

MARCHWHEATSHIPS

Five More Arrivals Since Last Saturday.

FAMOUS SWANHILDA IN PORT

Alaska Packers' Association Has a Big Fleet of Ships—Tacoma Paper Makes Ridiculous Assertion Regarding Portland Shipping.

The March grain fleet is coming along sufficiently early in the month to guarantee a good crop of wheat before April 1. The arrivals Saturday and Sunday include five vessels of nearly 10,000 tons net register, and with a carrying capacity of about 60,000 bushels of wheat. The Comibank, which arrived in Saturday, was not delayed long at Astoria, but continued her journey up the river, reaching Portland yesterday morning. The arrivals Sunday included the Swanhilda, a ship made famous the world over about a year ago, on account of her bringing Butler, the Australian murderer, to San Francisco. She was launched today at Rich's shipyard. The vessel will play between New York, San Francisco and Honolulu.

FACTS SLIGHTLY MIXED.

Misrepresentation of a Tacoma Paper Regarding Shipping Matters.

The Ledger, a paper printed at Tacoma, a Puget Sound city located about 3 miles from Seattle, prints the following:

"Another of those slight indications that Portland is losing a little of its prestige is the fact that two sailing vessels, destined to load grain at Portland, are now at Tacoma, and will be loaded here by their charterers. They are the British bark Zantia, Captain McDonald, and the Scottish Glen, Captain Johnson."

"The Scottish Glen, a vessel of 3061 tons, arrived at Tacoma last night, in tow from down Sound, and was chartered by J. H. Ball, Seattle. She is under charter to the Portland Grain Company."

"Dutiny" seems to have run to seed at Tacoma, and it would be interesting to know by what line of reasoning the Ledger figures out that the two ships mentioned were "destined" to load at Portland. Neither of the ships were chartered for Portland loading, in fact neither of them had the option of loading at Portland. If they had been taken with the Portland option, they would have come here to load, as the Western Union steamer was chartered to proceed to Seattle last from Tacoma to Portland, to take on a cargo of wheat, although she had the option of loading at Tacoma at the same rate as she received from Portland. Quick dispatch and light port charges at this port induced the owners of the Wilhelm to send her away from the city of "Destiny" to one of business, and the time lost in steaming from Tacoma to Portland was more than made up in the saving made in the loading time.

BIG ALASKA FLEET.

The Alaska Packers' Association has gathered together one of the largest fleets of vessels of the Pacific Coast and with the exception of the California Shipping Company, which has the largest full-rigged American ships than are owned by any other firm in the world. The 1901 Alaskan salmon fleet included 15 ships, seven bark, three schooner, and 22 steamers, the Portland-built steamer Kivik being the flagship of the steamer fleet. The names and tonnage of the vessels are as follows:

Ship	Tonnage
W. H. Macy	2200
Star of Russia	1981
John Currier	1945
Tacoma	1945
Oriental	1945
Shimura	1945
Bohemia	1945
Eclipse	1945
Isaac Reed	1945
Santa Clara	1945
Indiana	1945
Columbia	1945
Llewellyn J. Morse	1945
Two Brothers	1945
Centennial	1945
Barks:	
Willcott	1945
Undaunted	1945
Fresno	1945
Coalinga	1945
Electra	1945
Nicholas Thayer	1945
Will W. Case	1945
Schooners:	
Okanogan	1945
Premier	1945
Froeper	1945
Steamers:	
Kivik	1945
Chilkat	1945
Jennie	1945
Tahiti	1945
Kyak	1945
Kadiak	1945
Hattie Gage	1945
Gertie Storey	1945
Atogak	1945
Elise	1945
Ella Robins	1945
Pauline	1945
Royal	1945
Wigwam	1945
Poly Bear	1945
Novelty	1945
Quinn	1945
Reporter	1945
Lillian	1945
Aleut	1945

The Rio Investigation.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—The Federal inspectors of Hulls and Boilers resumed their investigation this afternoon into the causes which led to the wreck of the steamer Rio de Janeiro. Among the witnesses examined were Freight Clerk Englehardt. To him Captain Ward said, in the captain's cabin, that he would not enter the harbor until the fog cleared. The steamer's steward gave evidence which showed that every effort was made to save and to warn passengers. Chief Engineer Herlihy admitted that he was not at his post, and did not call his men, for the first time since he has been an engineer, 28 years. He showed the instructions of the company, which direct him to be in charge of the engines on entering port.

Astoria Marine News.

