

**FILED WITH PAYNE**

**Reports of Postoffice Investigation**

(Special to the Coast Mail.)  
Washington, Oct. 24—Bristow says the reports of the post office investigation were given to Payne by the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Payne immediately took it to the White House in person and handed it to the president. The report containing 110,000 words. It required almost a month's labor on the part of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General and a large force of clerks. Five hundred exhibits accompany it.

**ALICE ROOSEVELT WILL VISIT CHICAGO**

(Special to the Coast Mail.)  
Washington, D. C., Oct. 24—Miss Alice Roosevelt leaves today for Chicago, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Preston Gibson, daughter of Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page. Miss Roosevelt has timed her visit to Chicago so that she can visit the horse show, and word comes from the western metropolis that many festivities are being planned in her honor. She will return to Washington in time to serve as a bridesmaid at the wedding of her friend Miss McCauley to Mr. Tuckerman next month.

**A Wise Precaution.**

Vienna telephone booths are furnished with napkins bearing the inscription, "Wipe, if You Please." The napkins are changed frequently, and this undoubtedly serves to keep the mouthpieces of the transmitters in good condition.

**The Average Man.**  
The factor which is overlooked by those who fear the ascendancy of any quixotic notion is the existence of the average man. This individual is not a striking personality, but he holds the balance of power. Before any extravagant idea can establish itself it must convert the average man. He is very susceptible and takes a suggestion so readily that it seems to prophesy the complete overthrow of the existing order of things. But was ever a conviction absolute? The best theologians say no. A great deal of the old Adam is always left over. When the average man takes up with a quixotic notion, only so much of it is practically wrought out as he is able to comprehend. The old Adam of common sense continually asserts itself. The natural corrective of quixotism is Sancho Panzala. The solemn knight, with his head full of visionary plans, is followed by a squire who is as faithful as his nature will permit. Sancho has no theories and makes no demands on the world. He leaves that sort of thing to his master. He has the fatalism which belongs to ignorant good nature and the tolerance which is found in easy going persons who have neither ideals nor nerves. He has no illusions, though he has all the credulity of ignorance.—S. M. Crothers in Atlantic.

**Not His.**  
"Does Cadger roll his own cigarettes?"  
"No; mine, usually."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

**Advice.**  
Holds of bald men off remind us  
We should treat our wives with care  
Or departing leave behind us  
Half our natural locks of hair.  
—Buffalo Times.

**His Day Off.**  
"Misery likes company, don't he?"  
"Yes, but when I sees him comin' I never is at home."—Atlanta Constitution.

**UNSAFE BANK CLOSED**

**By California Commissioners**

(Special to the Coast Mail.)  
Sacramento, Cal. Oct. 23—The board of Bank Commissioners report the governor has decided in the case of the International Bank and Trust Company of America, that it is an unsafe corporation to continue to transact business and the commission will take control of the property and effects in accordance with the law. The bank recently closed its doors. It is the San Francisco branch of a Mexican bank.

**10,000 TROOPS IN LINE**

(Special to the Coast Mail.)  
Fort Riley, Oct. 24—Nearly 10,000 troops, commanded by 500 officers, were reviewed today. The fifth Iowa made the best showing of the militia regiments. The State regiments drew nearly \$40,000 pay.

**SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS**

**Secured by Robbers at Sheridan Blew up Bank Vault and Escape**

(Special to the Mail.)  
Salem, Or. Oct. 26—Telephone reports were received this morning to the effect that three robbers dynamited the bank at Sheridan at 2 o'clock this morning. They secured seven thousand dollars and escaped. The men did a perfect job of wrecking the safe before they could be interfered with. The robbers left Sheridan in a single buggy, coming in the direction of Salem. They were tracked to the neighborhood of McCoy, where all trace of the rig was lost. The last seen of the rig one man occupied the buggy. The other two had disappeared between the time the buggy left Sheridan and its arrival at McCoy station. The officers here are in communication with Sheriff Sitton at McMinnville, and are on the look out for the robbers as it is thought they will come to this city. It is believed to be the same gang that recently attempted a similar job at Newberg and failed, disappearing before they could be apprehended.

Gardiner Gazette—The salmon run in this river has already far exceeded the fondest expectations of the fishermen this year. From 2000 to 4000 fish are delivered at the cannery wharf here every morning and the cannery is running day and night.

