



THE PUGET SOUND MAIL.

La Conner, W. T.

JAMES POWER, PROPRIETOR.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1884.

DOWNFALL OF VILLARD.—Mr. Henry Villard, following up his resignation of the presidency of the Oregon Transcontinental and Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, resigned the presidency of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company on last Friday. Four months ago he was at the zenith of his power, possessed of probably a private fortune of ten million dollars, with almost unlimited credit with the capitalists of this country and Europe, but today he is comparatively penniless, with the prestige of being one of the greatest railroad magnates in the civilized world gone and forever, for when one in his station once proves unsuccessful, he falls never to regain his lost prestige, for nothing succeeds like success. One not successful at the head of corporation affairs—be he ever so honest and keen of judgment—must stand aside, for capitalists thirsting for dividends and returns have no use for him. Villard and his associates are said to have lost by the tumble in stocks over sixty million dollars. A few months ago Northern Pacific common stock sold at 50 and preferred at 85, but are now down to 24 and 49, while Transcontinental stock has fallen from 80 to 39. O. R. & N. stock has fallen in like manner, and yet the properties which these stocks represent are intrinsically more valuable to-day than ever before, which demonstrates that values in Wall street are governed by the caprice of stock jobbers, and not by intrinsic value of the properties represented. Mr. Villard's successor as President of the Northern Pacific has not yet been announced. Vice-President Oakes, and not Billings, is the man now mentioned as the probable successor. The appointment may not be announced for a week yet.

TALMAGE ON VILLARD'S DOWNFALL.—Talmage, in speaking of Villard, said: "In pushing the great Northern Pacific railroad through, one of the grandest enterprises of all time, he was swamped by everything. His great heart was possessed of unbounded generosity, on which fell leeches enough to suck out the life of any fortune that was ever gathered. I saw his railroad train on the Yellowstone park a great number of sham English lords and dukes, who denounced Villard because while he provided them with every luxury, they could not each have a whole drawing-room car to himself, and so were compelled to breathe the same air with vulgar Americans." I do not suppose that ever since this country as many titled nonentities or so much glorified muck as went up last Summer, free of all charge, on generous Villard's train. Most of these people have gone home to the other side of the sea, and are writing magazine articles of the crudities of American society, while Villard goes into bankruptcy. Perhaps this was the last straw that broke the camel's back."

COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS TO VILLARD.—The N. P. directory have adopted the following resolutions: "Resolved, That the directors of the Northern Pacific, in accepting the resignation of Henry Villard as President, desire to express to him their deep sympathy in his severe illness, their regret at the causes which have brought about his resignation, their appreciation of his great energy in pushing our enterprise to a successful completion as a trunk line, and their sincere hope that he will soon be restored to health and prosperity. And that in view of the fact that Villard, during his Presidency, voluntarily received no salary whatever, the Treasurer be directed to pay him at the rate of \$10,000 a year for the period he held that office." Villard has been President of the company about two and a half years.

SOME SENATORIAL EXPENDITURES.—Some funny disclosures are made by the report upon expenditures of the Senate, just printed in the Senate document report. It shows that during the last fiscal year 900 quarts of Apollinaris and 516 quarts of Bethesda water were consumed by Senators, and paid for out of the fund. It has been the custom of the Senate for years to have Apollinaris water kept in the cloak rooms during warm weather, but two or three years ago, at the solicitation of several Senators who prefer Bethesda to Apollinaris, the former was also made a Senatorial beverage. The waters are kept on ice during every day the Senate is in session. The report also shows that 2100 two-grain quinine pills were purchased, at an average of nearly 54 grains to each Senator. The expenses of committees amounted to \$15,000, and to cover expenses in defending claimants to their seats Ingalls got \$8195, Kellogg \$5550 and Butler \$3500. Lunch for Senators on occasions when they were in executive session all night cost \$175.

