

Log Driver is Drowned.

OREGON CITY, Jan. 2.—Robert Graham was drowned in the Molalla River yesterday morning in the presence of many of his fellow-workers, who were unable to go to his assistance. Graham was on the river driving, and was employed by J. B. Toltonson, a bridge builder of Albany. With a number of other men he was working on a center jam in the middle of the river, about one mile above Wrights' bridge, at Liberal. A huge quantity of logs were jammed on a stump and the river was raging torrent, filled with drift. The jam was suddenly released, and the logs started down the river at a frightful rate of speed, taking the unfortunate Graham with them. He tried to reach shore, but fell into the river, and the men on the piling and on the shore saw him go down with the current fully 150 feet before he sank from view. The river is half a mile wide at Liberal, and no effort will be made to recover the body. The drowned man left a wife and several children at Troutdale where he resided. The news was received at this city late this afternoon.

Loggers at Disadvantage.

"A law is needed in Oregon that will enable a logger to transport his logs across the lands of a neighbor on the payment of reasonable damages," said a well-known timberman yesterday. "At present the owner of a tract between the loggers premises and the stream may prevent the logging of his neighbor's timber altogether if he sees fit, and there is no recourse. The logger, therefore, must either buy out the intervening tract or allow the owner an exorbitant sum for the privilege of sending the logs to market across the other man's land. The law which provides for condemnatory proceedings to take possession of private property for public use cannot be applied in the case of the logger, for a logging camp cannot be called a public enterprise; neither can a farmer compel another to give him access to the county road if the other man doesn't see fit to do so. The aggrieved party may ask the County Court for a public road across the premises, but the road must lead from one established county road to another. The laws of Oregon in this respect are different from those of any other timbered state in the Union. Even Washington laws will enable a logger to get his logs across another man's land on paying of reasonable damages. My attorney tells me, however, that an amendment must be made to the constitution of Oregon before the desired relief can be granted. Loggers are often held up in Oregon and made to pay unreasonable sums to get their timber to market across another's land. I know one firm that paid 10 cents a thousand for the privilege of crossing an 80-acre clearing. This sum does not look large, but it amounted to \$100 on every million feet. The timber land interests of Oregon are now very valuable, and the owners cannot afford to permit this injustice to exist much longer. A combination of timbermen will probably be effected in the near future for the purpose of rectifying the abuse."—Telegram.

Volcanoes Belching.

CORINTO, Nicaragua, Dec. 15.—The volcano of Santiago, about eight miles from Granada, is shooting out fire and at night illuminates the heavens for many miles around. Monotumbo, near the sea coast, is belching forth smoke. Isabio, in Salvador, shoots forth smoke and lava every half hour, and at night forms a brilliant spectacle as its molten lava runs down the mountain side in a stream of fire. The inhabitants of Guatemala City fear that the volcano Atitlan will break out at any time. The sea coast and ocean for many miles is strewn with pumice stone from the volcano Santa Maria.

Lemon Juice Fails.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Dr. W. H. Park, bacteriologist of the Department of Health, has made several experiments to determine the value of lemon juice in destroying typhoid bacilli, regarding which much has been published recently. Several microscopic examinations of cultures of typhoid bacilli which had been subjected to the action of the lemon juice showed that, although the acid killed the micro organisms, it required too much acid and too much time for the chemical action to take place to render lemon juice as an agent practical. Dr. Park's negative opinion in regard to the efficacy of the acid as a typhoid prophylactic was corroborated, for after the bacilli had been acted upon by a five per cent solution of the acid for 30 minutes, it was found that all of them had not been destroyed. Dr. Park, when questioned regarding the experiments, said: "My suspicions were confirmed by the tests. It is far safer to boil the water or filter it properly than to trust to lemon juice to destroy any typhoid bacilli that may be in it. Of course, the statement that the acid would destroy any typhoid germs that might be contained in oysters by sprinkling it on the outside is ridiculous."

General News.

