BRYAN IS RETURNING

LONDON, Dec. 29.—William J. Bryan arrived from the Continent today. He will sail for America on the Celtic tomorrow. He says he does not care to discuss the presidential nomination, but will support the democratic leader, whoever he may be.

ICE BREAKS WITH LOSS

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 29.—The ice in the Ohio river broke here today. Warnings were sent to all points down stream, but much damage is predicted. A fleet of loaded coal barges belonging to the Cincinnati Coal company was carried away.

CAPT. CAMPBELL DEAD

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—Captain John Campbell, the oldest member of the family that formerly owned the Port Blakeley mill, the largest in the world, died at his home here last evening. Capatin Campbell was nearly 89 years of age at the time of his death. Until a few months ago he appeared to be strong and walked about the neighborhood daily.

BOLD ROBRERY

WEST POINT, Va., Dec. 29.—The night watchman here was held up last night by three bandits, bound and gagged and marched to the postoffice, where he was compelled to witness the blowing of the safe. The robbers escaped with $2,100.

MAD MULLAH MAKES APPEAL

Rome, Dec. 29.—The Messagero says that the Mad Mullah has appealed to the Italian government to use its endeavors to secure peace between the tribesmen and England.

YOUNG WOMAN IS VICTIM OF THUG

CENTRALIA, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Josie Elder, a young woman, was assaulted by a tramp between here and Chehalis yesterday. He demanded her money and threatened to kill her with a big stone he held in his hand if she did not do as he told her.

Instead of obeying him, Mrs. Elder screamed and ran. The tramp followed her, but with a fair start and a good road she could outrun anyone under the circumstances. The tramp gave up the chase. It is supposed that the thug came back here, but he has not yet been captured.

MARINE GLIMPSES

The steamship Serbia is taking on coal at the Commercial dock bunkers. She will shift this afternoon to the Puget Sound flouring mills.

The collier Montara finished loading at the Electric bunkers and left this morning for San Francisco.

The Northern Pacific liner Olympia is taking on 30,000 sacks of flour at the Puget Sound flouring mills.

The sidewheel tug Favorite was in port this morning from Port Blakeley. She will take out a raft from the St. Paul mill.

The government has ordered the sale of the former coast survey steamer Fuca. Sealed tenders will be received by Captain J. F. Pratt of the Patterson at Seattle.

COAL BUSINESS IS NOW BOOMING

Speaking of the condition of the coal mines of this state, Mine Inspector Charles Owens said this afternoon that the past year had been one of prosperity to the coal industries of this state. New shafts are being sunk, tunnels extended and new fields opened. Indications point to a steady increase of tonnage next year.

The Northwest Improvement company is sinking a new shaft between Roslyn and Cle Elum. The Pacific Coast company has sunk a new shaft at Franklin to a depth of 1,350 feet, and will project a tunnel from the old mine to the new one.

The Carbon Hill Coal company has sunk a shaftsouth of Wingate hill, across the river, and will sink down to a fifth level in the one being worked now. Nus. 4 and 7 are closed down on account of danger of explosions.

The mine at Chehalis owned by Tacoma parties principally has been shipping since the last of October. A railroad has been put in connecting the mine with the Northern Pacific, enabling the company to ship coal as fast as it is mined.

At Tenino the Great Western Coal company has built a line connecting the mine with the Northern Pacific and has commenced operations. Before putting in this branch line the Great Western transported its coal to the railroad on wagons. The coal at Tenino and Chehalis, unlike Pierce county coal, is of the lignite variety.

The Snoqualmie mines have commenced operations.

The Gale Creek company at Wilkeson has put in 25 coke ovens and is installing a washer.

The general prosperity of the country has created a good market for coal and the demand exceeds the supply.

Carbonado shut down for a year and a half because the Southern Pacific stopped using coal and burned oil. The road resumed its old methods and the Carbonado mines are running with a full force of men.

The miners of this state are satisfied with their pay in most instances and strikes are infrequent.

FAST TRAIN DEMOLISHED

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 29.—The westbound limited on the Pennsylvania railway this morning collided with a freight near Larwill. Fireman Stafford and Baggageman Snyder are milling and are believed to be dead beneath the wreckage. Engineer Herbert was pinned beneath the engine and probably fatally injured.

A number of passengers are reported injured. A relief train has gone to the scene.

Later.—Raifsnyder's body was recovered. Fireman Stafford was found probably fatally injured. Seven others were injured, none fatally. The passenger was running 30 miles an hour when the collision occurred. The locomotives were telescoped into each other. The property loss exceeds $30,000.

DOWN! UP!

