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WHERE THEY MAKE WIRELESS

A Visit To The Seattle Factory of the
United Wireless Telegraph Co

During a brief visit to the coast last month the Gazette's representative spent part of the time in Seattle in visiting the offices of the United Wireless Telegraph Co. While New York is the headquarters of the Company, the amount of hustle and rush to be seen around the offices in Seattle, makes it difficult to conceive wherein the main office could exceed the western branch unless it be that the western force is under-manned.

The offices are in the People's Bank building and embrace different departments, for Seattle is the headquarters for the entire Pacific Coast, as well as various states adjoining. Mr. Geo. H. Parker the fiscal agent for the west is at the head of the financial department. Mr. R. H. Armstrong, of the construction department which includes also that of manufacturing, and Mr. F. C. Doig is in charge of the Pacific News Service which aims to supply the latest news of the coast and the ocean to newspapers, that have sufficient enterprise to use the wireless news service in addition to the other news collecting agencies.

The factory in which all wireless apparatus is made is off in west Seattle, and very few indeed are allowed to see the inside of it. The fact that the Gazette representative is the Company's agent in this part of the western field and could be relied on to do nothing antagonistic to its interest was perhaps the main reason why Mr. Armstrong communicated with the superintendent of the factory, Mr. Nelson, and secured admission to the works.

The main factory and electrical laboratories of the Company are located in Jersey City where most of the working plans of apparatus are prepared, but the Seattle factory makes the greater part of the equipment being installed by the Construction department on the western coast.

A unique feature of this factory is that it differs from those in other lines of manufacture, in that they have not only to turn out the manufactured goods, but manufacture the tools to make them with and also train the men to the use of the tools.

To appreciate this feature of the situation the reader must be told that the system of wireless used by the United Wireless Telegraph Co. differs so materially from others that a mechanic from one of Marconi's factories would be of little use to them until he could be taught how to make the newer and more efficient apparatus. The United Company is as its name implies the product of the combined efforts of electrical experts in the line of wireless, and it embraces the most advanced features of about forty other companies each formed on some special invention in wireless. When the general amalgamation and consolidation of interests took place not only did all the patents of the allied companies come into the possession of United Wireless, but also the services of the inventors. An expert committee of these men went over the accumulated patents and picked out the best features of each to be embodied in an entirely new system—the one that is now used by the United Wireless and that puts it so far ahead of all others in point of efficiency that so far as doing things is concerned, they can scarcely be said to have a rival. Thus there are piled up in the junk attic of the United Wireless Co. at Jersey City, tons of apparatus that would work more efficiently to-day than the best that Marconi has got, but they are useless to United Wireless, because they have been superseded by better.

A distinctive feature of the United Wireless Co.'s system is its simplicity and with this simplicity comes the advantage not only of less cost to manufacture, but less liability to get out of order.

The factory is subdivided into a number of departments in each of which a certain class of work is done, and the actual manufacturing is embraced in several departments each doing certain work which goes to making up the complete apparatus.

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SHOOTING ACCIDENT AT THE GOLDEN ZONE

One of the Miners Accidentally Shot in
the leg by a Companion.

On Sunday morning before going on shift at the Golden Zone a group of miners were in front of the stable, some standing and others sitting on a log. One of those sitting down had a 22 caliber rifle on his knee, which for some unaccountable reason went off, although the owner was not aware that there was a loaded cartridge in the chamber. The bullet struck Mike Sedich, an Austrian miner in the left leg between the knee and the ankle. It passed between the tibia and fibula, and missed an artery by about half an inch, becoming lodged in the muscles. Vinto Williams, in whose hands the rifle was, carried the wounded man into the bunk house for they were always the best of friends. As soon as the wound was bound up and the team could be got ready he was driven into Hedley. Unfortunately Dr. Whillans happened to be out of town and it was not until evening that the bullet could be probed for and the wound dressed.

COLONIAL GOLD MINING CO.

This Corporation Begins Work This
Week on Apex Group.

Supplies were taken to the Apex last week, and this week a number of miners are going to work.

Mr. Hallett A. Robbins, M. E. the resident manager has been taking a careful survey of the situation for the past two weeks and arranging his plans for prosecution of the work.

SHOULD GUN FOR GUN-A-NOOT.

The Mission of the N. W. M. P. North-
ward May Have this Bad Indian
for Its Objective.

Occasionally but at long intervals a bad Indian defies British justice: as administered in Canada, and strenuous measures must be taken to bring them under. Not since the bombardment of "unmighty voice" in a clump of timber on the plains by the N. W. M. P. has there been any very serious trouble.

