

BEHRING STRAIT SCHEME

Baker City Doctor Would Build Large Dam Across It

Whenever there is a lull in the local news market County Coroner Taylor N. Snow may be depended upon to fill the vacancy says the Baker City Herald.

Not long ago Dr. Snow announced that he was hot on the trail of the love microbe.

The news of his researches in that direction were sent out by special correspondents in Baker City to the four corners of the earth, and Baker City began to assume a proud position in the world of science. Maybe the love microbe was too elusive a sort of bug; maybe deeper researches disproved its existence; at any rate nothing came of the bug, and Dr. Snow devoted himself to re-election as county coroner.

The other day Dr. Snow buttonholed the editor of the Herald and propounded the query:

"What do you think of the proposition of damming the Behring Strait?"

"The Herald has nothing particularly against Behring Strait," responded the scribe; "but if you want to dam it, why dam it?"

"Now, look here," persisted the doctor. "Behring Strait is the channel separating the continents of Asia and America, and connecting the North Pacific with the Arctic ocean. Its breadth at the narrowest point, between Cape Prince of Wales and East Cape is about 35 miles; its extreme depth according to United States government survey sounding is 180 feet. The average depth of the Strait is not over 100 feet. The Strait is frozen over in winter time. To obstruct the flow of icebergs from the Arctic ocean would require a dam 40 feet wide and 35 miles long. On both shores of the Strait are immense mountains of granite and sandstone which can be hauled by rail from 25 to 100 miles and be used in the construction of the dam at a cost of not exceeding \$1.00 per

perch. A close estimate of depth, face and base of the dam shows that it will require about 82,949,000 perch, for a dam 70 feet at the base and 40 feet at the top, and the total cost would not exceed one billion dollars. Such a dam, if properly constructed, would last forever, and the great advantages accruing would almost be past computation. It would result in keeping the ice from the North Pacific, and would thereby greatly reduce the danger of trans-Pacific navigation, as well as reduce the dangers of disasters among whale and seal fishing fleets of the North. Also it would prevent the flooding of the Alaskan coast in the spring.

"The ice from the Yukon and Alaskan rivers would melt as rapidly as it does from the Columbia river in the Pacific ocean. The warm Japanese current, flowing in a northeasterly direction, would melt the ice and vessels would be safe in Behring Sea as in Puget Sound.

"The vital importance of building such a dam, however, would be that it would afford a connecting link between two continents, making easy and economical the construction of a railway to Siberia and through from New York to Paris. A railroad could and will be built along the Alaskan coast to the mouth of the Yukon river, thence across Behring Strait, through Siberia and to a connection with the Russian trans-Siberian railroad. Such a line would open up a new avenue of commerce in a new and old world, and would afford an outlet for one of the richest mineral territories on earth.

"The Isthmian canal, which will cost as much, if not more, will pale into yellow insignificance when compared with the Behring dam, and Alaskan-Siberian railroad. The gold mines of Siberia of which we in America hear little, but which are nevertheless the richest in the world will pay the Russian government for building half of such a proposed road, and the commercial expansion which would follow America's assistance in its construction would repay the Federal government for furthering the project.

"A great northwestern city would spring up along the proposed route which would rival the largest and wealthiest modern city in the world. Just as soon as we have a railway constructed along the Alaskan coast and Siberia, the mines of those two countries will produce more gold and silver than has ever been taken out of all North America since gold was discovered.

"All the trusts and combines in the world would not pay as large a dividend as the Behring Sea railway.

"Water escapes, can, if necessary be put in near the top of the dam, draining the water from the melted ice in the Arctic ocean and preventing an overflow.

"The only way to connect these two continents is by a dam. A bridge cannot be built strong enough to resist the immense pressure of the icebergs and trans-Strait water navigation is and always will be impossible. The ocean waves in Behring Sea and the Arctic ocean are not so strong as they are along the more central beaches of the Pacific, so that wave action would not seriously injure the dam.

"The completion of such an enterprise would open up a vast and unsettled territory, capable of sustaining a population of from fifty to sixty millions of people.

"Our commercial conditions must and will change. The majority of them are to slow for this age. We want to ride on electric railways and not on slow-going ocean vessels. Exports and imports must come and go more quickly and consequently more cheaply. The old world, as well as North and South America, will soon be belted with steel rails and to make the chain complete, to link two continents, to unite the East and the West to bring all the peoples closer together, it will be necessary to build a dam across the Behring Sea."

Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association.

The Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association will meet at Gladstone Park, near Oregon City, July 12th to 24, 1904, inclusive. The Southern Pacific Company will make reduced rates on the certificate plan for this occasion. Call on any Southern Pacific agent for advertising matter.

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DOCTOR DROPPED DEAD

Remarked to Other Physicians That His Time Was Short

Seattle, July 16.—Dr. Frantz Coe, a leading physician and surgeon, and former president of the Washington State Medical Association, died suddenly after performing an operation this morning.

Dr. Coe, while holding a post mortem examination yesterday afternoon said to the assisting physicians: "I may be the next," and then named the physicians to hold a post mortem over himself when he died.

Developing Lime Deposit.

Roseburg, July 16.—Messrs. Greenley and Strand, of Portland, have 10 or 12 men at work building a tramway and furnace for the manufacture of lime on the farm of Olin Plinn Cooper, seven miles south of this city. They have bonded 100 acres of land containing rich limestone deposits and expect to develop the same on an extensive scale. The modern continuous furnace system will be used.

A railway spur track about three miles long, will probably be put in from the main line of the S. P. R. R. at Green's Station, five miles south of this city. With a primitive furnace considerable first-class lime was turned out there a number of years ago by Mr. Cooper, but, for lack of proper facilities, the enterprise was for the time abandoned.

Winlock Bank Doors Closed.

Chehalis, Wash., July 16.—The First National Bank, of Winlock, Wash., has closed its doors, on the discovery of the fact that E. A. Mears, its president, is an alleged fraud. Cashier William H. Jennings, who is in charge, says depositors will be paid in full.

Mears is a Minneapolis man. Recently he started banks in Winlock, Starbuck, Columbia county, and in Roslyn and Cle-Elum, Kittitas county, all in Washington, and one in Stites, Idaho. From 1885 to 1893 he operated a series of banks in North Dakota. All went to the wall, and Mears is said to have been indicted for crooked work in connection with their failure. He has also operated in Duluth and Minneapolis.

His present whereabouts are unknown here, and efforts will be made to apprehend him.

In Perilous Position.

Butte, Mont., July 16.—A Miner special from Livingston, Mont., says that fire did damage to the Cokedale coal mines to the extent of \$4000 to \$5000, and for a time threatened the lives of six miners, who were brought to the surface in an unconscious condition. The fire originated on the fifth level, and was not brought under control until this morning. The Cokedale mines employ over 100 men, and will be closed for some time as a result of the fire.

List of Officers.

Secretary of State Dunbar has issued a small book containing the names of all officers, both state and county, elective and appointive. It is very complete, and may be had by applying at his office.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hike and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jenkins, of Ada, Minnesota, have returned from a trip to Ocean Park. Mr. Jenkin is the mayor of Ada, and, with his wife, is taking an extended pleasure trip throughout the West.

