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The Columbia Disaster.

On an inside page will be found an account of the terrible disaster near Eureka, where the steamer Columbia went down with a total of 257 passengers on board. A San Francisco dispatch of July 23, says: Sixteen names were added today to the list of survivors of the Columbia-San Pedro collision. These 16 passengers were in a boat which landed at Shelter Cove. The boat also contained two dead bodies—that of Mrs. O. A. Lewis of Pasadena, Cal., and an unknown man, presumably a sailor.

The list of survivors now include 160 names out of a reported total of 257 persons on board. Ninety-seven persons are unaccounted for. Following is a list of the passengers missing:

CABIN PASSENGERS MISSING.

- Mrs. R. Anderson, W. J. Barthman, Miss Alice Baldwin, Mrs. J. Benson, Miss A. Bernal, Mrs. Jane E. Best, Gertrude Butler, Mrs. W. H. Butler, Mrs. E. B. Cannon, Miss Clara Carpenter, J. W. Carpenter, L. Clabby, Mrs. L. Martin and Steven Clabby, Miss A. B. and Mrs. A. F. Cornell, L. E. Drake, Jr., J. C. Durham, Kate, Pa. Mrs. K. Fagstler, Miss Maude Gerler, Mrs. Blanche H. Gordon, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. A. Haupp, C. H. Harrington, Miss K. Hayden, L. E. Hill, Misses Alina B., Elie B., Grace F. and Mrs. G. A. Kellar, Florence Lewis, E. Liggett, Ray Lewis, Mrs. R. Lippman, Lewis and Mrs. Lewis Malkus, Julia Mattek, L. Mero, John B. McFadyen, Miss Margaret M. Kearney, Clara Moch, Misses Louise G. and Nellie Nake, Miss Mary Parsons, J. E. and Mrs. Paul, Miss Frances Schroeder, Misses Cora and Sarah Schull, G. A. Smith, Mrs. Williams Smith, George Sparks, J. D. Springer, Miss Elsie Maystone, Miss A. B. and W. C. Todd, Franklin T. Kain, Pa. Misses B. and Edna Wallace, Mrs. S. and William Waller, Miss W. White, G. F. Wilson, G. A. and Mrs. Winslow, Mrs. H. P. and Roland Winters, Miss H. Wright, J. K. Young, Miss Lena Cooper.—Total, 71.

STEEERAGE PASSENGERS MISSING.

- Frank Glone, M. Mayo, C. W. Merrill, John Miller, J. Premus, E. and Mrs. Silva, A. Spitzer, B. Vianis.—Total, 9.

OFFICERS AND CREW MISSING.

- F. A. Doran, Captain, W. F. Whitney, First Officer, C. Christensen, Quartermaster, H. C. Dupree, First Assistant Engineer, Max Claus, Second Assistant Engineer, C. Peterson, seaman, W. T. Anderson, water tender, — Alexander, water tender, Ed Larkin, oiler, J. Mackinnon, oiler, A. Schneider, baker, Frank D. Dixie, second cook, E. B. Draves, purveyor, J. G. and H. J. Alley, waiters, A. L. Blocker, waiter.

GOES TO THE BOTTOM—MISS BUXTON TELLS HER EXPERIENCE.

Going down almost to the bottom of the sea with the ill-fated Columbia and coming up again to float for two hours in the icy waters with no support but a door, was the remarkable experience of Pearl Beebe, of Portland, as related to a Telegram reporter. Miss Beebe, a tall blonde, has one hand bandaged as a result of her effort to save her life. "I asked several men to show me how to put on a life preserver, but they were too busy saving themselves," said Miss Beebe, "so I returned to my room and read the instructions. When I got on deck the ship went down and I with it. It seemed as though I would never stop. 'Hold your breath,' I kept saying to myself and I tried hard, but still I wanted air. I don't know how far down I went, but suddenly the wire rope was jerked from my hand. Perhaps the Columbia striking bottom did it. Then I began going to the top of the waves. For two hours I floated by means of the life preserver. In the dark I struck something, it was a door and I clung to this; a big wave took me to a raft and after those on board it told me they could not reach me I climbed on and was saved. I had almost no clothing on and on reaching the San Pedro I was given a pair of overalls. W. L. Smith, of Portland, won't tell you, but he was one of the most valuable men on the wreck, doing much to save other women and myself. The last of the women to be

saved by Captain Doran was Miss Buxton, a trained nurse from Forest Grove. 'It's no use; she's gone,' said the captain, as he was assisting the woman. The next moment a wave swept Miss Buxton into the inky waters and the Columbia almost immediately went down. Miss Buxton was a room mate of Mrs. H. H. Shaw of Stockton, Cal. The women almost completely dressed themselves before going on deck.

