

SEVERAL DISASTROUS FIRES

Panic in Crowded Cafe --Six Corpses Recovered.

Harry Miner's Famous Bowery Theatre Destroyed and Serious Conflagration in Cincinnati.

New York, Jan. 19.—Harry Miner's Peoples' Theatre on the Bowery and a famous place of New York City, was destroyed by fire today. The fire was discovered at nine o'clock this morning.

The place has been used recently as a Jewish playhouse.

The damage amounts to \$10,000, and the fire was extinguished before the theatre was entirely destroyed.

Sebastopol, Russia, Jan. 19.—A fire in a crowded cafe here today caused a panic. Six corpses have been recovered and it is feared that a score or more are in the ruins.

Cincinnati, Jan. 19.—The immense warehouse of the Mibo Ivitch distillery was entirely destroyed by fire this morning. Two firemen were seriously injured by a falling wall. The loss amounts to \$100,000.

Marion, Ind., Jan. 19.—Fire this morning destroyed the five-story colonial apartment building in this city. Two hundred people narrowly escaped death, and a number were removed by the firemen in an unconscious condition. The elevator operator deserted his post but the porter operated the lift, thereby saving many persons from being burned to death.

EAT NOTHING BUT HUMAN FLESH

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 17.—How Captain F. L. Foote, of the British barkentine Mary Hendry, entertained the king of a tribe of African cannibals at dinner and was presented with one of the ruler's dusky daughters in appreciation of the courtesy, is told in a private letter received here from Liverpool, N. S., where the vessel owned. Captain Foote relates the romantic story thus:

We spent several weeks trading along the African coast. King Ogby, whom I entertained at dinner, is the ruler of the Jarkmen, who inhabit Southern Nigeria. He was much impressed with the vessel, and was much startled when he partook of roast pork. He asked whether it was the meat of a white or black man. Ogby is one of the most prosperous rulers on the African coast. He has more than 1000 slaves, numerous wives and countless children. A few hours after he left my table a pretty-looking young girl presented herself to me. She said that she was a daughter of Ogby and that he had sent her to me as a gift. Of course I declined with thanks.

"While I was entertaining the King I remarked that I would like a piece of tanned skin for the purpose of making a pair of slippers. The next day one of Ogby's slaves came to the vessel with the hide of a negro, from the neck to the waist. I was told that when the King went ashore he ordered that one of his subjects be killed in order to secure the skin. King Ogby's tribesmen eat little else than human flesh, and certain of the more robust are singled out to be killed for each meal. Of course in time of battle they subsist on the slain bodies of their enemies.

Cold in New York City.

New York, Jan. 19.—A severe cold wave is central over this region. The thermometer in this city, at noon today, registered one degree below zero. Among the poor class there is a great amount of suffering and unless the weather moderates will cause many deaths from freezing and exposure. The weather forecast predicts colder weather.

Alderman Released.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Alderman Brennan, who was recently sentenced to one year in Bridewell for vote buying, was today released on a habeas corpus proceeding, the contention of the court being that no authority exists to sentence to the city prison on a misdemeanor. The charge when the case was called was really one of conspiracy, and subject to a penitentiary sentence.

Battleship Contract Awarded.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The contract for the construction of the battleships Idaho and Mississippi, was formally awarded to the Cramp today.

A LONG LOST SISTER FOUND

After a Separation of Sixty Years
Mrs. Fleener, of Tangent,
Found Her Sister.

Mrs. Fleener referred to in the following from the Cincinnati Enquirer is a Linn county pioneer, mother of Mrs. T. A. Munkers, and is very joyous over the occurrence narrated, increased by the receipt of pictures of her sister:

"The Enquirer recently received a letter from Mrs. Serena Fleener, of Tangent, Oregon, asking that an effort be made to locate her relatives from whom she had been separated when but a little girl. She said her maiden name was Serena McLane, and that she had been adopted from a Cincinnati charitable institution. The Enquirer published her request last Monday morning.

"Yesterday a message was sent to Mrs. Fleener that will give her a particularly happy Christmas. Mrs. Sophia McLane-White, the venerable mother of Police Sergeant W. S. White, of 2177 Eastern Avenue, is sister of Mrs. Fleener, and it was she who sent the message to her long-lost sister yesterday.

