

WATER DAMAGE CAUSED DURING THE RECENT RAINS.

Property Owners Who Have Suffered Injury from the Floods Are Threatening to Hold the Municipality Responsible for Their Loss.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer, Tacoma, Dec. 17.—Tacoma's sewer system is a bad way, and according to the commissioner of public works it will require the expenditure of considerable money to improve it to the extent of preventing damage to property.

The heavy rainfall of the past three weeks has emphasized the lack of proper drainage, and certain portions of the city are so badly in need of this that serious damage may follow any postponement of steps to improve existing conditions.

There are several points in the city where this condition exists, and where a relief can be furnished without the expenditure of much money. The entire sewer system, excepting in such localities as have been piped during recent years, is more or less inadequate and the cause of no end of complaint from residents. It has also developed that there is no record of the piping in certain localities, and no maps or plans showing where the pipes are laid or where connected.

Of all the storm sewers in the city none is plotted so as to indicate its course, and the result is that on the whole the system is a bungled mess which makes repairs and improvements so easy tasks.

In order to arrive at some idea of what can be done the city has secured the services of men who were employed in the street and sewer department when the sewer pipes were first installed. These men have been instructed to plot the route of the underground piping as nearly as their memory and experience will permit. They are now at work, and when some sort of a plan has had of the now mysterious business, a policy will be outlined and adopted to improve the system.

Property owners have already notified the city of their intention to hold the municipality responsible for damage from the broken and overflowed sewers, and whether or not the city is inclined to expend money in bettering the system, it is very imperative that they do so.

The whole sewer system, excepting the lines along a few streets, is in bad shape, particularly at points where laterals are made entirely too small to carry off the water.

NOT SO HARMONIOUS.

Minor Republicans Are For Fusion, but Not for Certain Fusionists.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer, Tacoma, Dec. 17.—The fusionists are in a bad order of things in the coming election, and do not seem to mean all the words they say. The chairman of the meeting was Fred Shims, of civil service fame, he having been selected without opposition. Shims is well known for his peculiar ideas on public matters, and he has been in politics, and is equally prominent for the farces, if not always politic, expressions of his sentiments, if it happen he is called upon to speak in public.

The speaker, however, in the ex-civil service commissioner by his elevation to the chair at the meeting last night gave an opening for an airing of his views, and in a similar manner he declared himself without reservation. He believed in fusion, he intimated, but not in all fusionists, and then went on to hint how he would support the fusionists for whom he thought nominated on the fusion ticket. He did not use names in explaining his position, but to a half-blind man it was plain that he was referring to Mr. Everett and to the present administration of fusionists.

Shims was made the Republican member of the local civil service commission by Mayor Everett, serving in company with Gunnor Teate and "Echobard" Tomlinson. When affairs took such shape that he may deemed himself justified in resigning, Teate and Tomlinson, and when the resignation demanded their removal by force, Shims was requested by the mayor to resign. He at first declined, but he did present his resignation, although he declared he acted of his own will, and not because the mayor had asked him to step down and out.

The circumstance made it plain to whom the position was made public, and he intimated he would not support certain persons in the fusion ranks for office. The fact that he was the voice of those present which placed Shims in the chair, and that it is supposed to be in touch with the organization, leads to the belief that it is not a sure thing that the organization will solidly endorse the fusion candidates—unless such candidates suit them.

BLANKET MORTGAGE FILED.

The Tacoma & Columbia River Railway Company Makes a Big Loan.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer, Tacoma, Dec. 17.—A blanket mortgage was filed in the auditor's office today by the Tacoma & Columbia River Railway Company in the sum of \$200,000 per mile on the proposed line of the Tacoma & Columbia River railway. This is the road which Charles H. Taylor, of New York, bought in all of the assets of the defunct Washington National bank of this city.

There has been much talk in the past as to the construction of this road, and many have been anxious to see it built. It has now been authorized, presumably on a good authority, that the road will be constructed without long delay, but some of the details are still to be worked out.

