as Attorney's fee together with the costs and disbursements of said suit taxed and allowed at $60.70 and accruing costs and expenses upon said execution, I will on

Thursday, June 20, 1912,

at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m. of said day at the West door of the Court House in Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand on day of sale, all the right, title, interest and estate which said defendants Cora F. Kerr, J. M. Kerr and Jay W. Moore and Charles Hazeltine, (or either of them, if more than one) or all persons claiming under said defendant, (or either of them, if more than one) subsequent to the execution of the mortgage herein, to-wit: the 5th day of October, 1910, in, of and to said mortgaged premises and every part and parcel thereof; the said real property hereinbefore mentioned is described in said execution as follows, to-wit:

Situated in Polk County, State of Oregon, and more particularly described as, beginning 2.18 chains South of the corner of Sections 20, 21, 28 and 29, in Township six (6) South of Range four (4) West of the Willamette Meridian, at an iron bolt, one inch square and 24 inches long, driven 20 inches into the ground; thence South 27.83 chains to the quarter corner between said Sections 28 and 29, thence West 53.21 chains to a basalt stone 16x8x8 inches, set 15 inches in the ground, and marked with "X" on top and "C. S." on East face, from which an oak tree 12 inches in diameter bears four degrees, 15 minutes West 288 links distant, marked C. S. B. T.; thence North one degree no minutes East 27.83 chains to an iron pipe one inch in diameter and 14 inches long, driven 14 inches below the surface of the ground, from which there is set a basalt stone 16x10x8 set 14 inches in the ground and marked "X" on top and "C. S" on East face; thence East 52.59 chains to the place of beginning, containing 200 acres, more or less. Save and except a strip across the North side, one rod in width, which has been dedicated as a road.

Said sale being made subject to redemption in the manner provided by law.

Dated this 24th day of April, 1912.

J. M. GRANT,
Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon.
5-21 6-18

Executor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has, by an order of the Honorable County Court of Polk County, Oregon, made and entered of record on the 17th day of May, A. D., 1912, been duly appointed and confirmed as the executor of the estate of Harriet Hibbard, late of Polk County, Oregon, deceased; all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned and all persons having claims against said estate will present the same, duly verified according to law, to the undersigned at his residence near Dallas, Oregon, or at the law office of Brown & Sibley, 610 Mill street, Dallas, Oregon, on or before six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated and first published May 21st, 1912.

PERCY W. HIBBARD,
Executor of the estate of Harriet Hibbard, deceased.
BROWN & SIBLEY,
Attorneys for estate. 5-21 6-18

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County.
No. 4058.
U. S. Loughary, Plaintiff, v. Gustav Forsell, Defendant.

To Gustav Forsell, the above named defendant:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and suit, within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit, on or before the 10th day of July, 1912, and if you fail so to answer the said complaint, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to said Court for a decree as prayed for in said complaint, to-wit:

1. That you be required to set forth the nature of your claims in and to that certain parcel of land described as follows, to-wit:

Beginnning at a point 17.50 chains West and 22.50 chains South from the Northeast corner of the John E. Lyle and wife Donation Land Claim, in Township 7 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Polk County, State of Oregon, and running thence South 3 chains; thence West 15.97 chains; thence North 3 chains, and thence East 15.97 chains to the place of beginning, containing 4.79 acres, more or less;

—and that all adverse claims which you may have thereto may be determined by a decree of said Court.

2. That by said decree it be declared and adjudged that you have no estate nor interest whatever in or to said land, and that the title of the plaintiff thereto is good and valid; and

3. That you be forever enjoined and debarred from asserting any claim whatever in or to said land adverse to plaintiff, and that plaintiff may have such other relief as may seem meet with equity.

This summons, by an order of the Honorable Ed. F. Coad, County Judge of Polk County, Oregon, made at Chambers in Dallas, Oregon, on the 24th day of May, 1912, is served upon you by the publication thereof once a week for a period of six consecutive weeks immediately prior to the 10th day of July, 1912, in the Polk County Observer, a newspaper of general circulation printed weekly at Dallas, in said County. The date of the first publication of this summons is May 28th, 1912.