At present there is a very bad Indian in Northern British Columbia named Gun-a-noot, that should engage the attention of the N. W. M. P., and as a detachment went north last week it is hoped that they will be employed in gathering in this unruly Indian, for his defiance of the law is going to have a bad effect upon other Indians.

The Victoria Colonist has the following paragraph in reference to the situation:

"Assurances were received from Northern British Columbia only a week ago to the effect that the unrest, which has prevailed among the Indians was at an end. Recent reports throw doubt upon this assurance, and we can only express the hope that the disquieting story told by the Rev. A. E. Green has reference to conditions as they were rather than to those now existing. Mr. Green thinks that any abatement of the restlessness may be due to the unwillingness of the Indians to precipitate hostilities during the summer, when they can be reached by an outside force. The suggestion has been made that a detachment of the Mounted Police should be sent to the scene of trouble, and perhaps such a course would be advisable, if a satisfactory arrangement is not reached. The provincial government is charged with the duty of preserving the peace and administering justice in the province, but the Indians are the wards of the Dominion government, so that both authorities might properly combine in preserving the peace. As every one knows the Royal Mounted Police have had exceptional experience in work with Indians. We are strongly of the opinion that a determined effort should be made to capture Gun-a-noot. A gentleman, who knows the Northern Indians well, says that the fact that this man has been able so far successfully to defy the authorities, has produced an exceedingly unfavorable effect upon the Indians, whereas his prompt capture, trial and punishment would produce a very salutary effect.

NICKEL PLATE WINS EASILY

Defeat Hedley in Basell Game 13 to 5—
New Blood Works Well.

For the first time in its existence the Nickel Plate mine has turned out a base ball team that is prepared to try conclusions with Hedley or other local points. The most it ever did before in that line was to contribute one or two players occasionally to fill out the ranks of a Hedley nine, but this time they manned the whole ship from stoke-hole to bridge and didn't have to go borrowing to do it either.

The reason of the change is that owing to the exploratory work which has been in progress up there since early spring the diamond drill crews that were brought in by the gentlemen who have had the mine under examination, comprised some "good uns" in the baseball line. These showed that they had been "diamond drilling" in more ways than one, and when they had supplied a battery and filled up a few of the more important positions on the line up, they made up the rest by picking out the likeliest huskies among the rock blasters.

When the challenge came down the hill for a match with the mill and the town, baseballers down here concluded that the chaps up in the ether were getting chummy, but they were scarcely prepared for the surprise that was sprung when the Nickel Plate nine came down with their friends for the game on Sunday afternoon, and particularly so after they got limbered up or acclimatized and started in on the swatfest.

Where Hedley fell down most was at the bat, and the paucity of effective clouts on their part was possibly due more to weakness at the bat than to sensational pitching on the part of Patterson for the hill-men, although he threw a ball that might also have kept more proficient butters guessing. Ross Allen and Homer Maclean shared the pitching for Hedley, and did a little fanning at times to mix in with the punishment they received and M. Hetrick caught a tidy game behind the bat for Hedley as did also Knowles for the Nickel Plate.

The game was not quite so one-sided as the score would indicate, but that is not saying what the Nickel Plate battery might have done if the game had been closer, and neither can it be said that the total runs obtained by the winners was due them, for they had to thank indifferent fielding on the part of their opponents for several runs that would not otherwise have got over the home plate.

Altogether the game was clean and agreeable and was enjoyed by spectators and particularly so because of the fact that both sides had a full right to every man they played, and no advantage was taken by ringing in outsiders.

The game was umpired by J. Collins and as both sides complained at times of getting the worst of it, in decisions given, it may be taken for granted that neither side had any material advantage on that head.

Below are the players and the score by innings.

| Hedley | | Nickel Plate | |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------|--|
| Hetrick | catcher | Knowles | |
| Allen (2b) | pitcher | Patterson | |
| Holbrook | 1st base | Mitchell | |
| Maclean (pit.) | 2nd base | Corrigan | |
| Hamilton | 3rd base | Faulds | |
| Jackson | short stop | Coile | |
| Harris | left field | Revely | |
| Adie | centre field | Beum | |
| McEachern | right field | Dennit | |
| Nickel Plate | 3 0 3 3 0 0 2 2—13 | | |
| Hedley | 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 1—5 | | |

A CHALLENGE

The Gazette has received the following challenge.