"The McLane family originally came to this city from Kentucky. The parents of Serena and Sophia died shortly after their arrival here. Each of the children was adopted. Serena and her foster parents removed to the West in 1841, Sophia married, her husband being killed in the Civil War. The sisters never heard of each other after their separation, and neither knew that the other was alive until The Enquirer brought them in touch with each other. An urgent invitation has been sent to Mrs. Fleener to come to this city on a visit, and her aged sister believes that she will lose no time in accepting."

A GOOD OIL PROSPECT

A Western Lane Man Has Pro- erty That Would Pay Some- one to Investigate.

The following appeared in Monday's Oregonian:

"Eugene, Jan. 17.—(To the Editor.)—An article in the Oregonian in regard to cheap fuel for the future and the suggestion by Mr. Miller that there is oil in Oregon, leads me to describe an indication of oil which has never been properly tested or advertised, although its existence has been known for some years.

"A settler having some knowledge of Eastern oil fields noticed a large rock lying in a gulch near his house which bore signs of oil, and on following the gulch up a few hundred yards found the outcropping, which seems to be a perpendicular fissure in the sandstone about three or four feet wide and filled with a hard rock, which on being broken or placed on a hot stone, emits a strong kerosene odor. In this rock are numerous small cavities filled with what looks like dirty vaseline, and this burns freely, giving a strong odor of oil. This ledge, or indication has been opened down about ten feet, and the indications are much better than on the surface. The same indications have been found in another gulch a quarter of a mile from the original find.

"These indications are in the western part of Lane county, and should oil be found there it could be piped to tide water very easily.

"The owner is not financially able to develop his prospect, but would make any one who wished to do so a very liberal proposition.

"I have nothing to sell but will gladly answer any questions in regard to this matter and I can get samples of the rock for any one who wishes to see them.

"JAMES L. FURNISH."

To Get Her Boy Out of Army.

Mrs. O. E. Laing, of Fairmount, is circulating a petition among Eugene business men and it is being freely signed, asking that her son, aged 19 years, be discharged from the U. S. army, he having enlisted without her consent or knowledge and he was her only support. Mrs. Laing's husband, who was a veteran of the Civil War, died eight years ago. She has a younger son, 15 years old, but he, too, has run away from home and she is unable to support herself.

All the Machinery Here.

The last of the machinery for the Lane County Electric Co.'s plant at Springfield arrived Monday. Workmen are busy putting it in place. Nothing will be done on the Springfield field wiring until the opening of spring.—News.

Died.

T. H. Garrett, of this city, received a telegram yesterday informing him of the death of his father, Thomas Garrett, at Lowell, N. Y., Jan. 17. He leaves a wife, six sons and two daughters, all of whom but two, T. H. Garrett, of Eugene, and Richard Garrett, of Dakota, reside near the old home.

WILL ERECT THREE-STORY BUILDING

Geo. T. Hall Will Prob- ably Build on Ninth Street.

Eugene Business College Will Occupy the Two Upper Stories—Lower Floor for Store Purposes.

(Daily Guard January 19.)

For some time past the Guard has known of a plan of George T. Hall, the well known merchant, to erect a fine three-story brick building on his lot in East Ninth street, just east of the new Moon & Tingley-Roach brick and across the alley from the Oregon State Journal office. It is now practically a certainty that the building will be erected, and Mr. Hall is having plans drawn for the same. Work will probably commence on the building in the early spring and be completed by fall.

FOR BUSINESS COLLEGE.

Prof. F. S. Haroun, principal of the Eugene Business College, informs the Guard that he has been negotiating with Mr. Hall for the lease of the two upper stories of the proposed new building as quarters for his institution and that the negotiations have resulted favorably. The building will be erected on plans with that end in view.

The Business College, which is now located in the old Christian church building at East Ninth and Pearl streets, has made a wonderful growth since it was established in September, and almost from the first it was apparent to Principal Haroun that larger quarters had to be secured. He is very optimistic and sees a splendid future for his institution, and backs up this opinion by securing much larger and modern quarters for next year's term.

GO TO PORTLAND.

Messrs Hall and Haroun will go to Portland one day this week for the purpose of visiting the several business colleges there and getting an idea of the arrangement of the rooms in those institutions, with the view of drawing the plans of the new building along the best lines and so that the apartments will be the most convenient and up-to-date.

No definite plans for the building are yet available, but it will occupy all the space from the new Moon & Tingley-Roach building to the alley and extend back to Park street. It will be an ornament to that portion of the business section of Eugene and will further enhance the value of property in that vicinity.

