

LARGE EXPORT BUSINESS

CUSTOM-HOUSE STATEMENT MAKES GOOD SHOWING.

Cargoes From this Port in December of Greater Value Than in Any Other Month.

The December report of the Portland Custom-house shows the largest value of exports that has ever appeared in a monthly statement of this port.

Table with 2 columns: Description of cargo (e.g., Vessels cleared for foreign ports, Vessels cleared for domestic ports) and Value.

Receipts From All Sources. Duties on imports, Fines, penalties and forfeitures, Miscellaneous customs receipts, Official fees.

DISASTERS AT SEA.

Wrecks of the Brother Jonathan and the Pacific in Early Days.

The loss of the Walla Walla recalls the wreck of the steamer Brother Jonathan, which for 160 years has been the most famous shipwreck in the world.

Henley, in an account given of the disaster, tells of how the passengers rushed to the boats and of the capsizing and swamping of the boats, leaving the shipwrecked people in the water after the vessel went down.

After the collision the Orpheus, which was in ballast, was ordered to the Nanaimo to load coal, made repairs as well as possible, and resumed her voyage.

NEW GOVERNMENT BOAT.

Will Be Built for Service at the Mouth of the Columbia.

Plans for a Government boat at the mouth of the Columbia River, to ply between the several places where the Government has business, have been forwarded to the War Department.

GALGATE REACHES ENGLAND.

The British ship Galgate passed Kinsale yesterday, 113 days from Portland. She is wheat laden and has a net tonnage of 227.

AT OREGON CITY LOCKS.

Report of Amount of Business Done Last Three Months.

Table with 2 columns: Description of business (e.g., Number of trips, Number of passengers) and Amount.

HAD A ROUGH VOYAGE.

The steamer Columbia, on the Portland-San Francisco route, entered the Columbia River yesterday morning, and reached this city early last evening.

WANT THEIR OWN SAILORS.

British People Desire Their Ships to be manned by British Sailors.

to express himself at shorter range. He said his ship was not in a dangerous condition, and was making only a little water, but that he wanted a tow.

When the Columbia arrived off the mouth of the river a heavy storm set in, as if it had been suddenly shaken out of a bag.

TAMHILL LOCKS CLOSED.

High-Water Interferes With Navigation-Altona Again on the Route.

The water in the Yamhill River is too high to permit of navigation through the locks at La Fayette at present.

IN SEARCH OF WRECKAGE.

Revenue Cutter Grant Will Hunt for Marine Disasters.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Jan. 7.—The United States revenue cutter Grant sailed this morning for an extended cruise along the shores of the Straits of Juan de Fuca and along the coast south of Cape Flattery.

CONTRACTS FOR FORAGE.

Will Be Let Today—Cannot Be Shipped Until Next Month.

Contracts will be let at the local Quartermaster's office this morning for 4000 tons of forage for shipment to the Philippines.

WORK ON THE ASIE.

Delayed by Rise of the River—Vessel in No Danger.

Righting of the French bark Asie was delayed yesterday by a rise in the river of several feet, due to heavy rains.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Jacob Miller, a capitalist of Seattle, who was on the Walla Walla with his wife, lays the blame of the collision unequivocally upon the officers of the steamer.

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IN SEVENTH NEW YORK

LESSLER BEAT BELMONT BY 304 VOTES.

Canvass Was Marked by Bitter Fighting Between the Two Democratic Factions.

New York-Brasil Service Increased.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The Lamport and Holt line has recently purchased two 500-ton steamships, having a speed of 12 knots, that they expect shortly to place in the New York-Brasil passenger service.

Lumber for Samoa.

The schooner Winchester is loading lumber at the foot of East Oak street. The lumber is bound for Samoa, where it will be used in construction of a hospital.

Repairs of the Ruth.

The steamer Ruth is at the O. R. & N. boneyard. The damages to her hull are of such a nature that the boat will have to have practically a new bottom, and many of the ribs will have to be replaced.

Movements of Grain Fleet.

The bark left down the river yesterday morning, in tow of the Harvest Queen. The Selene arrived at Portland yesterday afternoon, in tow of the Thompson.

Cleared at Custom-House.

The British ship Torridon and the German bark Seestern cleared with what yesterday, for the United Kingdom. The Torridon's cargo is 75,240 bushels, valued at \$4,392, loaded by Balfour, Guthrie & Co. and that of Seestern consists of 85,399 bushels, loaded by the Portland Flouring Mills.

Cargo of Lumber.

The schooner W. J. Patterson will start down the river today. She has a cargo of 200,000 feet of lumber for San Francisco. The vessel was loaded by the Eastern Lumber Company.

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RICH CINNABAR STRIKE

MEADOWS DISTRICT, IN JOSEPHINE COUNTY, THE SCENE.

Returns Prove the Ledge to Be Best Yet Discovered on the Pacific Coast.

A MINE CAVE-IN.

Lives of Many Miners Thought to Be Lost.

NEGAUNEE, Mich., Jan. 7.—The most distressing accident occurring in this country for years, occurred at the Negaunee today, when, by a cave-in, the lives of 13 to 17 miners are thought to have been lost.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, MARRIED.

JOHN PARSON, single. JOHN PEARCE, married. JACOB HUNLALLA, married.

Premature Powder Explosion.

IDAHO SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 7.—As a result of a premature explosion of powder blasts in the Newhouse tunnel, two men are dead, another is fatally injured, and two others are in a serious condition.

Head-End Collision.

ROANOKE, Va., Jan. 7.—In a head-end collision on the Kenova division of the Norfolk & Western Railroad at Alwynck, Va., at 7 o'clock this morning, Hugh Smith, an express messenger and baggage-master of this city, and Flagman John Turner, of Bluefield, W. Va., were killed instantly and Engineer Bailey received injuries from which he died later in the day.

SUSPENDED FROM TRACKS.

National Association Decides Protests Relative to Boston Race.

Races at Oakland.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 7.—Results: Five and a half furlongs, selling—Royal Rogue won, King Herod second, Sir Claude third; time, 1:08.

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