

THE ONE SURVIVOR

Great Disasters in Which a Solitary Life Was Spared.

TALES OF NARROW ESCAPES.

Curious Case of a St. Pierre Prisoner During the Mont Pelee Eruption. The British Retreat From Cabul—A Tragedy of the Terrible Manacles.

There are many curious cases on record where death in one of its many dread forms of disaster grips an entire party in its clammy embrace and then, while its icy fingers close upon the rest, lets one solitary member of the band slip away to be the sole survivor of the tragic calamity.

One hundred and fifty-eight dead, one saved. That was in brief the tale of the wreck of the mail steamer General Chanzy, which struck in the terrible storm of Feb. 10, 1910, on the rocks of northwest Minorca.

Marcel Bader, the solitary survivor from the wreck of the Chanzy, owed his preservation entirely to the fact that he was a strong and fearless swimmer.

A few years ago the timber vessel Anna Rebekka, one day out of Memel, was caught in a squall and capsized. Most of her crew were swept away and drowned, but three—the skipper, a sailor and the ship's boy—clambered on to the keel, where they drifted without food or drink. On the third day the sailor was washed off, but the skipper saved him. Then the boy went mad and died. On the fifth day the sailor was washed off again, and this time the captain had no strength to help him. On the seventh day the capsized vessel drifted in sight of land. A lifeboat put out and found the captain still alive.

The Manacles have seen many sights of horror, but none to excel that January night many years ago when two British troops—the Dispatch and the Primrose—both went ashore on these terrible rocks within a few hours of one another. Seven soldiers struggled ashore from the Dispatch through the crashing breakers and roused the village of St. Neveer. When the fishermen gained the beach the Dispatch had vanished. But there was the second ship—the Primrose—on the rocks. They pushed out, but the doomed vessel was shattered to fragments before they could reach her, and all that the boat brought back was a fifteen-year old ship's boy, whom they picked up swimming desperately in the trough of the icy waves.

Perhaps the most terrible disaster in modern British history was the retreat from Cabul in the winter of 1842. An army of 3,480 soldiers, with over 12,000 camp followers, started southward from the Afghan capital under promise of safe conduct. On the following Jan. 13 a solitary figure, filthy, unshaven, unkempt, his mind almost destroyed with the horrors through which he had passed, rode out of the mouth of the Khyber pass. He was Dr. Brydone, the only survivor from all that mighty host. The bodies of the rest, slain by the treacherous Ghilzais, lay scattered for miles along the snowfield floor of the defile.

It was stupidity, not treachery, which caused the disaster to a battalion of a Japanese regiment in January, 1901. On the 23d of that month a detachment of 210 men and officers, under command of a major, left the town of Awomori for a long route march. It came on to snow very heavily, and soon a regular blizzard was raging, with the temperature many degrees below freezing point.

They lost their way and wandered on, burning their rifle stocks for fuel. By the 25th only seventy-one were left alive. On the afternoon of the 27th a corporal alone was picked up by a relief party, alive but badly frozen.

At the end of April, 1902, Mount Pelee, the blunt headed volcano behind St. Pierre, began to show signs of activity. These increased until on May 5 a little before 8 in the morning there was a terrible roar, and a huge column of white-hot sand, burning cinders and poisonous gases came rolling down the mountain side.

Whatever that cloud consisted of, it destroyed St. Pierre completely. The very stones were cracked with the awful heat, and within a few seconds 40,000 human beings perished. Yet days afterward, when the ruins were cool enough to explore, a man was found alive. He was a negro prisoner who had been confined in an underground cell and who, though scorched, scared and almost suffocated, still survived—the only living thing in fifty square miles.—London Answers.

Soothed Her.

Among the many stories about the bishop of London is one told of him and a dying girl who trembled at the thought of death. "Would you be afraid if I were to carry you into the next room?" he asked. And the girl shook her head. "Then why should you be afraid of being carried away by one who is ten thousand times kinder and more loving?"—London Express.

The Change of Mind.

