1904, and until his successor is elected and qualified, and that at the general election in 1902, and every four years thereafter, there shall be elected a County Commissioner to all with the County Judge of Multnomah County for the transaction of county business. And at the general election in 1904, and every four years thereafter, there shall be elected a County Commissioner to sit with the County Judge of Multnomah County for the transaction of county business.

Sec. 3. The duties, jurisdiction and powers of said County Court of Multnomah County so constructed by this act shall be as are defined in section 806 (870) of Hill's Annotated Laws of Oregon, and as have heretofore been exercised by the Board of County Commissioners created by the act of 1808, and approved October 15, 1898, and such other powers and

tober 15, 1898, and such other powers and duties as were exercised by the County Court of Multnomah County prior to the passage of said act of 1898, and approved October 15,

1898.

Sec. 4. The said County Commissioners and their successors in office shall meet with the County Judge for the transaction of county business at the call of the County Judge, and that said County Commissioners and their successors in office shall receive \$3 per diem in full for their services.

Sec. 5. That the said County Court as hereby constructed shall succeed and take the place of the present Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County for the transaction of county business, and said Board of

tion of county business, and said Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County, as created by the act of 1898, and approved October 15, 1898, is and each of said board are hereby relieved from and after the taking ef-fect of this act of all duties, responsibilities and authorities.

and authorities in respect to the transaction

of county business.
Sec. 6. All contracts relating to county busi-

ness and all purchases of county supplies shall be made by the County Court. All supplies shall be advortised for and purchased from the lowest responsible bidder, and no member

of the court shall be interested in any way in

any contract or purchase. Sec. 7. Inasmuch as there is a necessity for immediate relief on account of the unnecessary expense in the transaction of county

husiness in said Multnomah County, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the Governor.

WHITMAN DEFENDED.

Had Discretion as Well as Zeal, Says

Dr. Ackerman.

PORTLAND, March 13 .- (To the Editor.)

ness involves these elements of conduct

ships and hazards of his appointed lot, he was fearless, but he was not foolhardy. No one claims that he was perfect, made

no blunders in judgment or took no awful risks, but it is claimed and should be ac-knowledged by all that his course of ac-

tion was based on the most careful and

conscientious consideration of the condi-tions in which he found himself involved and that he faced possible death not only

with courage, but with foresight and de-liberation. His wife wrote him in 1842;

"Common obstacles never affect him; he

goes ahead when duty calls. Jane and Edward, you know but little about your brother Marcus, and all I can tell you

about him at this time is that he is a bun-dle of thoughts."

It is sometimes said that in his treat-

ment of the Indians for their sicknesses he lacked in good judgment and discretion. Now some things are certain. He knew the custom that prevailed of killing the Indian doctor if he failed to effect a cure;

in "to-wat" who was shot by the broth-

he wanted to, and if he did not cure he

was seeking the death of the sick. More-over Dr. Whitman was not only teaching

the Indians the truths of the Christian

religion, but he was combating their su-perstitions as he lifted them towards civ-

lization. It was only one of those heath.

en customs which needed to be treated with fortitude and in the face of danger.

promising hostility to polygamy, by his demanding that the men should work and

treat their women with gentleness, by in-

ducing many of the younger men to cul-tivate their farms thus making slaves of

them in the estimation of the older lords

of a former lazy regime, by rescuing the babies from the torture of their "te-cash-

es" and many other forms of savagery

the motive of each was different from that

of the other. For the purposes of trade one first of all sought peace and was

The comparison of Dr. Whitman of Dr. McLoughlin is not to the point,

He offended the savages by his uncon

He did not run from his chosen he did not whimper over the hard-

DREDGE UP-STREAM

Port of Portland Changes Its Method of Work.

RIVERS REQUIRE LITTLE HELP

President Hughes Says Old System of Making Channels Is Wrong-Engineer May Be Put in Charge of Operations.

