MANY FOREIGN STEAMERS

PORTLAND HAS DISPATCHED A DOZEN IN THREE MONTHS.

Wheat and Flour Shipments Yesterday Were Over 400,000 Bushels—Marine Notes.

The British steamship Queen Mary, under charter to the Pacific Export Lumber Company, of this city, arrived at Vancouver yesterday afternoon, after an unusually long passage from Java. The steamer brings a full cargo of sugar for the Vancouver refinery, and after discharging it will come around to Portland to load lumber for the far East. This is the third of the Pacific Export Lumber Company's fleet to make long passages across the Pacific this year, two of the others, the Wilhelmina and Folmina, being so long on the way that they missed their charters. The number of foreign steamships loading at Portland last year broke all previous records, and from the start that has been made this year an even greater number of the ocean tramps will come to Portland in 1902. Including the regular liners, 12 big steamships have left this port since January 1. There are three in the river and two others nearly due, so that the month of April will more than keep up the average of a steamer a week. The Maria, which finished loading yesterday, will leave down today, and the next steamer to follow will be the Theodore Wille, which will finish loading next week. The repairs to the Quito will probably be finished next week and she will undoubtedly be taken up for some kind of business. The Strathgyle, of the Portland & Asiatic Steamship Company, will reach port next week, and before she leaves the river the Queen Mary will be around. The falling off in the Oriental flour trade will make business bad for some of the tramp steamers, but the lumber business is growing so rapidly that many of them will be taken for that trade. The steamers departing since January 1 and their net registered tonnage were as follows: Knight Companion, 2630; Strathgyle, 2284; Argyll, 2289; Palatinia, 2238; Margretha, 2164; Hatieu, 2160; Pembrokeshire, 2767; Thyra, 2419; Indravelli, 2152; Oceano, 3050; Adato, 2145; Indrapura, 2152; Maria, 1989.

THE STEAMER METLAKO.

White Collar Line Rechristens the Bonita With Legendary Title.

The White Collar Line has just obtained permission from the Bureau of Navigation to change the name of its new steamer Bonita, recently purchased to alternate with the Tahoma on The Dalles-Portland line, and the new name selected is Met-la-ko, with the accent on the ko. Notice of the authorized change is now being published, and by next Sunday it is expected all the legal formalities will have been complied with, and the steamer will sail under her new name. Thus the scenic route between Portland and The Dalles will be served by sister steamers of this line—the Tahoma and the Metlako—bearing names well known in Indian legends of the region.

The significance of the two names is given in the following "Legend of Tahoma (Mount Rainier) and Metlako," as told by an old Puyallup Indian:

Beginning, he said that the mountain had not always occupied its present proud and isolated position. That in the "hyas ancutty," or long, long ago, when the Great Spirit created beings in his own image, and possessed of the powers of speech and action, that he endowed them with much greater knowledge and powers than the present race of Indians were blessed with.

Among them was a Chief Do-ce-wallops, whose word was law over all the Puget Sound country, which at that time was a beautiful valley, abounding in all kinds of pleasant places, fish and game. He was descended from Ne-ka-na and La-wis-wis, whom tradition links with Puyallup Valley, which is said to be the Eden of the Indian; and also with the story of how the wild rose bush first grew thorns. For reasons of state, it was urged upon him to take as his spouse a Columbia River Princess, a goddess who held sway over the salmon known to those water. For many moons he hesitated; his affections had been given to Ta-ho-ma, a beautiful maiden of his own people, one whose time was spent in causing laughing streamlets to burst forth here and there from hillside and plain, giving drink to the earth's mantle of green, its bush, animal and the people.

As a compromise, it was proposed that he take both of the charmers to wife, which he did, but it was not long before jealousy arose between them and his wigwam ceased to be at peace. Met-la-ko, the Columbia River bride, had borne her lord a son. Ta-ho-ma was barren of issue. Anger over her lot bred dislike for the new addition to the family circle, and she resolved upon his death. Fearing that danger threatened her babe, Met-la-ko went forth, as Hager of old, wandering in the wilds, refusing to return.

The conduct of his wives so unsettled the mind of Do-ce-wallops that he began to persecute his people, and often killed them. At last he contemplated their extermination, and was making preparation to that end when the Great Spirit stepped in and became the arbiter of the family destiny.

To each he decreed their fate, Ta-ho-ma being the first to feel his power. In disposing of her he purposed to place before others that were wives a warning—one that would always be in view, a simile of what jealousy would bring to them.

