

VALUABLE PICK-UP

Derelict Iron Ship Found Off Cape Flattery.

A letter received in Dawson by the last mail from Port Townsend, Wash., tells of the picking up of a large iron ship on the Pacific Ocean some distance off Cape Flattery by the tug Wanderer, Captain Bailey master. The ship, the name of which is not stated, was seen floating on the Pacific's placid bosom and when approached by the tug and hailed no one appeared on deck to respond. She was hoisted, when a careful search from stem to stern failed to reveal a living being. She was towed to Port Townsend and will become, according to marine laws, the property of those aboard the tug that picked her up, the shares being apportioned according to rank from the captain down to the Chinese hasher.

Entertainment Postponed. The members of the Dawson Press Club, acting with Manager Bittner of the Auditorium, have decided to postpone the entertainment announced for Sunday night to some future date.

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London and New York. In 1891 the population of London was 4,423,220, and in 1901 it has increased to 4,803,342, an increase of 370,122 in ten years. In the year 1890 the population of what is now Greater New York was 2,492,591 and by the year 1900 it had increased to 3,437,202, an increase during the decade of 944,611. Fifteen years ago London was growing at the rate of 50,000 a year, whereas the increase of the past decade averages slightly over 37,000 per year. As against this, a comparison of the census of the last two decades in America shows that Greater New York increased from 1,901,000 in 1880 to 2,492,591 in 1890, or 31 per cent, while the increase of 944,611 from 1890 to 1900 was at the rate of 37.8-10 per cent. Assuming a rate of only 40 per cent during the next ten years, the population in 1911 should be equal to that of London at the present time. — Traction and Transmission.

Attracted by the shrill whistling of the wind through the network of wires before a storm, Dr. Eydum, a German, has made a novel investigation. He is now convinced that an unusual disturbance in the telegraph wires foretells bad weather, and that the character of the atmospheric disturbance may be learnt from the sound. A deep sound of considerable strength, for instance, heralds slight showers of rain and moderate winds within thirty-eight to forty-eight hours, while a sharp, shrill sound gives warning of high winds, with much rain or snow.

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POSSIBLE MURDERERS

Kent, Wash., Mystery of Years May Now Be Solved.

Seattle, Dec. 21.—Murder, its victim long since buried, its perpetrators still unknown, has been brought into the case of Lawrence Parker. Out of the prosecution's effort to implicate the prisoner in Seattle's most mysterious bank robbery the story of a daring bank crime was yesterday told in Judge Griffin's department of the superior court. Today the defense will call witnesses to prove that Parker had no connection with either of these affairs. The matter came up in connection with the state's attempt to prove Parker's association with John Collins. The latter confessed that he had, on March 19, 1900, cleverly stolen \$5,500 from beneath the very hands of F. V. Dingley, teller of the First National Bank. Dingley claimed that an engaging young man, well dressed and possessed of a fascinating smile, stood in front of his window and held his attention while the thief did the work. Dingley attempted to identify this man as Parker, acknowledging, however, that he had previously identified photographs of Johnny Bingham, a well known crook. The state yesterday centered its efforts in trying to prove that Parker and Collins had been seen together frequently. In this connection the prosecution put E. H. Hempy on the stand yesterday afternoon. Mr. Hempy was on the jury which convicted Parker of this crime. On account of this jury's misconduct the supreme court granted the present trial. Hempy stated that he had, in the jury room, told his fellows of having seen Parker and Collins together at Kent, a month before the First National Bank was robbed. Parker and Collins, he stated to the other jurors, were living in a cabin near that town with "New York Dutch." "New York Dutch," he told his fellow jurors, was murdered one night, and the next day his mutilated body was found. Parker and Collins, as Hempy told his companions, disappeared after the tragedy. Hempy's evidence gave a new aspect to the case. The defense began its testimony yesterday afternoon. It centered its efforts on two things, the breaking down of Dingley's attempt to identify Parker as having been in the bank during the robbery, and the proving Parker to have been in this city at the time of the Kent tragedy. To accomplish the former it placed several witnesses on the stand. C. W. Wappenstein and J. A. Lewis both contradicted Dingley. Mr. Wappenstein told how the young teller had identified Johnny Bingham's photograph as that of the man with whom he talked while Collins walked away from his desk with \$5,500 in bills. Mr. Wappenstein also testified to having seen Parker in this city at the time of the Kent murder. Mrs. Young then told how Parker was living in a cottage rented from her at the time state's witnesses said he was rooming with Collins. J. A. Lewis testified that Parker was at Georgetown most of the day of the bank robbery, in company with himself and Fred Russell. He also stated that he saw Parker in this city almost constantly for nearly two months prior to the robbery. In this also he was corroborated by Mr. Wappenstein. It was during this time that the Kent murder was committed, and that Mr. Hempy claimed to have seen Parker and Collins near Kent. Testimony was also introduced to contradict that of Jas. Brewster. Mr. Brewster had stated that Parker was an unruly prisoner. The court held, however, that Mr. Brewster's testimony had no relevance to the case. Lawrence Parker himself went on the stand last evening at a night session. He told a very concise story of his actions at and after the time of the robbery. He stated that subsequent to his arrest, the officers attempted by every means in their power to extort some admission of guilt from him. He said that he made none at all, because he knew nothing of the crime. He denied having been in the bank the day of the robbery or having stated to Chief of Police Reed that he was there. He claimed he was never in Kent, and that he never met Collins, save twice before the robbery, and said that then he was seen with Collins by others. For the purpose of proving that Parker was either in this city or at Cascade tunnel during the two months before the robbery and murder at Kent, the defense will put several witnesses on the stand today. The case promises to go to the jury before evening. For the state, prosecuting Attorney Philon is making a hard fight. Will H. Morris and S. M. Shipley are conducting the defense of the prisoner.