"The Nickel Plate Baseball Nine would be pleased to arrange for a game with either the Princeton or Keremcos teams, to be played in Hedley in the near future, for from \$250.00 to \$500.00 a side. Address communications to R. H. Patterson, Captain."

Twenty thousand more harvest laborers are needed for the crop in the Canadian West this year.

The teachers of the Dominion met in Convention at Victoria last week.

TRACK COMING ALONG

Steel Crossed the Ashnola Early in the
Week—Now Nearing Second
Crossing

There has been no let up on the part of the track-laying, pile-driving and bridge-building between here and Keremcos.

The bridge at Ashnola held up the track-layer for about a week until the piles could all be driven, but this was completed on Monday.

Meanwhile the second steam pile-driver was at work on the second crossing and they are now almost through with that.

On Twenty-mile the horse-driver piled the face of the high dump on the east end, and finished up there on Saturday when it was moved to the west end and it is expected that this will be completed by Saturday night.

The piles for the trestle across the bed of the creek will be driven by one of the steam drivers which is expected here in a few days, and the horse-driver will move on to the dumps of the third crossing at Dr. Whillans' ranch.

HURT ON THE LOG SLIDE

Jack Smith has Narrow Escape from Be-
ing Killed by a Log.

Jack Smith, who was working for Pleasance and McDonald on the piling contract has a narrow escape from death on Monday morning last. He was driving a team up the mountain and part of the road was the shute where the logs come down. He had been told that no logs would be sent down until he came back, but through some misunderstanding several logs were let go too soon. Smith could have escaped easily himself, but in his anxiety to save the team he stayed too long, for one of the logs struck a whiffle tree and swung around and struck him. He was knocked out at the time and had to be brought into town, but has since recovered sufficiently to go about.

TO CELEBRATE LABOR DAY

Sports Committee are Busy Preparing
the Programme

Hedley is putting forth special effort to make this year's Labor Day celebration the biggest that has ever been held here. As it is now almost certain that the track will be here two or three weeks before that date, it is fully expected that arrangements can be made to have an excursion train run which will bring in a large representation from Oroville, Night hawk and other points in Washington. Horse-racing, a baseball contest, Marathon race and other attractions are promised but it will take a few days before all is fully decided. On the sports committee not only the town, but all the working mines will be represented.

THE ABANDONED NAVAL BASE

Lord Charles Beresford Denounces
Abandonment of Esquimalt and
Censures Canadian Carelessness.

London, July 19—Arnold While in the Chronicle agrees with Lord Charles Beresford that the Unionist government did wrong in handing over the naval station and fortress at Esquimalt, B. C., to Canada, and that Canada did wrong in leaving guns rusting on the ground. Beresford, in speaking at a meeting convened by the London chamber of commerce, again advised the overseas states to provide for commerce protection by re-establishing the overseas Pacific station.

The fact that costly steel wire-wound guns have been left exposed to the weather in Esquimalt and utterly ruined has long been an open secret. The guns were landed shortly before the Dominion of Canada took over the manning of the fortress. They have never been mounted, according to all reports, and the establishment at Esquimalt would, in any event, be much too small to man the guns even if they were mounted. Exact information as to the actual state of affairs has been difficult to obtain owing to the necessary secrecy which surrounds the holding of such a fortress at Esquimalt, but the authorities have never even claimed that the present garrison is efficient.

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EDITORIAL COMMENTS

The vote on Lord Roberts' conscription bill in the British House of Lords which resulted in 103 in favor and 123 against serves to show that public opinion in Britain is coming around to it. Of the 123 votes against it must be remembered that all of these cannot be counted as really opposed to the principle of the bill for there were other considerations that affected the vote, and the principal one was that of time. Even the leading Unionists who naturally were most inclined to favor the scheme, did not think the time was opportune, and much as they condemn the present administration in its laxity on the great question of imperial defence, they believe in giving Haldane's scheme, there is little doubt but that Lord Roberts' bill would carry with a good majority.