The shrinkage in price of iron during the year is estimated as follows: No. 1 anthracite foundry pig iron at \$4 per ton; steel rails, \$5 per ton; bar iron, 40 cents per pound; and nails \$1. Owners of furnaces, rolling mills and steel works have on every hand put out fires because the future offered no hopes of their realizing living profits.

TWENTY-SEVEN railroad workmen were scalded and roasted to death near Toronto, Canada, and 22 wounded, by a collision with a special train. The details of the affair are horrible.

The Puget Sound Customs Service.

(Port Townsend Article.)

The Custom House and port of entry for Puget Sound, located at Port Townsend, form an important element in the support of the town. A glance through this institution will convince the most casual observer that it is a perfect beehive of industry. It is located in a two-story wooden building belonging to Mr. Charles Eisenbeis of this place. In the lower story is the Shipping Commissioner's office, conducted efficiently by Mr. H. Bush. In the rear is a large room used as a store room for seized goods. Up stairs is the Custom House proper, the Collector's office, an office for special agents of the United States Treasury Department, and three smaller rooms used by clerks and for storing blanks, etc. The main office is substantially furnished, and two deputies are constantly on duty therein—Mr. William Harned and Mr. W. O. Chapman, assisted by from one to three clerks. It is the work shop of the institution, where duties are so exacting and so many hours' labor per day have to be performed that deputies have several times had to leave of absence for rest. In the district there are seventeen employees, all told, including deputies, inspectors, boatmen, night watchmen, etc., and some idea of the amount of labor to be performed in the main office here may be gained from the fact that the persons employed therein number less than was allowed by the Department ten years ago, while there is about four times as much to do. At present the collections in this district amount to about eighty thousand dollars a year, about forty-five thousand of which is in fees, and on small transactions at that. For this reason the district does not get credit for what it performs. In handling foreign goods vessels it ranks next to San Francisco, and will ere long equal and surpass that port. When to the foreign trade is added the business of coastwise vessels, going and coming, so often arriving in ballast (the Custom House business in each case amounting to about as much as for foreign vessels), it will be seen that a much larger amount of work is done in this office than appears to a casual observer. Recently Port Townsend was designated as a receiving port for bonded dutiable goods, and the Collector has just received seals and sealing apparatus for handling such goods from all parts of British Columbia and of the United States, and after January 1st such goods will be received and stored here. Business in this office is conducted with decorum and strict management. Mr. Bush is a consistent, rigid character, they could not each have a whole drawing-room car to himself, and so were compelled to breathe the same air with vulgar Americans." I do not suppose that ever since this country as many titled nonentities or so much glorified muck as went up last Summer, free of all charge, on generous Villard's train. Most of these people have gone home to the other side of the sea, and are writing magazine articles of the crudities of American society, while Villard goes into bankruptcy. Perhaps this was the last straw that broke the camel's back."

A FIRE, attended with a frightful loss of life, took place at St. Louis, in the burning of the Sisters Convent of Notre Dame. Twenty-seven nuns were lost, 22 of whom were pupils and five Sisters, among the latter the Sister Superior. The fire had its origin in a furnace in the basement, and when discovered the flames were rapidly pouring through the stairways, corridors and halls of the building. By the time the sleepers were thoroughly aroused, all avenues of escape were filled with smoke; then a panic ensued, and it is for the imagination to paint the sorrowful and heart-rending picture. The bodies were all near each other, and the Mother Superior's body seemed to be the center of a ghastly circle of black remains. Her bones were picked up, and on being raised came apart with some particles of roasted flesh. Her skull was found here, while the trunk was burned to a solid crisp. The ground was dug up immediately under some of the remains. Such was the awful exhumation, and more than once the work faltered because of the sickening sensation which overcame the workmen. It seemed as though the horrid heap would never be exhausted, and every few minutes it was reported that new bodies had been found. Shreds of burned clothing clung to the sickening mass. It was almost impossible to identify the bodies, the fire having effaced every line of countenance and form. The bodies in a few instances clung together, and the heap as it was uncovered was absolutely indescribable.

