STRATHNEVIS SAFE.

She Was Spoken by the Bark John Gamble, Which Arrived Last Night.

Drifting Helplessly Around the Pacific Ocean With Her Main Shaft Broken.

N. P. R. Steamer Tacoma Sails for the Orient—Gamble Loses Her Charter.

The big steamer Strathnevis, of the N. P. R. line, which left Victoria for Yokohama on October 13th, and for which so much uneasiness has been felt, is drifting around the Pacific Ocean with her main shaft broken. This news was brought by the bark John Gamble, which yesterday passed up to Vancouver after a long trip from Samarang. She spoke the Strathnevis on November 19th in latitude 48:40 north and longitude 145 west. All were well and had plenty of provisions. On the date spoken the Strathnevis had drifted 1600 miles, and as she does not carry much sail, it is possible she is being carried eastward by the Japan current.

As it was several days after the hurricane which the Tacoma encountered, when the Gamble spoke the Strathnevis, that vessel had safely weathered the storm, if she encountered it at all. News of her arrival in Yokohama is now hourly expected.

The vessel had just about been given up as lost, the cargo of lumber which she took from the Sound having been duplicated on the Tacoma, which sailed this afternoon.

It is probable that the C. P. N. company's steamer Danube will go out to endeavor to pick up the steamer Strathnevis.

A special to the Times from Vancouver says:

The ship John Gamble arrived here this morning from Java with 2,000 tons of raw sugar for the British Columbia refinery. She sighted the steamer Strathnevis at 145 degrees west, 52.40 north, or about eight hundred miles west of Carmanah, on November 19th, drifting under sail with her main shaft broken. The accident happened 1,500 miles farther west. The John Gamble brings back the mail taken by the Strathnevis. The John Gamble was several days over due. She has sickness aboard, and the crew were not allowed ashore. One man died this morning. The nature of the sickness has not yet been ascertained.

Talk of sending vessels out to search for the over due steamers in the North Pacific ocean is not uncommon among shipping men here. It is believed that the United States and Canadian governments will be asked to send several steamers in search of the missing steamers Strathnevis, Gorsedd and Evandale and the over due bark Lord Brassey. There are several British men of war at Esquimalt, and American cutters and cruisers on the Sound which could be used for that purpose. Inquiry at the office of the Northern Pacific Steamship company in this city to-day failed to elicit any confirmation of the rumor that the company would petition the government for aid. A well known Puget Sound pilot said to-day: "I believe the steamer Evandale may have fallen in with the Strathnevis, which is undoubtedly disabled, and is trying to tow her in. That would, of course, delay the arrival of both steamers."—Tacoma News.

The American bark Richard III. had a narrow escape from becoming a total wreck a few days ago. She was on her way here from Puget Sound, and off the Farallones became becalmed. The current set her in toward the rocks, and the captain, in order to save his ship, put out the kedge anchor. This only held for a few minutes, and when the line parted it seemed as if nothing could save the ship. Just at the opportune moment the tug Sea King, with another ship in tow, hove in sight. Captain Rasmussen immediately went to the assistance of the heavy laden Richard III. and towed her to a place of safety. He then came on into port with his other tow. In spite of the fact that it was a dead calm, if the bark had ever struck the rocks, she would in her heavily laden condition, have become a total wreck.—San Francisco Call.

Referring to the fact that Chinese and Japanese passengers are coming from San Francisco to Victoria to take the Oriental steamers, the Call says: "It looks as though this would draw the Pacific Mail and the Occidental and Oriental steamship lines into the fight as they will have to cut rates in order to protect themselves. The fare charged a Chinese by the two lines is $50 and a Japanese pays $51. By taking the steamer to Victoria, B. C., the Mongolians can better that rate by a couple of dollars. Those who ought to know say the fight has only just begun and it will be far-reaching in its effects before many weeks are over."

It is reported that the American Steel Barge company, of West Superior, will send the big passenger whaleback Christopher Columbus around into the Pacific, and operate her on one of the coast routes. The story is denied by the company, and the statement is made that if the Christopher Columbus is taken anywhere it will be to the Atlantic coast. Chief Engineer Robert S. Blannet has left the whaleback City of Everett, and will go east in a few days, and his departure has been connected with the Columbus story. He is the company's pioneer engineer, and has brought out nearly every vessel in the fleet.