F. W. OSBURN IN CALIFORNIA

Is Seeing All the Sights—Leaves Soon for Mexico City.

The following letter was received at the Eugene Loan and Savings bank from Cashier F. W. Osburn this morning:

"Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 16, 1904. "Eugene L. & S. bank, Eugene, Or. "Gentlemen:—We arrived here from San Francisco last Tuesday night at 10:45 and are located at the Hotel Van Nuys. There are more hotels and more banks here than any place I was ever in of its size.

"Since reaching here we have gone to the customary places of sight-seeing and will finish up so as to get away for El Paso, Texas, next Thursday and will reach Mexico City a week from Monday, Jan. 25.

"Some of the places we have been to are worth seeing and some amount to very little, but I suppose it is necessary to see them all or they would say we had not seen Southern California. We will take in the kite-shaped track and the Cataline Islands next week. We have been to about all the other places around here.

"Yours truly,

"F. W. OSBURN."

"P. S.—This is the first time I ever saw September weather in January. It is quite warm and dusty. I was told at a barber shop that it had rained but one day in nine months.

"F. W. O."

Off For Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Park were passengers on this afternoon's train for Portland. From that city Mr. Park will leave for a trip to Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia, thence to England and from there to Berlin, where he will confer with a company he is representing which was formed to send a big colony of Germans to the above named states. There is a lot of public land to be obtained in the South and colonies will be located upon it. Mr. Park expects to be back in May. In the meantime Mrs. Park will remain in Eugene.

PLEAS. ARMSTRONG SEEMS DOOMED

His Only Recourse is to Go to
the Federal Court for a
Habeas Corpus.

Saturday afternoon Chief Justice Moore, of the supreme court, handed down his decision in the application of Pleasant Armstrong for a certificate of probable cause for an appeal, the court denying the certificate, holding that, after an examination of the records, no error was found in the proceedings of the circuit court in sentencing Armstrong to be hanged on the 22nd inst., and that, therefore, on the showing made, no stay of proceedings could be granted. The court instructed the clerk to notify G. J. Bentley, attorney for Armstrong, at once, and to inform him that the case would be heard on its merits next Wednesday. The notice was immediately sent by telegraph.

There are now two avenues open to the attorneys for the convicted man, either to argue the case on appeal, and take a decision from that appeal (if it is adverse) to the United States court, or to go into the federal court at once with a habeas corpus proceedings. It is not likely that the supreme court will change its position if the case is heard on its merits here, after the denial of the certificate of probable cause, and the only advantage there would be for Armstrong in such proceedings, would be the fact that the record in the state courts would be complete before going into the federal tribunals.—Salem Journal.

THE IROQUOIS INVESTIGATION

Commissioner Williams Claims That Mayor Instructed a Cut of Expenses in Every Way.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Chief of Police O'Neill and Building Commissioner Williams were witnesses in the Iroquois investigation this morning. Williams was recalled upon his own request and explained the methods of the building department.

He told of a conference with Mayor Harrison and Head, of the department in which he, Williams, was instructed to cut out expenses in all possible ways. O'Neill denied all responsibility on the part of the police department.

Dowie in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Jan. 19.—Evangelist Dowie arrived here this morning from Los Angeles in his handsome private car and slept late. After breakfast he was driven to the Palace Hotel where an elegant suite was prepared for him and retinue.

He took a drive through the city, without incident, and at the hotel confirmed the story that he would establish a Zion City on the Pacific coast, perhaps within easy reach of San Francisco, but not in Southern California. The details and plans are not worked out. He sails for Australia on Thursday.

Chicago Theatre Ordinance.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—The council this morning passed an amended theatre building ordinance providing for greater security to audiences in case of fire.

At tonight's meeting of the council the matter of when theatres will be allowed to reopen will be acted upon.

Postmaster at Omaha.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Postmaster General Payne announced today that Henry Palmer has been decided on for postmaster of Omaha. Palmer is Senator Millard's selection.

Vote for Senator.

Annapolis, Jan. 19.—The first vote taken this afternoon indicates that Gorman's campaign contemplates the election of Bernard Carter. He meets strong opposition and possible defeat. Mayor Raynor, who defended Admiral Schley, received the greatest vote but not enough to elect.

Geo. Francis Train

New York, Jan. 19.—George Francis Train's body was laid out in the Little Hotel, in a room where he resided for years. His sister is coming from Stamford, Connecticut, to arrange for the funeral.