This blanket mortgage, however, for this large sum of money per mile, would indicate that the funds necessary for the completion of the road to the Columbia river have either been secured, or there is some reason for believing the money will be forthcoming. Inquiry develops that this is not altogether a surprising thing, and that the impression prevails in railway circles that the road will be built.

STREET RAILROAD LINES COMBINE.

They Will Be Operated Hereafter Under One Management.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer, Tacoma, Dec. 17.—The street railway companies of this city are to be combined under one management, and the street railway line, running from the city park to the city park, and the city park railway, known as the Tacoma City Park railway, will be operated by the Tacoma Railway Company.

The two companies are separate and distinct corporations, operating under individual charters, and so far as can be learned the new policy is simply one of economy.

DESPERATE ROBBER REPLIED.

The Servant Girl Kneels Off His Mustache With Her Broom.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer, Tacoma, Dec. 17.—An attempt at what is said to have been a daylight robbery occurred here this morning about 11 o'clock at the home of Theodore Hoamer, 208 North W. The man was sitting on a porch when upon looking up suddenly he was confronted by a scowling, burly individual with a fierce, black mustache.

She asked him his business, but the stranger either would not or could not reply. He said nothing, and tried to pass by her, but she would not let him go, and she became convinced he was there for no good, and barred his way. When the man tried to pass her she pluckily opposed him, wielding his broom as a weapon, and he was brushed from his upper lip, revealing a smoothly-shaven, rather decent-looking, well-dressed fellow.

After trying his disguise the man gave up the attempt to enter the house, and picking up his artificial mustache, he hurriedly made his way to the street. A moment later he disappeared from view around the corner. Who the man was and what his errand remains to be explained.

POLICE MAKE A GOOD CAPTURE.

Captured Man, However, Pushed a Hole in the Jail and Escaped.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer, Tacoma, Dec. 17.—One of the best police catches made since the epidemic of burglaries and robberies is believed to have been made in this city yesterday when a man was arrested on a charge of giving his name as Hamilton. The catch was made by Detectives Conroy and Thompson, and they are sure they jailed a desperate character, who could be proven guilty of several of the crimes reported at headquarters.

Today, however, the suspected burglar pushed a few loose bars to one side and made his escape from the city jail—this, while a municipal officer was inside the jail watching the prisoners. The building is being repaired and while this work is being done an officer is kept inside with the prisoners both night and day to prevent them taking advantage of the partially insecure condition of the jail. The escaped man has not yet been rearrested.

LARGE ELECTRIC TRANSFORMERS.

Three Arrive to Be Used in a General Rearrangement of the System.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer, Tacoma, Dec. 17.—The arrival here of three large-size electric transformers, each capable of regulating 40 lights, is the beginning of a general rearrangement and extension of the city lighting system. These transformers will be placed in place of quite a number of smaller ones, which in the past have served materially to make the incandescent lamps unsatisfactory. They were made in England, and are to be used in the equipment to be installed in the suburbs.

Commissioner of Works Doherty explained today that work will be begun without delay toward the extension of the incandescent system, and that no less than 300 lamps will be added the moment the lines are ready to be operated.

Chinese to Be Deported.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer, Tacoma, Dec. 17.—Nine Chinese who were convicted of illegal entry into the United States will be deported to their native land per steamer Tacoma tomorrow. The Orientals were sent here from New York, and several days ago were turned over to the custody of the local government authorities.

MONETARY COMMISSION'S REPORT.

Practically Unanimous, Differences Among Members Being Slight.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The monetary commission reached the conclusion of its deliberations today, and the chairman, Senator Edward C. Taylor, declared the commission adjourned without day. Some slight differences of opinion as to minor details of the report were in evidence to the last, but it is reported that it will be signed practically unanimously.

One member thought it necessary to make emphatic his convictions as to one feature of the report, and Mr. Garnett, who had returned to his home in California, and was not able to be at the final deliberations, differed slightly with his associates as to the treatment of the existing silver coins and silver certificates.