Port of Portland methods of deepening the Willamette and Columbia Rivers have been revolutionized by President Hughes' instructions to Captain James Willis, temporary master of the dredge, vice Groves, resigned. Captain Willis' order is to cut a 35-foot channel, 150 feet wide, at Eagle Cliff, and to "work up stream." Hereto-fore all dredging has been done with the dredge working down stream. President Hughes says up-stream dredging gives the current a chance to make a channel, while with down-stream work the mate-rial removed is carried by the current into the path of the dredge, and must be handled again. The new method will be given a thorough trial before final adoption.

sion of the qualifications of two applicants for his position brought up the whole question of river improvement at yesterday's meeting of the commission, and gave President Hughes an opportunity to outline his cherished theory of up-stream work. The candidates were Chris Nelson, a river captain, and J. G. Kelly, an engineer. Both were highly recommended, Mr. Kelly has had experience as an engineer in California, in several cities of Oregon, and as an employe of the United States Engineers. The wide difference between the professional callings of the two candidates suggested the question of whether a "river man" or an engineer would be better for the work, and it was thoroughly discussed. Commissioner Swi-gert led off by committing himself to an engineer, President Hughes concurred.
"What the Columbia River needs,"

Captain Groves' resignation and discus

the president, "is not to have a channel made for it, but a little assistance, so that it can make a channel for itself. An engineer would be better because of his knowledge of machinery and the detail of work. There is no question in my mind that we have thrown away fully two-thirds of the work every year the dredge thirds of the work every year the dredge has been in operation by not having a competent engineer. One-half of the bars, if properly cleaned out, would not need another cleaning for several years. You gentlemen must understand that we are not navigating the river. We are not navigation, and it is our duty to entrust that important work to the best man we can get. Your river man is continually we can get. Your river man is continually hunting with lead and line for deep water. He is a surface man, not a bottom man. What we want is a man who knows something about the movement of materials, the effect of currents-a man qualified to study the bottom of the river and keep us informed of the result of work." Commissioner Banfield Interrupted to

say that a civil engineer was not called for, "A practical man who knows how to get out dirt would suit me," he added. President Hughes replied very earnestly that the river men who had operated the dredge had accomplished very little, "They are absolutely worthless," he continued. "Their system of dredging is all wrong. It is an astonishing fact that every bit of dredging done on every other river but the Columbia is done up stream. Here we have been wasting public money by the down-stream method." Commissioner McCraken said the old

system was all right. President Hughes replied that it was not, and referred to up-stream work on the Mississippi in sup-

port of his position.

President Hughes said the quest; gineer or a river man, intimating that a motion to that effect would be in order. Commissioner Selling, who had listened at-tentively to the discussion without participating, suggested that an advertise-ment be published in The Oregonian for a dredge superintendent, applications to be filed in writing before noon March 21 with Clerk Stevens. This, he said, Il with Clerk Stevens. This, he said, would enable the commission to pick its The suggestion was promptly agreed to. By this time the majority of the Commissioners had expressed their preference for a superintendent who shall and an engineer,

The report of operations in February showed that the dredge worked 168.76 hours. The cost of fuel was \$293.70, or about \$1.74 per hour. The dredge removed 21,846 cubic yards of material at Slaughter's at the following cost:

Payroll	\$1066 293 187 3 540 127 50	\$10-101-C11-61
Total	\$2265	D

This was at the rate of 7.125 cents per cubic yard. As the dredge was under repair the greater part of February, the cost per cubic yard was extra large. Notice of the bankruptcy of James Steel, ex-treasurer of the port, was laid before the meeting. Mr. Steel carried funds in the defunct Portland Savings Bank, and the amount due on the deposit

is \$2329 54. As the assets of the bankrupt have little value, the money will be lost to the port. Mr., Steel's bond had lapsed Ex-Superintendent Groves' final report was that he had made soundings pursu ant to instructions. He found the chan-nel near the beacon at the Portland Flouring Mill improved. Postoffice bar has parrowed and shoaled, as have the cuts

at Reeder's and Knapp's, from the effect of the Winter freshets President Hughes and Secretary Selling were directed to have the accounts of the port audited and an inventory made of

the property. Summary of the Work.