**TUPPER BLAMES LAURIER**

**For Handling Boundary Matter Wrong**

(Special to the Coast Mail.)  
Montreal, Oct. 24—Sir Charles Tupper, former Prime Minister of Canada, arrived this morning from England. He blames Laurier as the indirect cause of the Alaskan award, on the grounds that he should have adhered to the tribunal proposition, rather than allowing the question to go to the commission.

**PHILIPPINE EXHIBIT AT ST LOUIS**

(Special to the Coast Mail.)  
St. Louis, Mo. Oct. 23—All of the 2800 tons of the Philippine exhibit shipment which arrived on the transport Klipatrick at Seattle is now on the world's fair grounds. There are fifty carloads in all. The largest piece in the shipment is a dug-out or native boat, nearly 75 feet in length.

**ELECTED TO NEXT WORLD**

(Special to the Coast Mail.)  
Honolulu, Oct. 24—Delegate Wilcox is dead, the result of campaigning for election as first representative to congress.

**Steamer Movements**

The Arcata arrived Sunday and the Empire yesterday. The former will sail at noon today.

**Travel by Sea**

Passenger list out going Arcata, sailing Oct. 27: Mrs. Dennis, J. Dennis, Miss Morton, Miss Smith, J. Allen, H. Dickey, W. Falco, Mrs. Genserson, Miss Austin, F. S. Dow, F. Gaylord, Mrs. Gaylord, F. Holt and wife, W. F. Johnson, J. W. Hirst, S. J. DeFreese, Mrs. Donaldson, Miss Donaldson, R. Smith, W. Balleddy, R. W. Kennedy and wife, S. O. Jensen, D. Jensen.

The schooner Western Home, Lemboke master, arrived in Sunday, after being out ten days from San Francisco. She brought in ballast some freight for Dean & Co. also some gasoline for Holland brothers and some for Wm. Bernitt. Her course was far enough out so she could observe the heavy fog bank which engulfed the ill-fated South Portland. She will load lumber at the Bay City mill.

**The Halloween Ball**

The indications now are that the Halloween Ball will be a grand success. If the ladies who have the project in hand continue to meet with encouragement, as they have thus far, they will be able to do what they have set out to do. The fountain is not to be a tin-cup-and-watering-trough affair but something that will be ornamental as well as useful. Citizens should encourage the project. The ball promises to be the event of the season. Toelle's orchestra will furnish music for the evening.

**ANOTHER FORGED PARDON**

**Releases a Prisoner From Alcatraz**

(Special to the Coast Mail.)  
San Francisco, Cal. Oct. 24—The discovery has just been made that convict Ralph Williams escaped from Alcatraz by means of a forged pardon. This makes the fifth escape. It was only discovered by checking up the pardons at Washington. The pardons were so cleverly forged that the local officers can't tell the bona fide from the forgeries.

**MINES SHUT DOWN**

**Montana Thrown Into a Furor**

(Special to the Coast Mail.)  
Butte, Mont. Oct. 23—Carrying out their threat, the Amalgamated Copper company this morning shut down all their mines. Tomorrow the smelters will be closed. The entire state suffers. Crowds of miners on the streets show intense feeling, and occasional shouts of "lynch Judge Clancy" are heard.

**SPEED RECORD BROKEN**

(Special to the Coast Mail.)  
Berlin Oct. 23—In another speed test on the Marienfelde-Zossen electric railway this morning, 130 miles an hour was the pace attained.

**Another Steamer to Portland**

The Chamber of Commerce has received a letter from C. E. Steelsmith, Portland agent, for the Dalles Transportation company, stating that he has a man who would put on a regular steamer between Portland and Coos Bay if there were a reasonable prospect of its paying, and asking what encouragement could be given here.

The inquirer will be given every encouragement possible by the Chamber. There is no doubt that in a short time there will be enough north bound freight from here to furnish cargoes from here to Portland for one steamer. As soon as the sash and door factory starts it will furnish all the Portland freight that one boat can attend to. Then if one of our coal mines would introduce its products in Portland there is little doubt that another small steamer could be loaded regularly.

**There Have Been Others.**

Leaves of a plant alleged to drive away mosquitoes have reached English botanists from Africa. The presence of a single plant is stated to clear a room of the pest, and an infusion of the leaves has been found an effective substitute for quinine in the treatment of mosquito conveyed malarial fever. The plant proves to be a kind of basil.

**Magnetic Waters.**

There are three waters in the state of Indiana which actually impart magnetic powers to needles, knife blades and the like. Any considerable quantity of one of these waters will deflect the needle of a compass.

