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THE CENSUS IN ALASKA

Taking It Will be a Difficult Task.

PREPARATIONS ABOUT COMPLETE

Special Agent Dunham Has Received His Orders and Will Soon Start North.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—The taking of the census of Alaska, said Director Merriam today, promises to be the most arduous part of the whole census. We will have all the arrangements perfected in a few days, and the special agent Mr. Dunham, will leave for Alaska in about a week. He will carry with him a full set of blanks, specially prepared for this census, and particular attention will be given to obtaining the statistics in regard to mining and the agricultural possibilities of Alaska.

"After Mr. Dunham leaves here we do not expect to see him again for a year and a half. The census of Alaska will be taken in June, 1900, and it will take a year or more to arrange for the enumerators and other employees. Mr. Dunham is to have charge of the upper Yukon and the gold fields, and another man will look after the coast. Dunham will go far into the north of Alaska to the reindeer stations, into the mining regions, and wherever there is a settlement, picking out his men to take the census next year. This will be especially difficult, owing to the transitory character of the population of Alaska at the present time. The enumerators may be in one place today and another tomorrow, and next year may be a thousand miles away from the first place. He will have a hard time to secure satisfactory enumerators on this account. Also they will demand much more pay than in the States. Labor costs about \$10 a day in the mining regions, and there is no reason to believe men will work for the government for less. Then they will want their pay at once and will not care to wait until they can hear from Washington. Consequently we must have Mr. Dunham appointed a special disbursing officer in order that he may pay off the enumerators at once.

"Mr. Dunham will have a complete outfit for traveling in Alaska, and will spend the summer in the Yukon region. When winter comes and the streams freeze up he will enter the mining regions. While the taking of the census of Alaska will be very expensive it will be much more thorough than any preceding it, and the statistics should be of great value.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Seattle and vicinity.—Tonight and Thursday fair weather, warmer, south to west winds. A fall in temperature has taken place at all reporting stations except Seattle. At Salt Lake City the minimum reached the freezing-point; at Baker City it reached 28; Idaho falls, 25; and in the mountains. Rain has occurred in Washington, Oregon, Utah, and Montana. The distribution of pressure is this morning very undecided, and conditions unsettled. Over Oregon and Washington the pressure is high, as well as over the States. The side there is relatively low pressure, but no well-defined "low" appears.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Building permits were issued today to N. H. Germain for alterations on residence at 146 Pike street, cost \$100; W. H. Bailey for alterations on residence at Fremont street, cost \$150; R. W. Winecap to build a two story residence at 1011 Columbia street, cost \$2000; Ralph Ramaker, to build a one story frame residence at 219 East Olive street, cost \$1000; A. N. Dalk, to build a one story frame residence at 1823 Summit avenue, cost \$300.

THE 13 SUPERSTITION

A Man in Washington Wants His Number Changed.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The district commissioners have just been compelled to deny relief to a sufferer from the 13 superstition. The petitioner is Henry J. S. Gilroy, of 2413 H street, N. W. He wrote to the commissioners that in his opinion the houses on his block were not properly numbered, and that if they were there would be a change in that of his own house. "I have occupied 2497 H street for twenty years," he wrote, "but have recently moved into 2413. I will not own the 13, but I object to it, but I guess I am mortal, and as 2704 is 13, I confess I and my family have had sorrow enough in it. No gentlemen, I will take it as a favor if you can attend to this at an early date."

The subject was referred to the inspector of buildings, who reported to Engineer Commissioner Beach that the numbering on the block was correctly done and he saw no reason for making a change. The engineer commissioner, however, possibly influenced by a fellow feeling, sent the application of Mr. Gilroy to his colleagues on the board with this endorsement:

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A New York Man Pays \$60,000.

FOR A FIRST AVENUE BLOCK

Has Already Put \$40,000 in Other Property in the City and Wants More.

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AWARDED CONTRACTS

For Cedar River Water Works.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ACTS

Immediately After the Injunctions Are Dissolved by Judge Moore.

Today at noon the board of public works awarded the contracts for the Cedar water system.

Subdivision No. 1 was awarded to the Pacific Bridge company, of Portland, Oregon. The bid was \$911,007.5. Subdivisions Nos. 2, 3 and 4 were awarded to Smythe, Wakeland & David, and the bids were:

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DUEL WITH A RATTLER

Both Man and Snake Found Dead.

EVIDENCE OF A TERRIBLE FIGHT

Which Occurred in a Lonely Camp Near Hunt Station, in California.

TULARE, Cal., April 19.—Advices from Hunt, a small station south of here on the Southern Pacific railroad, report the finding of a body of an unknown man, and by his side a huge dead rattlesnake. The traveler, whoever he was—there was no means of identification—had evidently stopped to camp for the night and make his evening meal. Remains of a fire and his unrolled blankets were still there.

That a snake should attack a man without any provocation is unusual, and the supposition is that the rattler must have crawled into the man's roll of blankets to keep warm, and when disturbed, used its poisonous fangs with deadly effect upon the traveler's arm. That member was horribly discolored and swollen. The traveler had picked up a club and beaten the reptile into a pulp, but too late to save his own life. The rattler had taken effect and man and snake lay dead side by side, the victim of a most horrible duel.

SEATTLE INKLINGS.

A default of the defendants has been entered in the case of the Scandinavian American Bank vs. Johnson & Speer, which was heard yesterday afternoon before Judge Benson in the superior court. The plaintiff is entitled to a judgment of \$2,958.42.