For the information of the new mem

bers, the clerk submitted the following summary of the work of the port since its organization:

The Port of Portland was incorporated the State Legislature of 1891 to make and maintain a 25-foot channel from Portland har-hor to the sea. The board was fortunate in ob-taining the valuable advice of Major T. Handbury, United States Engineers, as con engineer, under whose advice and direction the dyken at Walker's Island, Postoffice St. Johns and Snag Island were built, aggregating some 43,000 lineal feet, which, including repairs and the necessary expenditures of engineer's department, cost \$368,135 24. All these expenditures coased by the end of the fiscal year ending September 30, 1803. The expendiyear enough systematical works slightly ex-ceeded the amount derived from the sale of the \$350,000 of 5 per cent 30-year bonds, ma-turing January 1, 1822. The bucket dredge built by the City of Portland was turned over the Port of Portland in 1891, and was open ated until the fall of 1808. During her com-mission she dredged 660,758 cubic yards, at a coat of \$76,585 84, besides which it was neceseary to expend some \$9256 20 in extraordinary

the city dredge had not the capacity to take care of the work unaided, and in 1897 they decided to build a 20-inch hydraulic dredge. J. Lesourd was commissioned to design the ap-paratus. The hull was built by Honnes & Neison, of Portland, and the engines and ma-chinery and pump by the Portland Iron Works. Including \$10,000 paid for the patent to the Howers Dredging Company, this machine cost \$60,628 TT. Besides this dredge, the commis-

barges, used for fuel and sawdust, and son

The dredge Portland commenced operations n 1898, but several alterations had to be nade, and she did very little work during that made, and she did very little work during that year. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 1859, it was again necessary to spend considerable sums in additions and improvements, under the direction of W. Stuart Smith. Since that time very few siterations have been needed to maintain tithe plant in an effective condition. She had dredged up to the end of the last fiscal year 1,948.215 cubic yards, at a cost of \$86,632 75. From October 1, 1909, to March 1, 1901, she excavated \$28,845 cubic yards, at a cost of \$15,564. The dredge tender and plant are in a thoroughly efficient condition, having only just completed several hundred dollars' worth of necessary repairs. Our pipe line has been wearing out and gradually pipe line has been wearing out and gradually pipe line has been wearing out and gradually diminishing for some time, and our pontoons are getting old and leaky; 750 feet of new pipe and 16 new pontoons were authorized by the previous board. They are in course of construction, and will probably be ready for delivery within the next 40 or 50 days.

At this time of the year, before the taxes commence to come in, we usually have a considerable coverficial of the bank apprecation.

siderable overdraft at the bank, aggregating now some \$21,000. At the same period last year it amounted to roughly \$11,500. In 1800 it amounted to about \$18,000. The taxes will shortly be coming in, when it is hoped the balance will be on the other side of the ledger. The tax levy for 1900 should give us an income of \$47,650. There will be a short-age through delinquent taxes, which will, however, be prebably offset by small amounts re-ceived from delinquent taxes of former years.

NEW STREETS OPENED.

Raffety Brothers Sign Deed Making Thoroughfares for Public Use.

The owners of the Raffety addition have prepared and signed a deed to the City of Portland dedicating and opening for street purposes Ellsworth, East Tenth and Brooklyn streets through this addition. The deed reads: 'That we, R. M. Raffety, unmarried, and C. H. and Sarah and Brooklyn streets through this addition. The deed reads: 'That we, R. M. Raffety, unmarried, and C. H. and Sarah Raffety, his wife, of Portland, do make and establish the annexed map and plat as the plat showing the extension of Ellstan and the plat showing the extension of Ellstan and Brooklyn state, or of any county, it is any commer of this state, or of any county, it is any commer of this state, or of any county, it is any commer of this state, or of any county, it is any commer of this state, or of any county, it is any commer of this state, or of any county, it is any commer of this state, or of any county, it is any commer of this state, or of any county, it is any commer of this state, or of any county, it is any commer of this state, or of any county, it is any commer of this state, or of any county, it is any commer of this state, or of any county, it is any commer of this state, or of any county, it is any commer of this state, or of any county, it is any commer of this state, or of any county, it is any commercial to the state of the suppression of the suppression

WANTED: A WAY OUT

Commissioners Groping in in the Dark.