Reports having gone out about the probable loss of the British ship Gorsedd, Messrs. Barneson & Chilcott, Puget Sound agents for the steamer Gorsedd, say there is no reason for anxiety about the steamer as yet. Instead of being 45 days from port, they say she left the port of Kutchinotzu, Japan, on Nov. 5, so that she is now just 30 days out. She is not a fast steamer, and being light would not steam as fast as she would with a cargo. The Straits of Menie, considerably faster than the Gorsedd, left one day behind the latter, and reached this port on Nov. 28.

The bark John Gamble, which arrived from Samarang yesterday, has lost her charter to take a cargo of salmon to the United Kingdom. Most of the salmon that she was to have taken will go on the Silverhow. The balance will be shipped to San Francisco by the regular steamers and loaded on a sailing ship at the Bay City for the United Kingdom. The Umatilla arrived from the Sound this morning and loaded 14,000 cases, which she will take down on her next regular trip.

An enterprising sealing captain, who left on the Mystery, hoped to secure the pick of the Indians for his crew by arriving at Clayoquot ahead of the captains on the Maude, but he was doomed to disappointment. True, the Mystery arrived first, but only to find that the Indians were away at a potlatch at Nootka. The captain pocketed his disappointment and continued his journey to Nootka on the Maude in company with the rest of the captains, while the Mystery returned home, arriving here this morning.

A Tacoma dispatch says: The Northern Pacific Steamship company has received a cablegram from Yokohama announcing the arrival of the steamer Hankow after an eighteen days' passage. On leaving here the officers were instructed to follow the route of the missing steamer Strathnevis and search for her. The cablegram states that these instructions were carried out, but no trace of the missing steamer was found.

Nearly all the shipyards in the city are busily employed in getting sealing schooners ready for sea. The Borealis and the steamer Muriel are on the Star ways, while on Turpel's ways are the Allie Algar and the Mascot. The Sapphire is being overhauled by Mr. Macdonald at the Rice Mills wharf.

Port Townsend, Dec. 6.—The tug Magic was sold to-day to the Puget Sound Tugboat company, for $12,000. The Magic has been running in opposition to the big boats, and the contest became so warm that towing rates were demoralized, and the big company concluded to buy off the troublesome craft.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—A dispatch to the Merchants' Exchange announces that the British ship Gorsedd, 45 days from Singapore, to Tacoma, arrived at Port Townsend this morning. She is one of the three steamers on the Pacific long overdue.

Tugs Vancouver and Sadie towed the bark Ardmore to the outer wharf this morning, where she loads three thousand cases of salmon for R. P. Rithet & Co. She will probably leave for Vancouver to-morrow morning, where she takes on the balance of her cargo of salmon.

An extra shaft for the steamer Mathilda was brought around to Esquimalt this morning by the tug Sadie. The shaft was made by the Albion Iron Works. The Mathilda will leave Esquimalt this evening for Comox for coal.

After a trip of a little over 100 days from Samarang, the British bark John Gamble arrived in the straits this morning. She went right up to Vancouver, having a cargo of raw sugar for the refinery.

The sealing schooner Mascot is alongside Spratt's wharf fitting out for next season's sealing cruise. She will leave for the Japanese coast about December 20th.

The N. P. R. steamship Victoria sails for the Orient to-morrow. The vessel was inspected at Tacoma and the hull and boilers were found to be in good condition.

The steamer Rainbow took a quantity of stores to the naval yard, Esquimalt, this morning. They came from England by way of Halifax and the C. P. R. to Vancouver.

Three hundred and sixty-four sheep three hundred and ninety-two sacks of flour were a portion of the cargo brought over by the City of Kingston from Seattle last evening.

Steamers Chehalis and Delta, running from Seattle to Hood canal points, have commenced cutting rates. The epidemic has extended to almost every passenger steamer on the Sound.

A new topmast has been placed on the schooner Casco at Turpel's ways. The Casco will leave for the Japan coast about the first of the year.

Sixty tons of paper were brought from the Sound last evening by the steamer City of Kingston for shipment to Australia by the steamer Miowera.