ADMINISTERING HIS OWN OATH.—A Montana postmaster, who arranges the mails for the little town of Birney, lives eighty miles from a notary public. When he sent in his first quarterly report he administered the oath to himself and then certified to the correctness of the account. A reply soon came back from the red-tape headquarters in Washington that he had violated a sacred precedent and must get a notary to swear him. His report was that he knew no precedent which would assure him miles and traveling expenses for 160 miles in order to get a notary's signature. This left the department not a leg to stand upon, and they have since preserved a discreet silence and allowed the Montana man to swear as he pleased.

HARBER, in charge of the bodies of DeLong and his comrades, has arrived at Tomonah, Russia, and will be due in New York about Feb. 1st.

The Canadian Pacific Railway. The San Francisco News Letter of December 15th concludes a lengthy and able review of the construction of the Canadian Pacific as follows: "After all, the main question is, Will it pay? We think there can be no doubt that it will. At most the dead weight the company must carry is the interest at 6 per cent on the \$25,000,000 first mortgage bonds. That makes \$1,500,000 a year. This sort of dead weight on the Northern Pacific will soon sum up \$1,000,000 a year. The Canadian Company will have \$2,500,000 a year the advantage of the Northern Pacific on this item. But they have still other and greater advantages. The charter forever exempts their rail, stock, deposits, stations and land for building purposes from taxation. This is equal to a gift of \$600,000 to \$800,000 a year on a property estimated to be worth \$111,000,000, and which is constantly enlarging. The charter also gives them a monopoly in building the Government not to allow any competing line to be constructed south of this one for twenty years. In the matter of prospective traffic no transcontinental railroad stands on an equal footing. The Canadian Pacific penetrates what is said to be, and what will very probably prove to be, the best wheat region in this continent of so vast an area. It stretches from Winnipeg westward to the Rocky Mountains, 1,000 miles, and has a width, without crossing the divide between Hudson's bay and the lakes, of 300 miles. No part of our Western States will settle up and develop more rapidly than this region, as it is connected by rail with shipping on the Pacific and at Montreal. When the late Earl of Beaufield, in a speech to his old Buckingham constituents, alluded somewhat vaguely to this northern wheat land as a future rival of the wheat fields of the United States for the English market, he was laughed at in this country; and it was said that his future Canadian wheat field was nothing better than a land of frost and ice. But more recent discovery and practical tests on a liberal scale in Manitoba explain that he was right, and that more wheat to the acre and surer crops are produced there, and even as far north as Athabaska and great Bear Lakes, that can be relied on in Illinois and Minnesota. Already the Manitobans are picking a quarrel with the Dominion Government because it refuses them an outlet for their produce by rail to some port on the Hudson's bay, and the Canadian Pacific will be rich enough to give it to them. We of California should entertain no jealousy of that great railway to the north. As surely as the Northern Pacific will create a great city on Puget Sound, so surely will the Canadian highway create another on the Straits of Georgia. These cities, with the volume of produce in grain, coal, timber and lumber they will pour into the Pacific trade, must benefit San Francisco just as the populous cities and countries in Europe benefit each other. They will trade with us for our fruits, wines, canned goods, woolen blankets, blood stock, giving us in exchange their lumber, coal, gold from their as yet undeveloped mines, and probably better and cheaper bacon, hams and salt pork than we now get from the Eastern States."

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.

U. S. LAND OFFICE AT OLYMPIA, W. T. December 31, 1883. Notice is hereby given that JAMES McNEELY has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Clerk of the District Court at his office in La Conner, W. T., on Thursday, the 28th day of February, A. D. 1884, on Homestead Application No. 479, for the SW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 36 north, Range 4 east. He names as witnesses: John Stinson, John H. Brown, T. Douglas, and Jacob Van Auker, all of Edson, W. T. JOHN E. GOWEY, Register. Jan. 5-6w.

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