ASTORIA, Or., March 4.—The Lighthouse tender Manzanita left this morning for Puget Sound, to inspect the aids to navigation in that district. On her way up the coast the vessel will stop at Destruction Island and land Assistant Keeper Jackson and wife.

Captain Kilgore, of the revenue cutter Commodore Perry, has completed a three years' commission on that vessel, and is awaiting orders to proceed to some other command. He is 58 years of age, and will be retired in two years.

Investigation Began.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—Major Bakeney, superintendent of the Life Saving Service for this district, today commenced an investigation of the conduct

of Mark Killings, the coast guard, who, it has been reported, failed to notify the Port Point lifesaving station that the wrecked steamer Rio de Janeiro was in distress.

E. N. Borg, storekeeper of the Rio, testified that he had heard the captain call out to take to the boats and care for the women and children. Some of the passengers will be examined tomorrow.

Wreck on Algerian Coast.

ORAN, Algeria, March 4.—A vessel reported to be named Chilli, but which is probably the Scyllian, has been wrecked in this vicinity. Six of those on board were drowned. The Italian bark Scyllian, Captain Palazzo, sailed from Penascola, December 19, for Genoa.

The Oregonian Launched.

CHESTER, Pa., March 4.—The steamer Oregonian, built for the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, which stuck on the way on February 19, was launched today at Rich's shipyard. The vessel will play between New York, San Francisco and Honolulu.

Marine Notes.

The transport St. Bede sailed from Manila for this port February 24. The Klunk is expected from Seattle tomorrow or next day.

The British bark Comibank and the schooner Occidental, in tow of the Harvest Queen, arrived yesterday forenoon, the towboat bringing them up against a stiff current in less than 24 hours.

According to the Marshfield Sun Holland Bros. are constructing at their shop a large lifeboat for the ship on the stocks at North Bend. Herebefore they have been customary to purchase these small craft at San Francisco.

The Coquille Bulletin says that Arthur Ellington has a force of men putting up a shed for his shipyard at Rio's above town. He has the contract to build a new river boat for Captain T. W. McCloskey, the dimensions of which will be 65 feet in length and 16 feet beam.

The German ship Brunshausen, the first of the March fleet to leave, cleared yesterday for Queenstown or Falmouth for orders with 7,500 bushels of wheat valued at \$4,200. She was dispatched by Balfour, Guthrie & Co., and will leave down the river this morning. The Professor Koch, which finished loading a few hours earlier than the Brunshausen, will not clear until today.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, March 4.—Sailed at 9 A. M., steamer Columbia, for San Francisco; at 12 noon, British ship County of Dumfries for Queenstown or Falmouth for orders. Left up at 9 A. M., British ship Holga. Addition of the bar at P. M. moderate; weather clear, with a light breeze. San Francisco, March 4.—Sailed, steamer Columbia, Astoria. Arrived—steamer Jeanie, Astoria; steamer Rival, Willapa Harbor; steamer Empire, Coos Bay; schooner Gem, Coos Bay.

Liverpool—Arrived March 2, British ship Clan Mackenzie, from Vancouver.

Port Townsend, March 4.—Arrived—steamer Townsend, from Seattle.

Port Hadlock, March 4.—Arrived steamer Robert Dollar from Seattle.

Hong Kong—Arrived prior to March 2, steamer Victoria, from Tacoma.

Seattle, March 4.—Arrived—steamer Port Albert from Tacoma.

San Pedro, March 4.—Arrived—schooner Steamer Santa Maria, from Seattle.

Sydney, March 4.—Arrived—ship St. Nicholas from Port Hadlock.

Coos Bay, March 4.—Arrived—schooner Emma Utter, from Seattle.

Brisbane—March 2—Arrived—Aorangi, from Vancouver for Sydney.

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Gibraltar, March 4.—Passed—Fuerst Bismarck, for Hamburg.

HILL WILL BUY IN MINE.

Owners of Crown's Nest Property in St. Paul to Close Deal.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 4.—The Pioneer Press tomorrow will say: "Robert Hill, of the Columbia River, who was in the city yesterday. The first three named are the principal owners of the Crown's Nest coal fields of British Columbia, and Mr. Hill, by which the latter comes into possession of a large interest in their mine. Mr. Hill professed ignorance of the entire matter when approached by a reporter."