NEITHER SIDE TAKES ACTION

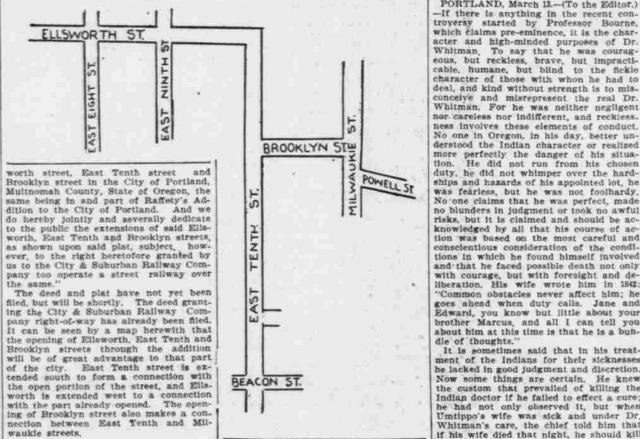
Suggestion That a Crisis Can Be Reached by Criminal Proceedings Against Those Who Will Not Join Judge Cake.

District Attorney Chamberlain will take teps to bring about a legal determination of the County Commissioner's dispute, but has not yet decided what course he will pursue.

Yesterday morning it was indicated to Secretary Seiling was requested to look into the matter of having the dredge inthe District Attorney by Judge Cake and might be reached by the arrest of Commissioners Mack and Showers, under section 1852 of the statute, which pertains to the refusal of an officer to perform his duty. The declination of Mesars. Showers and Mack to obey the new law by meeting with the County Judge, as a Commissioners' Court, was argued to be a re-fusal to do duty within the meaning of the statute mentioned. Section 1852 pro-

If any officer of this state, or of any county,

NEW STREETS OPENED ON THE EAST SIDE.



REACHED A COMPROMISE. Defense Wanted Four Alleged Keno Players Tried Together.

leged gambling cases in connection with the Portland Club had a warm argument, yesterday, in the Municipal Court, as to whether L. Levens, M. Nichols, A. Sim-mons and F. Fietcher, charged with playing keno, should be tried separately or

For the defendants Henry McGinn argued that the case be consolidated, and Lawyer G. C. Moser opposed. Ultimate-ly Municipal Judge Cameron decided to try Levens at 19 o'clock this morning, and other three defendants on Tuesday, the 19th inst. At the outset, Mr. Moser said: "The

objects to these cases being con-"Since when have you become part of the city?" asked Judge McGinn, ironic-

"I am here on behalf of the city as special counsel to the City Attorney, and state that there is no law for the condidation of these cases," retorted the other lawyer.

such action," said McGinn.
"Prosecuted," said Moser in a tone of mild reproof. Then a truce was declared for two hours to enable court and law-yers to look up decisions bearing on the question. On resuming, Mr. Moser read from "The Encyclopedia of Reading and Practice," page 677: "In order that cases consolidated, the action must be between the same plaintiff and the same de He also quoted from Smith vs. Smith, 46 Pacific Reports, to the same effect, and argued that the proposed consolidation of cases was not tenable. "If we had different juries to try each of the four defendants, at least we might expect to get a jury which would be fair and impartial," concluded Mr. Moser, sig-

"Hellen's jury was one of the best that could be got in the city icipal Judge Cameron. the city," protested Mun-

cretion of the court to order the cases tried together." He also read from "Thompson on Trials," section 210: "It is within the discretion of the presiding Judge to order several actions founded on the same subject-matter, brought by some party against several defendants, to be brought together."

