

TAX FOR THE RIVER

Port of Portland Fixes Levy for Next Year.

SCHOONER AND BOAT CRASH

Mysterious Blockade Runner Reported to Be Coming for Contraband Cargo—Elleric Off for the Orient.

The Port of Portland tax levy for 1905 was fixed yesterday at 27 mills as against 25 mills for the present year.

The committee that inspected the steamer Wenona reported that her hull is in fair condition and recommended that bids be invited on specification drawn up by the superintendent, the bids to be opened December 15.

On motion of Commissioner Thomas, the contract for providing a new boiler for the steamer was awarded to the Willamette Boiler Works, whose bid was \$150,000.

SCHOONER COLLIDES WITH BOAT

Annie Larsen Damages Sarah Dixon to Extent of \$1000.

The schooner Annie Larsen, lumber-laden for San Diego, collided with the steamer Sarah Dixon while being towed down the river yesterday morning.

The lower house of the Dixon was crushed in for a distance of 20 feet forward of the wheel and the promenade decks were broken on both sides at that place.

BLOCKADE RUNNER COMING.

Rumor Has It That Steamer Is En Route for Contraband Cargo.

An interesting rumor gained wide circulation on the waterfront yesterday. The steamer was reported to be en route for the Japanese blockade.

ELLERIC TAKES PART CARGO.

Steamer Leaves Today for the Orient by Way of San Francisco.

The steamship Elleric, under charter to the Portland & Astoria Company, has finished loading her outward cargo from this port and will leave down this morning.

GOOD YEAR FOR UNDERWRITERS

Fewer Disasters Than Usual on Great Lakes.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—The season just closed probably has been the most profitable one to ship underwriters in the history of that business on the Great Lakes.

pilots, general navigation did not begin until after June 1. From that time until the close of navigation 430 disasters were noted in the official record of the underwriters.

Minnesota at San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—The steamer Minnesota, the largest vessel ever in the Pacific Ocean, arrived here today from Norfolk, Va., on the way to Seattle.

Saved Themselves on Deckhouse. BOSTON, Dec. 14.—News of the loss of the bark Emitta, bound from Fernandina, Fla., to Fall River, Mass., with lumber for the reefer, reached New York yesterday.

Big Dredge's Excellent Showing. While working at Henrich's bar last Thursday, the Port of Portland dredge Columbia made the best record of her career.

Departures From Tacoma. TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 14.—Three ships have put to sea from Tacoma Harbor.

Dirigo Requires Inspection. SEATTLE, Dec. 14.—While in northern waters on the last voyage, the steamer Dirigo went on the beach at Bellabella.

Marine Notes. The German ship Arthur Pfitzer has been laid on at Hamburg to load general cargo for Grinn & Eyrre, of this city.

Domestic and Foreign Ports. ASTORIA, Dec. 14.—Arrived down at 9 A. M.—Steamer Redondo. Arrived at 9:45 A. M. and left up at noon—Steamer Arctia.

Portland Girl Gets Home Today With "The Billionaire" Company. From a local standpoint the most interesting feature of "The Billionaire," which comes to the Columbia tonight, will be the appearance of Miss Diamond Donner.

PERSONAL MENTION. Harry Barman, of New York, formerly of Portland, is at the Hotel Portland.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows: From Portland—L. Peterson, at the Imperial.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Sir Charles Ross and Hon. Percy Theobaldson arrived in America today to tour the principal cities. They will visit the Pacific Coast and Northwest.

Legislators to Meet. A meeting of the Multnomah legislative delegation has been called for tonight by W. L. Boise, chairman of the County Central Committee.

MURINE EYE REMEDY. Cures Sore Eyes. Makes weak Eyes Strong. Murine does not irritate the eyes. Pain. Druggists and opticians.

Harold Trunk Co. H. Morrison is headquarters for trunks, suit cases and bags. Trunks repaired.

Why don't you try Carter's Little Liver Pills? They are a positive cure for sick headache and all the ills produced by disordered liver.

The Art Pianos—Where to Find Them

The piano is the visible sign of culture in every genteel household. A fine instrument bespeaks eloquently the musical feeling, the artistic appreciation of the quality, and lends a certain distinction to its environment, however simple.