**BRIG TANNER WRECKED**

**Goes Ashore Near Port Angeles**

(Special to the Mail.)  
Seattle, Wash. Oct. 26—The brig Tanner went ashore last night six miles below Port Angeles. The sea is breaking over her, and she will probably be a total loss. The crew got ashore. The Tanner came from San Diego bound for Port Angeles on her regular trip.

**JAPAN PLANS COUP**

**Will Capture Russian Colony**

**Soon as War Breaks Out**

(Special to the Coast Mail.)  
Seattle, Wash. Oct. 23—Japan advices received today state that the Japanese government is planning to capture the island of Saghalin, the Russian penal colony, midway between Siberia and the Japanese island of Yoha, in the event of war. Saghalin is considered a most important strategic point as a base of supplies for the Mikados fleet and armies. It is called the Island of Murderers, being populated by twenty-five thousand people, nine thousand of whom are murderers.

**Baron Howth's Hat.**

The story of the luck of the Howths is well known, and down to very recent times no member of that family would permit a rat to be put to death. It was said that about the year 1750 the twenty-sixth Baron Howth was giving a banquet to his friends when a rat rushed into the hall, followed by several dogs, and jumping on the table, sat up before Lord Howth as if appealing for protection. He saved its life, and from that moment it never quitted him. At last he set out on a foreign tour, accompanied by his brother, who persuaded him to leave the rat behind. Sitting in a hotel at Marseilles, the door suddenly flew open, and the rat, dripping wet, came crawling in and went straight to the fire to dry itself. Lord Howth's brother, enraged at the intrusion, seized the poker and dashed out the rat's brains. "You have murdered me!" exclaimed Lord Howth and instantly fell down and expired.—London Tit-Bits.

**The Folding Fan.**

The ordinary folding fan is said to have been invented in Japan in the seventh century by a native artist who derived the idea from the way in which the bat closes its wings.

**Coffee in Mexico.**

You can't convince the Mexicans that they don't know how to make coffee. They have been burning it in the roasting for several centuries, and the present generation prefers it black and strong.

**Jungle Animals.**

The supply of jungle animals is never equal to the demand.

**The Outside of Lemons.**

Not many people stop to think about it, but the outside of a lemon is anything but clean. If you will look at it you will see some tiny spots like scales all over it. These are the eggs of an insect, and if the lemon is not washed they are likely to become an ingredient in whatever dish the lemon is used in.

**LAKE STEAMER EXPLODED**

**Captain and Another Man Killed**

(Special to the Mail.)  
Sault St. Marie, Mich., Oct. 26—The steamer Sauber, one laden, last night exploded. Captain Morris and Frank Robinson were killed. The remainder of the crew were rescued, after great exposure by the steamer Tiele. The Sauber is a total loss, and sank in 500 feet of water.

**SKINNER GOING TO ABYSSINIA**

(Special to the Mail.)  
Marseilles, Oct. 23—Robert P. Skinner, the United States consul-general at Marseilles, who is about to start on a special mission to King Menelik of Abyssinia, arrived here this week from New York via Havre. He plans to start on his Abyssinian mission early next week. He will proceed by regular steamship to Baimrt, from which port he will be accompanied to the capital of the Negus by a small guard of United States marines. The greatest interest is manifested in his mission in French commercial and political circles.

**TURK MEETS MATCH**

**One Thousand Killed By Arabs**

(Special to the Mail.)  
London, Oct. 26—A dispatch from Constantinople states that the Pasha military commandant and governor of the province of Azir on the coast of Arabia, have been killed in a revolt of the Arab tribes against the cattle tax. A thousand Turkish troops are reported killed, and the remainder routed. Fresh troops under Hady Pasha have been dispatched to the scene.

**Narrow Escape**

Jack Farley had a narrow escape from death by drowning last Saturday night, and only escaped by the timely assistance from the Cape Arago Life-Saving Station. At 8 p.m. calls for help were heard by the station lookout, coming from the cove at Rocky Point. Immediately the Life-Saving crew was off for the scene, and in a few minutes found a man in a dying condition from drowning and exposure to cold, clinging to a rock among the kelp. A fire was built on the beach and the man resuscitated by the Life-Saving crew. The man proved to be Jack Farley of Empire, who while on his journey home from South Slough, in crossing the cribs in the dark and strong ebb tide, lost an oar, swamped his boat and attempted to swim to shore. The boat was recovered and man and boat taken to Empire City.