Considerable further argument resulted, and then the compromise was reached as to trying Levens today and consolidating the other three cases.

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL.

Rabbi Wise Will Lecture Tonight on

Benjamin Harrison. Dr. Stephen S. Wise will lecture this evening on "Benjamin Harrison, Patriot and Statesman." Strangers are cordially

invited to be present.

Charles M. Kahn, of Boise City, will give an informal talk to the pupils of the religious school, Sunday morning, at 11:30 Dr. Wise is to lecture Tuesday eveni at Newberg on "The Spirit of Judaism."

Arbor Day Programme, Superintendent of Public Instruction Ackerman has prepared an Arbor day programme which he will issue next Tues-day, after which time teachers may ob-tain copies from their County Superin-tendents. The second Friday in April will

WHAT SHALL WE HAVE FOR DES-

be Arbor day.

of Portland, and the engines and manery and pump by the Portland Iron Works.

Let us answer it today. Try Jell-O, a delicitous and healthful dessert. Prepared in two
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boiling water and set to cool. Flavors,
cowns the tug Winona, two good fuel

ficial service or duty performed by such offinecal service or duty performed by such offi-cer, or shall willfully neglect or refuse to per-form such duty or service, to the injury of any one, or the manifest hindrance or obstruc-tion of public justice or husiness, whether such injury, hindrance or obstruction was par-ticularly intended or not, such officer, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imof any such punishments.

phoned to Commissioners Mack and Show-ers to the effect that his attention had been called to this statute, but that no information had yet been filed. an information be sworn to under this law, it will be filed in the State Circuit Court. The law points would probably be raised on demurrer with the question po sented, if all of the legal issues involved could properly be submitted in this man. ner. Being a criminal statute, the final hearing on the facts would have to be before a jury. The jury might return a verdict in favor of the defendants, which, it would seem, would leave the matter as from settlement as in the beginning, far as the legal questions are connect. It is therefore probable that if the sake of safety and the good will of a statute is resorted to, an attempt so far as the legal questions are con-"These men are being persecuted by erned. It is therefore probable that if this statute is resorted to, an attempt will be made to reach a final determina-tion of the case by means of a decision on the law by the court. Naturally if a jury should find the derendants guilty of refusing to perform their duties, and the court should impose a sentence removing them from office, this would be an end of

the defendants. The District Attorney stated that there was nothing personal in the case. was no civil remedy to test the right of Messrs. Mack and Showers to continue to sit as Commissioners under the old law with Mr. Steele, in the transaction of county business. The statute referred to was the speedlest way to bring it up. A quo warranto case would lie against Mr. Steele, who was deposed by the new law and was not refusing to perform any Mr. McGinn read from the City of Springfield va. Sleeper, reported in 115 duties. Mr. Chamberlain's attention had Massachusetts: "It was within the disbeen called to the case, and he had been requested to investigate. If there is any other way to determine the matter, he is willing to listen to suggestions.

> New Law Concerning Commissioners Following is the full text of the new law passed by the recent Legislature: An act to repeal an act entitled "An act to provide for a separate board for the transac-tion of county business in the County of Mult-nomah," passed by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon in 1808, and approved October 15, 1898; and to provide for the ap-pointment of two Commissioners to sit with the County Judge of Multinomah County for the transaction of county business, and to define the duties of the County Court of Mult

Section I. That the act of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, entitled "An act to provide for a separate board for the transaction of county business in the County of Multnomah," passed by the Legislative As-sembly of the State of Oregon in 1898, and approved October 15, 1898, is hereby repealed. Sec. 2. That within 10 days after the taking effect of this act the power and authority of the County Court of Multnomah County for the transaction of county business shall be vested in and shall be exercised by the County Judge of Multnomah County, and Wm. Showers and J. G. Mack, as Commissioners, who shall sit with the County Judge of Multnomah Coun-

ty Commissioner until the general election in

prisonment in the penitentiary not less than six months nor more than one year, or by imprisonment in the county fall not less than three months nor more than one year, or by fine not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, or by dismissal from office with or without either District Attorney Chamberlain tele-

the matter, save the rights of appeal by

A 4 o'clock in the afternoon M. L. Piper and Alexander Bernstein, Jr., attorneys for Showers and Mack, had a conference with Mr. Chamberlain, and various legal plans were spoken of, but no definite conclusion was reached.

