

# RATES ARE LOWERED

## Ten Dollars Cabin Passage From San Francisco.

### STEAM COASTERS INCREASING

Five Due From 'Frisco Today and Tomorrow—Holt Hill's Long Passage—Old Ships With New Names.

The independent steamers are still increasing on the Portland and San Francisco route, and are making heavy inroads in the passenger as well as the freight business of the O. R. & N. Co. In the 48 hours ending Saturday night, five of these independent steamers sailed from San Francisco for Portland direct, and three of them are bringing passengers at cut rates. The Northland, which comes to E. S. McRae, sailed Friday evening with a good cargo of freight and a fair passenger list. The passengers were taken at \$12 cabin, and \$5 steerage. The steamer Aurelia, which comes to E. S. McRae, sailed Friday evening with a good cargo of freight and a fair passenger list. The passengers were taken at the same rate as the Northland, but the steamer W. H. Kruger, which also sailed Saturday afternoon, exacted but \$10 from her cabin passengers, and \$7 for the steerage.

The Aberdeen sailed Friday and the Despatch Saturday evening, but neither are bringing passengers. Seventeen coasting steamers have already arrived at Portland since this month and the fleet due this week will bring the total for the month up to 35. The independent steamers are making on the coastwise business have given rise to a rumor that they will abandon the route to the smaller vessels. In the event of their doing this the Dollar Steamship Company may place one or two good passenger steamers on the route, and business is growing more rapidly than ever before.

### MR. HILL'S OPPORTUNITY.

Steamship Minnesota May Be Used as Floating Hotel at the Fair.

Colonel Sellers blew in from Seattle last evening with a project which, if it is carried out, will benefit two parties. The project is to use the steamer Minnesota as a floating hotel at the fair. The steamer is a fine vessel, and has not always accompanied the schemes of the Colonel. The Colonel has been informed that a hoodoo is resting on the steamer, and that it is not safe to sail. The Colonel is now rolling round the horn en route for Seattle. The Minnesota, on account of her great size, was unable to secure a berth at the fair, and she was obliged to put into Bahia for water. She secured 800 tons and proceeded in due season will reach Seattle. This is a great opportunity for the Colonel, as he will find an insufficient amount of freight to fill the smaller steamers now plying in the Oriental trade.

In order to make good, however, she will make at least one trip to the Orient. It will take so long to peddle out a big cargo to the different ports that she will be well into the spring before she gets back on this side of the Pacific, and her ledger account will put her in the elephant class (too expensive to keep). Herein appears the opportunity for the Colonel. He will show Mr. Hill the folly of operating a big steamer at a loss, and will induce him to send the steamer at a loss and anchor her off the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds for a floating hotel. This would help Mr. Hill out of an unpleasant dilemma by obviating the necessity for operating the steamer at a loss and anchor her off the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds for a floating hotel. This would help Mr. Hill out of an unpleasant dilemma by obviating the necessity for operating the steamer at a loss and anchor her off the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds for a floating hotel.

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Well-Known Ships Which Will Henceforth Sail Under New Names.

Every issue of Lloyd's supplement contains a number of new names of sailing ships, but rare indeed are the names of new ships. England is still sending her old sailing ships to Norway, Germany, Italy and other countries, which are not such extensive users of steam tonnage, and the result is that many well-known traders to this port lose their identity behind names which would never be recognized as appropriate for the ships we used to know. Among the recent changes in name and flag in the well-known British bark trade, the one which has made many visits to this port. She will henceforth be known as the Norwegian bark Ingeborg. The British bark Ben Vorlich, which began coasting to Portland back in the "eighties," is now the Italian bark Cognati. The British bark Pirith of Stroms, which was here in 1886, and again in 1888, has been sold to the Norwegians and rechristened the Sara.

The diminutive bark Loch Cree, built 30 years ago, and loading her first cargo at Portland in 1879, betrays her new Italian ownership in the name Giovanna B. The British owners of the British bark Marechal Suchet have become tired of the French name on their bark and have got it back into English, and the vessel is now the British bark Marshall. Very few of the German and Norwegian sailing ships bear the names with which they were christened. The Nomia, now lying in Portland, was a well-known craft here for many years as the British bark Auchincloss. The Anna was the British bark Otterburn and the Christine, now en route to Portland from Antwerp was the Old Kensington.

### OVER THREE HUNDRED DAYS

Long Passage of the Holt Hill From Hamburg to Portland.

The British bark Holt Hill, which sailed from Hamburg for Portland last December, seems to be reaching out for the long-passage record between Europe and Portland. It is 213 days ago since she sailed from the German port, and the prospect for her making an even year of it is excellent. The vessel made a very slow passage down the Atlantic, and a few days out from Montevideo, encountered a storm which swept her decks and necessitated jettisoning 200 tons of cargo. She put into Montevideo April 24, and remained there until early in August when she again got under way. The passage to Portland was usually occupied from 90 to 110 days, but if the Holt Hill travels as slow in the Pacific as she did in the

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