The third Sunday in January will be set aside as McKinley day among churches of Indiana.

The Mergenthaler Linotype Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent, and an extra dividend of 3 1/2 per cent.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Cicero Harris, colored, was hanged at Bristol, Va., for the murder of Samuel Ware, also colored. Reuben Quinn, convicted of murdering Chief of Police Crum, of Danville, Ky., last April, has been hanged.

The British transport Harlech Castle has arrived at Bermuda with 300 Boer prisoners from Table Day. Herbert Squiers, secretary of the United States legation at Peking, has arrived at New York on board the steamer Barbarossa.

Papers incorporating the American Lumber Company, capital \$8,000,000, have been filed with the county clerk of Essex county, N. J.

Senator Sewell shows a slight improvement. Dr. Paul M. Macray, one of the attending physicians, said that there is now no imminent danger of death.

The infant daughter of Rev. Jaiser, of Topoka, Kan., was fatally wounded and his son shot through the arm while playing with a supposed unloaded revolver.

It is officially announced that in consequence of the murder of a German near Peking, July 9, fifteen members of the band found guilty of the crime have been executed.

According to the London correspondent of the New York Tribune, German trade is looking up. About Altona the factories are running full time, and some are working overtime.

The bodies of two shepherds, partly burned, were found at Cabra Springs, near Canyon Blanco, Santa Fe county, N. M. It is believed the shepherds were murdered and their flocks stolen.

Jim Winton, who cut his wife's throat because she threatened to leave home, and Will Redding, who killed his sweetheart because of jealousy, were hanged at Birmingham, Ala. All were colored.

Great Britain having fully recognized the fact that the rights of the Netherlands are in no wise affected by the arbitration of the boundary dispute between British Guiana and Venezuela, the government has ordered the delimitation of the Dutch frontier.

The body of George Drew, foreman of the Mason mine on Clover mountain, Colo., has been found near the trail leading to the mine, frozen. Drew left Garfield to go to the mine Sunday, and several days later it was discovered that he had been lost on the mountain.

The division of consular affairs of the war department has published a statement showing that the customs revenues in the Philippines for the nine months ended September 30, 1901, were \$6,275,295, as compared with \$5,484,920 for the same period of 1900, and \$3,462,128 for 1899.