Over 1100 square miles of the finest timber land in Newfoundland, running along both banks of the Exploits River, has just passed into the hands of a Boston syndicate at a purchase price of \$250,000, says a Halifax dispatch to the Tribune. On the property are several valuable water powers suitable for the operation of pulp and paper mills. * * * Topsy, the pet of thousands of children when, as a famous "baby elephant" she first toured this country with Adam Forepaugh's circus, 20 years ago, is to be hanged at Luna Park, Coney Island. The former pet has become a man killer and her owners have decided that she must be destroyed. Topsy has killed four men since she went to "Muhst" a few years ago. John Whiting, the only man who can control Topsy, left the employ of her owners recently, and no one can be found who will undertake to care for her. A noose of two-inch Manila rope will be employed to kill her. * * * Governor Geer, Secretary of State Dunbar and State Treasurer Moore made the official estimate of the expenses of the state for the year 1903, placing the amount at \$760,000. No state tax levy will be made this year, as the state taxes are apportioned among the several counties at a ratio fixed by law. While the reports of assessments have not all been received yet from the several counties, it is apparent that the total valuation of property in the state will reach almost \$150,000,000. Upon this valuation a revenue of \$760,000 would be at a rate of about 5 mills on the dollar. * * * The building occupied by the Capital Brewing Company as bottling works, at Olympia, Wash., was almost completely demolished by a slide of sand from the bluff back of the building. The bluff is about 50 feet high and was almost perpendicular with the side of the building. Houses that were formerly 25 or 30 feet from the edge of the cliff are now overhanging it. The office building is in immediate danger and the officials of the company are expecting it will be crushed at any moment, as small slides are constantly occurring. The occupants of the residences near the bluff were warned and took rooms with their friends for the night. The Catholic Church is also very close to the edge. * * * The Journal of Commerce says: For months past enormous quantities of tea have been accumulating in bonded warehouses, being held until January 1, when the repeal of the war tax of 10 cents a pound took effect. Friday was the first business day after the tax came off, and it was an eventful day, since it marked the beginning of the withdrawals of these teas. Stocks in the hands of wholesalers and dealers all over the country have become greatly depleted, probably never in the history of the trade have the stocks of tea become so low. Some idea of the amount of tea which will be sent out all over the country may be had from the fact that on November 31, according to the official returns, there were 49,957,166 pounds of tea remaining in bonded warehouses at the port of New York. This amount probably was increased during the month of December. * * * "Greeting of your royal highness, from faithful subject—Marconi." With a force of millions of volts, the largest voltage ever yet obtained in an electrical current, the above message will be flashed through the air of King Victor Emmanuel of Italy from the new Marconi station, at South Wellfleet, Mass., this week, possibly Tuesday or Wednesday. Marconi himself will be present and will personally ply the tapper. This message will mark the formal opening of the first wireless telegraph station on the soil of the United States. The plant has been tested and found all right. Power is applied to it by a 75 horse-power dynamo, and the apparatus throws a spark as big as a man's fist and as long. The sending of a message sounds like the discharge of a rapid-fire gun. * * * The completion of the Pacific cable to Honolulu was the occasion of many congratulatory messages from the Hawaiian capital to Washington and New York. The work of laying the cable was obstructed by storms through a great part of the trip, and at one time it was feared that the cable might have to be cut and buoyed in midocean, but all difficulties were surmounted. The cable finally reached Molokai Channel on Christmas day, and had to be buoyed there for a week before the sea became calm enough to splice it to the Hawaiian shore end. That feat was finally accomplished on New Year's night, amid great popular rejoicing. Clarence Macay, president of the cable Company, says cable-laying will be continued without interruption, and hopes to have the line completed to Manila by the Fourth of July. Thence an extension will be laid to Shanghai.

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China's Late Minister, Wu Ting-Fang, Gives His Impressions.

Speaks in High Terms of the Enterprise and Adaptability of the Average American and His Accomplishments.

Americans are known, in whatever quarter of the world chance happens to throw them, by their marvelous self-reliance and independence. A typical American is never at a loss what to do with himself, writes Wu Ting-Fang in Success. If, by some enchantment he were whisked away over night and set down in the middle of Timbuctoo, he would, doubtless, when he should awake the next morning, be astonished, but before luncheon he would be busily engaged in some business enterprise, so readily does he adapt himself to circumstances. In every instance he knows how to take care of himself, but perhaps the real secret of his success is that he knows how to make the most of his opportunities.

An American student usually realizes that education is the stepping-stone to achievement. He studies with the expectation of fitting himself for the profession or occupation he is ultimately to enter. He makes the most of himself as a student, that he may be able to make the most of himself in his chosen career. All through his course of study this idea is instilled into his mind, and the consequence is that he leaves his college or university well prepared to enter upon life's activities. He is sure of himself. I may also add that the schools of the United States, both public and collegiate, are the crowning glory of this young and great republic. No words can bestow upon them too high praise. No estimate can be put upon the good which they are accomplishing in training young men as well as young men for future usefulness. Systematic education is reaching its highest form in this country. Its results are so practical that the country cannot help but advance.

The intelligence of the average American is worthy of note. This, I take it, is due in large measure not only to the excellent schools, but also to the innumerable newspapers and other publications. I have found, in all parts of the country, that in every town of any size there is published a daily paper, and that the metropolitan publications circulate in the homes of the most remote corners of the land.

The abilities to seize his opportunities, which is characteristic of the American, is seen in the business enterprises of the country. Its industrial machinery is adjusted to the production of its wealth on a scale of unprecedented magnitude. This is a valuable condition. American brains and American capital are reaching out to control the markets of the world, and with good reason, other nations are watching the efforts with keen interest. China is but awakening to its vast possibilities, and more and more will she welcome the American merchant and American commerce within her borders. American enterprise is now building a railway from Hankow to Canton, and, no doubt, other roads will soon be building. China's rivers and harbors are to be improved, and there will be more and more demand for American steel, rails and other products.

STATUES HAVE SMALLPOX.

Epidemic of Disease Among Bronze Figures in Athens—How They Are Affected.

A most extraordinary disease, extremely infectious and resembling smallpox among human beings, has broken out among the statues in the Egyptian room of the National museum here, says an Athens (Greece) correspondent of the New York Times. A few days ago the distinguished politician and archaeologist, Mr. Stephanos Skouloudes, noticed some strange green marks on one of the bronze statues of the famous Egyptian collection presented to the museum in 1881 by Mr. Demetrios, of Alexandria. He at once communicated his discovery to the curator, who called in experts to examine the statue in question. They pronounced the marks to be due to an infectious complaint, to which bronze is liable, and which gradually spreads from the surface of the object affected to the inside, till the whole crumbles away into dust. The other bronze statues in the same room were then inspected, with the result that they were all found to be more or less tainted with the disease, while five of them had taken it in a most aggravated form. These five are the statues of Anta, the goddess of war; of Maout, wife of Jupiter Ammon; of Isis, and two statues of Osiris, one of them of the greatest value. Worse than that, the infection has spread to the Mycenaean room, which contains the results of the late Dr. Schliemann's excavations in 1876. There a dagger, which was found in the fourth and finest of the six tombs, has fallen a victim to the malady. Altogether about fifty statues are badly affected, and the loss will be enormous unless the plague can be stayed. A leading Athenian chemist pronounces the cause of the malady to be the presence of salt in the bronze of which the statues are made, and his remedy is to extract it by means of baths. Mr. Momphe-matos, the minister under whose department the museum comes, is taking steps to save the bronzes.

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