By will and wave of hand the spot where a woman stood no longer knew her form, for high towards the dome of blue, as if its peak were lifted to kiss the stars, Ta-ho-ma, once a maid so beautiful, became a mountain grand. Around her form he wrapped a mantle white and cold, ever keeping the fire of jealousy within from bursting forth to harm as she had done before. As the transformation took place, the brooklets she had caused to lend song to the meadows through which they ran ceased to flow, and lamentation was great upon the earth, to appease which, the Great Spirit touched Ta-ho-ma's higher elevation, when, as if a fair one with water jars in arm, lakes were formed from which come down the mountain side the many streams that feed the verdure in the valleys below. From this the meaning of Ta-ho-ma has been since known as "nourishing breast."

The valley that had ceased to be a paradise was made to sink below the adjacent lands, and in its fall its sides were left abrupt, indented and at times pierced with fissures extending far away. Over this once smiling scope of country rushed the ceaseless ebb and flood of ocean's tide to ever hide its face. As the Great Spirit wrought these changes, Do-ce-wallops, together with Met-la-ko and her son, fled to the north. As Met-la-ko grew tired through the weight of the salmon she could not leave behind, she threw them into the streams and canals putting into the newly-made sound, and there today can be caught each species, and that only from the waters where she deposited them. At last her fate overtook her, her snow-capped monument being now known as Mount Solomon. Hard by, as mute as the granite into which he became changed, stands her son, and although crested with white, is not much of an eminence. Do-ce-wallops is of still less height, and so because he was so insignificant when a man was needed to quell the rising of a storm caused by a couple of women given to quarreling.

HEAVY GRAIN CLEARING.

Torrisdale, Ernest Le Gouve and Maria Are Ready for Sea.

The clearances of wheat, flour included, from Portland yesterday, were over 400,000 bushels, which is a pretty good figure for one day with the season's business so nearly over. The French bark Ernest Le Gouve was cleared by the Northwestern Warehouse Company with 110,825 bushels of wheat, valued at $72,150. The British bark Torrisdale was cleared by the Portland Flouring Mills Company with 152,172 bushels of wheat, valued at $86,107. Both of these vessels go to Queenstown or Falmouth for orders. The Austrian steamship Maria was cleared by the Pacific Export Lumber Company for Vladivostock, with 28,000 barrels of flour, valued at 98,750, and about 300,000 feet of lumber. The British ship Devenby Hall finished loading, and will clear today. The Agnes Oswald is next on the list to load, but as she has just finished discharging inward cargo, it will be a number of days before she will be ready for sea. The Vendee, which is under charter for wheat loading, has not yet finished discharging her inward cargo, and as her repairs are not yet completed, it will probably be well on toward the end of the month before she is ready for sea.

The Speke Not Fined.

ASTORIA, Or., April 9.—The fine of $5000 imposed by Collector of Customs Fox a few days ago on the British ship Speke for failure to bring Consular bills of health from South Australia has been dismissed. The manifest which Captain Stott filed when he arrived showed that the vessel came from Adelaide. The clearance papers showed that she was from Port Adelaide. At the former place there is an American Consul, but none at the latter, so Captain Stott could not secure Consular bills of health. He was permitted today to file an amended manifest, and the fine against the vessel was dismissed.

Antilla a Total Wreck.

TUCKERTON, N. J., April 9.—The British bark Antilla, Captain Reed, which went ashore on Long Island Beach on the night of March 28, broke in two during the heavy northeast gale yesterday. The cargo of hides is floating out of her sides and she is liable to become a complete wreck. She had a cargo of 40,000 hides, 8000 of which have been landed on the beach and are being shipped to New York.

American Ship Lost.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—Word has been received here of the loss of the American ship Iroquois, in the Java Seas. The Iroquois was commanded by Captain Thompson, of this city, and was manned by 30 men. The dispatch does not report the safety of the crew, and it is feared that they were lost. The Iroquois was bound from New York to Tsinsau, China.

More Missing Ships.

LONDON, April 9.—The Norwegian ship Thor, Captain Anderson, from Savannah, November 26, for Glasgow, and the Italian bark Maria Magdalen, Captain Garibaldi, from Mobile, August 2, for Rosario, have been posted at Lloyd's as missing. Neither vessel has been heard from since she sailed.

To Search for Lost Vessel.

LONDON, April 9.—The Admiralty has ordered the cruiser Thames to search the North Atlantic for the missing Allan liner Huronian, which left Glasgow March 28 for St. John, and has not been reported.