It is feared that fresh trouble is brewing in the Persian gulf. Mabarak, the sheikh of Kowet, the proposed terminus of the Bagdad railroad, has curtly refused to allow a special mission sent by the sultan from Constantinople to land, and declined to accede to the sultan's desire that he visit the Yildiz palace at Constantinople and make obeisance to his suzerain.

New Grain for Farmers.

The department of agriculture is experimenting with a grain new to this country which, according to a recent report of the bureau of plant industry, may be of considerable value in some parts of the United States. This grain is named emmer, and it is said to be particularly resistant to cold and drought, the first of which properties might recommend its cultivation on the fertile lands of interior Alaska, of which the country is just commencing to learn. It is a species of wheat, and its origin as a cultivated plant dates back to prehistoric times, although it has been raised to but a limited extent in any part of the world. It seems to have been first found in Switzerland, and small quantities of it are still raised in that country. A considerable quantity of the grain is now raised in Russia, from which country the department secured the seed with which it is experimenting. In the northwestern part of this country the seed planted matured a grain fully equal to the imported article.

The department is of the opinion that it will become a regular and valuable crop for stock feeding, comparing favorably with oats and barley. As yet it has not been employed as food for human beings, in this country, but the high protein content would indicate its valuable nutritive qualities. In Russia it is sometimes used for food, and in the region of the Northern Volga supplies a considerable portion of the breadstuff consumed by peasants.

A grain which would ripen in the Northern Volga region certainly could be raised without difficulty in the valleys of the Yukon, where some grainy maturo which is impossible to cultivate in that section of Russia. In the arid regions its resistance to drought make it even more valuable than the Kaffir corn. Seattle P. I.

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POWER OF THE PRESS

Has Been Acknowledged by Tammany Boss Crocker.

Mr. Crocker, who used to sneer at newspaper influence, now says "I will give full credit for the result of the election to the newspapers." Mr. Platt, whose modest habit it has been to attribute Republican triumphs to divine providence, on the day after the late election gave the credit of Tammany's overthrow to the newspapers. Successful candidates Mr. Grout and Mr. Greenbaum and a defeated candidate, Mr. Unger, have borne the same testimony.

Jefferson recognized the indispensability of a free press in a free government in saying that he would rather have newspapers without government than government without newspapers. And today in every government based on the democratic principle newspaper power is to domestic affairs what sea power is to world influence.

A significant coincidence was the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Evening Post in the week after the election. It was a recognition of newspaper power in which every reporter, editor and conductor had a right to feel a source of personal pride and gratification. No such tribute was ever paid to any ordinary business, however old or successful or vast, as was given to this century old newspaper by men of all parties and of the highest distinction, for its fidelity to convictions of duty in behalf of good morals, good citizenship and good government during this long period.

The Evening Post's centennial was not the only noteworthy celebration of newspaper permanence and power. The Brooklyn Eagle, a journal of marked ability and independence, celebrated its sixtieth anniversary a few weeks ago, and received not only the most flattering local expressions of appreciation, but tributes from Washington and all parts of the Union.

The New York Herald, the pioneer in many of the most progressive features of American journalism, celebrated its sixtieth anniversary five years ago. Its present proprietor, James Gordon Bennett, a man with a positive genius for success, is the son of the founder of the Herald. He has shown remarkable ability and achieved wonderful results in keeping his newspaper true to its best traditions and yet in the very van of journalistic progress, always independent of outside influence or control.

The Tribune, too, founded by Horace Greeley in 1840, and the Times, established ten years later, are both fine examples of conservative yet enterprising management, and can safely challenge comparison with any newspapers printed anywhere in the

KIDNAPPED HIS OWN SON

Tacoma Father Convicted of That Crime.