The demonstration in France last week at which a statue to the lost provinces of Alsace and Lorraine was unveiled and patriotic speeches made by French orators of note, should prove agreeable reading in Britain at the present time. Had Gambetta lived to the present day France would doubtless have had a try at recovery of the lost territory by this time. Kaiser William has accomplished the feat of making Germany the best hated and most thoroughly distrusted country in Europe, but it is doubtful whether he ever did anything which would tend so much to foster and keep alive a spirit of enmity, as that of the unjust and brutal terms of peace forced upon France in her extremity both in exacting the enormous war indemnity and in wresting from France the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine. It was Britain which set an example to the world in her treatment of the Transvaal at the close of the war for instead of exacting the victor's spoils for war indemnity she took the portion

usually meted out to the vanquished and paid enormous sums to those who had been fighting her in South Africa, in order that the country might be rehabilitated and the ravages of war wiped out. There is no doubt that Britain's magnanimity in that instance had much to do with encouraging Japan to deal as magnanimously as she did with Russia in foregoing spoils of war which might otherwise be considered to have justly belonged to her. Therefore if Germany finds herself at war with France a few years hence to maintain the provinces to which she obtained only the bandit's title she can thank those who made might right and drove the hard bargain at Frankfort in 1871.

THE INDIA MISSION FIELD.

Rev. D. F. Smith's Report to Missionary Society—The Period of Unrest.

The rumors of disaffection in India and the ever-present dread that the horrible scenes of fifty years ago may be re-enacted causes deeper interest to attach to the work of missionaries on these foreign fields.

At times there has been a disposition to blame some of the missionaries for unwittingly arousing ambitions and animosities in the minds of natives to such extent that it is now getting beyond their control, and possibly some of them are to blame. Nevertheless, the majority of these foreign workers are men of discernment, who if they are not able to fully fathom the Aryan mind can nevertheless locate the true cause of oriental backwardness and recognize the futility and real danger of granting powers and responsibilities that these people are not yet fitted to bear.

Rev. D. F. Smith, who is well known in the Similkameen where he was stationed three years ago, thus speaks of conditions in the Indian Mission field.

"The year, October 1st, 1907 to September 30th, 1908 has been spent in Neenuch. The first half of the year was devoted to the study of Hindi and Urdu in preparation for the First Year examination. That event took place during the first days of March and at the March meeting of Council the kind examiner reported that the various candidates had produced the required amount of knowledge for passing the first year's examination.

"During the year services have been held in the Church at Neenuch, in the morning in Hindi, in the evening in English. In the end of April, the Rev. J. S. and Mrs. MacKay went to the hills and the Church services and the care of the congregation was committed to me. The preaching in Hindi although very imperfect was an intense pleasure to me. The English service has been a continual pleasure to us. Sometimes only our Mission staff attend, sometimes, however, people from the railway and the Cantonment come to worship with us.

In the Cantonment Bazaar on Friday evening services are held. Before this service a meeting is held with the workers, after which sometimes in twos we go into different parts of the Bazaar and preach to the people who gather around. Sometimes the people gather in front of the Mission School and there we preach to them. The most interesting part of the bazaar work is the personal dealing with men in their own houses and places of business. Many men freely acknowledge that the Christian religion is the best and that they are sinners and even that they believe that Jesus is the Saviour of the world, also they say that in their religion there is nothing to satisfy. They say, "What can we do? We are afraid and we know what our caste people will do, if we accept Christianity."

"The visiting of towns and villages is of intense interest to a stranger. But the greatness of the work becomes oppressive. During one week in visiting three places this is what we found. In Kesarpura a village of 3,000 people we found not one Christian. In Mimbahera a place of 10,000 people the same is true. In Mandasaur a city of 30,000 people not one man or woman is found who openly professes Jesus as Lord. The greatness of the undertaking is past description. But we undertake in the name of the Lord of Hosts and India's hope is in His son.

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is the circulating of the Scriptures. In order to do this we buy new Testaments and Gospels. The New Testament, large size, is sold for 12 cents, small size 8 cents and the Gospels for 4 a cent each. During the past six months I have sold 200 Gospels. When the people pay a little for a book they take care of it and instead of tearing it lend it to a friend to read.

"In speaking of the people of India the close distinctions are constantly pressed upon us. But for us only two classes exist, the Christian and non-Christian. In these two classes all are comprehended, and in the Christian all classes are about equally represented. In the non-Christian community between the low and high castes there is no possibility of communion but instead a constant struggle and much hatred. In the Christian community differences, physical and educational, moral and spiritual still remain but the distinction of castes has fallen away. Its place has been taken by a sense of brotherhood and fellowship. The low and the high, the rich and the poor, have a common standard, a common example and a common Lord and Saviour.

With every discouragement we have also encouragement. The people are ever ready and waiting to hear the Gospel. In many hearts there is a deep sense of sin. They tell us that they believe in Jesus, but not openly because of fear of their caste people. In many cases sinful practices have been abandoned, but the thing that seem to be lacking is the courage of their conviction to confess Christ before men. The conviction of the missionaries who know Central India best is that if all the secret disciples would confess openly their faith, a Christian community would be formed that would be a mighty power for good. May God give courage."

