

SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND KILLED

SECRETARY DUNBAR NOT REQUIRED TO REFUND FEES HE COLLECTED

H. McNary, substituted for J. K. Sears, and a decree was obtained from Judge Galloway against Dunbar for the sum of \$103,926.41 collected as fees for filing articles of incorporation, issuing notarial commissions, recording trade marks, copying laws and journals, issuing appointments of commissioners of deeds, other commissions, agents' certificates to life insurance companies, licenses to life insurance agents, annual licenses to life insurance companies, requisitions and warrants of arrest, registering titles in insurance matters, issuing power of attorney, issuing certificates of authority to insurance companies and filling statements of mutual fire insurance associations.

The largest items in the list of items collected by him during his term of office and converted to the state, were brought by the state, and of District Attorney J.

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PROFESSOR BELL AND HIS AIDS IN AERIAL EXPERIMENTS.

Alexander Graham Bell, the aged inventor, is a most ardent believer in the practicability of aerial navigation and hopes to improve the means of flight already discovered and demonstrated by the Wright brothers. It was with this idea in view that he planned his tetrahedron and provided, with his several youthful aids, for a series of elaborate experiments at Baddeck, Nova Scotia. The tetrahedron is an absolute novelty in aerial craft and comprises, in its application to heavier than air flying machines, some absolutely new ideas.

AWFUL TALES OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION COME FROM STRICKEN PROVINCES

Rome, Dec. 28.—The Tribuna estimates the total casualties in Calabria and Sicily at between sixty and seventy thousand. A dispatch from Palermo says the dead at Messina, as a result of the earthquake and tidal wave there yesterday, is estimated at twelve thousand. Scores are imprisoned in the ruins owing to inadequate means of rescue and must perish. Other dispatches from Messina place the dead at even more appalling figures. The Tribuna publishes a telegram that the losses aggregate 75,000 persons.

TENS OF THOUSANDS DEAD

Rome, Dec. 28.—Premier Giolitti has a telegram from Deputy Felice at Messina confirming the reports of the complete destruction of Messina by fire following the earthquake. The deputy says the dead at Messina may be counted by the tens of thousands.

KING AND QUEEN TO THE RESCUE

Naples, Dec. 29.—King Victor Emmanuel will at once proceed to Calabria and Sicily to assist in the work of rescue. Queen Helena has refused to allow her husband to go alone to the scene of the disaster, and consequently both left Rome this afternoon for the south.

MOUNT ETNA BECOMES ACTIVE

Catania, Sicily, Dec. 29.—Mount Etna today showed considerable activity and added to the panic of the people. The director of the local observatory says the mountain's activity is directly connected with the earthquake of yesterday, which wrought such havoc in Calabria and Sicily.

FOREIGN TOURISTS LOSE LIVES

Palermo, Dec. 29.—Refugees from Messina say that one hundred foreigners were in the Hotel Trinacria and all lost their lives. The hotel was completely obliterated. It was patronized almost exclusively by tourists.

APPALLING NEWS REPORTS ARE COMING TO ITALY'S CAPITAL

Rome, Dec. 29.—The disaster in the province of Calabria and the island of Sicily today assumed staggering proportions. Messina alone reports twelve thousand victims and it is feared that this is only a partial list of the dead and wounded. Reports from other towns give estimates of dead from five hundred up to several thousands. Reggio is isolated and it is impossible to get word from the stricken city and the silence gives rise to fearful apprehensions. Vandals of the worst kind is prevalent and looters are shot on sight. The officials in many places are among the victims and much disorder prevails. Soldiers are stationed at many points and are doing good work at rescue and in restraining the people who are panic stricken. Martial law will be declared. Messina spent the night in horror, fire succeeding the earthquake, and many courageous acts were performed by soldiers and citizens alike. Toward morning several of the worst fires were extinguished after the finest palaces, churches and theatres in Messina were heaps of ruins. The Minister of Marine at 5 p. m. received a wireless message, estimating the dead at Messina at fifty thousand. No news from Reggio. A tidal wave at Rhiole was 25 feet high. The Minister of the Interior received a telegram from Messina saying that seventy English travelers and thirty Germans were buried in the ruins of the Hotel Trinacria.

