

Suburban Residents Here Pay Four Times Frisco Street Car Rates

Romance and Divorce in the Rich Astor Family



MRS. JOHN JACOB ASTOR, FROM PRINCE TROUBETZKOY'S FAMOUS PAINTING, AND COL. J. J. ASTOR.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—There is a painting hanging in the wonderful Astor palace, in upper Fifth ave. that just now holds a remarkable interest for society. It shows beautiful Mrs. John Jacob Astor, wife of one of the world's richest men, attired in ball costume, on her face an imperious look, telling better than words that she, and she alone, is leader of the 400.

A talented nobleman, the Prince Pierre Troubetzkoy, was the artist. As he worked over his canvas, busy with palette and brushes, he won the admiration of society's queen.

Then there came into the Astor family a divorce case. It was that of Amelia Rives Chanler, wife of John Armstrong Chanler, who is a cousin of John Jacob Astor. When she remarried, the bridegroom was the prince and painter.

What part did Mrs. Astor play in the romance as matchmaker? And now Mrs. Astor herself has sued her multimillionaire husband for a separation. As leader of the 400, she refused to recognize some of the most prominent society women in the United States, because they had been divorced.

Will she now forsake society, having practiced what she preached against?

MUTINY IS QUELLED

Eight Greek Rebels Are Thrown in Prison—War Suddenly Ended

ATHENS, Greece, Oct. 30.—The naval mutiny against King George has ended. Today the government took formal possession of the arsenal, which was held yesterday by the rebels, and the insurrection so auspiciously began by Lieutenant Tipaldos, came to a sudden and decided close.

The government now has complete control of the situation. Eight of the ring leaders are in close confinement. It is reported that they will be court-martialed.

It is not known what action will be taken regarding the case of Lieutenant Tipaldos, whom King George proclaimed a traitor to his country.

IS KILLED BY CAR

Unknown Man Struck by T. R. & P. Freight Train Dies of Injuries

An unknown man, struck by a T. R. & P. freight train on a small trestle on the tidelands at 11:25 o'clock last night, succumbed to his injuries early this morning at the Fannie Paddock hospital.

There was nothing on the man to indicate in any manner who he was.

He was dressed as a laborer and was penniless. He was about 35 years old.

The train was returning with a load of lumber from the St. Paul mill when the accident occurred. Motorman C. R. Anfill saw the man on the trestle, when only a few feet from him. He was standing with his back turned to the motor.

Anfill blew the whistle, turned on the air brakes and reversed the motor, but it was too late. The man was struck and hurled under the tender. His legs were badly mutilated and he sustained fatal internal injuries. He died at about 8 o'clock this morning.

SLAYER MAY NOT BE PARKINSON'S WIFE

BERKELEY, Cal., Oct. 30.—The story concerning the killing of Webb H. Parkinson at Goldfield convinces Berkeleyans that the woman who did the shooting was not the woman who was known in Berkeley as Parkinson's wife.

The description does not tally with Mrs. Parkinson's personal appearance. The woman, who was known here as Mrs. Parkinson and believed to be the dead man's wife, told some of her neighbors of her jealous fears concerning her husband, but there was no trouble of which the neighbors ever heard.

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ANNEXATION ELECTION DATE

PETITION FOR ANNEXTION OF ALL SUBURBS PRESENTED TODAY AND COMMISSIONERS WILL MEET NOVEMBER 20 TO SET ELECTION DATE.

On November 20 the county commissioners will meet to set the date for the big annexation election.

This was determined today when the committee of five representing all the suburbs to be annexed presented their petitions to the commissioners. The petition was signed by 636 voters out of a possible 1,087 voting at the last regular election, and includes all of the Tacoma suburbs except Puyallup, Steilacoom and Milton, the three incorporated towns.

These three places, according to law, will have to be consolidated after the territory lying between them and Tacoma has been annexed.

When the commissioners meet to set the date for the annexation election they will be ready to hear any objections which the property owners concerned may have, but if the required number of voters desire the election held the commissioners must provide for it.

The committee representing the proposed district which was specifically described in the Times some time ago is composed of Marshall K. Snell, J. M. Harris, Eugene Church, B. F. Jacobs and J. F. Fitch. They put up \$50 with the commissioners today to cover the cost of publishing the notice for the hearing on their petition.

IT'S "DRYING" UP



An Idea of How Hard the Whisky Trust Has Been Hit by the Great American Prohibition Wave.

NEWCOMB GETS DELAY

Attorneys for Charles F. Newcomb, convicted murderer, were granted four days more in which to prepare for the argument upon their motion for a new trial by Judge Chapman this morning.

The motion was to have been disposed of today but the attorneys asked for a continuance, stating that they had not prepared sufficiently for argument. The motion will come up next Wednesday morning, and it is conceded that it will be denied, the next step of the attorneys for Newcomb will be to go before the supreme court and ask for a reversal of the decision of Judge Chapman.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—Seven persons were injured, two seriously, early today in a head-on collision between two big touring cars on the Great Highway along the ocean beach.