METEOROLOGICAL.

The following are the readings showing temperature, etc., for the week ending July 17:

| AT THE MINE. | | |
|--------------|---------|---------|
| | Maximum | Minimum |
| July 11 | 50 | 40 |
| 12 | 56 | 43 |
| 13 | 62 | 44 |
| 14 | 58 | 40 |
| 15 | 67 | 35 |
| 16 | 61 | 39 |
| 17 | 59 | 34 |

Average maximum temperature 59.42
 Average minimum do 39.28
 Mean temperature 49.35
 Rainfall for the week .16 inches.
 Snowfall " " "

| CORRESPONDING WEEK OF LAST YEAR | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------|
| | Maximum | Minimum |
| Highest maximum temperature | 79. | |
| Average maximum | do 65.42 | |
| Lowest minimum | do 30 | |
| Average minimum | do 42.57 | |
| Mean | do 53.99 | |

| AT THE MILL. | | |
|--------------|---------|---------|
| | Maximum | Minimum |
| July 11 | 68 | 48 |
| 12 | 68 | 47 |
| 13 | 75 | 47 |
| 14 | 82 | 51 |
| 15 | 82 | 52 |
| 16 | 85 | 42 |
| 17 | 72 | 42 |

Average maximum temperature 70.
 Average minimum do 47.
 Mean do 61.50
 Rainfall for the week .16 inches
 Snowfall " " "

| CORRESPONDING WEEK OF LAST YEAR | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------|
| | Maximum | Minimum |
| Highest maximum temperature | 91 | |
| Average do | do 81.57 | |
| Lowest minimum | do 50. | |
| Average do | do 55.85 | |
| Mean | do 68.71 | |

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Town and District.

Jas. Reith, of Kereneos, is expected back there in a few days.

A. L. White, of Greenwood, aged 65, died there suddenly last week of apoplexy.

There will be a dance in Fraser's hall on Friday evening next to which all are invited.

Dr. McEwen, of Kereneos, was in town Tuesday shaking hands with his Hedley friends.

Contractor D. Stewart of the track-laying force was in town on Tuesday having come up with Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beam were interested and appreciative spectators of the ball games held during the past week.

Dr. Whillans had a hurried call to the Nickel Plate on Friday night last owing to sudden illness of Superintendent G. P. Jones.

Hugh Hunter, gold commissioner, was in Hedley on Tuesday "bearing his blushing honors full upon him" and gathering in the shokels.

Chief engineer J. H. Kennedy was in town on Tuesday. He is likely to remove to Princeton shortly and direct construction from there.

Attention is drawn to the baseball challenge issued by the Nickel Plate nine which will be found following report of the game with Hedley.

Mrs. Herbert Clare arrived in Hedley on Saturday night from England. She was met at Nelson by Mrs. Arthur Clare, who accompanied her to Hedley.

Constable Max Ewart and Charlie Low, of Kereneos, passed through Hedley last week with a band of horses for the coast by way of the Hope trail.

Mr. Parsons, of Olalla, superintendent of the Olalla Co. was in town last week. He is taking an outing for a week or two and is spending it in the hills about the head waters of Twenty-mile.

W. D. McMillan, principal owner of the Apex group now under bond to the Colonial Gold Mining Co. spent Sunday in Hedley and left for the mine on Monday morning before returning to the coast.

Mrs. Critchley returned last week from Princeton where she was nursing her sister-in-law, Mrs. Posser, who had been ill. She brought back her brother's child and will care for it here until the mother is well again.

On Tuesday Dr. McEwen was called in to assist in locating the bullet, when he and Dr. Whillans gave it careful examination and found that it had shattered one of the bones while the bullet itself had been broken up.

A. K. Anderson is in the rush for a share of the 750,000 acres of reservation lands to be apportioned in the Couer d'Alene and Montana this week. His Hedley friends wish him success in getting hold of the land he wants.

A snap which may not happen again—All cash orders for Victor Talking Machines or Records, received by August 1st by Louis C. Rolls & Co. of Hedley, agents for Kereneos, Princeton and Hedley, will be delivered at Vancouver prices.

The Ledge says that negotiations are under way for settlement of the strike between the B. C. Copper Co. and its employees, and if reached on the basis that is sought, the settlement is more likely to prove permanent than anything here-to-fore made.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McGibbon arrived in Hedley on Monday, and they like the appearance of the town so well that they are likely to become permanent residents. They hail from California, but were originally from eastern Canada, where Mr. McGibbon was engaged in the manufacture of dynamite.