REGGIO'S POPULATION IS DESTROYED

London, Dec. 29.—A special dispatch from Canzara says that only a few thousand out of the entire population of Reggio escaped death or injury. Martial law will be instituted in the earthquake zone. The population of Reggio was fifty thousand.

RELIGIOUS ORDERS ARE WIPED OUT

London, Dec. 29.—A special dispatch from Rome says the Pope has been notified that the entire religious communities of Messina and Reggio, including bishops, priests, monks, and nuns, have been wiped out by the earthquake and fire.

ONE THOUSAND DEAD

Monte Leon, Calabria, Dec. 29.—The town of Palmi is practically destroyed, as is also Bagnara. The dead number one thousand, and it is impossible to estimate the number injured.

DEVASTATION OF DISTRICT COMPLETE

Messina, Dec. 29.—The devastation of the entire district is more or less complete. No part of the province of Reggio de Calabria escaped, but the disturbance was the most severe along the shores of the straits of Messina where the cities of Messina and Reggio are situated. The tidal wave which completed the destruction wrought by the earthquake was 32 feet high. Italian, British and Russian warships are assisting at various ports. (Messina was destroyed in 1783 by an earthquake. Forty thousand persons in that city perished.)

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ASSISTANCE AND SYMPATHY

The President, through the state department, has sent to King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, a dispatch expressing the sympathy of the United States.

CASTRO FACTION WINS VICTORY OVER GOMEZ

Battle Takes Place at Macuro, on the Venezuelan Coast

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 28.—There has been fighting at Macuro, on the Venezuelan coast, between the adherents of former President Castro and the crew of a gunboat working in the interests of the new president, Juan Vicente Gomez. About 30 men were killed and many were wounded. The Gomez party was obliged to withdraw temporarily, but later returned and resumed the engagement.

COURT ROOM FLOOR GIVES WAY

Over a Dozen Persons Are More or Less Injured

Baltimore, Dec. 29.—The second floor of the two-story building at Elliott City, Md., fell today during the



CHARLES N. FOWLER, Congressman Charles N. Fowler of the Fifth New Jersey district is chairman of the house committee on banking and currency.

THREE ARE KILLED, ONE BADLY HURT

Knightstown, Ind., Dec. 29.—Three were killed and one seriously injured in a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Big Four near here today.

WINTHROP BECOMES ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Washington, Dec. 29.—Boekman Winthrop, of Massachusetts, assistant secretary of the treasury, today accepted the office of first assistant of state.

pressing the horror and sympathy of the American people over the disaster which has befallen southern Italy and Sicily.

Malta, Dec. 29.—Three British warships called for Messina today to render every assistance possible to survivors of the disaster. A number of other British vessels are ready on the scene.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Minister of Marine has ordered several French war vessels to proceed to Messina.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The American National Red Cross Society today sent out telegraphic requests to all its branches for relief funds to be applied to the earthquake sufferers of Southern Sicily.

Big January Stock Reducing Sale

As has been our custom for years past to hold a gigantic January Sale, we will make no exception this year. The annual sale will be a money-saving opportunity for the people of Eugene and surrounding country, and for us it means our great stock and enable us to better handle the spring goods when they arrive. From day to day different items will be added to the list on sale, making the last day as interesting as the first. For lack of space we can tell you only a few items. The better way is for you to come to the store and look around. It will pay you.

Domestic Department

CALICOES, 5c
Every piece in stock during this sale, at the low price of 5c.

HEAVY FLANNELS AT REDUCED PRICES
Heavy Twilled Outing Flannel, the yard, 10c.
Light Outing Flannel, light and dark colors, the yard, 5c.

SOLE MUSLIN CHEAP
36 inch Lonsdale Muslin, 36 inches wide; the yard, 9c.

SHEETING
Sheeting during this sale, the yard, 22c.
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Underwear Department

WOMEN'S UNION SUITS
Heavy fleeced Union Suits for Children, each, 25c.

