

# Telegraphic News

## Near Beer Arrives

Early in the week several kegs of near beer arrived in Pilot Rock and a rush was made to sample the new drink which comes within the purview of the local option law. Many boys were among those present, but all seemed disappointed as there was no immediate craving for another, while some went outside the saloon and took a drink of water from the town pump in order to rid themselves of the bad taste. Boys seem to like it better than the men whose taste for the real thing has been carefully cultivated at large expense. From all reports the substitute will be slow in winning popular favor.—Record, Pilot Rock, Ore.

## "President Takes All B Lame

Oyster Bay, Aug. 10—If there is any blame attached to the Brownsville affair, that blame should be centered upon President Theodore Roosevelt, for William Howard Taft, at the time the Negro regiment was disbanded, secretary of war but now presidential candidate, had nothing to do with the case. Such in brief is the statement issued today by the president, who corroborates in every detail the recently issued statement of General Corbin concerning the same subject. The statement is made, because of the fact that Taft's opponents are charging him with the responsibility of the affair in hopes of influencing the Negro vote.

## Post Office In Hard Luck

Bisbee, Ariz., Aug. 12—For the second time within a week the post office of this city today demolished by a cloud burst. Last Tuesday was the first occasion on which the post office suffered by the building in which it was located being washed away when a cloud burst deluged the city and now, just as the office has been placed in some sort of working shape along comes another deluge, tipping the building upside down and creating havoc with the office machinery.

## Cattle Rustler Comes To Grief

Lewiston, Ida., Aug. 8—W. P. Reed, leader of a band of cattle rustlers that has been committing depredations in this locality for more than a year, was wounded and captured yesterday afternoon as the result of a battle between himself and two followers on one side and a posse of cattle men on the other. The men with Reed escaped.

## Insurance Rates Advance

Winnipeg, Aug. 11—One result of the Fernie fire is to cause insurance rates to advance one third. The insurance companies doing business in the Kootenay valley country were hard hit by the disaster and in order to recuperate their finances have decided upon the raise.

## Strawberries Grow In Valdez

Not to be outdone by Fairbanks or any other place in Alaska, Owen Meals has demonstrated that strawberries can be raised in Valdez. He now has quite a bed of the berries which are ripening fast. They are of good size and fine flavor.

## Widow's Mite Big To Bryan

Lincoln, Aug. 11—The widow's mite is not to be despised, at least not by William Jennings Bryan who says that he expects the small contributions toward his campaign expenses to total at least \$500,000.

## Danish Explorer Freezes to Death

Copenhagen, Aug. 12—Word has just reached here to the effect that Mylius Ericksen, a Danish explorer who set out in quest of the North Pole has frozen to death in the north of Greenland.

## Americans Interest Parisians

Paris, Aug. 13—The Wright Brothers of America have by their success in navigating the air caused intense interest in Paris, and in fact in all France. Wilbur Wright yesterday afternoon made a remarkably successful flight over Lemans.

## To Sherman's Day

Lincoln, Aug. 13—Vice-President Sherman's death on August 14, 1876, is commemorated today.

# PENNSYLVANIA HAS ANOTHER ACCIDENT

## Vessel on way to Valdez Strikes Rock in Vicinity of Vancouver Island.

## BURNSIDE GETS WIRELESS

Steamship Pennsylvania, which left Seattle Saturday, struck a rock a day and a half out according to a report received at the local cable office yesterday evening. The report came from the Burnside which is at Cordova laying the cable there and the Burnside heard of the accident by wireless.

From the location described it is believed the accident occurred off Vancouver island. The Pennsylvania flashed that she struck with sufficient force to knock the foundation from under her boilers but that she believed she would be able to continue her trip, at least until she reaches some wharf where temporary repairs can be made.

The local office of the Alaska Steamship Company has heard nothing concerning the Pennsylvania. It was believed here that the vessel would not depart from Seattle on her sailing date because of the fact that she struck a rock near Montague while on her last voyage north. The rock was charted as being nine fathoms deep but after the Pennsylvania struck a boat was sent back to the spot and found that the rock was only under three fathoms. This report was verified by Capt. Paschall of the Santa Clara on her last trip to the coast.

## LOVELORN SWAIN IS OVERCOME BY EMOTION

Some lovelorn swain of Valdez, evidently overcome by the ardency of his affection, rose to almost immortal altitude in an endeavor to describe his condition. The letter intended for the object of such a wealth of feeling fell into scolding hands and as it was unaddressed it is published in order that she who runs may read: Herewith beginneth the letter:

"My Dear Baby," "Every time I think of you my heart flops up and down like a champagne cork. Sensation of unutterable joy swirls through my head like a champagne cork. Visions of estheticapture, thicker than the hairs in a blacking brush, and brighter than the hues of humming birds pinions visit me in my slumbers, and bourn on their invisible wings, your image stands before me, and I grasp out to catch it like a pointer snapping at a blue-bottle fly.

