

SUPPLY HOME LINE

Portland Steamers to Cape Nome Should be Favored.

GET TRADE OF THE GOLD FIELDS

This City Will Be the Port of Departure of the California & Oregon Company.

The Board of Trade is interesting Portland merchants in a movement to give their cordial support to all the passengers they can command on the line of steamers advertised to run between Portland and Cape Nome this year.

The California & Oregon Coast Steamship company is advertising three steamers to sail from Portland. These are the Geo. W. Elder, Nome City and Despatch.

The Portland agent of the California & Oregon Company, Mr. Baumgartner, gave assurance that the Seattle company had no right to schedule the steamers of the Portland line, and that it could not make arrangements for passengers and freight on the line of steamers to the Portland line.

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WASHINGTON, March 16.—Dr. C. H. Weeks, of Salem, is at the Riggs-Howard Preston, of Seattle, is in Washington. Senator Turner is in New York on private business.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The following nominations of people resident in New York today: D. Sherman, of Seattle, at the Manhattan; F. H. Browning, of Portland, at the Sinclair, and E. R. Piper and wife, of Portland, at the Marlborough.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—Arrivals from Portland are registered at the hotels here as follows: J. H. O'Brien, E. F. Williams, at the Palace; A. W. Oobcock and wife, J. R. Bowles, at the Grand; E. E. Quinn, D. A. Fletcher, at the Golden West; J. Kinman, J. Kinman and wife, at the Occidental; J. B. Kirkland, at the Jack House.

NEW YORK, March 16.—C. C. Quackenbush, of Portland, was a visitor at the Eastern office of the Oregonian today. He arrived yesterday and leaves tonight for Connecticut, but will return to New York in a few days. Mr. Quackenbush said: "I am quite glad indeed to see a familiar copy of the Oregonian. It is considered here as the mouthpiece of conservatism in the Northwest, and is ranked with the great journals of the country."

SMALL TIMBER WASTED.

Wisconsin Man's Criticism of Oregon Mill Methods.

"If Wisconsin sawmill men had what Oregon sawmill waste, we would get rich in a short time," said George Clayton, a Rhineclander, Wis., lumberman, who is visiting the Coast on a pleasure tour, though he may ultimately invest in Oregon timber lands.

Speaking of waste, he continued: "If we even had your four-foot slabs back there we would saw them up into box lumber and get \$10 per thousand for them. We don't make a log of a four-inch surface and proceed to make lumber of everything from four inches in width up. We cut trees down that will square five inches at the top, and these logs are worth at the mills \$7.50 a thousand. The lumber is in good demand at \$10 per thousand. Then we get a good deal more lumber than we can use."

"There will be a good deal of money made in the lumbering business out here," he continued, "not by those who are cutting it now, but by those who are making it. The heavy timber has been mostly cut away. Trees that loggers won't look at now will be in demand at good prices, and mills will make \$100 per thousand for them. We will take them back there, and conditions here will ultimately be the same."

Mr. Clayton expresses surprise at the low cost of living in Portland and the reasonable charges made by our hotels and restaurants, considering the service.

"We have to pay double what you Portlanders do for hotel and restaurant service," he said, "but I don't know how you cater to the comforts of man out here can make anything at the prices they charge. There cannot be much difference in the cost of provisions or in the price of Portlanders only charge us half price. It's a mystery to me."

RECKLESS WHEELMEN.

Big Chances Taken on the Madison Street Bridge.

The work of renewing the Madison Street bridge trusses is now drawing to a close, and the trusses are being replaced by new supporting timbers and girders. Pedestrians and wheelmen have quite a time getting past the obstructions on the west end, and many bikers overlook the danger of passing over the dismantled portion of the bridge.

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IN THE SEVERAL COURTS

SUIT AGAINST JOHN MONTAG AND EDWARD KILLFEATHER.

Montag Was Killfeather's Surety on Forfeited Bond—Theodore Paris' Heirs Ask Administrator.

The action of the Hibernia Savings Bank against John Montag and Edward Killfeather to recover \$500 on a note was filed in the County Court yesterday.

Montag testified that he signed the note and understood that the bank was to become a surety for Killfeather, and he did not know anything about the check until after it was paid, and he was notified to call and pay the note.

Theodore Paris' heirs asked the court to appoint an administrator for the estate of Theodore Paris, deceased.

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Frank B. Grant asked for a nonsuit, arguing that the plaintiff had not made out a case in law.

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FRUITERS TO ORGANIZE

SUBORDINATE ASSOCIATIONS ARE PROVIDED FOR.

Good Prospect That 75 Per Cent of the Growers Will Sign the Agreement by June.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Cured Fruit Association of the Pacific Northwest, at the office of Secretary Doehring, at the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday morning, further steps in the line of organization were taken.

By-laws were adopted. It was voted to have the executive committee canvassing for signatures to the agreement between the association and individual fruitgrowers. The directors may employ assistants at an expense of not to exceed \$2 a day, payable upon condition that the association shall be permanently organized at the June meeting.

The following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That the Board of Directors of this association be requested to arrange for the organization of subordinate associations of growers, in order that such organizations may promote the work of this association in districts remote from headquarters by helping to extend all influences favoring co-operation, and by providing for all needs of the membership of the association, which are distinctly local, and to afford a means through which any protests or complaints or recommendations from such sections may be presented to the association."

The constitution and by-laws recommended for the subordinate associations follows: Article I. The name of this association shall be the Cured Fruit Association of the Pacific Northwest.

Article II. All persons engaged in or interested in fruitgrowing, curing or packing are eligible for membership.

Article III. The objects of this association are: First—to promote the best interests of those engaged in horticulture in all its branches, with special reference to the curing and packing of fruit to furnish members with valuable information and pleasant recreation. Second—to promote acquaintance and interchange of ideas, encourage unity of action and inspire mutual confidence, especially in the work of the Cured Fruit Association of the Pacific Northwest.

Article IV. The officers of the association shall be a President, Treasurer, Secretary and five Trustees, who shall perform such duties as are required of them, or are directed by the association, and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The Secretary shall report to the Cured Fruit Association of the Pacific Northwest, from time to time, with a balance sheet and kind of fruit raised by members.

Article V. All persons who sign the constitution and by-laws shall thereby become members of the association, and shall pay the membership fee, but the male members shall be subject to an annual charge of \$1.

Article VI. The annual meeting shall be held at the annual accounts and reports shall be presented for approval and the officers elected, shall be held at the usual place of meeting on the last day of the month of June.

Article VII. Regular meetings will be held each month at 7 o'clock, and special meetings may be called by the President.

The executive committee will print 500 copies of the constitution and by-laws for distribution.

Secretary Doehring said yesterday that cured-fruit men in Oregon and Washington are taking a great interest in the proposed association. Many encouraging letters are received from them, and not a few include the membership fee of \$5.

Fruitgrowers realize the need of protection in the curing and packing of