"What's the baby's name, Bill?" "Algernon." "What?" "I thought you were going to name him John!" "Oh, that was when I still thought I had something to say in the matter."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Idleness begets vices as standing water produces serpents. Vices are whetstones which sharpen Time's scythe.

A TABLE OF LOGARITHMS.

Its Use in Working Out Complex Mathematical Problems.

A logarithm is an exponent, and an exponent is a number showing how many times another number has been used in any multiplication. Ten times 10 equals 100. It was used twice, and its exponent is 2. Ten cubed equals 1,000, and its exponent is 3; while 10 to exponent 4 equals 10,000, and so on out toward infinity. But suppose that we wish to use 10, say $1\frac{1}{2}$ times or $1\frac{1}{2}$ times instead of twice. Then the exponent must be computed, and exponents thus computed are always printed in tables.

Thus, as I am now writing, the paper, as always, by day and by night, is very near a precious book, a table of logarithms for all numbers from 1 to 108,000, computed out to seven decimal places. To give examples of their use, suppose that you wish to multiply 8 by 11. Look in the table and you will find the logarithm of 8 to be .9030900, and the logarithm of 11 to be 1.0413927. Add these and the sum will be 1.9444827. Look along the column and it will be seen that this is the logarithm of 88.

Easy. But suppose you wish to multiply two strings of figures of from 5 to a dozen. In the great standard mathematical sciences, such as astronomy, physics and chemistry, the multiplication and division of immense numbers are required. Thus, let us square the number 31558149—that is, multiply it by itself, a tedious job. But this toll can be saved by the use of logarithms. Thus, the logarithm of 31558149 is 7.4991289, taken directly from the table. Then, to square any number multiply its logarithm by 2, and this logarithm multiplied by 2 equals 14.9982578. Now, by looking in the table, the number of which this is the logarithm is 99591696209951. Hours of work are performed in a few minutes.—Edgar Lucien Larkin in New York American.

STONE MEASURE.

There is No Regular Unit, and It Fairly Revels in Variety.

Owing to the variety of uses to which stone is put, there is no regular unit of measurement employed by the quarrymen, the stone being sold by the cubic yard, cubic foot, ton, cord, perch, rod, square foot, square yard, square, etc. Building and monumental stone, especially the dressed product, is usually sold by the cubic foot or the cubic yard, although this unit varies with the class of stone and with the locality; a large quantity of rough stone is sold by the perch, cord or ton.

Rubble and riprap, including stone for such heavy masonry as breakwater and jetty work, are generally sold by the cord or ton. Fluxing stone and stone for chemical use—as for alkali works, sugar factories, carbonic acid plants and paper mills—are sold by the long ton. Flagstone and curbstone are sold by the square yard or the square foot, the thickness being variable and dependent on the orders received. Granite paving blocks are sold invariably by number, but the blocks are not of uniform size, the value depending on the size of the block and the labor necessary to cut into the shape desired. Other paving material is sold by various units, such as ton or cubic yard.

Crushed stone is usually sold by the cubic yard or ton, the short ton being more generally used. The weight of a cubic yard of crushed stone varies from 2,300 to 3,000 pounds, the average weight being about 2,500 pounds. In certain localities crushed stone is sold by the "square" of 100 square feet by 1 foot, or 100 cubic feet. Crushed stone is also sold by the bushel, 2½ bushels representing a cubic yard of about 2,700 pounds.—Geological Survey Bulletin.

The Senate Barber Shop.

Here's an odd thing about the United States senate barber shop: Although the number of senators has hardly increased at all, the number of shaves has increased at a surprising rate in recent years. The reason is simply that the senate is now inhabited largely by comparatively young men with smooth faces or wearing mustaches at most, and they are obliged to get shaved every little while, whereas the old style senator with a riot of whiskers never had occasion to visit a barber shop except every few months to get his hair trimmed.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Disgusted.