ELEVEN PERISH IN FLAMES

TWO LITTLE GIRLS FATALLY BURNED AT PARTY

Dies of Wounds Received in Fire Started by Upsetting of Jack-o'-Lantern

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 30.—Marie Tierman and Virginia Owen, who were burned last night when a jack-o'-lantern upset at a Halloween party at the Sisters of Loretta academy, died here today.

Ruth Mahoney and Mary Mally probably are fatally burned.

The girls were participating in a "north pole" entertainment and wore suits covered with cotton.

When the lantern upset the flames communicated with the suits worn by the little girls.

TAFT ENDS RIVER TRIP

(By United Press Leased Wire.) NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 30.—The flagship Oleaner of the river fleet, with President Taft and his party on board, arrived at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The remainder of the fleet was struggling behind. Many of the delegates to the Lake-to-the-Gulf deep waterway convention will not arrive until late.

A grand parade was held in honor of the president with more than 500 carriages in line.

NINE INCINERATED IN BIG BANK BUILDING

(By United Press Leased Wire.) ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt., Oct. 30.—At least nine persons were burned to death or killed in attempting to escape today when the Citizens' Savings bank building here burned, destroying the bank and several other establishments which were located in the structure.

A dozen more or less seriously injured, some of whom may not recover, have been taken to hospitals for treatment.

The known dead: Charles Ranlett, printer, 35, jumped from window.

I. E. Darling.

Mrs. Rose Massey.

Stephen Cushman and wife.

Berene Cushman, 8-year-old daughter of Stephen Cushman.

Herbert Tanner and wife.

Mrs. May Sleeper.

The fire spread so rapidly through the structure, blocking the stairways and filling the building with dense smoke, that it was difficult for anyone to escape and rescue work was practically impossible. Most of those who did make their way out were almost overcome by fumes and badly burned.

Heavy Loss of Life Results When Structure Is Burned to the Ground

(By United Press Leased Wire.) ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt., Oct. 30.—The management of the Stone-Webster lines claims that the increase in rates is necessary because of heavy operating expenses.

Do they mean to infer that it costs more to operate an electric railroad, whose power is generated from water, than to operate a steam road, or an electric one, the source of whose power is oil?

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WHO KILLED BRUIN?

EATONVILLE MAN INFORMS TIMES THAT THOSE MIGHTY TACOMA HUNTERS PURCHASED THE CARCASS OF THAT BIG BEAR THEY "KILLED"—PAID \$30 FOR IT.

The article referred to by the writer is reprinted below:

LOCAL HUNTERS GET BIG BEAR AND DEER

With a huge black bear, weighing 350 pounds, and a fine five-pronged deer in their pack, a party of Tacoma big game hunters, comprising Nelson Bennett, Richard Vaeth, W. W. Pickeral and Len Dougherty, returned yesterday from a four days' hunt in the foothills 10 miles from Eatonville. Mr. Pickeral met the bear and promptly killed him, while Mr. Vaeth had the good fortune to bring down the deer. The hunters also brought back a bag of smaller game, including pheasants and grouse.

After leaving Eatonville, the party drove back 10 miles into the hills. Here they found a country that other hunters had not penetrated, and they report big game abundant thereabouts. The bear which Mr. Pickeral shot is one of the finest specimens that has been killed by a local hunter this season.

On the same to Tacoma. The bear's front teeth were broken by his trying to know his foot out of the trap.

Nobody in Eatonville saw the five pronged buck that this party also reported shooting, and same was not shipped down on the train. But, however, I am not acquainted with the facts in connection with this and am not in a position to dispute it, but at the same time could not be induced to believe it and, moreover, to believe that it was shot by this party, even if it were in their possession.

In our belief such unportsmanlike conduct as this is to be detected by any good lover of the sport who goes forth into the woods and trusts entirely to good luck, marksmanship and endurance for the spoils, and we believe a little article on this subject is very worthy of publication in your valuable Times in the next issue.

Yours very truly,
GEO. BISHOP.

WOMAN ON TRIAL FOR MURDER MONDAY

Again, Monday morning Mrs. Martina Kvashang will be taken into court to face trial for the murder of her husband last May. Since Wednesday morning, Mrs. Kvashang pays little heed to the proceedings taken in her case. Her life seems to be as tranquil as ever.

Attorney Kelley, who with Otis Johnson will defend the woman, states that he will not be over-severe in excusing talesman. What the defense wants, he states, is a jury of intelligent men and the fact that a talesman has read accounts of the murder in the newspapers will not be sufficient grounds for him to excuse the man, he says.

"The LEAN YEARS ARE UPON US" —JIM HILL



LOSING HIS GRIP BECAUSE HIS HAIR IS GROWING GRAY. HE HAS FALLEN ASLEEP OVER THE WANT AD PAGE. A SNEER FOR THE WORLD BECAUSE IT HAS NOTHING FOR HIM. GOOD MUSCLE GOING TO WASTE ON CITY STREETS.

Why are millions of men idle? Why does our food cost so much? Why are our cities thronged with poverty-stricken human beings? James J. Hill, master railroad builder and adviser to the American farmer, has given what he believes to be the right answer to these questions in a 10,000 word article in "The World's Work," issued today by The Doubleday-Page Co. The Daily Times has obtained special permission to give excerpts from this article.—Editor The Times.