"We were on the side of the ship that was up," said Miss Buxton, "and it was difficult for us to make our escape. Captain Doran reached down and lifted me up to where he was, saying as he did so that the vessel was lost. As he made this remark, a huge wave carried me overboard into the ocean. I was the last to enter boat 6, which had 28 passengers. There was no panic that I saw. I could have got out sooner, only I went back for my watch. Until the life boat picked me up, I was in the water swimming fully three-quarters of an hour.

Carrie Martin, of Eugene, was quickly prepared to take her chances with the ocean, and put on a life-preserver, but was told there was no danger, and removed it and put on a coat. A few minutes later word came that the Columbia was sinking, and Miss Martin had just time again to don the preserver and make her escape from below.

San Francisco, July 24.—Captain Bermingham, United States Supervising Inspector of Hulls and Boilers for this district, will tomorrow begin an investigation of the sinking of the steamer Columbia by the steam schooner San Pedro, in which 77 lives are believed to have been lost.

Captain Bermingham declared today that he would institute a most thorough inquiry into the loss of the vessel. He went to Eureka today to take the depositions of the Captain and crew of the San Pedro and summoned the officers and crew of the Columbia to be in attendance.

Captain Bermingham said: "If the published statements that the San Pedro refused to take on board a boatload of survivors is true, then the master of that vessel is guilty of manslaughter."

Hansen Must Tell Why.

San Francisco, July 24.—Not until Captain Hansen and the members of the crew of the San Pedro reach here from Eureka, where they are now engaged in a squabble with the master of the Geo. W. Elder over the latter's claim for salvage, will Inspectors Bolles and Bulger begin the inquiry into the cause of the wreck of the steamer Columbia. The Inspectors intend to get from Captain Hansen a full statement of the affair, with particular reference to the charge that he misunderstood the signals given by Captain Doran from the bridge of the Columbia, and failed to give the Columbia opportunity to clear the course of the lumber schooner.

Captain Hansen will also be called upon to answer the charge made by Third Officer Hawse, in his sworn report to the inspectors, that Captain Hansen acted in a cruel and inhuman manner after the wreck and refused to assist in the work of rescue by taking on board his vessel boatloads of people whom the sailors of the Columbia had dragged from the water. Mr. Hawse makes the positive statement that when he approached the San Pedro with 15 rescued people in his boat, Captain Hansen ordered him off, saying that the schooner could not take any more on board.

When the firemen turn out the thing to look for is a hot time.

Perhaps it is a good thing for the American people that they can't read the Japanese newspapers.

"Is it a white vest, or a white waistcoat?" asks an exchange. If you can afford only one, brother, it is a vest.

William Dean Howells says it is a crime to accept money for poetry. But isn't the man who pays money for poetry also guilty?

Stage coaches on their way to the Yosemite Valley are being held up by masked highwaymen. The far West continues to have some local color.

Inasmuch as Mr. Rockefeller's fine for scorching in his automobile was only \$25, we may reasonably hope that it will not result in a further advance in the price of oil.

County Correspondence

We want a reporter in every town.

Beaverton.

Regular Correspondent. As G. W. Stitt was returning from Portland one day last week he was thrown from the wagon seat, the wheels passing over both feet and inflicting some severe scalp wounds. The extent of the injuries to his feet is hard to determine but it is certain that a number of the smaller bones are fractured and that alone will necessitate a good long vacation on the part of G. W.

R. E. Davis, of Portland, has purchased the twenty acres just south of the Wm. Tacker place and has started clearing a place to build on.

W. B. Emmons is putting new sills under his barn and building an addition to it.

W. H. Boyd and wife spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Anderson at Seaside.

T. C. Livermore, father of F. W. Livermore, the saw mill man, is very low with dropsy and the end is expected at any time.

H. C. Watts a former resident of this place, but recently in charge of a section gang for the S. P. Co. at LaFayette, is in charge of the Beaverton section temporarily, while W. E. Barnes is visiting old friends in the state of Minnesota.

Jno. Barry was poisoned by eating ice cream one day last week in Portland. After a week's enforced idleness he is now able to be around.

Mrs. Ida W. Burns and son Archie of Portland visited with Mrs. Burns' mother, Mrs. Watts of this place, last Sunday. Archie is now employed by the Home Telephone Company as electrician.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hills of Los Angeles, Calif., visited the fore part of the week with Mr. Hills sister, Mrs. F. W. Cady.