Before going to Hastings to load lumber the Norwegian steamer Mathilda will take on coal at Comox. She will probably leave Esquimalt to-morrow.

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THE COMMON SENSE VIEW.

What the Crazy Correspondent Could Have Discovered by Only Asking.

Assistant Postmaster W. J. Colkett was asked about the telegraphic special in yesterday's Post-Intelligencer stating that the Canadian government had let a contract for carrying the mails from Juneau to Forty Mile creek. He said it was nothing unheard of for a foreign government to contract for the transmission of mails in the territory of another government, and that the case referred to might be said to be a parallel of the contract the Dominion government now lets to carry mail matter between Victoria and Seattle.

"Mr. Fred C. Gasch came to me a day or so before the last boat for Alaska left," said Mr. Colkett, "and I swore him in as a Canadian mail carrier. I did so as a notary public simply, and not as an official of this office. Mr. Gasch, who is a son of Commissioner Gasch, told me that he was only going to Alaska for two months, and this led me to conclude that he merely intended to carry the mail up to the mines with him and bring it back on his return.

"There does not seem to me to be any claim to British territory in the transaction. Juneau is in the United States, and Fort Cudahy, to which the mail is to be carried, is in British Columbia. We have no postal service up there, and the only thing I see about the letting of the contract is that the Canadian government shows a bit more enterprise than our government does. We had a special postoffice at Mitchell, also near Forty Mile, and I believe there was some question as to whether that was on the United States side of the boundary or not, as the dispute in regard to the meridian is only a matter of 22 feet. The postmaster lived five miles from the postoffice, and a Canadian did all the work. It has now been abandoned. In the present case, Mr. Gasch, who is a citizen, takes a contract to carry the mail across his own country into British Columbia; that is all."—Post-Intelligencer.

SALE OF FARM PROPERTY.

The Vine Farm at Pedder Bay Sold to Mr. J. Reid.

Mr. J. Reid has purchased the property at Pedder Bay known as the Vine Farm. It consists of about 500 acres and is delightfully situated at the head of the bay. This property was purchased by Lieut. Parry, a young Englishman, a few years ago for $20,000, but believing he had ben duped, Parry endeavored to have the sale voided through the courts. He lost the case, and becoming disgusted, sold the place for a few thousand dollors and left the country. The property was then purchased by Mrs. Conway, of the Four Mile House, and since her death has been in charge of Mr. J. Keith Wilson, through whom the sale was made to Mr. Reid. The price is somewhere in the neighborhood of $10,000. It is Mr. Reid's intention to purchase a steam yacht, by which he can conveniently bring the produce of the farm to market.

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GEORGE WILLISCROFT.

His First Wife, Believing Him Dead, Married Again.

The New Westminster Columbian publishes the following story regarding Geo. Williscroft, who recently committed suicide:

He came to British Columbia, leaving behind him a wife and three children, who shortly expected to follow him to the west. He never wrote home, however, and his wife came to the conclusion that he was dead. Mrs. Williscroft was left without means of support, and about a year after her husband's departure, finding it absolutely necessary to do something for the support of herself and her children, she removed to the village of Southampton and opened a bakery and confectionery shop. Succeeding in this business, Mrs. Williscroft was able to give her children a good education, and keep them in comfort until they were able to strike out for themselves. On reaching womanhood, the only daughter married, and by this time the two boys were doing well for themselves.

Mrs. Williscroft, who had believed herself a widow from the first year after her husband's departure, married after he had been away 18 years, during which time no hint reached her that George Williscroft was alive. About two years ago she received the first intimation that she was not a widow when she married the second time, although, legally, she was justified in marrying long before she did. A gentleman from this city, who happened to be visiting in Southampton about this time, was requested to make inquiries as to the truth of the rumor that Mr. Williscroft was still alive, and on his return he did so, and found the report was true.

Although Mr. Williscroft must have been well aware that his wife was still alive, it appears that he married again in this province. The Victoria Colonist says he obtained a divorce from his first wife years ago, but, if this was the case, the first Mrs. Williscroft was kept in entire ignorance of the proceedings.

Two months ago Mr. Williscroft's daughter by his first wife became a widow, and, having a large family of children to support, wrote, it is stated, to her father for assistance. After receiving the letter Mr. Williscroft is said to have become gloomy and down-hearted, and it was probably owing to the fear that his mixed family affairs would become public that he ended his troubles by suicide.