WOMEN'S VESTS
White or Ecru Vests or Pants for women, each, 25c.

WOMEN'S UNION SUITS
Heavy fleeced Union Suits for Women; perfect fitting, each, 50c.

Art Department

PICTURE COVERS, LAUNDRY BAGS, ETC.
Fancy and Scrum Pillow Covers, sale price, 25c.
Lithographs and all others at the same price, each, 12 1/2c.
High Art Japanese Pillow Covers, with Marine and Landscapes, sale price, each, 75c.
Fancy and 5c Laundry Bags, made of fancy creton or art canvas; sale price, each, 12 1/2c and 25c.

Notion Department

COMBS AND FANCY GOODS SPECIALS
50c Mirror, Brush and Comb Sets, fine goods; closing out, \$1.75.
50c Mirror and Brush Set, special, each, \$1.00.
50c Hand Mirrors, Twelve Bags, Purses Pictures, Post Card Albums, Pin Cushions, etc.; all at half-price.

Hat and Suit Department

WOMEN'S COATS FOR RAIN AND COLD WEATHER
\$5.00 and \$9.00 Cravenette Coats for Misses on sale now at 1/2 price, or, each, \$2.50 to \$4.50.
Women's warm Winter Coats, made of a variety of good materials, worth from \$3.50 to \$10.00; during this January sale at 1/2 price, or, \$1.75 to \$5.00.

WOMEN'S SHORT COATS ALMOST GIVEN AWAY
\$1.50 to \$2.00 Short Broadcloth Coats, Skinner's Satin lined, but high quality; while they last, each, 50c.

Dress Goods Department

DRESS GOODS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS SALE
Every piece of Dress Goods in this big stock will be cut in price during this stock-reducing sale. It makes no difference what the price was—now you can buy for less.

25c Dress Materials will be sold at.....20c
40c Dress Materials will be sold at.....32c
50c Dress Materials will be sold at.....40c
75c Dress Materials will be sold at.....60c
\$1.00 Dress Materials will be sold at.....80c
\$1.25 Dress Materials will be sold at.....\$1.00
\$1.50 Dress Materials will be sold at.....\$1.20

Japanese Goods

WOMEN'S LONG KIMONOS
\$15.00 Quilted Silk Kimonos, black, blue and pink, with silk lining; excellent home or lounging robe; January sale price, each, \$8.00.

JAPANESE CREPE
25 Japanese Crepe in dark blue, light blue and lavender, with suitable figures; special, the yard, 20c.

CHILDREN'S COLLAR AND MUFF SET
White Collar and Muff Sets, from \$1.25 to \$7.00, at half price; sale price, 63c to \$3.50.

TRIMMING BRAIDS
About 500 yards of colored Trimming Braids in almost every conceivable coloring; worth from 20c to 35c; sale price, yd. 10c.

WOMEN'S CORSETS FOR ALMOST NOTHING
R. and G. and Royal Worcester Corsets, worth regular from \$1.00 to \$1.50; this is a broken line; closing out at, each, 25c.

Clothing Department

MEN'S SUITS ALL REDUCED
This is the time you have been waiting for when you could buy that suit at a bargain price. Come before the week is gone—the earlier the better, as you get more to pick from, because they will surely go fast at the prices we name on them. Are you ready? Read:—

\$10.00 Suits you now can buy for.....\$ 8.00
\$12.50 Suits you now can buy for.....\$10.00
\$15.00 Suits you now can buy for.....\$12.00
\$20.00 Suits you now can buy for.....\$16.00
\$25.00 Suits you now can buy for.....\$20.00
\$30.00 Suits you now can buy for.....\$24.00

NOTE THE SAVING IN THE PRICE
BOYS' OVERCOATS AT A SAVING OF ONE-HALF
Boys' Overcoats of good materials, well lined; all good colors, worth from \$3.50 to \$10.00, at 1/2 price, each \$1.75 to \$5.00.

WOMEN'S DRESSES
4 years, worth \$1.00 to \$2.00, at One-Half Price, 50c to \$3.00.

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