Overdue Steamer Arrives.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 9.—The overdue sugar tramp steamer Queen Mary arrived in the Straits this morning, after a passage of 40 days from Moji. She is bound to Vancouver from Java.

Marine Notes.

The schooner Repeat, of the Simpson fleet, sailed from San Francisco yesterday, for Knappton, where she will load lumber.

The British ship Fingal, now overdue at Puget Sound, was spoken February 24 by the British ship Speke in latitude 20:19 south, longitude 104:49 west. She reported all well.

The British bark Peter Iredale has arrived at Royal Roads, from Honolulu, and is on the disengaged list. The Scottish Hills, under charter to load lumber reached Port Townsend yesterday.

The steamship Folmina, which was on the disengaged list on Puget Sound for a long time, is again offering for wheat business. She made one trip in the Coast coal trade, but prefers wheat to Europe at 26s 3d.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, April 9.—Sailed at 4 P. M.—Schooner Novelty, for San Francisco. Condition of the bar at 4 P. M., rough; wind southwest; weather cloudy.

Beachy Head.—April 7—Passed—British bark Samantha, for Portland.

St. Michael.—Passed April 8—British bark Crown of India, from Portland.

San Francisco, April 9.—Sailed—Schooner Repeat, for Portland.

New York, April 9.—Arrived—Pennland, from Antwerp.

Naples, April 9.—Arrived—Kaiserin Maria Theresa, from New York.

Tacoma, April 9.—Arrived—American bark Carrollton, from San Francisco; steamer Capilano, from New Westminster.

Seattle, April 9.—Sailed—Steamer John S. Kimball, for San Francisco; steamer Queen, for San Francisco; steamer Dolphin, for Skagway; steamer Elihu Thompson, for Skagway; steamer Al-Ki, for Skagway; ship America, for Uyak Bay; ship Guy C. Goss, for Fairhaven. Arrived—Steamer Dirigo, from Skagway; steamer Umatilla, from San Francisco; steamer St. Paul, from San Francisco.

Southampton, April 9.—Arrived—St. Paul, from New York.

Cherbourg, April 9.—Sailed—Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, from Bremen and Southampton for New York.

San Francisco, April 9.—Sailed—Ship Glory of the Seas, for Comox; ship Oriental, for Pyramid Harbor; schooner Repeat, for Astoria; bark Ruth, for Tacoma; schooner Courtney Ford, for Port Hadlock; steamer Meteor, for New Whatcom; schooner Monterey, for Coos Bay. Arrived—Schooner Albion, from Coquille River; schooner Parkersburg, from Coquille River; steamer South Coast, from Tillamook.

Salerno, April 3.—Arrived—Argyll, from Portland, via St. Vincent, C. V., and Naples.

Queenstown, April 9.—Arrived—Ivernia, from Boston, for Liverpool.

Southampton, April 9.—Sailed—Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, from Bremen and New York.

New York, April 9.—Sailed—St. Louis, from Southampton; Majestic, from Liverpool; Southwark, from Antwerp.

Commander of Militia Resigns.

CHICAGO, April 9.—When seen today regarding his resignation, General Fitzsimons said:

"Some time ago I signed what has been called a 'round robin' concerning the actions of the Republican State Central Committee. A few days later I heard through a friend that Governor Yates was incensed at finding my signature there, and took the 'round robin' as a reflection on his administration. I, therefore, without waiting to hear from the Governor, wrote him and explained that the circular did not reflect on the administration, but merely on the State Central Committee. A few days ago I got a 1200-word letter from him, asking for my resignation. According to the military regulations, a Brigadier-General can be removed only by resignation or court-martial. I did not care to have any fuss, however, and sent about three lines, tendering my resignation."

CROWDER'S INVESTIGATION

Army Officers May Inspect the British Camp at Chalmette.

NEW ORLEANS, April 9.—Colonel E. H. Crowder, of the War Department, who arrived here yesterday to investigate the alleged British army post at Chalmette, has opened an office. He expressed a wish that those interested in opposite sides of the controversy would furnish him a list of their witnesses, that he might examine them. He said he would later possibly visit Chalmette and make full inspection of the system and extent of the operations there.

An Exchange of Notes.

CHICAGO, April 9.—The Tribune's New Orleans correspondent says there has been an exchange of notes between Colonel E. H. Crowder, assigned to investigate charges made by Boer representatives that England is violating the neutrality laws, and Captain Fenner, ranking member of the squad of English officers directing the shipment of horses and mules to South Africa. Saturday General Samuel Pearson, the Boer representative, is expected to arrive from Washington. He, too, will be called on for proof of his charges.