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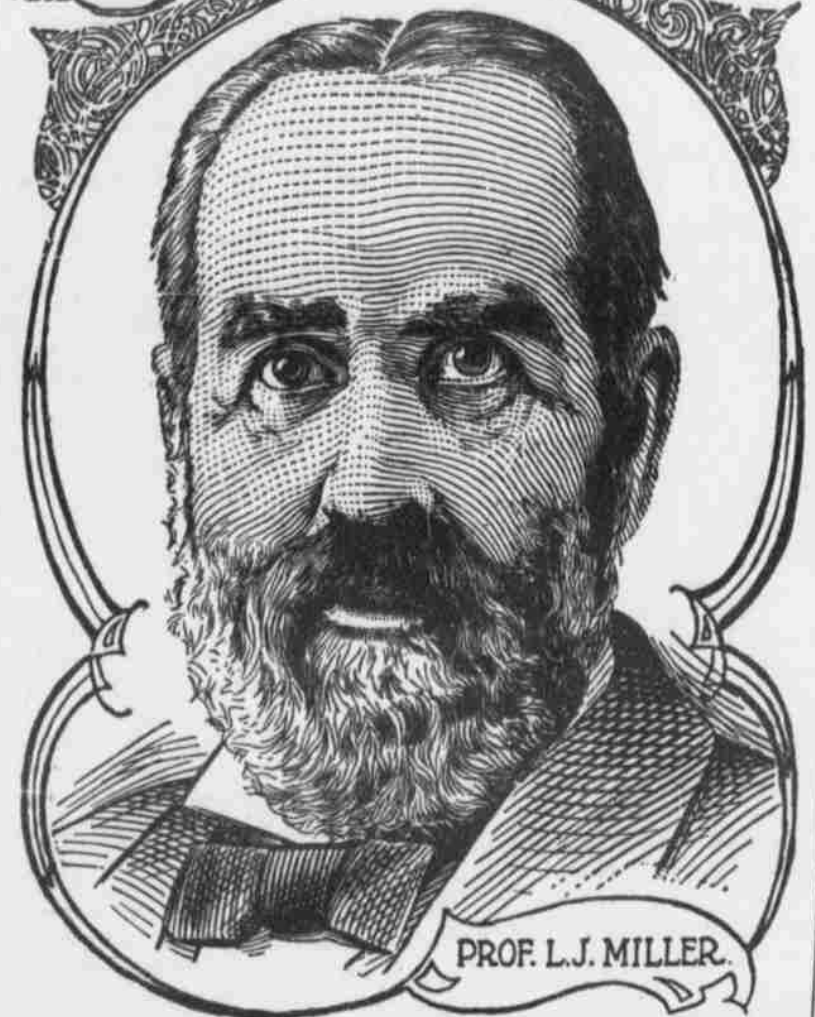
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"I have recommended it to a number of my friends and always feel that I do the service for I know how satisfactory results invariably are. I only wish every family had a bottle—it would save much sickness and doctor bills."—Joseph H. Ridgeway.

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Mr. J. W. Pritchard, Wolf Lake, Ind. writes:

"I am pleased to say that I have been cured of catarrh of the stomach by Peruna. I could hardly eat anything I agreed with me. Before I would get half through my meal my stomach would fill with gas causing me much distress and unpleasant feelings for an hour or two after each meal. But thanks to your Peruna, I am now completely cured, and can eat anything I want to without any of the distressing symptoms. I can now enjoy my meals as I used to do, and it is all due to Dr. Hartman and his wonderful medicine Peruna.

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HELD WILD DANCE

Spokane, July 16.—Assisted by 30 women from the tenderloin, 10 kegs of beer, five dozen quarts of champagne, 35 Spokane men held a wild orgy in the Turner hall Friday night. It was privately tipped off as a select French ball, with invitations limited to 50. Before the affair ended its feature would have shamed the Moulin Rouge in some forms of licentiousness.

At 5 o'clock the party broke up. An insufficient supply of hacks was easily overcome, many of the women climbing on top of the vehicles, while others bestrode the horses, and were thus conveyed to their homes in the tenderloin.

Originally the affair was planned as a rally for a score of business men, whose wives and families are at summer resorts. But other men heard of it, and pleaded for invitations, and finally the 50 limit was decided upon. The gathering included business men, bankers, physicians and several members of the Spokane Club.

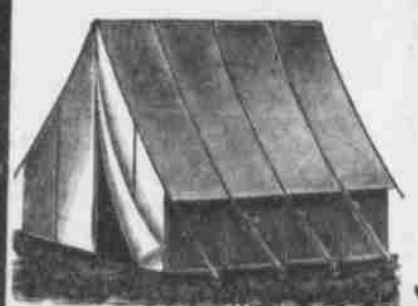
Down in the tenderloin five parlor-houses closed their doors in order that the inmates could attend the select French ball. After a few hours of revelry the women tired of plain dancing, and began acrobatic stunts, for which they were loudly applauded. One of these was a hand dance, the performers endeavoring to keep waltz time while balancing on their hands. Another favorite pastime was a champagne shampoo, until the floor was too gummy for dancing.

Quiet Day at Oyster Bay.
Oyster Bay, July 16.—President Roosevelt devoted the morning hours today to work upon his speech of acceptance and to correspondence. No visitors were received at Sagamore Hill today, and none are expected.

King is Liberal.
Madrid, July 16.—Alfonso has given 40,000 pesetas to enable a delegation of Spanish jurists attend the coming judiciary congress at St. Louis.

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