OSCAR HAYTER,
5-28 7-9 Attorney for Plaintiff.

Registration of Land Title.

In the matter of the application of G. W. Laflar to register the title to the following described premises, to-wit:

Beginning at the S. E. corner of the David McDonald and wife D. L. C. Not. No. 469, Claim No. 44 in T. 6 S. R. 3 W. of the Will. Mer., thence N. 13.00 chs.; thence W. 1.51 chs.; thence N. 1.86 chs.; thence W. 40.74 chs.; thence S. 1.86 chs.; thence in a Westerly by South direction 21.02 chs.; to the West line of aforesaid D. L. C.; thence South 5.00 chs. to the S. W. corner of aforesaid D. L. C.; thence E. 61.68 chs. to the place of beginning and containing 80 acres of land more or less, situated in Polk County, Oregon.

Also Lots No. 1-2-3-4-5, of Section 18 in T. 6 S. R. 3 W. and Lot No. 1 of Section 13 in T. 6 S. R. 4 W. in the district of lands subject to sale at Oregon City, Oregon, containing 92.03 acres.

Also Not. No. 277 Claim No. 45 being parts of sections 17 and 18 in T. 7 S. R. 3 W., described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at point 15.37 chs. S. and 12.35 chs. E. of the N. W. corner of the S. W. ¼ of said Section 17 and running thence N. 55 E. 40.00 chs.; thence W. 80.44 chs.; thence S. 40.00 chs.; thence E. 79.68 chs.; to the place of beginning in the district of lands subject to sale at Oregon City, Oregon, and containing 320 acres.

The unknown heirs, F. G. McLench and all to whom it may concern: Take notice, that on the 13th day of May, 1912, an application was filed by said G. W. Laflar, in the Circuit Court of Polk County, Oregon, for initial registration of the title of the land above described.

Now, unless you appear on or before the 28th day of June, 1912, and show cause why such application shall not be granted, the same will be taken as confessed, and a decree will be entered according to the prayer of the application, and you will be forever barred from disputing the same.

(SEAL) E. M. SMITH,
SMITH & SHIELDS, County Clerk.
Attorneys. 5-28 6-25

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, executor of the estate of John Osburn, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, his final account as such executor, and that Monday, the 15th day of July, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the morning of said day, and the County Court room in the Court House in the City of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, have been fixed by the said Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said account and the settlement thereof. All persons in interest are hereby notified to be present at said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why such final account should not be allowed and said executor discharged.

Dated and first published this 11th day of June, 1912. The last publication hereof will be in the issue of the Polk County Observer dated Tuesday, July 9th, 1912.

HD. OSBURN,
Executor of the estate of John Osburn, deceased.
WALTER L. TOOZE, JR.,
Attorney for estate. 6-11 7-9

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Dan P. Stouffer and John C. Uglow, have been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, executors of the estate of John S. Martin, deceased, and have qualified.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present them, duly verified, with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the said executors at the office of Oscar Hayter, Lawyer, at Rooms 5-7, Uglow Building, in the city of Dallas, in Polk County, State of Oregon.

Dated and first published June 11, 1912.

DAN P. STOUFFER,
JOHN C. UGLOW,
Executors of the estate of John S. Martin, deceased.
OSCAR HAYTER, Attorney. 6-11 7-9

Street Grade Notice.

To Trustees LaCreole Academic Institute, J. W. Crider, Ida Hinshaw, W. A. Brown, A. I. Brown, Dan P. Stouffer, School District No. 2 of Polk County, Oregon, E. R. Tuttle, R. L. Chapman, W. E. Burns, Evaline Hayter, J. E. Richter, E. C. Kirkpatrick, and S. M. Ray:

You and each of you are hereby notified, that the City Council of the City of Dallas, Oregon, contemplates the passage of an ordinance changing the now established grade on certain parts of the following described streets, to-wit: All that part of Academy street lying between the West line of Church street and the East line of Jefferson street, and all that part of Main street lying between the North line of Academy street and the South line of Oak street, all in the City of Dallas, Oregon.