Colombia Will Submit.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Minister Beaupre, from Colombia, when interviewed here today says there is no danger of war with Colombia and amicable arrangements are almost certain.

Recognize Panama.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—The state department has been informed that the Netherlands have recognized Panama as an independent government.

In Own Defense.

London, Eng., Jan. 19.—Whitaker, while on the stand this morning against the charge of wrecking the London Globe corporation, described in detail his experiences in various American mining enterprises during his residence in Philadelphia.

WILL EXTER- MINATE THE WHITES

Natives in German West Africa in a Rebellion.

Many Thousands Against Only Few Hundred Whites--Re- inforcements to Be Sent at Once.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—Dispatches today state that the whites in German West Africa are in a desperate situation. There are only three thousand in a territory of 300,000 square miles. The greatest single body of whites is only 800, and opposed to them are 60,000 rebels, including 20,000 Hereros, who are the finest of the negro race.

The rebels are leading a war of extermination against the whites, the result of the governor having exasperated them by the execution of Chief Nchodemus for high treason against the Kaiser.

Ten thousand negroes are threatening to capture Hindok, the capital which is garrisoned by only 180 whites. All railway and telegraph lines have been cut and destroyed and now it is considered certain that all outlying whites will be tortured and killed.

The official returns say there are forty Americans in the district, but the names are not available. In the German reitgast today Von Buehlow made a statement regarding the gravity of the rebellion and announced that the emperor had already ordered reinforcements rushed to the scene. These troops will leave Kailshurst and will reach the mouth of the Swakop river February 8th.

The first detachment consisting of 500 men with artillery, will be followed in few days later by 500 more. Von Buehlow said ten years' work has been destroyed. The colonists fear practically all their property and many German families have been murdered, but a few from remote districts reached the military stations.

FOLSOM PRISON ESCAPES LOCATED

They Have Plenty of Ammunition and Money--Steps Have Been Taken to Capture Them.

San Bernardino, Cal., Jan. 19.—Four of the escaped prisoners from Folsom prison, who broke their way out and eluded the state's officers have at last been located near Guyamas in Mexico. Sheriff Jorner, of Nogales, has taken steps to recapture the fugitives immediately.

The names of the escapes located are R. M. Gordan, John Wood, Edward Davis and Fred Howard. They are well armed, have plenty of provisions, guns and ammunition and will fight desperately.

Nomination Approved.

Juneau, Or., Jan. 14.—The confirmation of the President's nomination of A. R. Martin as postmaster at this place has just been announced and gives general satisfaction here. Mr. Martin had the support of the entire Oregon delegation.

Harriman for Senator.

Washington, Jan. 14.—It is announced that Chauncey M. Depew will not again be a candidate for U. S. senator from New York. It is likely that E. H. Harriman, president of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific railway systems, will succeed him, or at least will be an important figure in the contest for the position. This is taken to mean that the transcontinental railways are preparing for a greater fight than ever against the Isthmian canal.

Bridge Carried Away.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 18.—Over three hundred feet of the Kansas Avenue wagon and streetcar bridge was carried away by a fierce jam today. The bridge is still standing, but is liable to go. Transportation between this city and Amesdale is imperiled and communication is practically stopped.

Big Gale Off Columbia.

Astoria, Or., Jan. 18.—A severe southeast gale blew off the mouth of the Columbia last night. There was no damage to shipping or otherwise far as reported. This morning the gale has moderated.

Tonight and Sunday, occasional rain.

Perished in Fire

Emporia, Kan., Jan. 19.—Eighty-two pedigreed cattle perished by fire in the immense barns of the Sunny Slope farm today. Loss \$20,000.

KAISER OPENED PARILAMENT

A Little Joke Played on Him by
the Members of the
Assembly.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—The Kaiser personally opened the Prussian parliament this forenoon, reading a speech from the throne in a strong, clear voice.

On entering parliament the Kaiser was preceded by two noble heralds clad in motley, fantastic costumes specially designed by the Kaiser. These heralds will figure at all future state functions.

An unique and embarrassing incident happened after the Kaiser closed his speech. According to an inviolable custom, the oldest deputy, the de reppit Herr Senex, called for three clappers. He paused and waited but none came. It seemed as if the Diet had conspired to omit the demonstration of loyalty. During the painful interval which followed the Kaiser frowned, then marched towards the door in a dead silence. Just before he reached the portal, Senex seemed to awake as from a day dream and started bunnies. The whole assembly, which was apparently waiting for Senex to start the cheering, joined in hearty good will. The Kaiser appreciated the joke, stopped and faced the assembly and laughed heartily. The incident closed amid great hilarity.