He it enacted by the Legislative Assembly that J. G. Mack shall serve as County Com-missioner until the next general election and until his successor is elected and qualified, and that William Showers shall serve as Coun-

country to make war against the heath-

enism of the natives, and if he had adopt. ed the manner of the other he would not have been masterful, he would have been a poltroon. One who has the sympathetic view of the messions finds nothing strange in the actions of this hero, and is disposed to consider him to have been a brave man who knew the danger and did not flinch; who knew the savage nature, distrusted it and yet was willing to hazard his life for the sake of the possible

good he might do; who did impose a dis-cipline upon the Indians that was as masterful as that of Dr. McLoughlin, but having a different purpose it reached a far different result. We agree that the perversion of history cannot honor a man like Dr. Whitman and we would add that the aspersion of his character will neither honor history nor bring this controversy to just settlement.

The International Kindergarten Union

A. W. ACKERMAN.

KINDERGARTEN CONVENTION It Will Be Held in Chicago Early in April.

> The international Relation in holds its eighth annual convention in Chicago. April 10, 11 and 12. This is a federated organization representing 70 federated organization representing 70 clubs, kindergarten clubs, and kindergarten associations, in all parts of this country and Canada. It is the largest kindergarten organization in the world. Miss Caroline T. Haven, of the New York Ethical Schools, is the president, and will conduct the three days' sessions during the Easter holidays. The Chicago Kindergarten Club, with a membership of over 200 (which is 18 years old), is to be the hostess to the international guests. Not less than 1000 delegates and visitors are expected. The officers and executive board of this club constitute the local commit-tee in charge of the entertainment of the International Union, Mrs. Alice H. Putnam being president and Mrs. Mary B. Page vice-president. Most of the meetings will be held in the Fine Arts building. on Michigan boulevard. The handsome rooms of the Chicago Women's Club, on the ninth floor, are the headquarters for the delegates. All educational bodies in the city have been invited to co-operate with the Chicago Kindergarten Club in

making the congress successful. BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth. He sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Ecothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums,

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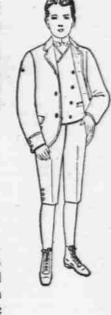
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titled to the same attention as the custom tailor extends to his \$30 and \$40 customers. He receives it here, and from our special assortment of \$15.00 suits he has at least lifteen patterns to select from, not one or two, and they're all new Spring mixtures in tweeds, cassimeres and worsteds. We invite your inspec-

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ATHLON GOES NORTH

FAST PROPELLER SOLD TO PUGET SOUND PARTIES.

November Grain Fleet Arriving Out at Queenstown-Astoria and Buteshire Sail an Even Racc-Marine Notes.

Portland is still supplying Puget Sound with good, fast passenger boats, and within a week or 10 days one of the fast-est propellers that ever turned a wheel on this river will steam around to Seattle to run between that city and Port Or-chard. The steamer Athlon, built by Messrs. Kamm, Kellogg and Shaver, was sold yesterday to H. B. Kennedy, of Se-attle, who a short time ago purchased the steamer Inland Flyer. The Athlon is a handsome propeller 124 feet long, with 19.6 feet beam and seven feet depth of hold. She was built by J. H. Johnson about six months ago, and as the work was done under the personal supervision of Mr. Jacob Kamm, she was a perfect success in every particular. She is equipped with a Paragon boiler, with 1456 he had not only observed it, but when Umtippo's wife was sick and under Dr. Whitman's care, the chief told him that if his wife died that night, he should kill him. Shortly after this the Cayuse war chief died in the hands of the Walla Walla "to-wat" who was shor by the brothfeet of heating surface, and her engines are of the Wells balance-compound type, with cylinders 12 and 14 inches diameter of cylinder and 16 inches stroke. The cab-ins are handsomely furnished, and all er of the dead man in revenge. But Dr. Whitman knew that which some, at around the boat is as fine a craft of her type as has ever been turned out, and has speed sufficient to enable her to hold least have overlooked, that it was only a few of the old men who clung to this her own with anything on Puget Sound, not even excepting the Flyer, which is