By J. J. Hill

The food conditions presses upon us now.

A shortage has begun. As far as our food supply is concerned right now the lean years are upon us.

We have to provide for a

under which, for so many years the great heritage of the people has been passing so largely into unworthy hands.

Instead of preserving the fertility of their lands, our farmers have gone in search of new soils, to be skinned, robbed and abandoned as soon as the old shows signs of exhaustion.

Now that there is no longer any west to move on to, what have they left behind?

Since 1899 the average wheat crop in the United States has fallen from 15.8 to 14 bushels an acre. It is a disgraceful record. The fields of Great Britain yield over 33 bushels of wheat per acre. Germany produces 27.6 bushels per acre.

Dr. Samuel Johnson said of England: "Trade and manufacture, however profitable, must yield to the lands in usefulness and dignity."

If Dr. Johnson could revisit his country today he would find his argument vindicated by an alignment of industries so uneven that business in the streets of our cities is impeded by processions of gaunt men, shouting in wretched concert, "We want work!"

For many years the United States has made the mistake of unduly assisting manufacture, commerce and other activities that center in the cities at the expense of the farm. We must preserve jealously the right and possibility of free access to the soil. This is the safeguard not only of national wealth, but of national character.

For the sake of the coming millions, who will be helpless unless (Continued on Page Eight.)

FARE TO SUBURBS THERE IS 1-2 CENT PER MILE: HERE THE RATE IS TWO CENTS

Comparison of the Passenger Charges Made Shows the Unjustness of the New Fares Demanded by the Stone-Webster Interests.

Interurban fares per mile around San Francisco	1/2 cent
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San Francisco to Alameda, 12 miles	6 cents
Tacoma to Spanaway, 12 miles	24 cents
San Francisco to Elmhurst, 14 miles	\$1.50 per month
Tacoma to Auburn, 14 miles	\$17.40 per month
San Francisco to San Mateo, 21 miles	\$7.50 per month
Tacoma to Kent, 20 miles	\$32.40 per month
San Francisco to Elmhurst, 14 miles	\$4.50 per month
Tacoma to Puyallup, 10 miles	\$8.40 per month

Manager Dimmock says the people have been riding on the local suburban and Interurban cars at the expense of Stone-Webster—that passengers have been paying such small fares that the company had to pay part of the cost of transporting them, therefore they had raised the rates.

The foregoing figures side by side with rates of San Francisco's suburban lines throw some light on the situation and show what people living in Tacoma suburbs have to pay compared to the cost of travel for those living in the suburbs of San Francisco.

An Alameda man can travel 12 miles to San Francisco, do business and get back home for a total expenditure of 10 cents. It costs a Spanaway, Steilacoom or American lake resident just 30 cents to come to Tacoma and get home again, the same distance.

On commutation business the local company offers but one concession, books over the Puyallup short line. It will cost for this ten miles each way once a day for 25 days all in one month \$8.40. At San Francisco citizens get a full month of trips each way to Elmhurst, four miles further out, for only \$4.50, or a little over half the Tacoma rate.

The figures don't show how the country has been built up all around Frisco by people going back and forth every day to the city, while the residents of the Puyallup valley will have to give up their little homes if the Puget Sound Electric and T. R. & P. railway keeps up the announced scale.

But such is the case.

The rates around Frisco are given by the Southern Pacific railway, a corporation not noted for any special solicitude for the people of California, and by the San Francisco, Oakland & San Jose railway, known as the Key Route.

One is a steam road, the other an electric road with power generated from oil.

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Grant Wins Vanderbilt Cup Race

DRIVES ALCO CAR OVER COURSE OF 278 MILES IN 4 HOURS, 24 MINUTES.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) VANDERBILT RACE COURSE, Long Island, Oct. 30.—Harry F. Grant, driving an Alco car, captured the famous Vanderbilt cup race this afternoon when he drove his machine 278.98 miles in four hours, twenty-four minutes and forty-two seconds.

Parker in a Fiat car finished second, about five minutes behind Grant.

Although no person was injured in the race the contest was marred by accidents to a number of machines, five of which were forced to retire from the race.

The first of the series of mishaps occurred at the end of the fourth lap, when Chevrolet, who had been setting the pace until this time, was forced to retire when he cracked the cylinder of his Buick car.

Chevrolet had been maintaining a terrific pace and at 9:57 had covered the fourth lap, thereby setting up a new record on the Vanderbilt course.

Although the day was ideal for racing, only about 150,000 people were stretched along the course when the contestants started.

ELOPER GETS OFF WITH \$100 FINE

Samuel Block, who was arrested at Seattle Thursday with Mrs. Maude Bingham, pleaded guilty to a statutory charge before Judge Easterday in the superior court yesterday and was let off easy with a fine of \$100. The case against the woman was dismissed upon the solicitation of Bingham and George Bennett, the woman's husband and brother respectively, who started the action by swearing in the warrants. They also asked for leniency for Block.