MISSED THE CLALLAM WRECK

J. L. Zeigler Made Trip on Ill- Fated Steamer Just Be- fore Disaster.

W. O. Zeigler, proprietor of the Hoffman House, recently received a letter from his brother, J. L. Zeigler, a former Eugene grocer, stating that he barely escaped being in the Steamer Clallam disaster on Puget Sound the other day. He writes that he took passage from Seattle to Victoria on the Clallam the trip just before the one on which occurred the wreck. He thanks his lucky stars that he did not delay his trip.

Mr. Zeigler is still in the employ of the whole-sale seed house for which he has been traveling for some time. He is now working in the British Columbia territory.

Looks Like Allies.

Birmingham, England, Jan. 18.—The Post today says Japan has furnished the British foreign office with detailed maps of surveys of Korea, parts of Manchuria and the coast of the Yellow Sea. Twenty British vessels now in Japanese waters have been chartered by Japan for transport service.

The Japanese government has arranged for the continuance of the Japanese mail service by British lines in case of war.

Japan Orders Battleships.

Glasgow, Jan. 18.—Japan has placed orders for two battleships of 16,000 tons each. The Armstrongs will build one at Newcastle, while the other will be built by Vickers at Barrow.

They are to be completed in eighteen months and will be the most powerful and formidable sea-going fighters in the world.

National Democratic Convention

Washington, Jan. 18.—Chairman Jones of the National Democratic Committee will this afternoon issue the formal call for the meeting of the convention at St. Louis for July 6th. The call will be issued along the lines of that of four years ago.

Judge Questions Honesty of Jurors

Chicago, Jan. 18.—No additional jurors in earlier trial today. The court took occasion to express his opinion that many business men were perjuring themselves to escape doing duty on the jury. He announced that any man likely to be convicted of such a charge would be prosecuted.

Glad Over Little Rain.

Ventura, Cal., Jan. 18.—Only a third of an inch of rain fell in yesterday's storm. Today the clouds have completely disappeared and there is no sign of further rain. Cattlemen were jubilant yesterday and are not discouraged or disheartened by the cessation of rain today.

Maybe Kicked at Something

Berlin, Jan. 18.—The Empress Victoria is suffering from a severe injury to her foot, the nature of which is not known.

Fire Casualty.

Patterson, N. J., Jan. 18.—Three firemen were fatally injured by falling ladders while fighting a fire at the Hinchcliffe brewery this afternoon. The plant was entirely destroyed but the loss will reach \$200,000.

Hand Torn Off.

Albany, Or., Jan. 14.—John Bruckman, an employe at the electric light station in this city, got his right hand torn off this morning, at 8 o'clock. He was alone at the time of the accident, and it is not known how it occurred, but it is presumed that Bruckman's hand was caught in one of the pulleys. Amputation was necessary above the wrist.

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Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—The United States marine inspectors began their investigation of the Clallam disaster this morning.

CLALLAM

Engines Broke Down

rible Seas Ripped the

Stern Open.

DEBATE IN THE

"BILLIARD" HALL

A dispatch from Wells Wells to the

Pendleton Tribune tells of the debate

between Whitman College and the U.

O. as follows:

"The debate was held in the billiard

hall at Eugene and was won by a

unanimous decision and met with the

approval of a large and enthusiastic

audience, etc., etc."

Time for Briefs.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Chief Justice

Fuller today announced that counsel

both for Minnesota and the Northern

Securities Company would be given

twenty days to file briefs as to the

question whether the United States

circuit court had properly assumed

jurisdiction of the case brought by

the state against the merger of the

Great Northern and Northern Pacific

railroads.

Robbed the Dead.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Louis Witz, a

saloonkeeper whose place of business

is next the Iroquois theatre, a waiter

and another man, were arrested today

charged with robbing the body of

Mrs. Trask, a victim of the holocaust.

She was carried into the saloon while

the rescue work was in progress.

Witz handed over eleven dollars

and her watch to the authorities at

the time, but it was developed later

that she had \$210 in her purse. The

police say the three men have con-

fessed to dividing the money.

Eaten by Wolves.

Port Arthur, Ontario, Jan. 18.—

Andrew Wallace and his wife, which

was driving, were killed and eaten by

wolves yesterday. His remains were

found this morning.

Ohio Opera House Fire.