also a Portland-built boat. The price paid for the steamer was \$35,-600, and her late owners have probably made as much by selling her as they would have made with her on the route for which she was built. The steamer will go over to Wolff & Zwicker's today to be fitted with coal grate-bars and a toothpick deck. As soon as she is ready she will start for the Sound. The sale was negotiated by W. L. Dudley, formerly of this city, but now engaged in steam boating on Puget Sound. No sooner was the sale consummated than the late owners of the Athlon got together and decided to build another steamer at once. The new craft will be similar to the Athlon, and if she proves as speedy as this ves-

sel her builders will be satisfied. SAILED AN EVEN RACE. Buteshire and Astoria Cross the Pa

cific in Company The British barks Astoria and Buteshire into any such combination, sailed a pretty even race across the Pacific from Hong Kong, but by a streak of luck the Astoria arrived in ahead of the "shire." They left Hong Kong the same day and arrived off the mouth of the river together after a fair passage of 56 days. The Astoria is one of the old-timers in this port, and was christened in honor of early 80s by Iredale & Co., who sailed a great many ships between Europe and Portland. The tin-plate business was very heavy in those days, and every Spring there would be four or five Ire-dale ships coming this way with a general cargo, in which tin-plate was the prinipal item on the manifest.

There was also considerable business canned salmon going forward by sailing vessel around the Horn. The change from foreign to American tin-plate shut off the inward business, and as most of the sal-mon goes by rail, the business for which the Astoria was built has about vanished The wheat trade, however, has increased fast enough to make up for the deficiency in other directions.

NOVEMBER GRAIN FLEET. Sirius and Dalcairnie Arrive Out After Fair Passages.

After many days the November gra fleet is beginning to show up on the shores of Ireland. The German ship Sir-ius, which sailed from this port November 5, arrived at Queenstown Wednesday, and the British ship Dalcairnie, which sailed a day later, passed Kinsdale the same day and received orders to proceed to Antwerp, the respective passages of the vessels being 125 and 127 days, which is pretty close sailing for a 17,000-mile journey. The margin of victory in favor journey. The margin of victory in favor of the British ship is small, but it is still sufficiently large to cause rejoicing among the sailors of old England, who have watched with some misgivings the rise of the German flag on the ocean.

There are still six vessels of the October and November fleet sailing ahead of the Sirius and Dalcairnie to arrive, and about a dozen which sailed later in November. If the flying run of the Cedarbank is to be beaten by any of the 1900 ships, it

FOR THE SUBSIDY. Steel Trust May Build a Fleet of Cargo Steamers.

NEW YORK, March 14.—That the United States Steel Corporation is to build a fleet of cargo steamers similar to that owned by the Standard Oil Company, to carry its products, is a rumor on Wall street, according to the World. It is also street, according to the World. It is also said that there is seriously contemplated a combination with the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company, the Sloss-Sheffield Iron at \$57,500. She was dispatched by the

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will leave down the river today.

at Manila on his last trip.

Captain Harry Struve, well known in this port and at present master of the

ASTORIA, March 14.-Arrived at 7:15 A. M.-Steamer Ruth, from Seattle; at 3 P.