The signatures of all the members will be attached to the report with the limited reservation of those two.

The publication of the report will be delayed for some days pending its completion by the secretary. A bill embodying the recommendations in course of completion will be presented to congress after the holidays.

Insurgents Were Defeated.

HAVANA, Dec. 17.—The Spanish battalions were defeated today, and today, surprised the insurgent forces under Napoles at the Manigua farm, in the province of Santa Clara. The insurgents, 1,000 strong, were killed on the field, and 1,500 Spanish troops captured fifteen insurgents.

Man Against the World.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 17.—M. J. Connelly and J. J. Quinn have deposited \$1,000 with the sporting editor of the Pittsburgh Dispatch to back Peter Maher against any man in the world for the heavyweight championship.

San Francisco Shipping.

MELBOURNE, Nov. 11.—Arrived—Rk Snow and Burgess, from Puget sound; bk Sonora, from Puget sound. Nov. 22—In port—Rk Cambrian Princess, for Oregon; bk Snow and Burgess, for San Francisco, via Newcastle, N. S. W. Sailed—Nov. 15—Ger sh. H. Birchfor, for Oregon; Nov. 16—Port Pirie, Nov. 22—In port—Rk Annie Thomas, for Oregon.

GRAYS HARBOR, Dec. 15.—Arrived—Schr Novelly, from San Francisco; bktn Gardner, from San Francisco; Schr Pioneer, from San Francisco; Schr Salschner, from San Francisco; Sailed—Schr Charles Hanson, for Victoria, arrived—Dec. 15, schr Jennie Stella, from San Francisco.

TILLAMOOK, Dec. 15.—Arrived—Schr Twilight, from San Francisco; Schr Bella, from San Francisco. Sailed—Schr Belknap, from Portland; schr Western Home, from San Francisco; Schr Alice Blanchard, from Harb. Nov. 15.

TACOMA, Dec. 17.—Sailed—Sh Yosemite, for San Francisco.

BEFORE buying an opera glass see Eversole, the optical expert, 720 Broadway. Genuine achromatic glasses at the price of poor glasses.

A Specific for Colds and Croup.

For years we have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and always keep it in the house. It is regarded in our family as a specific for colds and croup.—E. E. ROBEY, OREGON, Mo.

WRECKED VESSEL CAN BE SAVED.

IF THE WEATHER HOLDS GOOD SHE MAY BE HAULED OFF.

Nothing Seen of the Missing Boats Yet—Indians Who Looted the Wrecked Vessel Have Been Captured and Are on the Quadra.

PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 17.—The Wanderer, Capt. Bailey, returned tonight from Barclay sound, where the steamer Cleveland is ashore, bringing in two members of the crew who were in Capt. Hall's boat. The only boat which was put off from the doomed steamer which has yet been reported.

Capt. Bailey says the tide ebbs and flows in the steamer hold, but that the actual damage to her hull has not yet been ascertained. The Cleveland lies full on her keel on Shelf rock. It is not particularly rough, and he believes he can get her out. He thinks her position and condition very similar to that of the steamship Unatilla, which was ashore on Point Wilson a year ago.

The British government steamer Quadra, commanded by Minister of Marine Goadsescot, is cruising around in the locality of the wreck, in search of the occupants of the three missing boats. The Quadra's officers are of the opinion that if the boats are in the steamer hold, they are five miles north of the wreck, all of their occupants have been lost. The Quadra intended exploring Clayoquot sound today, if the fog which has been over the coast for several days is cleared away, lifted sufficiently to permit an attempt being made.

Of the Indians who pillaged the Cleveland when she was wrecked, five have been arrested and are in irons aboard the Quadra. Two white men and several more Indians were to have been arrested today, but they have been released.

Capt. Bailey confirms the report that 100 tons of freight were stolen from the wrecked steamer.