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Another turbulent scene was enacted on the Cotton Exchange this morning. The bears beat May and July cotton down 40 points in a few minutes. The bulls then rallied and carried the price back to the 14-cent level.

MILEAGE BOOKS VERY POPULAR

The chairman of the Western Passenger association in his report for the past two years shows that the increased demand for interchangeable mileage books and credential tickets is marvelous. During the month of November, 1902, 1,638 mileage tickets were sold, and in November, 1903, it increased 52 per cent, or 2,500.

MIXED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29—There is considerable gossip here over the dates mentioned in an interview with Perry S. Heath at Louisville. Heath is quoted as saying that McKinley told him in the White House, a few days before the assassination, that he hoped Hanna would be his successor. Now it is said that McKinley left the White House July6 and never returned. He was shot at Buffalo September 6. Friends of Heath are awaiting his reply.

MUCH LIKE DOWIE

Gustavo A. Kugrua, who is under the illusion that he is the Christ, was before Judge Snell today on a charge of insanity. He wears in his hat a placard bearing strange figures, below which are the words "Socialism and Cascade." Upon being requested by Dr. Libby to give a statement of his beliefs Kugrua gave the court a sermon upon the evils of the present state of affairs in general, closing with the solemn declaration that if they would but believe him he would be able to right things very shortly. He was committed to the asylum at Steilacoom.

Annie Burgoyne of St. Helens, Wash., was also examined for insanity and committed to Steilacoom. Annie has a dancing and singing habit.

HE MADE GOOD

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 29.—J. Allen, president of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance company, and pioneer in that class of insurance in America, died this morning, aged 70 years.

TREASURE SHIPS

The steamship Umatilla, loaded with bullion for San Francisco, got away last night from the smelter. The Selkirk is due there tonight with ore from Ladysmith, B. C.

MORTALITY RECORD

The funeral of Mrs. Helen M. O. Haveland, late wife of the superintendent of McKinley park, who died Saturday, was held from the Norwegian Lutheran church at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. Cerlina Stonequist died last evening at the family residence, 1008 South M street. A husband and three small children survive her. The funeral will be held Wednesday at 2 o'clock from the residence.

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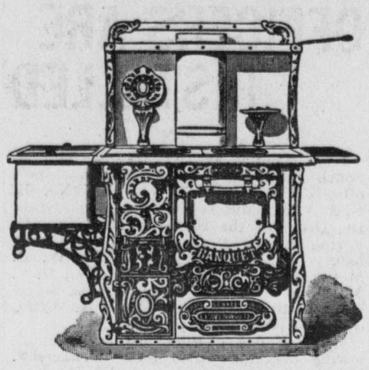

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STRIKE REPORTED

H. S. Owen, the vice-president of the Iconoclast Mining company, has a letter from L. D. Bacon, operating the Iconoclast mining property in the Colville reservation, in which an ore strike of considerable richness is reported. The Iconoclast has nearly 150 Tacoma stockholders.

MARRIAGE LICESES

Marriage licenses were issued today to Paul Wuttke and Mrs. Julia Smith; G. E. Lundel and Esther Erickson; Oscar Helland and Mabel Miller; H. H. Hopper and Jennie E. Gregg.

NO MORE FOR MRS. A. MOORE

Anna Moore was granted a divorce from Arthur T. Moore by Superior Judge Snell yesterday. She charged that Moore was habitually drunk, notwithstanding the fact that he had often promised her not to drink any more.

CITY ITEMS

The total value of the estate of the late Edward S. Hamilton has been invoiced at $25,871. The inventory and appraisement of the estate were filed with the county clerk yesterday.

Arthur Mohrbacher, a negro, is booked for vagrancy at the city jail. The man was found by an officer with a sack of junk.

MASSACRE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—A report received from Minister Lyon at Monrovia, Liberia, tells of the massacre of Missionary John G. Tate and 18 of his followers by Doos tribesman, who horribly mutilated the bodies.

COULD NOT EAT

SARAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 29.—The Painters' union last night were to have held their annual banquet at the Palace restaurant, but were forbidden by the council of the federated trades because Chinese cooks were employed.

EVANS SAILS FOR ORIENT

HONOLULU, Dec. 29.—Admiral Evans and his fleet sailed for Cavite today so as to be near to protect American interests in case Japan and Russia go to war.

COURTMARTIAL

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—A court martial is being held today in the federal court house to try Lieutenant Oscar C. Haines of the revenue cutter Manning on a charge of being guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer. He

He is alleged to have seduced, under promise of marriage, Mrs. Fannie Fays. It is claimed that he promised to marry her in California before he went North with his ship.