You and each of you are hereby further notified that the said City Council will sit in the Council Chamber in said city on Monday, the 24th day of June, 1912, at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m., to hear and determine objections and remonstrances thereto, if any there be; and

That all property owners and other persons in interest may attend at said place and time and show cause, if any they have, why said proposed ordinance changing the now established grade should not be passed.

Said now established grade proposed to be changed by said ordinance on said streets, will be changed in accordance with the surveys and plats of the same now on file in the office of the undersigned Auditor and Police Judge.

Done by order of the City Council of Dallas, Oregon, made and entered of record on the 3rd day of June, 1912.

Witness my hand and the official seal of the City of Dallas, Oregon, this 6th day of June, A. D., 1912.

(SEAL.) CHAS. GREGORY,
Auditor and Police Judge of Dallas, Oregon. 6-14 6-21

Sewer Assessment Notice.

To E. A. Hamilton, A. J. Barham, J. M. Farley, Myrtle Govro, P. J. Johnson, H. M. Brown, J. S. Ashbaugh, W. W. Wood, C. C. Wood, A. Byerley, G. E. Lawrence, D. A. Coovert, L. M. Coovert, C. A. Bennett, A. B. Bennett, T. K. Ramsey, L. Ludwig, F. Ludwig, E. Hughes, J. T. Hughes, Albert Fennell, H. Boals, D. Boals, Cornelia Splawn, Jennie F. Oiler, A. Shultz Estate, A. J. Hastings, M. G. Carter, E. J. Smith, Eliza Shultz, G. W. McBee, Alice Odom, Josephine McDevitt, Mary Hayes, Birdie Harris, Theo. Farington, M. F. Martin, Volney Holmes Estate, Kate Jackman, Mary Sears, Josephine Howard, Percy Hibbard, V. A. Kersey, Olive V. Cook, Mary E. Bricker Estate, O. Dimick, Isabella Brown, Viola Morton, Mattie Syron, Clay Frazer, Roy Black, H. G. Black, Chas. A. Black, Southern Pacific Railroad Company, H. V. Gates, Mark Hayter, Loretta Campbell, N. J. Bollman, Arthur Starr, Mary Starr, E. C. Kirkpatrick, School District No. 2, Polk County, Oregon, F. Gerlinger, T. Tribble, M. S. Faist, Everett Gwinn, S. F. McKinney, W. L. Soehren, Effie R. Brown, Nancy Brown, A. M. Werner, I. N. Woods, Eva Woods, Florence Ellis, Alice Morrison, Trustees Presbyterian Church, W. H. McDaniel, W. H. Boals, J. L. Guthrie, R. A. Embree, Gilles Bennett Estate, J. A. Laurenson, Ellen J. Hubbard, S. M. Greenwood, P. S. Greenwood, Bessie Gooch, M. M. Dungan, W. J. Coy, Weldon Black, H. C. VanSkike, Alice M. Frakes, Z. M. Knight, M. Knight, William Eckhart, L. M. Wilson, Geo. W. Hagood, Blanche Eakin, L. O. Ramsdell, N. L. Palmer, I. M. Palmer, Jennie M. Williams, Thomas Williams, J. G. VanOrsdel, J. M. Campbell, Eugene Hayter, guardian of estate of Otto Jarvis, a minor, O. S. Clark, and Charles Hayes:

You are hereby notified, that the City Council of the City of Dallas, Oregon, has estimated the cost of constructing sewers with branches and laterals extending therefrom on Uglow avenue, Fair View avenue, Orchard avenue, and Ash street, in said City of Dallas, as provided for in Ordinance No. 176 of said City, to be as follows, to-wit For said sewers, branches, and laterals, the sum of $7522.28 in the aggregate, or the sum of $0.0058 (5 8-10 mills) per square foot for each square foot of real property lying and being within the limits of the said sewer improvement district.