"One of the interested men said yesterday that the deal was consummated on the lines recently announced in a Toronto dispatch, which was that the syndicate transfer to J. J. Hill \$200,000 in stock and give him control of the mine for a number of years, together with an option to purchase the mine at a later date. The case he desired to buy in return for these concessions, Mr. Hill, it is reported, agrees to build new lines to each of the mines, and to purchase the output of 6000 tons per day. The reason assigned for offering Mr. Hill an interest is that the Canadian Pacific, by charging exorbitant rates for the transportation of the ore from the mines and there was no profit in their operations."

Notes of Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, March 4.—At the Fire Department election today, Chris Burford was elected chief engineer; J. S. Burford, assistant engineer; J. H. Howard, August Asmus and C. W. Pope, Fire Commissioners.

A. L. Hardman was arrested today for knocking down and kicking the 12-year-old son of J. A. Moore. The boys were playing in an alley, when Hardman ordered them away, alleging that they were making too much noise. The boys did not move readily, and the assault resulted. Hardman will have a hearing Wednesday.

Russia Withdraws a Part.

PERKIN, March 4.—Russia has withdrawn a portion of the Russo-Chinese agreement regarding Manchuria, and China has appealed to the powers in the matter.

Excursions to the East.

The most popular way to cross the continent is by the Great Western Railway's tourist excursions to the Eastern cities, which leave Salt Lake, Utah, and make connections with all trains from the West.

Passengers from Portland have the privilege of leaving for the East by the Great Western Railway, with a day's stop-off in the latter city. It desires the privilege of a day in Salt Lake City, via either route to that point, and on all classes of port.

Excursions leave Salt Lake as follows:

Sunday, 8:30 P. M., via Denver & Rio Grande and C. R. I. & P.

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For rates and excursions apply to J. D. Mansfield, general agent, 233 Washington street.

RIVER AND HARBOR WORK

EVERYTHING IN OREGON PUT BACK A YEAR.

Available Funds for the Various Works Sufficient Only for Protecting the Property.

The failure of the river and harbor bill to pass Congress is a very much regretted by the United States engineers who have charge of river and harbor improvements, as it in most places practically puts a stop to work on all such improvements and throws thousands of workmen out of employment for a year or more. Just why Senator Carter, of Montana, who was the author of the bill, is not definitely known. Some people say that because some irrigation scheme he favored did not pass, and because there are no rivers nor harbors in Montana, he was determined to defeat the river and harbor bill. Others say that there were appropriations in the bill which are clearly jobs, and in order to defeat these the bill was defeated. Others say that the bill was defeated because some irrigation scheme he favored did not pass, and because there are no rivers nor harbors in Montana, he was determined to defeat the river and harbor bill.

Captain W. C. Langfitt and Captain W. V. Harris, Corps of United States Engineers, who have charge of river and harbor improvements in this state, while sorry that the bill was defeated, endeavor to take the matter philosophically. They will not be able to do much work on any of the improvements under their charge, but will endeavor to keep up the organization of their corps as far as possible, and in order for resuming work when appropriations are available.

For improvements in the upper Willamette, Yamhill and Clatskanie Rivers, he has practically no funds. He has had to do with money coming in from the sale of the land in the Willamette valley, and he has had to do with money coming in from the sale of the land in the Willamette valley.

For improvements in the lower Willamette River there is an unexpended balance of \$80,000.

There is a balance of about \$125,000 for the mouth of the Columbia, which was to have been expended in getting things in readiness for proceeding with the extension of the jetty. Now that there is to be no extension it will not be practicable to expend the money. A certain amount of necessary work will be done and then operations will be closed for the year. The funds on hand are not sufficient to do anything in particular, but things will be kept organized, and machinery looked after, etc.

For improving the mouth of the Columbia, and as there is about \$100,000 available for the improvement of the Willamette River, and the Columbia and Snake Rivers, has pretty well expended the appropriations for most of these works.

For improving the mouth of the Columbia at Three-Mile Rapids in the fall, he has \$25,000, but this money is completely tied up until Congress takes action on this improvement.

He has also \$12,000 provided for improving the Clearwater River, Idaho, but this is tied up until it can be ascertained whether this river is ever likely to be navigated by boats.

For the operation and care of the locks at the Cascades, there is \$13,000 on hand. This will allow the completion of some of the work on the locks, which will be finished by the end of the year.

For the improvement of Yaquina Bay there is \$13,000 available which will be expended in blasting rocks in the outer harbor, and in making general repairs.