She met him in Port Townsend several weeks ago when he returned. He refused to have anything to do with her. Finally, to prevent a scene, he said that he would return and talk the matter over with her if she would allow him to go to his ship, which was in the harbor, and change his uniform for a civilian's suit.

He gave the woman his word that he would come back, but she waited for six hours in vain for him.

A $15,000 breach of promise case is now pending against him in the civil courts.

BIG GROWTH

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The thirteenth annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Commercial Travelers' association, R. H. Davis, president, was held at Elks' hall today. The total funds on hand were reported to be $16,450.77, a net gain for the general fund of $1448.41. The membership shows an increasgkjq bgkqjkqjflij ship shows 789, an increase during the year of over 200 members. A banquet will be held tonight.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Building permits were today issued to A. C. Carlson and E. H. Erickson. The former will build a 1½-story addition to his residence at 616 North Sprague street, to cost $350. Erickson will build a 1½-story dwelling on Sixty-fourth and East F streets, to cost $1,000.

INVESTIGATING INDIAN MURDER

Superior Judge Snell is this afternoon investigating the murder of Mrs. Anna Smokalem, of which her husband is accused. He has entered a plea of guilty of second degree murder, but the court wishes to ascertain if the plea is justified

WANTS "OFFICIAL DADS" FOR GROWN-UP FOLKS

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 28.—Thirty per cent of the criminals now in the making are saved under the probation system, according to A. L. Graves, probation officer of St. Paul. There are 700 children in St. Paul, out of 2,000 arrested for criminal offenses, who never saw the inside of a jail, but who were placed on probation and honorably discharged to go to work or school.

Mr. Graves has requested the Ministers' association to work for a probation system for men and women. He also wants a separate jail for children.

INTERURBAN TIME CARD.

Leace Tacoma (cor. Eighth and A Sts.)—6:15, 7:30, 8.35, Ltd., no stops, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30 a. m.; 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:35, Ltd., no stops., 5:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 p. m.; 7:30 p. m. and 12:15 a. m. to Kent only.

Leave Seattle (First Ave. So. and Jackson St.)—6:30, 7:30, 8:35., Ltd., no stops, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30 a. m.; 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:35, Ltd., no stops, 5:30, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30 p. m.; 7:30 p. m. and 12:15 a. m., to Kent only.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER MADE THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO A CHRISTMAS PRESENT OF $1,850,000.—News Item.

PRESIDENT HARPER: GEE, THAT'S A FUNNY SANTA CLAUS; HE HASN'T ANY HAIR.

THEY WANT THE CANAL

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 29.—Following the action of Pensacola and other Southern cities, the board of trade this afternoon holds a meeting for the purpose of calling on senators to vote for the ratification of the Panama canal treaty.

FRENCH LOVE ITALY'S SONS

PARIS, Dec. 29.—A council of ministers today approved the Franco-Italian arbitration treaty.

CABINET TO MEET TODAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—A special meeting of the cabinet will be held this afternoon. It will be the first since the adjournment of congress. It is supposed that the Panama situation will be the chief topic, although a number of minor departmental matters will be considered. It is likely also that the proposed massacre of Jews at Kishineff on the Jewish Christmas will be brought up.

The president is receiving many appeals from various organizations to intercede with the czar. It is believed that the only thing that can be done by America is to direct the ambassador at St. Petersburg to acquaint the Russian foreign office with these appeals. A request to the czar to take action on a predicted outrage would give serious offense without any gain.

Simon Wolf Bainbrith called at the state department this morning and personally presented one of these petitions.

The state department last night received a dispatch from Minister Buchanan at Panama saying that never before had there been such an election as that held for delegates to the constitutional convention of the new republic. The dispatch did not state the results.

CANNON GET A SCORCHING

ST. DENIS, France, Dec. 29.—Fire this morning party destroyed the Hotchkiss cannon factory. The loss is heavy.

A MURDERESS WILL SWING

BENNINGTON, Vt., Dec. 29.—Mary Rogers, convicted of killing her husband, was this morning sentenced to be hanged February 5, 1904. Leon Perham, her self-confessed accomplice, was sentenced to imprisonment for life.

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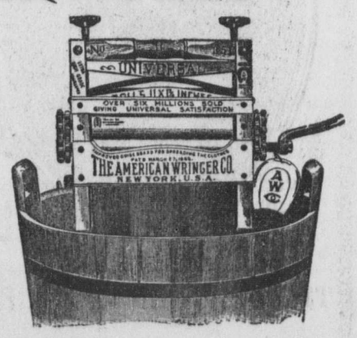

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