One day while her grandfather was paying a visit to Florence's home the little girl said to him: "Gran'pa, your talk about 'perseverance whining' is all nonsense." "Well, well, child!" cried the grandfather. "Why do you say that?" "Why," said the little girl, "I've worked all the afternoon blowing soap bubbles and trying to pin them on mother's hat."—New York Times.

A Little Ambiguous.

Musical—You didn't get around to my recital last night. Friend—No, I had a splitting headache. However, everybody told me I should have gone, because you would have made me forget all other suffering.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Heard on the Train.

"What book is that you are reading, Jim?" "The Sorrows of Satan." "Well, I'll say this for you, Jim: you always do take considerable interest in the troubles of your friends."—Boston Transcript.

Wise men say nothing in dangerous times.—Selden.

THE MAYOR'S PERMIT

Dallas, Ore., June 24, 1915.—In accordance with Section 13 of Ordinance No. 1 of the city of Dallas, notice is hereby given that the firing of fireworks will be permitted on July 3, 1915, between the hours of 5 a. m. and 12 p. m., except in the following districts:

That part of Main street between Oak and Washington streets.

That part of Mill street between Jefferson and Church streets.

That part of Court street between Jefferson and Church streets.

In these last-named three districts, the use of explosives of any kind is strictly forbidden. The firing of bombs, giant crackers and dynamite in any part of the city is also forbidden.

E. C. KIRKPATRICK, Mayor.

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BULLETIN

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The charge for advertisements under this head is one cent per word for each insertion. No discount for successive issues. If you have anything for sale or exchange; if you want to rent or lease a house or business building; if you want help or a job of work; if you have lost or found anything; if you want publicity of any kind, try this column. You are sure to get results—others do, why not you. Telephone your "want ads." or address all communications to The Observer, Dallas, Oregon. Count the number of words to remit with order. Telephone No. 19.

FOR SALE—A good thrasher and engine, at a bargain. F. J. Wagner, 415 Oak street. 23-6t.

ABSOLUTELY FREE—We will furnish modern bungalow plans, according to your own idea, prepared by one of the foremost architects on the coast, free to all who purchase material at our mill. Come and let us talk it over. Dallas Planing Mill, Dallas, Oregon.

FOR SALE—A chance to get some good dairy cows. My six head for sale; none reserved. John W. Orr, Dallas, Oregon. 23-6t.

FOR SALE—New hornless talking machine, ten double records, new, \$15. Davis & Horn. 28-tf.

FOR SALE—Sulky in good condition. \$9. Davis & Horn. 28-tf.

FOR SALE—On place first-class second growth cord wood. Apply Anne Ladstock, phone 1602. June 30.

FOR SALE—Iron Age seeder and cultivator, \$6. Davis & Horn.

WANTED—Machine, cast and glove plate iron, brass and copper, zinc and rubber, and rags of all kinds; in fact, junk of all kinds. A. N. Hallock, Monmouth, Oregon. 8-tf.

FOR SALE—National cash register, \$15. Davis & Horn. 28-tf.

WANTED—Your lame horses to shoe. Williams, the horseshoer, Monmouth, Oregon. 8-tf.

WANTED—Carpet cleaning and window washing, both business and residence. Milo V. Woods, phone 1178 or 1692. 11-tf.

FOR SALE—Good dry summer cut second growth fir and oak wood, will sell in woods or deliver. I. L. Smith, phone 1404. 22-9t-x

FOR SALE—Two saddles, \$7.50 and \$20. Davis & Horn. 28-tf.

FOR RENT—Good modern cottage, Sheldon street. Enquire at 518 Church street.

FOR SALE—Burbank seed potatoes, \$2.25 per sack. A. H. Dennett, Crowley Station. 27-3t.

SCREEN DOORS—No flies to swat if you fortify with our screen doors and windows. We can serve you quickly with the galvanized or black screens in regular or special sizes. Dallas Planing Mill. 26-9t.

FOR SALE—Or give away at once 160 acres orchard land, new house, barn, family orchard. Don't miss this. See A. G. Cutler, Dallas, Oregon. 26-1tx

FOR SALE—Fisher piano and Edison Ambrola, for sale cheap. L. J. Ramey, 212 Ash street. 22-2t.