For the improvement of Coos Bay there is \$12,000 on hand, and for the mouth of the Columbia at Three-Mile Rapids in the fall, he has \$25,000, but this money is completely tied up until Congress takes action on this improvement.

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Four furlongs, purse—Lady Bird won, Loulette second, Ursula third; time, 0:59. Six furlongs, inauguration handicap—Smith won, Confalon second, Sad Sam third; time, 1:13.

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Five furlongs, selling—Bomage won, Irate second, Cossack third; time, 1:15. Mile and 50 yards, selling—Tom Calvert won, Alaria second, Sam Howard third; time, 1:45.

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HARRISON ON THE BOER WAR

Americans Should Not Sympathize With British Aggression.

NEW YORK, March 4.—In the North American Review for March ex-President Harrison has the second of his papers on "Musings on Current Topics," treating on the British aggression against the Boer War. General Harrison says:

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Great Trotting Race.

BOSTON, March 4.—Probably the greatest trotting race ever seen will be arranged for the season for the last of the year. The proposition is contained in the following letter, issued last night, by Thomas W. Lawson, owner of the champion gelding Borama.

"There is considerable controversy about the merits of Crocus, Charlie Her and The Abbott, and there seems to be much trouble in getting on a match between the three. I would be glad to assist, now that I have concluded, on account of the cup race, not to send Borama to Europe until next fall. To that end I will agree to race him with any horse named after a vegetable, and I will give \$10,000 to the winner, and further agree that the association holding the race will add a purse of \$20,000, making \$30,000 in all, the first horse to take \$10,000, second \$10,000, and third \$10,000. The conditions to be arranged on a mutually satisfactory basis to all."

Mount Tabor School Elections.

At the school election held in Montavilla district No. 18, last night, unusual interest was manifested. A large number of the voters were present. The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock by Chairman Schwabauer, and Miss Alice M. Davidson read the call and the record. By request of the chairman, the school laws bearing on elections, and it was decided to proceed with the election on the basis that the district had over 1000 population. This large increase in the number of voters, as it admitted many who were not taxpayers. Arthur Staley and J. A. Schwabauer were nominated for Director, with eloquent speeches. Mr. Staley was elected by a majority over Mr. Schwabauer. Albert Ehlers was elected Clerk over B. F. Kyle. The meeting then adjourned.

In district No. 5, Mount Tabor, a quiet election was held last night. The re-elected Director, and Frank S. Field was re-elected Clerk. The report of the Clerk showed the district was \$400 better off last year at this time.

It Will Stop Aches.

Wright's Paragon Headache and Neuralgia Cure. All druggists, 25 cents. Try it.

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Frederick Villiers' Views.

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"I think it will all be over in another two months," said Mr. Villiers, in speaking of the Boer War. "I do not expect any spectacular denouement of the war. The defensive which now consists mainly of Dewet will flake off slowly as the men fall under the stress of an energetic chance commissariat. Notwithstanding what has been said about the British officer and the 'Tommy' in the war, I can only say that both have behaved magnificently throughout and I was at the front during all the important engagements. No one who has not seen the country can realize the difficulty for an invading force to get supplies. The Boers are a great deal more than they are credited for. They are a great deal more than they are credited for. They are a great deal more than they are credited for."

Duke of Cambridge Ill.

NEW YORK, March 4.—The Tribune's London correspondent says:

It is stated that members of the royal family are very anxious about the condition of the Duke of Cambridge. His Royal Highness, who was born just two months before his cousin, Queen Victoria, has been very ill since he was born. Since the funeral at Windsor the aged Duke has alarmed his relatives and medical advisers by his loss of appetite. He has a magnificent constitution, but owing to his advanced age the symptoms which have shown themselves are considered serious.

King Edward has promised to go to Hamburg later in the Spring, but owing to the serious state of the health of Empress Frederick, nothing definite has been decided. Professor Danvers, of the medical attendance at the Empress, says that quite possibly she will live for many months, though her illness may take at least a year to run. The worse, in which case the end would probably come suddenly.

Mobbed an Ex-Monk.

LONDON, March 4.—An infuriated mob at Shandon, Isle of Wight, yesterday stormed the platform from which the ex-monk, Victor Ruthven, was delivering an anti-Catholic lecture. Ruthven drew a revolver and shot at the mob, but was a time, but finally turned and fled. During his flight a bullet was discharged, which traversed the neck and issued from the cheek of one of his pursuers. Ruthven was arrested. Ruthven explains that he was alone in the midst of the crowd, and did not fire until he was forced to.

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