American Tugs Cannot Work.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 17.—Collector Milne has decided that American tugs cannot wreck the schooner Vesta or the steamer Cleveland, they not being in contiguous waters.

Put in Distress.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—The British ship Indian Empire from Callao, Peru, for Portland, put in here today. She was in distress, having encountered a heavy gale during her quick run of forty-six days. During one of the storms she sprung her mainmast, shifted her ballast and capsized one of her water tanks.

WILL BUILD A SNOW ROAD.

Novel Transportation Scheme of the Residents of Nelson.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer, Nelson, B. C., Dec. 17.—The residents of Nelson, Wash., are about to build a snow road from Nelson to a point near Cascade city. It is reported that the residents of Nelson have offered to furnish the necessary number of men to complete this road if the Nelson people will provide the necessary provisions for the men who are to do the work.

The object of making this road this winter is to provide a way of entering the different reservation mining camps without the necessity of having to go through British Columbia territory, which is subject to the quarantine regulations that are in force there.

Exchange Mine Abandoned.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer, Nelson, B. C., Dec. 17.—News was received here to the effect that the New Gold Fields Company of British Columbia, Limited, in which Sir Charles Taylor is heavily interested, has abandoned the Exchange mine near Slocan City. Over twenty men have been employed for the past five or six months, but they have not paid out and the work has been lost.

The abandonment is due to unsatisfactory results, the statement being made that the lead has pinched out. There is a 100-foot shaft on the property and about 150 feet in drifts.

Good Templars Gaining Membership.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer, Whittcomb, Dec. 17.—The secretary of the meeting of the district I. O. G. T. quarterly session held at Custer, where a membership of 456 in Whittcomb and San Juan counties was reported. At the meeting of officers Carl Bell, of this city, was made district chief templar.

Voted the Salary Ordinance.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer, Whittcomb, Dec. 17.—Mayor Welsenberger has vetoed the city salary ordinance raising the pay of police officers \$10 per month during next year. They have only been getting \$40 per month. There is considerable feeling in the matter, and it is expected that the ordinance will be passed at their next meeting.

Logger Broke His Leg.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer, Montesano, Dec. 17.—Ed Loyd, a logger belonging in one of the Hoquiam camps, slipped and broke his leg while going up some steps, and broke his leg. The fracture is not a bad one, but will keep him in bed for some weeks.

Broke His Arm.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer, BUCODA, Dec. 17.—Ever, a young son of Mr. Nelson, while carrying a young child in his arms, fell, dislocating his elbow and breaking his arm.

Pacific County Taxes.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer, SOUTH BEND, Dec. 17.—The county officers show the total amount of taxes levied to be \$232,130, or \$386.28 less than last year.

Northwestern News Notes.

Work has begun on the construction of the West side of the Columbia river, to operate in Grant county, Oregon, has been incorporated at Walla Walla.

Frank Gray, convicted manslaughter at Everett last week, has been sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

In the early part of the week a heavy shower of rain placed the roads in the Palouse country in a terrible condition, caused landslides on the railroad tracks and hundreds of feet of drift (sh.) were taken off the road.

The supreme court of Idaho has decided that the provisions of the state sheep inspection act, which require the sheep to be driven into the state, are void as an attempt to regulate interstate commerce.

A number of good men are being found on the Dora claim on Salmon river. The market was fairly good, and the body the largest ever found on that stream.

John Warren, who broke into the post office at Milton and was shot in the arm while trying to escape, was bound over by the United States commissioner at Portland, and will be sent to Portland for trial.

A Pinkerton detective has been in Port Townsend looking for Joe de Salazar, who was skipped from Buenos Ayres with \$10,000 belonging to the National Safe Deposit & Trust Company, of Buenos Ayres, of which he was secretary.

E. Carter is among the Klamath Indians in Oregon, and he is the father of the boys who are being sent to Alaska in the schooner. The dogs of the Indians being accustomed to handling and food of dried fish, are thought to be hardy enough for the northern climate.

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