FOR SALE—Quick meal oil stove and oven, cheap. 124 Court street. 26-tx

GUARDIAN'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue and in pursuance of an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, sitting in probate, made an entered record in said Court on the 1st day of June, 1915, in the matter of the estate and guardianship of Irene Westfall, a minor, authorizing and licensing the undersigned as guardian of the Estate of said minor to sell the real property of said ward, hereinafter described, at private sale for cash, in the manner prescribed by law, the undersigned as such guardian will, from and after Wednesday, the 7th day of July, 1915, at the law office of Walter L.

Toose, Jr., Esq., in the National Bank building, in the City of Dallas, in Polk County, Oregon, proceed to sell the said real property at private sale for cash in hand on day of sale, in accordance with said license of sale and in the manner prescribed by law, subject to confirmation by said County Court; said real property being particularly described as follows, to-wit:

An undivided one-ninth interest in and to the following described property, to-wit: Lots 1, 2, and the East half of Lot 3, in Block 3, in Catron's Sub-division of Out Lot No. 5, in Monmouth, Polk County, Oregon.

Dated this 7th day of June, 1915.

MARY F. WESTFALL, Guardian of the estate of the above named Minor.

WALTER L. TOOSE, JR., Attorney for the Guardian. J.S-J6

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern, that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Mary E. Halsey, deceased, by the Hon. County Court of Polk County, Oregon, and has qualified. All persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before six months from the date hereof, and all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate settlement thereof.

Dated at Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, this 26th day of May, 1915.

ALBERT TEAL, Administrator of the estate of Mary E. Halsey, deceased. SIBLEY & EAKIN, Attorneys for estate. 26-4t-x

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Under and by virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, on the 18th day of May, 1915, upon an order of sale and decree of foreclosure given and made by said Circuit Court on the 5th day of May, 1915, in a suit then pending in said Court wherein Theodore Lengele, was plaintiff and Mrs. B. McN. Moore, J. M. Hansmaier, George O. Sloan and Daisy A. Sloan, were defendants, (Register No. 4628) for the principal sum of \$13,000.00 and interest thereon from March the 2nd, 1914, at the rate of 6 per cent per annum until paid, together with the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, attorney's fees, with costs and disbursements herein, taxed at \$30.65, and the further sum of Two Hundred Ten and 92-100 Dollars for taxes on the premises set forth and mentioned in plaintiff's complaint, and whereas it was further ordered and decreed by said court, and to me, the undersigned, Sheriff of the County of Polk, directed, I am commanded to sell, at public auction in the manner prescribed by law, the following described real property, to-wit:

The Southwest quarter (¼) of Section fourteen (14) the North half (½) of Northeast quarter (¼) of Section Twenty-two (22) and the North half (½) of the Northwest quarter (¼) of Section Twenty-three (23), all in Twp. 7 South Range four (4) West of W. M.

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 26th day of June, 1915, at one o'clock p. m. of said day, at the front door of the County Court House, in the city of Dallas, in Polk County, State of Oregon, I will, in obedience to said execution and order of sale, sell the above described property, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this 26th day of May, 1915.

JOHN W. ORR, Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon.

S. M. ENDICOTT, Attorney for Plaintiff. Mar28-J25

ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned by an order of the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, has been appointed as administratrix of the estate of F. J. Page, deceased. All persons having claims against such estate are required to present them within six months from the date of this notice, with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned at West Salem, Oregon.

Dated this 25th day of May, 1915.

ALICE E. PAGE, Administratrix.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that Paul Fundman, the administrator of the estate of Eliza Day, deceased, has filed his final account as such administrator in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, and that Saturday, the 26th day of June, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Courtroom of said County Court, in the Court House in the city of Dallas, Oregon, has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

Dated and first published, May 25, 1915.