Thomas Howay has filed papers in the superior court commencing a suit against the Goetz Northrup Co. for an alleged failure to line up to a contract. He claims to have left a \$25,000 position with the Seattle Hardware Co. last August to go with the defendant firm. A year's contract was entered into at \$75 per month, and an increase of \$10 a month at the end of the year. On November 25 he was discharged, and he alleges that he has been damaged to the extent of \$722.

The Electric Laundry company has petitioned the city council for permission to erect a trap door on the sidewalk at the corner of Third avenue and Madison street.

William Pomanski pleaded not guilty this morning in the superior court for receiving stolen goods, and his trial was set for Monday, April 24.

The corporation committee met yesterday afternoon to hear arguments of the representatives of the new Automatic Telephone company. Attorney Frank B. V. Ingersoll, treasurer of the company, was present, and stated that contracts with 1100 patrons had closed, and that the company was in a position to construct its new plant. No definite action was taken.

Henrietta Wold was yesterday committed to the insane asylum by Judge Moore, in the superior court. Mrs. Wold is the wife of L. A. Wold, formerly a large hop rancher near Issaquah. It is supposed that worry over financial affairs is the cause of her malady. She is of a violent type, and has threatened to kill herself and children.

Antonio Silveria yesterday commenced suit in the superior court against the Great Northern Railroad company. He alleges that a train struck him, on the morning of December 1st, at Smith Cove, near Sittka. Miss Ball, Mrs. Ball's handsome daughter, was staying with her father at Sittka, and a very strong attachment sprang up between her and Lieut. Gilmore, which finally resulted in their marriage.

They moved to Washington City, where Mrs. Gilmore is at present. Mrs. Gilmore was so prostrated with grief yesterday at the news of her husband's position, that she is unable to care for the family physician. Since residing at Washington she has been a leading person in society.

Mr. Gilmore was appointed a naval cadet from Arizona in 1871. He reached his present position as lieutenant in 1891. He has seen service on the Marlon, Monongahela, Bancroft, Vesuvius, and Machias. Throughout the late war he served on board the auxiliary cruiser St. Paul. Last January he was ordered to Manila, and when he arrived there Admiral Dewey assigned him to the Yorktown.

Chicago. The deserted wife then moved to this city, but could find no trace of her husband. On Sunday night, however, she dreamed she saw him at work in a bicycle factory near an immense building. That day she passed Tattersall's and recognized it as the big structure of her dream. Searching the neighborhood she soon found the bicycle factory. Satisfied her husband worked there she secured the warrant and visited the place with a deputy. He was soon located. At first he denied his identity, but later confessed he was the woman's husband.

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PERSONAL MENTION

C. F. Clapp, of Port Townsend, was in Seattle last week.

C. Sunde, the well known ship chandler, will leave tomorrow for a five months' visit at Christiansia, Norway. He will be accompanied by his wife.

Ex-Representative Dead.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—After an illness extending over a period of less than two weeks, the Hon. Saml. Greely Hillborn, representative from the Third California district in the last congress, died from blood poisoning at Garfield hospital this afternoon.

Many Miners Killed.

BILBOA, Spain, April 19.—A blasting charge exploded prematurely in a mine here, killing fourteen men.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 19.

The monetary committee is holding a secret session in this city. All of the members are present with the exception of Chairman Henderson, of Iowa, who has not arrived.

CZAR REED TO RESIGN

Tired of His Job as Speaker.

SURPRISING NEWS FROM NEW YORK

The Leader of the House Will Take Up the Practice of Law.

NEW YORK, April 19.—The surprising announcement is made today that Speaker Thos. B. Reed has decided to retire from congress, and to accept the offer of Simpson, Thacher & Barnum, a well known law firm, to admit him into partnership.

For some time past there have been rumors of a fight impending against Reed in the House of Representatives to depose him as speaker, but it was not believed that Reed would willingly give up his job as "Czar," and that he would continue to have strong support. Today's developments indicate either a belief on his part that the opposition to him has assumed unmanageable proportions, or else he is desirous of recouping his fortunes by retirement from politics.

Earthquake Does Damage

Buenos Ayres, April 19.—Several persons were killed, and the laces of Vincina and Jaquel were destroyed by an earthquake. Much damage was also caused by eruptions of the Huanco volcano, near Vincina.

Steamer Rosalie sails this afternoon with freight and passengers for Skagway and Lynn canal ports.

Ship S. F. Sargent is en route from Honolulu to Seattle, and should arrive in a day or two.

The run of salmon on the Columbia river this season is reported to be unusually scarce. Recently the price on them has been raised from 1/2 to 1 per pound. Small fish still continues scarce in the local markets. At the present time the dealers are well supplied with halibut.

The British ship Drumbarnton has gone alongside the elevator at West Seattle, and is completing her cargo of flour. She will sail in a few days for the Orient. Part of the cargo was taken on at the Centennial mills.

The British ship Hutton Helm is expected to arrive shortly from Vancouver, and will discharge about 500 tons of miscellaneous cargo, brought from Liverpool, at Schwabacher dock. She will load a cargo of flour at Seattle for Hongkong.

Schooner C. G. Merchant is en route to this port from San Francisco.

Steamer Orizaba of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, sailed yesterday from San Francisco for Seattle. She takes the place of the City of Topeka on the Alaskan route.

Advices from Honolulu state that the steamer Eilhu Thomson arrived there April 9.

Schooner Corona sailed from Port Gamble yesterday with lumber for San Pedro.

News from Hamburg announces the arrival of the British ship Garsdale, April 16, from Tacoma.

On March 29 the British bark Kirkhill was spoken in latitude 50 degrees north, longitude 9 degrees west. The ship Henry Villard arrived at Falmouth yesterday from Tacoma.