Colonel Crowder refuses to discuss his mission. It is understood, however, that his orders from Adjutant-General Corbin are broad to a degree, leaving him full away as to the methods to be pursued in gathering facts and the scope of the inquiry.

TO RENOVATE A CHURCH

CENTENARY METHODIST EDIFICE TO BE REMODELED.

Improvements Will Increase Capacity of Its Auditorium.

The trustees of Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church are figuring on overhauling the church building and making some important changes in the inside arrangements, the cost of which will be about $2000. In the basement it is proposed to lower the floor of the large lecture-room and thus make the ceiling higher. The lecture and Sunday schoolroom is located in the basement, but the ceiling is too low, and it has not been used for this purpose. There will also be some other important changes in the basement, the details of which have not been worked out yet.

In the auditorium the most important changes are under consideration. One plan is to remove the folding doors which now separate the auditorium and the apartment occupied by the Sunday school, and enlarge the auditorium so as to include nearly all the space now occupied by the Sunday school room. In the gallery at the rear end the small apartments will be moved and light freely admitted from the windows in that part of the church into the auditorium. One object is to increase the seating capacity of the auditorium on the floor. When these changes shall have been made the sessions of the Sunday school will be held in the basement room.

Since the church was dedicated over 10 years ago it has never received an overhauling, as its finances would not admit of this being done, but the church has passed through its financial crisis, and is now in a more prosperous condition than at any time in its history. Many new members have been coming in, and it now feels strong enough to undertake to carry the burden of these improvements. Collections have been on the increase, and on Easter nearly $500 was raised without special effort.

Just when work will be commenced has not been settled. An architect, with some of the trustees and Rev. W. B. Hollingshead, made a careful examination of the building yesterday. Plans will be prepared and estimates of cost of the work will be made. This will be done within a week, when the trustees will have something to start with.

FOR SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

President Pratt Says Association Will Raise $10,000 for Its Erection.

M. L. Pratt, president of the Soldiers' Monument Association, organized to erect a monument in Lone Fir cemetery, in memory of the Indian, Mexican, Civil and Spanish-American War Veterans, in speaking of the prospects of the project yesterday, remarked:

"From indications and reliable information I believe that we shall raise $10,000 for the erection of this monument. We shall not get this money from Portland, but from the Northwest. This is the first effort that has been made to erect a suitable monument to the memory of the pioneer Indian veterans on this Coast, and it must be done now, or perhaps it will never be done. The Indian War Veterans, who are part of the pioneer contingent, are passing away, and when they are gone there may be no one to take up the project of erecting a monument to their memory. The Indian War Veterans are taking interest in this movement throughout the state, and they are going to give us substantial help. The Pioneer Association and the Indian War Veterans at their annual gatherings this year will be invited to assist in the movement.

The members of the association are discussing the probable programme for Memorial day, May 31. On that day it is proposed to dedicate with appropriate ceremonies the site donated by the Lone Fir Association for this monument. It is considered that such an exercise will attract attention to the monument and aid in the work of raising funds for its erection. It is possible that the corner-stone of the monument will be laid on that day. If this be done it will be a formality, as the foundation of the shaft cannot be laid so far in advance of the actual work of construction. The foundation will probably be concrete. It is proposed that a stone block of proper dimensions be prepared, with an opening for the deposit of articles, and laid, and then taken up sealed, and when the foundation is built it can be placed in it. This course may be taken.

At the meeting of the association, which will be held April 27, the programme for Memorial day will be talked over and plans will be laid. The members have set themselves to work to make the building fund $1000 by that time, and the prospects are that they will raise a larger sum by that time.

NEW CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Hundreds of Feet of This Material Are Being Laid on the East Side.

Hundreds of feet of new concrete sidewalk are being laid on the East Side. G. M. Settlemeir is laying 200 feet of this sidewalk on East Ankeny street. C. N. Rankin has just completed 200 feet around his quarter block on East Burnside and East Twelfth streets. Charles Wilson will put down 100 feet on East Burnside. Many new sidewalks that are to be rebuilt while East Burnside is being improved will be of concrete. John Cordray and other property-owners near his home will rebuild with concrete.

Last year more of this kind of sidewalk was laid than for many years before, and this year the same will be true. The cleanness and enduring character of concrete for walks are being more generally recognized than before. Before most of the hundreds of new dwellings concrete will be used, and in the course of a few years the rotten wooden sidewalks will disappear altogether.