PAUL FUNDMAN, Administrator aforesaid. OSCAR HAYTER, Attorney. 26-4t-x

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Under and by virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk, on the 28th day of May, 1915, upon a decree of foreclosure and sale given and made by said Circuit Court on the 13th day of February, 1914, in favor of the plaintiff, against the defendant, Falls City Orchards Company, in a suit then pending in said Court wherein Vancouver Trust & Savings Bank, a corporation, was plaintiff and Falls City Orchards Company, a corporation, Mrs. C. A. Jones and William Carlson were defendants, (Register No. 4316), and to me, the undersigned, Sheriff of said County of Polk, directed, I am commanded to levy upon and sell at public auction, in the manner prescribed by law, the following described real property, situated in the County of Polk and State of Oregon, to-wit:

The East half of the Southeast quarter, and the Southeast quarter of the

Northeast quarter of Section 32, and the Southwest quarter of the North-west quarter of Section 34, and the South half of said Section 34, all in Township 8 South, Range 6 West of the Willamette Meridian; and also the Northwest quarter of the North-west quarter of Section 3, in Township 9 South, Range 6 West of the Willamette Meridian, excepting therefrom 15 acres, to-wit: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Section 34, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, and running thence North 20 rods; thence West 80 rods; thence South 30 rods and thence East 80 rods to the place of beginning; all being situate in Polk County, State of Oregon, and containing 505 acres, more or less; Otherwise known and described as Tracts numbered 1 to 50, inclusive, of Falls City Orchards Tracts, as shown by plat thereof filed April 13, 1910, and found at page 9 of Book 3 of the record of town plats of said County of Polk, in the office of the County Clerk of said County.

Notice is hereby given that on the said 28th day of May, 1915, I duly levied upon the said read property, and that on Wednesday, the 30th day of June, 1915, at one o'clock p. m. of said day, at the front door of the County Court House, in the city of Dallas, in Polk County, State of Oregon, I will, in obedience to said execution and order of sale, sell the above described property to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States, in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this 1st day of June, 1915.

JOHN W. ORR, Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

Notice is hereby given that the final account of U. S. Loughary, as administrator of the estate of Martha Simpson, deceased, has been filed in the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, and that the 16th day of July, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the county court house in Dallas, Oregon, has been duly fixed by such court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof, at which time any person interested in said estate may appear and file objections thereto as by law provided.

U. S. LOUGHARY, Administrator of the estate of Martha Simpson, deceased. J22-J26.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATRIX.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Polk, as administratrix of the estate of C. F. Littlefield, deceased, and that she has duly qualified as such administratrix. All persons having claims against the estate of said decedent are hereby notified to present the same, duly itemized and verified, to me at my home near McCoy, in Polk County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at McCoy, Oregon, June 10, 1915.

MARTHA M. LITTLEFIELD, Administratrix of the estate of C. F. Littlefield, deceased. 6-14-7-12

TREASURER'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all general road warrants of Polk County, Oregon, endorsed "Not paid for want

of funds" prior to January 1st, 1915, are due and payable on presentation at the office of the Treasurer of said County.

Notice is also given that all warrants drawn on Road District No. 9, and endorsed "Not paid for want of funds" prior to January 19th, 1915, are payable on presentation as above stated.

Interest ceasing on the above mentioned warrants from the date of this notice.

Dated at Dallas, Oregon, June 25th, 1915.

F. J. HOLMAN, County Treasurer.

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TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Polk County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for State Certificates at Dallas, as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, June 30, 1915, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, July 3, 1915, at 4 o'clock p. m.

WEDNESDAY FORENOON.

Writing, U. S. History, Physiology.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Reading, Composition, Methods in Reading, Methods in Arithmetic.

THURSDAY FORENOON.

Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Physics, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

FRIDAY FORENOON.

Theory and Practice, Orthography, English Literature, Chemistry.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

School Law, Geology, Algebra, Civil Government.

SATURDAY FORENOON.

Geometry, Botany.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

General History, Bookkeeping.

H. C. SEYMOUR, County School Superintendent.

6-14--7-25

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