James Williscroft, brother of George Williscroft, was one of the victims of the Frog Lake massacre in the Northwest rebellion, in 1885.

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FLAGSHIP'S MOVEMENTS.

Will Leave for England on the 27th if the Satellite Arrives.

According to an official notice posted on the notice board on H. M. S. Royal Arthur, for the benefit of the crew, that vessel will leave for Vancouver on December 14th or 16th, and will return to Esquimalt on or about the 20th. Christmas will be spent in Esquimalt, and if the Satellite arrives the flagship will leave for the south, homeward bound, probably on December 27th.

WHERE IS QUINCY?

A Mining Prospector Who Is Wanted as a Witness in Seattle.

Deputy Sheriff Cane, of Seattle, is in town looking for a man by the name of Jack, supposed to be Jack Quincy, a mining prospector, who, five years ago, worked near Los Angeles, and used to stop at Harry's saloon in that city. He is urgently requested to send his address to O. F. Wegener, P. O. Box 438, Seattle. In a circular which Mr. Cane is circulating it says: "Jack met Harry whose name is Craemer, on August 13, 1894, in Tacoma, and gave him $35. The next day Harry was arrested in Seattle, under suspicion of having taken the $35 from a woman and murdered her. He has been in jail ever since, and can only be saved from hanging by producing his friend Jack Quincy, who gave him the money and can prove that Harry was in Tacoma on that day. No trouble of any kind can come to Jack. All his expenses to Seattle and return will be paid. It will save his friend Harry's life and the happiness of his wife and three little children if Jack can be produced.

Letters which were sent to Quincy from Tacoma were delivered here, so he must have been here at some time. Jack is about 5 feet 8 inches high, of medium build, with dark brown hair, eyes and moustache, and is a quiet man, and does not talk much. A reward of $100 will be paid for information that will lead to the finding of Quincy

THE B. C. B. G. A. SMOKER.

The Non-Commissioned Officers and Men Prove Good Entertainers.

There was a large attendance at the B. C. B. G. A. smoking concert held in the drill shed last evening. The programme was excellent, and included some fine seletions by the battalion band, a song by Staff-Sergeant William Muir, a vocal duet by Signalman Nokes and Sergeant Ford; a song by Captain Ross Monro; musical selection by Gunners George Lawrie and Colby; song by Gunner Wilkinson; recitation by Bombardier Merrifield; song by Gunner Grant; song by Sergeant Ford; song, Sergeant H. J. Thomas; song, Signalman Nokes; quartette, Messrs. Stanley, Eades, Nokes and Colby; song, J. G. Brown; song, G. W. Williams; cornet solo, Mr. Proctor; duet, Messrs. Eades and Nokes; song, Gunner J. Springer; song, Captain Monro, and duet, Sergeant Ford and Signalman Nokes. Refreshments were provided and the different toasts were responded to in a happy manner. The Imperial Forces was proposed by the chairman, and brought replies from Lieut.-Colonel Rawstorne, R. M. A., and Lieut. Gordon, R. E. The Officer commanding the B. C. B. G. A. was proposed by Major McArthur, and Lieut.-Colonel Prior responded. Major Williams proposed the D. A. G., and Lieut.-Colonel Peters replied. The arrangements for the smoker were made by the non-commissioned officers and the men of the corps.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.

The following fire-eating dispatch from Tacoma appears in the Post-Intelligencer:

"Tacoma, Dec. 4.—The Canadian government has let a contract for the carrying of mails from Juneau, in Alaska, to Forty Mile Creek, which is also in the territory claimed by the United States, but which Canada is now asserting a claim to. It is said that for a foreign country to let a contract for the transmission of mails in the territory of another government is something that is practically unheard of in international affairs. It would seem that it could only mean that the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain's dependency, is bound to uphold at all hazards her claim to that strip of territory extending from and taking in Juneau to the rich gold fields of the Yukon river. The contractors are Fred C. Gasch and T. C. Healy, the latter a resident of Dyea, Alaska. They will leave Juneau on their first trip to the Yukon country December 18, and expect to make a round trip every two months.