It was a relief to the Labor Day Sports Committee when the Miner's Union took over the arrangements for the big Ball on the evening of 6th September, and those who remember the last Ball given by them on Easter Monday 1908 will know that this is a guarantee of the very best kind of a time at the coming dance.

F. Pymon, of Princeton, who opened a jewellery store there in March leaves this week to return to Enderby. His successor in Enderby made a sensational wind-up of a short career when he managed to land himself in the coop for burning his store for the insurance, amounting to something over \$2000. Mr. Pymon will be missed in Princeton where he had already made a lot of friends, and identified himself with all movements for the advancement of the town. In fact it was that trait of public-spiritedness which made his friends in Enderby interest themselves in endeavoring to get him back there.

The Sunday closing regulation appears to be pretty faithfully lived up to in Hedley. It is now two weeks since the order was issued and so far as we have heard there is no talk of violation of it, but on the contrary, not only are the bars locked up, but the hotel-keepers may be seen on Sunday's taking strolls about town and enjoying the day's rest as well as other people. To show any disposition on their part to evade or otherwise disregard the law and the order for its enforcement would be very bad tactics at the present juncture, for there is evidence of a disposition on the part of the attorney-general's department to cut off licences instead of increasing the number, and it would be much safer for licensees to give them no excuse for cutting off any.

KNOCKERS AT WORK AGAIN

An Incident Which Goes to Show How Mole-Hills Can Become Mountains for the Knockers.

There is an old adage which says that "the most sticks are generally to be found under the best apple-tree." That being so the incident of last week's attack upon United Wireless Telegraph Co's stock by the local knockers, might also be made to show how a knock when analyzed is really a boost. A newspaper paragraph appearing in the Spokesman-Review, and also in Montana papers was eagerly pounced upon by Hedley knockers of the stock, some of whom had to go to the trouble of clipping it out and hawking it about and in some instances adding a few lies to it of their own manufacture.

The paragraph reads as follows: "Missoula, Mont., July 9.—Late tonight Sheriff Davis Graham arrived in Missoula, bringing Dr. J. R. Leland, fiscal agent for the United Wireless Telegraph and Telephone Company of Seattle, with him. Dr. Leland was arrested in Billings on a complaint sworn out by C. W. Christman, a local mining promoter, who charges Leland with obtaining money under false pretenses. In the specific complaint filed with the county attorney recently Christman claims he paid Leland \$1250 for stock in the United Wireless concern on the assertion of Dr. Leland that the United Wireless concern owned all patents on the wireless telegraph and telephone excepting those held by Marconi."

Now Dr. Leland, whoever he may be is not the fiscal agent of United Wireless, for that position is held by Geo. H. Parker, of Seattle, and if Leland was selling the stock in Montana, he was either a general agent or sub-agent under the Seattle office. As the law supposes a man to be innocent until he is proven guilty, this man Leland may or may not have made the representations which he is accused of. His accuser is described as a "local mining promoter." Does that circumstance and the fact that he is a squealer make his name one to con- fure by? Even if Leland did make the representations he is accused of, and his accuser was stupid enough to believe what any man of ordinary intelligence who knows anything about the practice in vogue in the granting of patents, should have known better than to believe, does that justify the knockers in Hedley who comprise the long and the short, the tutored and the untutored, in taking upon themselves to say that the stock is a fraud, when in their hearts all they know about it is that they are kicking themselves that others in town bought the stock for \$20 and less per share, which they cannot buy now for less than \$30. There are thousands of patents issued every year in every conceivable line that are of no practical value whatever, and United Wireless are not buying such when they already hold all that they need that are of value, but are constantly buying new patents of anything in their line that is an improvement on what they already have. Leland, if he said what he is accused of saying did what there was no need for him to do: but there are some people who cannot sell a \$60 mare for \$10 without telling a few lies about it to help out the deal.

THE DEADLY CURRENT

Woman Killed When Turning on Light in Store

Hillsboro, Ore., July 9.—The silence of death has filled with gloom the home of Edward Benson, a confectioner; whose wife was almost instantly killed last night by an electrical shock.

Mrs. Benson was turning on an electric light in the rear of her husband's ice-cream parlor when she met her fate. She had grasped the brass part of an electric lamp and at the same time stepped on part of the floor that had been made wet by melted ice, thus forming a short circuit.

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