Tacoma, Dec. 20.—The jury in the Rhodes kidnaping case brought in a verdict of guilty at 3:15 o'clock this afternoon. The jury was only out fifteen minutes, and the quick verdict was a surprise to the crowd's assembled in Judge Snell's department of the superior court to hear the closing arguments. Samuel A. Rhodes, the defendant in the case, exhibited but little emotion when the verdict was rendered. His attorneys will doubtless take an appeal to a higher court. The arguments in the case have consumed practically two days, the taking of testimony having been concluded Wednesday afternoon. Much of the argument by the opposing counsel was of a most bitter and acrimonious character, and both Rhodes and Mrs. Emma Rhodes, his divorced wife, who was the star witness against him, came in for abuse and denunciation. Judge Fremont Campbell, prosecuting attorney for the county, made the closing appeal to the jury, his speech lasting during the morning session and until 3 o'clock this afternoon. Judge Snell's address to the jury was brief, instructing that under the provisions of the divorce granted Mrs. Rhodes in San Francisco, she was the legal custodian of the two children, Clara Millmore, a boy of eleven years, and Norma, a girl of thirteen years of age; that if by the testimony it was found that Rhodes had spirited the boy out of the state he was guilty before the law of the offense of kidnaping. During last August Rhodes went to Stellacon, and there obtained possession of his boy, Clara Millmore, whom Mrs. Rhodes, who is a resident of Seattle, had placed in charge of Mrs. Derville, a resident of that place. Rhodes succeeded in escaping from the state with the boy and it was several months before Mrs. Rhodes succeeded in locating the two in a small town in Colorado. Rhodes was promptly arrested and brought to Tacoma for trial, the boy also being brought here. Immediately upon arriving here, Rhodes began proceedings in the superior court for possession of his children, alleging that Mrs. Rhodes was not a fit person to act as their custodian. A temporary injunction was granted by Judge Chapman restraining Mrs. Rhodes from taking the children outside the jurisdiction of the court. When the case came up for trial Mrs. Rhodes proved by a creditable array of witnesses that the allegations made by Rhodes against her character were untrue, and the kidnaping case against Rhodes, which ended today, then came up for trial. Rhodes is a veterinary surgeon.

Countryman's Tribute.

Li Hung Chang, him go to bed No mo' talkum, muchee dead.

Chinamen, him wellee sad, Think fo' China muchee bad.

Queen, he say, "What fo'?" What fo' China ketchum plenty mo'."

Byumby him Englishman, Flenchman, Gelman, Melican.

All come China, muchee mad, No Li Hung to makum glad.

No Li Hung to say, "What do?" China no will fooloo you.

"Sendum allee soldieh way, Sendum all an' makum stay."

No Li Hung to talkum slick, Foolum white man, makum sick.

When him soldieh all go way Missionally muchee slay.

White man talkum light along, "Li Hung Chang, him mean no lone."

"Kechum heap mucche hono' name, Li Hung foolum, allee same."

So when Queen him say, "What fo'?" China ketchum plenty mo'."

Chinamen, he think "Heap lot Great big statesman China got."

"But not one in whole big gang, Half so smart as Li Hung Chang."

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HAD CHANGED HIS NAME

Late Suicide Buried as Jas. Slater Was Geo. Harding.

The young man who three or four weeks ago committed suicide by shooting himself in a cabin near the Kentucky Stables and had been known to his employers and associates as James Slater, had assumed that name, his rightful name being George Harding of Llano, Texas, which place he had left when but a small boy. There are a number of men on the creeks who knew Harding in Texas and they say that his change of name was the result of some trouble he had several years ago, but the nature of the trouble is not stated. Nearly all his life previous to coming to the Yukon Harding was a cowboy. He was a most expert horseman and was very popular with all his acquaintances. The mortuary records will be changed to conform with the above facts.

Changed His Tone.

It is said that when President Polk visited Boston he was impressively received at Faneuil Hall Market. The clerk walked in front of him down the length of the market, announcing in loud tones: "Make way, gentlemen, for the President of the United States! Fellow-citizens, make room!" The Chief had stepped into one of the stalls to look at some game, when Mr. Rhodes turned round quickly, and finding himself alone, suddenly changed his tone, and exclaimed: "My gracious, where has that damned idiot got to?"—Argonaut.

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