"When first I beheld your angelic perfection I was bewildered and my brain whirled around like a bumblebee under a glass tumbler; day and night you are in my thoughts. When Aurora, blushing like a bride, rises from her saffron colored couch, when the chanticleers shrill clarionet heralds the coming morning, when the awakening pig arises from his bed and grunts, when the jay birds pipes his tune in the apple tree by the spring house. I think of thee and like a piece of gum-elastic my whole heart stretches clear across my bosom. Your forehead is smoother than the elbows of an old coat; your nose is like a chunk of parian marble and your mouth is puckered with sweetness, nectar lingers on your lips, like honey on a bears paw, and minions of unfledged Kisses are there ready to fly out and light on some poor cuss, like young birds from their parent nests. Your bright blue eyes are glorious to behold; in their liquid depths I see millions of little cupids bathing, like cohorts of ants in an old army cracker. You are fairer than a speckled pullet, sweeter than a Yankee doughnut fried in sorghum molasses and brighter than the top-knot plums on the head of a Muscovy duck. You are the efferecence of Oregon Elder, the head on Mums extra dry, the rich foam on a schooner of Dutch lager and sweetened candy altogether.

Of those few remarks will only see the inside of my soul I am as happy as a woodpecker in a tree, or one of Ed Wood's horses in an alfalfa patch. If you fail to reciprocate my swelling passions I shall pine away like a poisoned bed bug and fall away from the withering vine of life an untimely branch, and in the coming years when the philosophical frog tunes his traditional hymn in the mud puddle back of Hemple's store, you happy in another love can come and drop a tear and catch a cold on the last resting place of

"Your affectionate —"

# PRIVATE BETTING IS NOT GAMBLING

## Justice Gaynor of New York Rules that Friendly Wager is Not Illegal

New York, Aug. 7—That there is a vast difference betwixt tweekle dee and tweekle dum is given judicial assurance in a decision handed down by Justice Gaynor this morning in connection with the criminal action brought against several prominent business men who laid wagers with each other during the progress of a golf game. The defendants were dismissed by the justice who held that private betting is not gambling in the legal interpretation of the word. In view of the decision men are wondering if it will be used by District Attorney Jerome in an effort to have dismissed the charge brought against him at the instance of Governor Hughes alleging that he shook dice with friends during the progress of the Thaw trial. The decision also sets at ease the minds of numerous club men and brokers who possess sportive tendencies.

# ALASKA DECLARED TO BE COMING LAND

Alaska is a mineral empire so rich, its agricultural possibilities so extensive and its resources so diversified that the casual observer can get but little idea of the greatness of the district, is the statement of Alfred H. Brooks, head of the United States geological survey in Alaska, who is on his way north on an inspection trip to the field workers. Mr. Brooks is staying at the Rainier-Grand hotel.

"California, with its billion and a quarter dollars' record from its placer fields, will be outdone by Alaska," said Mr. Brooks. "Finland, with its bleak and desolate stretch of northland, is a barren waste compared to the agricultural future of Alaska; Michigan, Montana and Arizona will perhaps be surpassed with its copper products, and coal mining in the north will be an important industry. I have been to Finland and I know it well. So, also, do I know Alaska."

"The people of the United States," said Mr. Brooks, "do not know what they have got in the north. Seward peninsula has a greater placer gravel area than had California before it was exploited. I have not been able to measure up the Tanana as yet, but I believe it will exceed the Seward peninsula so far as auriferous gravels are concerned. Then there is the vast regions which we have not as yet touched."

"Gold, however, is not alone to measure the riches of the north. There are the coal fields. We have anthracite coal there in abundance and the government is anxious to have it exploited. It will be one of the greatest benefits to the Pacific coast. It will mean much for commerce and the richness of Alaska and the cheapening of coal on the Pacific."

"Of one thing there can be no question," continued Mr. Brooks, "and that is that bituminous coal, the cooking variety, is also there in abundance and this will add greatly to the value of the copper product in Alaska, for with water transportation at hand, the two products will be of immense commercial value in the production of copper for the market."

"I have not been surprised to hear of the strikes in the Innoko and the Koyukuk. Both are good placer regions and both have been reported on. The Koyukuk has peculiar erosive formations which many of the prospectors think new. It is nothing more than narrow valleys filling with country rock and after much water wear, having a run of gravel. It is a common thing in Alaska. I really think there will be some more gold diggings struck in the Koyukuk."

"We have not got quite up on quartz reports but unofficially I have heard that quartz has been struck in many places in Alaska. I had hoped that the increase of the gold output would bring a corresponding increase in the appropriation for the geological work, but it has remained the same for several years."

"When the railroads reach the coal and copper deposits, enter the placer regions and tap the various mountain ranges where are to be found the quartz ledges and so many prospectors are now seeking, Alaska will come into its own, the sea will be alive with ships bringing its commerce to the nearest port in the state, and Alaska be recognized as the richest region under the Stars and Stripes."—P-I.

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# FIVE PERISH IN AUTO ACCIDENT

San Francisco, Aug. 5—Five persons were hurled to death this morning when an automobile driven by Miss Ethel McCormick plunged over a bluff out near the Cliff House. The dead are Mrs. Ira O'Brien, and her two little children, Mrs. Thomas McCormick and Miss Clara McCormick, the latter two, mother and sister respectively, of the young woman who was driving. Miss Ethel McCormick escaped serious injury but is nearly insane from grief.

The accident was witnessed by a number of persons and it is said that the machine was not traveling at a high rate of speed but that it seemed to give a sudden lurch which carried it from the roadway before it could be again placed under control. It was necessary to get ropes to recover the bodies as the machine fell to the beach in a small rock-bound cove.

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