A very quiet enjoyable time is the report from the dancing party last Saturday night.

On August 13th, the taxpayers of this district will have a chance to vote on the new school house question at a special school meeting.

Aunt Sally.

Progress.

Regular Correspondent.

Miss Reva Morelock visited in Portland last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Fanno and son Frankie are in the neighborhood for a week or two.

Mrs. Wm. Krieger, of Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. Wm. Beharrell of Portland, are visiting Mrs. Thos. Bradley for a few days.

Mrs. A. J. Fanno, was visiting friends in the neighborhood last week.

John Burroughs and wife of Portland visited Mrs. Geo. Blaser last Wednesday.

Mrs. Jessie Frazier of Walla Walla and little daughter are visiting her mother, Mrs. Thos. Bradley.

Mrs. Baxter of Pueblo, Col., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Wm. Robinson for a few days.

Miss Helen Fanno of Portland and her cousin, Asa Fanno of Chilo, Cal., are visiting relatives in the neighborhood.

Uncle John.

A Philadelphia preacher has been deposed because he failed to put on enough style to suit his congregation. We are able to say in his behalf that he did not wear celluloid cuffs.

It would be better for Japan not to make war on this country, but if nothing else will do her our producers and manufacturers will take pleasure in showing her our fine line of war supplies.

People who want something bright and original may be referred to the story of a Texas cyclone that picked up a letter and delivered it to the person to whom it was addressed, twenty miles away.

The Interior Department has given women teachers notice that if they take up claims in the West they must obey the law and live on them. This came about through a decision in favor of a Minnesota teacher which was construed wrongly, and has given rise to the opinion that teachers are exempt from ordinary rules.

When a young woman's heart is broken by a fickle suitor she is considered justified in claiming damages in a good round sum for the breakage. With superior masculine business instinct a young man in New York has started a precedent by handing in an itemized bill of the expenses of courtship when the fair one proved false. The male heart may be tougher in its breakage than that of the more susceptible sex, but the money plaster is quite as efficacious in the one case as in the other and it does seem that it is hardly fair to leave the unlucky swain with an empty purse as well as with a denuded heart.

Land and Mineral Decisions.

The following synopsis of Land and Mineral Decisions is furnished this office by Woodford D. Harris, Land Attorney, Washington, D. C., and under this head will be published from week to week decisions which may be of interest to our readers.

Coal: Failure to file declaratory statement within sixty days after date of actual possession, and make payment within one year from expiration of the time for filing, renders the land subject to the entry of another who has complied with the law.

Final proof: Final proof taken without authority or notice is void.

False swearing in making final proof is punishable under the law.

Final proof though technically complete, is not always received.

Ready-made proof, submitted before the attesting officer without proper cross-examination should not be accepted.

Mineral: Land chiefly valuable for phosphate deposits is mineral in character.

Land containing a deposit of gypsum cement, and more valuable on account of such mineral than for agriculture, is not subject to agricultural entry. Land containing gypsum may be entered as mineral land.

PROBATE COURT.

Estate of Edward D. Kerr, deceased; Ida Kerr appointed administrator upon filing a bond in the sum of \$200.

Estate of Raymond Dixon, deceased; bond of administrator filed and approved.

Estate of Wm. L. Curtis, deceased; report of administrator approved and authorized to pay such sums as are asked for in petition.

Estate of John N. Fisher, deceased; claim of F. M. Robinson presented and allowed in the sum of \$66.60 and the balance disallowed because the same is barred by the statute of limitation.

Resignation received from F. M. Robinson, administrator, and same was accepted. D. C. Fisher was appointed administratrix of the estate and her bond fixed at \$1,000; upon filing same letters will issue.

Estate of John P. Mohrmann, deceased; final account filed and set for hearing.

Matter of the guardianship of John M., Geo. D., Earl C. and Imogene Luther, minors; inventory and appraisal filed.

Guardianship of Bjordis, Judith, Gerda, Erpstad and Maria Lonslatter, minors; F. M. Cederberg appointed guardian and guardianship papers will issue upon his filing a bond in the sum of \$200.

Guardianship of Myron and Gladys Hewitt, sale of real property confirmed.

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To Contractors. Bids will be received by the County Court of Washington Co., Oregon, until 2 o'clock p. m., on the 8th day of August, 1907, for the construction of a bridge across Scoggin creek, near the residence of Thomas Sain. Specifications may be seen at the office of the county clerk. Right is reserved to reject any or all bids. By order of the County Court. J. W. GOODIN, County Judge

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