The Canadian government thus executes a coup d'etat in establishing communication with the Yukon country, the United States having no postal servce there and the miners paying private carriers $1 per letter for carrying the mail. This move, following the Canadian government's sending of a detachment of mounted police to Forty Mile, is taken as clearly indicating the country's determination to possess the disputed territory."

The matter from which this great fire has kindled is such a simple every-day occurrence that it is a marvel how there could be such a mountain of such nonsensical rubbish evolved from it, and the only reason for the pother, the postal officials here say, is ignorance. An engagement has been made with a mail carrier for one trip only, not a two monthly contract, to bring the mails from Juneau down to Fort Cudahy, or Forty Mile, as it is called, which is some 22 miles on the Canadian side of the boundary, even after allowing for whatever small strip may be in dispute. It would be just as logical to raise a fuss about the arrangements the Canadian government makes for bringing the mails over from Port Townsend or from San Francisco; or the people of Canada might get alarmed because the American contractor brings the mail down here from Juneau.

THE KAVANAGH CASE.

To the Editor:—In regard to the trouble between my husband and myself, we never had trouble until six weeks after I arrived in Victoria, when Mrs. Kavanagh, sr., and myself had some words. Then she started and made trouble between Mr. Kavanagh and myself, and through her interference he forbade me attending my church or taking my child with me to church. As to my drinking it is false. I neither touch, taste nor handle liquor in any shape or form. Our whole trouble was about religion. Mr. Kavanagh and his mother were good Catholics in Ireland and turned Protestant since coming to Victoria. MRS. KAVANAGH.

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LAW INTELLIGENCE.

From Friday's Daily.

Re. B. C. Pottety Company—Mr. Justice Drake this morning delivered the following judgment herein on the summons heard before him yesterday: "Mr. Martin applied for payment to certain workmen of their claims, which by law have a priority over other accounts. At present no dividend sheet has been prepared, and there is a small balance in the hands of the liquidator. By section 91 the costs of winding up have to be paid before any dividend can be declared. I am informed that it is doubtful if there will be sufficient funds in hand to meet these liabilities. I make no order on this summons, except that the liquidator be entitled to his costs of attendance." Mr. Archer Martin for the workmen and Mr. Gordon Hunter for the plaintiffs.

The trial of Clark vs. Pemberton and Ward was postponed this morning, to come up again on twenty-four hours' notice. The defendants were not ready to go on because Mr. W. A. Ward, one of their witnesses, was not here. The defendants are to pay the costs of the day.

Yesterday Mr. Justice Walkem dismissed the habeas corpus proceedings instituted by Mrs. Hoskins, of South Prairie, Wash, against the authorities of St. Ann's Convent, Victoria, for the recovery of the eleven year old child, Mary Jardine. In 1888, the mother took her girl to the Sister's school at North Yakima and paid $8 per month for board and tuition fees. In 1890 she alleges she signed some written agreement the contents of which she is ignorant, in reference to the child, and in addition gave the sisters of the school a sewing machine towards her daughter's support, since which time she has not seen her and she does not know where she is at the present time. A few days ago the mother came here, accompanied by her attorney, Mr. Garrettson, of Tacoma, and applied at St. Ann's Convent for her daughter. From this time on the affidavits differ as to what happened. At any rate the mother did not find the girl, and believed she was in the convent. The Mother Superior stated on affidavit that Mary Jardine was not now and never was in the convent and what was more they knew nothing about her. It appears that the information on which the application was based was given by two little girls of not more than eight years of age, who go to the convent. The sisters say the reason they refused Mrs. Hoskins admission was because she came to them with a man who was cheeky, who made nasty insinuations and imputed that they were not telling the truth when they said they knew nothing of Mary Jardine. Mr. Fell acted for the mother, and Mr. G. H. Barnard for the Sisters of St. Ann.

LECTURE ON WORDS.

Rev. W. L. Clay's Part in the Sir Wm. Wallace Society's Eentertainment.