WOODSTOCK IMPROVEMENT.

New Water Works Being Built and Park Station Will Be Established.

At Woodstock extensive improvements are being made to the water works plant, which is being rebuilt. The new tower will stand on a concrete foundation 30 feet square alongside the present structure. A redwood tank, with a capacity for 20,000 gallons of water, will be built. The old tower has become insecure, and the new one will be a vast improvement. A steady supply of water at all times will be supplied.

In connection with these improvements it is proposed to transform the adjoining block, 100 feet square, near the new water tower, into a park. The Push Club proposes to move the station to the ground, have it fenced, and then make a park out of it. It will be cultivated. Flower beds will be made and shrubbery set out in the inclosure. The park will be part of the station. J. Gilstrap, president of the Push Club, is urging these latter improvements.

Death of John W. Battin.

John Wesley Battin, a veteran of the Civil War, died yesterday morning at his residence on the Base Line road, just beyond the city limits. He had been confined to his home for seven months. Mr. Battin was born in Chester County, Penn., August 9, 1845. When 18 years of age, February 10, 1865, he enlisted as a private in Company G, Second Regiment, Pennsylvania Artillery, and served about three years. He came to Portland 16 years ago, and had resided on the Base Line road for 14 years. In Portland he was associated with his brother, the late Henry E. Battin, in the commission business. He was a member of Sumner Post, No. 12, G. A. R., and also a member of the Good Fellows order, with an insurance of $2000. A wife and the following children survive him: Harvey A Battin, of Dawson; Phineas, Lizabeth, Mary, Margaret, Portland. A brother is residing in San Diego, Cal. The funeral will be under the auspices of Summer Post, Saturday afternoon from the house at 2 o'clock.

Preaching by Bishop B. R. Jones.

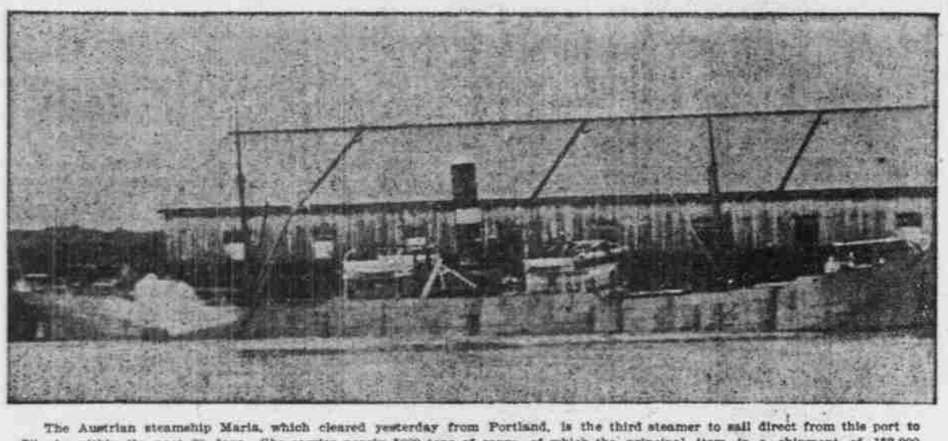
Bishop B. R. Jones, of the Free Methodist Church, will preach at 7:30 each evening this week from Thursday to Sunday, and at 11 A. M. Sunday, in the church, corner East Ninth and Hall streets.

East Side Notes.

Helen D. Harford, president of the State W. C. T. U., will talk to the children of Sunnyside this afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the Boys' Brigade hall, East Yamhill and East Thirty-fourth streets.

Bishop W. M. Stanford, of the United Evangelical Church, will pass through Portland today, on his way to Dallas, to preside over the Oregon Conference, which will convene in that place tomorrow morning.

AUSTRIAN STEAMSHIP MARIA CLEARED YESTERDAY FOR VLADIVOSTOCK.



The Austrian steamship Maria, which cleared yesterday from Portland, is the third steamer to sail direct from this port to Siberia within the past 60 days. She carries nearly 5000 tons of cargo, of which the principal item is a shipment of 152,000 sacks of flour. She also has on board over 300,000 feet of lumber, and a lot of piling and miscellaneous merchandise. The vessel was dispatched by the Pacific Export Lumber Company.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS.

Marriage Licenses.

James Perry Campbell, 22; Lavina Barker Munro, 20.