You are hereby further notified, that the said City Council will sit in the Council Chamber in said City on Monday, the 24th day of June, 1912, at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of apportioning the cost of such improvements and assessing upon each lot or part of lot or tract of land liable therefor and owned by the persons hereinabove named, its proportionate share of such cost; and

That all the property owners above named, and all other persons in interest, may attend at said place and time and show cause, if any they have, why such apportionment and assessment of costs should not be made.

Done by order of the City Council of the City of Dallas, Oregon, made and entered of record on the 27th day of May, 1912.

Witness my hand and the official seal of said City of Dallas, Oregon, this 7th day of June, A. D., 1912.

(SEAL.) CHAS. GREGORY,
Auditor and Police Judge of Dallas, Oregon. 6-14 6-21

BERMUDA GRASS.

Bermuda grass is of southern origin and is extensively used in the latitude of Oklahoma, in sections where the rainfall is somewhat limited. The Oklahoma station, which has recently issued a bulletin on this grass, does not recommend growing it where alfalfa and similar crops can be grown. The grass does best on a sandy loam and is admirably adapted as a grass to prevent soil erosion and for a pasture on rough land not well suited to agriculture. Except in the southernmost parts of the country the grass does not mature seed and is best propagated by sowing the roots. The best time to do this is in the spring, and the general planting method followed with potatoes gives good results.

England's Titanic Inquiry

IN England such inquiries as that now being conducted into the Titanic disaster take place under powers conferred by the merchant shipping acts and are regulated partly by those acts and partly by rules of various authorities made under them.

The first business of such a court of inquiry, in case of an accident to a ship, is to find whether all the rules for safety have been observed and whether the accident has come about by reason of the negligence or misconduct of any officer or seaman.

The rules as to such inquiries are made by the lord chancellor under one section of the act of 1894. The board of trade rules as to safety are made under another in a different part of the act. When the latter rules were formulated in 1902, under the auspices of Gerald Balfour, the giant ships of the present day were by no means inconceivable, and a table carefully graduated to 10,000 tons and then stopping abruptly did not show much foresight.

Under these rules it is somewhat difficult for a nonexpert to work out the minimum requirements. In the table sixteen boats of not less than 5,500 cubic feet capacity are required for the largest vessels, and since, by another rule, one person may be carried for every ten cubic feet, this only provides for 850 people. But if there are more people there must be additional boats, though only up to 75 per cent, and this is qualified for boats

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which have "efficient water tight compartments to the satisfaction of the board of trade," a sad mockery in the case of the Titanic. It is laid down plainly that there must be at least one life belt for each person on board. But a life belt is a very slender protection to a man on the Atlantic, and it would probably take him so long to swim out of range of the vast suction of such a vessel as the Titanic that it would be useless in an emergency. It ought, in fact, to be the first rule in vessels of this class, as it is the rule for inferior vessels, that "the boats on each side of the ship shall be sufficient to accommodate all persons on board."

Since an inquiry can extend to all the causes involving the loss of the vessel and the court has the ample powers of a magistrate to compel persons to give evidence the law is sufficient.

Save by censure or suggestion the court itself has no power except over those who by misbehavior or breaking rules have directly conduced to the loss of the vessel. In the case of the Titanic the captain, faithful unto death, is beyond any human punishment or censure, and it may be that, assuming ships may lawfully proceed full steam ahead, although dangerous icebergs are near, the accident was inevitable. If so it will be for parliament to consider whether further legislation is necessary to prevent such catastrophes and also to ask on what principle the board of trade allowed a vessel to sail with the certainty that if it foundered the great majority of people on board would be drowned.

In the case of the Titanic inquiry it was decided that a higher authority than a magistrate should preside. This resulted in the selection of Sir John Bigham (Lord Mersey).

Lord Mersey was born on Aug. 3, 1840, the son of John Bigham, a prominent merchant of Liverpool. He was educated at the Liverpool institute and was admitted to the bar in 1870. He became president of the probate divorce and admiralty division of the high court, serving one year. He was knighted when the judgeship was conferred upon him.