Last night the Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. D., spoke before the Sir William Wallace Society on "Words." Mr. Clay, in introducing the subject, said: "If you desire of me in beginning my address to announce my text, I will take you for a little back to that maker of words, William Shakespeare, and to one of his greatest dramas, Hamlet. In the second act of that great play, Hamlet, in his assumed insanity, enters a room in the castle reading, and is addressed by Polonius, the lord chamberlain, thus 'What do you read, my lord?' to which Hamlet gave the characteristically indefinite reply, 'Words, words, words.' A half hour's ramble among words will not be found unprofitable. The dictionary will be a surprisingly interesting book. It should be a matter of concern to keep our utterances pure, not only in their tone and character, but also in their form and diction. Speech has a sanctity all its own. It is the divine warrant of our manhood. Of all creation man alone has the use of words to express his thoughts."

Mr. Clay then went on to speak shortly of the origin of language, in which, after reviewing the several theories put forth, he said: "The true answer to the inquiry how language arose is this: The Creator gave man language just as he gave him reason. They are indeed so essentially the same that the Greek language has the same word for both. From such an origin, both divine and human, what development may we not expect? And the wealth of the result is quite equal to the highest expectations. "What riches," exclaims one, "lie hidden in the vulgar tongue of our poorest and most ignorant! What flowers of paradise lie under our feet with their beauties and their parts undistinguished and undiscerned from having been daily trodden on." Emerson somewhere speaks of language as "fossil poetry." We are all poets enough to appreciate the poetry that is enshrined in our common words. Having spoken of the poetry of words, he then took up the morality of words, on which he said: "Language not only includes the poetry of the past. It is a record more enduring than brass of the morals of those who have used it. The very words which man speaks bear indisputable proof to the dignity of his origin, the degradation into which he has fallen and the indestructible hope of recovery." The history of words was next taken up briefly. Mr. Clay continuing: "It has been said, and with truth, that more can be learned from the history of a word than from the history of a campaign. The English language is in a large measure the product of English history. It bears upon it the marks and footprints of large revolutions and political changes." Political terms were next spoken of, and in concluding Mr. Clay said: "This ramble among words might be continued to any length, but enough has been already said to indicate that vast wealth is stored up in common speech. Ours is one of the most expressive and elastic languages among men and destined to be the language of the world. Purity of speech should be our constant aim. Slang springs from ignorance, and is a species of profanity. May there not be a deeper meaning than we have been accustomed to attach to it in that saying of Him who spake as never man spake: "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

The lecture throughout was most instructive, and was listened to with rapt attention by the large audience gathered to hear it. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer.

The usual programme of songs, recitations, piping, violin and piano selections was given by the members and friends. Mr. John Mackie presented a beautiful copy of "Comrades," framed to be hung up on the wall, Chief Russell accepting it in the name of the society.

Rev. Dr. Campbell will deliver his second lecture on the Canadian constitution next Friday night.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30 p.m. Arangements are about to be made for the usual Hogmanay entertainment.

SALMON RUN.

Most Prosperous and Phenomenal Run in the History of the Sound.

The most prosperous and phenomenal salmon run in the history of the Sound is the record of this season, and the end is not yet in sight. The amount of salmon taken from the waters even at this time surprises the oldest inhabitants. It is one of the extraordinary years one hears about but seldom witnesses, says the Seattle Press-Times.

There were 17,000 salmon in the Myers cannery dock to-day, bright, slick, fresh looking fellows, every one worth a dollar when he is properly cleaned, steamed and soldered up in tin cans and labelled with the Elliot Bay Packing company's fancy brand. The run has been good and fairly constant since September 1, and the amount of fish canned would more than feed a multitude. Mr. Myers is reticent about giving out figures, but those who are closely interested in fish canning and watching the shipments of tin plate to his establishment give it out that he has put up at least 70,000 cases. Mr. Myers has the distinction at this time of being the only man in the United States engaged in canning salmon. At least no cannery in the country is known to be in operation outside of his.

The fish are now taken in the upper Sound, where they are still sporting by the millions. A good many have gone up the streams, but the open Sound contains immense schools which are as silvery and fresh as when canning first opened up. The season of 1895 will be a red letter one in the history of Myers' experience in the business.

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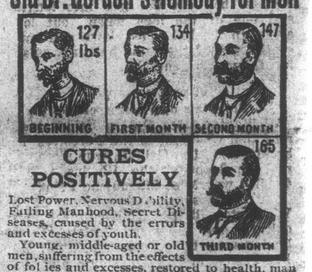

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