San Francisco, March 14.-Arrived-

Redondo-Arrived March 12-Schooner

Laura Madsen, from Gray's Harbor. Port Gamble—Arrived March 13—Queen,

Tacoma, for Tacoma.
Nanaimo, March 14.—Sailed—Steamer
San Matco, for Port Los Angeles.
Yokohama—Arrived March 11.—Steamer

Empress of China, from Vancouver, Falmouth-Arrived March 13-German

Cape Spartel—Passed March 12—British steamer Hyson, from Tacoma. Queenstown—Arrived March 13—German

ship Sirius, from Portland. Kiao Chou-Arrived March 10-Caith-

Naples, March 14.-Arrived-Ching Wo

from Portland, Or., via St. Vincent, C. V. Yokohama-Salled March 13-Tacoma,

from Hong Kong for Tacoma. Liverpool, March 14.—Arrived—Teutonlo, from New York.

New York, March 14.—Sailed—La Champagne, for Havre, Queenstown, March 14.—Sailed—Oceanic,

from Liverpool for New York. Neah Bay-Passed is March 13-British ship Lynton, from Liverpool. Liverpool, March 14.-Salled-New Eng-

ship Henrietta, from Tacoma

ness, from Tacoma.

Yokohama-Sailed March 13-Steam

from Kahului.

Company, and the Republic Iron & Steel Company, whose combined capital is over \$100,000,000. President Baxter, of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company, has, flagship of the Government's transport fleet out of San Francisco, was married ever, denied that his company will go

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—The Pa-cific Mail Steamship Company has inaugurated a vigorous rate war on freight and passenger business between this port and all intermediate ports between here M., American bark Harry Morse, Sailed at 7:15 A. M., steamer Geo. W. Elder, for San Francisco. Arrived down at 4:39, and Panama. Freight rates, which have hitherto ranged from \$6 to \$12 per ton hitherto ranged from \$6 to \$12 per ton on shipments to and from this port, have outside at 4:20, three square-riggers. Congiven way to a flat rate of \$3 per ton, dition of the bar at 5 P. M., rough; wind given way to a flat rate of \$3 per ton, weight or measurement. At the same time passenger rates have been cut in

northeast; weather hazy.
Portland, Me., March 14.—Sailed—Nu-midian, for Liverpool; Belgian, for An-The other companies in the business have been forced to adopt the same rates, and it is said that still further reductions Steamer Titania, from Nanaimo; steamer Homer, from Coos Bay; steamer Leelamay be made in the near future. It is stated that the rate war will not affect naw, from Seattle. Sailed-Steamer Co-lumbia, for Astoria; schooner Western coffee shipments from Central America, Home, for Coos Bay; schooner Albion, as the crop of the present season has been pretty well cleaned up.

Tillamook Lumber Shipping. TILLAMOOK, March 14.—The Truckee Lumber Company's sawmill at Hobsonville has been the scene of much activ-ity the past month. There are now three steam lumber schooners loading at the mill—the W. H. Kruger, Acme and Chico—each with a carrying capacity of over 60,600 feet of lumber. At the present time there is pienty of water on Tillamook bar and a straight channel to the sea, and if this remains so for any length of time quite a large quantity of lumber will be shipped from Tillamook Bay.

About 100 feet of the dock at Wheeler & Co.'s sawmill, on the Nehalem River, collapsed, taking down with it about 200,—200 feet of lumber principally dressed 800 feet of lumber, principally dressed

ASTORIA, March 14.—The revenue cut. ter Commodore Perry has received orders to proceed at once to Puget Sound. It is expected that she will be sent from the Sound to San Francisco, where a new

boiler will be placed in her. The American bark Harry Morse, which arrived in this afternoon from San Franland, for Queenstown and Boston.
Rotterdam, March 14.—Sailed—Maas-dam, for Bouogne and New York. cisco, is under charter to the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company to load supplies for its Bristol Bay cannery.

The German ship Niobe arrived up from Astoria yesterday morning. It has been but little over a year since the vessel was in port last. At that time an unfortunate accident happened on board, Charles Gallagher losing his life by being struck with a steel beam. Naples, March 14.-Arrived-Trave, from NEW TODAY.

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