Guiseppe Saltalamaceho, 25; Mary R. Farni, 18.

Birth Returns.

April 4, girl to wife of J. Solomon, First and Hall streets.

April 7, girl to wife of S. C. Howitt, 405 East Yamhill street.

Death Returns.

April 7, Joseph D. Cavanaugh, 29 years, 181 Chapman street; consumption.

April 7, Charles W. Howell, 85 years, County Hospital; senility.

April 7, May L. Prentis; age not given, 732 Second street; alcoholism.

April 7, Isabella I. Rutherford, 2 days, 555 Milwaukee street; pneumonia.

April 7, Conrad Heigar, 12 days, 735 East Fourteenth street; colic.

Contagious Diseases.

R. Feetus, arrived from Kansas; smallpox.

Mrs. Powell, East Oak, near East Third street; smallpox.

Amanda White, 599 Milwaukie street; variola.

Building Permits.

Albers & Schneider, alterations to building, southeast corner Front and Main streets, $12,000.

E. Kroner, two-story dwelling, Gantenbein avenue, between Stanton and Morris streets; $1800.

E. Kroner, two-story dwelling Goodsell street, between East Stark and East Pine; $1800.

Portland Trust Company, two-story dwelling, Hawthorne avenue, between East Twenty-first and East Twenty-second; $2600.

Portland Trust Company, two-story dwelling, East Madison street; between East Twenty-first and East Twenty-second; $2000.

Emily Stewart, cottage, corner Vancouver avenue and Bain street; $1100.

Real Estate Transfers.

J. W. Guttridge to H. N. Scott, trustee, lots 9, 10, block 17; lot 10, block 18, Lincoln Park	.....
Roman Catholic Archbishop to John A. Zahn, 28 acres, sections 17 and 18, T. 1 N., R. 1 E.	$ 1
P. H. Marlay and wife to J. T. Thompson, ½ of lot 7, block 1, Brendle's Addition	1
Mary P. Montgomery, executrix, to Northwest Door Company, 17x233 feet river lot 9	12,300
J. Frank Watson and wife to Patrick McCarren, lots 25, 26, block 16, Point View	100
G. B. Barnett to Emma Summerfield, 1¼ acres, section 6, T. 1 N., R. 1 E.	312
Louise Newhall and husband to Joseph Weber, ½ acre, section 22, T. 1 S., R. 1 E.	400
Alex Birkmeyer to Joseph Weber, ½ acre section 22, T. 1 S., R. 1 E.	400
J. A. Stephens to Katie Schneider, lot 1, block 18, Kinzel Park	340
Germania Savings & Loan Society to George Shearer, parcel land, Belleview Addition	5
E. May and wife to E. L. Lalumiere, part of lot 9, Melrose Tract	475
Elizabeth Barron and husband to M. N. Munly, N. ½ of lot 14, block 35, Irvington	1
Mary J. Smith to Patrick McCarron, parcel land, sections 6, 7, T. 1 N., R. 1 E., W. M.	750
City of Portland to Germania Savings & Loan Society, 100x100, adjoining N. side of block 102, Caruthers' Addition; also a tract between block P and city tract, Portland	1
Pacific Coast Ab., Guar. & Tr. Co. to Ellen Kroner, lot 2, block 8, Railroad Shops Addition to Albina	400
Mary N. Munley and husband to E. Barron, S. ½ of lot 14, block 35, Irvington	1
Robert Irving and wife to Theo Nicolai, parcel land, section 22, T. 1 S., R. 1 E., W. M.	700
E. J. Johnson and wife to W. H. Merrick, N. ½ of NE. ¼, section 19, T. 1 S., R. 4 E.	100
W. H. Merrick to P. H. Roork, same description	50
Margaret A. Scoggins to Henrietta E. Failing, trustee, undivided one-third of the shooting ranch, Sauvie's Island	2,500
Joseph Paquet and wife to same, same	2,400

Abstracts, and title insurance, by the Pacific Coast Abstract Guaranty & Trust Co., 204-5-6-7 Failing building.

Injured at an Initiation.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 9.—Charles Lewis, of Berlin, Ottawa County, who has brought suit against the Modern Woodmen Society for $50,000 damages, because of injuries alleged to have been received in an initiation into the society, which necessitated the amputation of a leg, has been removed to his home in a dying condition. He has been in a local hospital for some time. A few days ago he grew so much worse that the doctors gave up hope of his recovery, and today he was removed to his home. In the event of his death his heirs will take up the suit against the Woodmen.