The King Is Coming Ovide Musin

The great Belgian violinist and his company of artists will appear in this city December 19 at the White Temple, when all music lovers will want to hear this master of the violin, as well as Grace Whistler Misick, the accomplished contralto; Marion Green, a magnificent basso, and Guillaume Koenig, the brilliant pianist.

The Everett Piano

will be used, which represents all that is best in piano construction and is a recognized art product appealing to the cultured musical taste.

Other Artistic Pianos

- STECK—Founded over a half century ago and known as The Old Reliable. FISCHER—Established in 1840 and over 120,000 now in use in all parts of the world. HARDMAN—Established in 1842, over 60,000 in use and the piano known to improve with use. PACKARD—A piano of the finest construction and artistic merit. LUDWIG—One of the most popular pianos at a moderate price and a big seller.

Allen & Gilbert-Ramaker Co., Sixth and Morrison Sts.



MRS. ROSE BLOCH BAUER AND THE KNABE PIANO

There is nothing that adds so much to the artistic piano locally as the preference and opinions of our own artists. While D'Albret, Sauer Carreno and Hambourg give the highest expression as to the Knabe being absolutely the best in America no less valued is the opinion of Mrs. Rose Bloch Bauer, our own greatest singer, as to the artistic merit of this matchless piano, who, before selecting a Knabe Grand, for her own use, spent some time in investigating the merits of other pianos handled here.

The Queen Will Soon Be Here MADAM Johanna Gadski

It is unfortunate that two such great artists should appear in our city at the same time, but there is comfort in the thought that Portland is a music-loving city and that both will be accorded large audiences. Madam Gadski is endowed with a marvelous voice and charming personality, and a rare treat awaits all those who have the good fortune to hear her on this occasion.

The Baldwin Piano

will be used, the piano of her choice and the piano she uses on all occasions—the great American piano that took the Grand Prix at Paris, 1900, and the Grand Prize at the St. Louis Exposition, just closed.

Special Reductions

In order that all may possess a piano of the highest excellence, we have made quite a reduction on all our pianos this month besides giving you the opportunity of paying for it on our easy-payment plan. We also have some good second-hand and used pianos at \$150, \$175, \$200 and \$218. \$400 pianos at \$324, \$375 pianos at \$286, \$350 pianos at \$268, \$300 pianos at \$238.

TO SAVE THE FISH

Oregon and Washington Officials to Work Together.

KERSHAW GIVES OPINIONS

Says Open Season for Salmon on Columbia Should Be Extended Ten Days, and That Perpetuation Relies on Hatcheries.

FOUND PITABLE CASE.

Police Sergeant Discovers Family in Destitution.

SMITTED BY DISEASE.

Policeman Finds Sad State of Affairs on His Beat.

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"Tess of the D'Urbervilles."

Only a few weeks ago I tried to write an appreciation of Florence Roberts as she appears in "Tess of the D'Urbervilles."

"Lady Ursula" Tonight.

Anthony Hope's sprightly romantic comedy, "The Adventure of Lady Ursula," will be presented by Florence Roberts and her company at the Marquam Grand tonight.

"The Fatal Scar."

"The Fatal Scar" begins its engagement at the Empire Theater tonight, and will run until Saturday night, with a matinee Saturday afternoon.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"Camille."

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Continuous Applause at the Star.

Crowded houses and continuous applause welcome the best bill of the season at the Star Theater.

A TELLING CLIMAX.

Fine Emotional Work of Cathrine Countess at the Columbia.

The concluding line of the popular stanzas, "Laugh and the world laughs with you," might appropriately be paraphrased to read, "Weep and it laments the more," if applied to the ordinary, stereotyped emotional acting of the ordinary

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"The Youngest Rough Riders."

At the Arcade Theater this week are the "youngest rough riders" in the world, the three lion children, aged 3, 4 and 5 years, the most winning tots that ever toddled on a stage.

Bijou's Splendid Acts.

For an act that makes you hold your breath see De Shields at the Bijou. Swinging and swaying on a slack wire, he rides a bicycle and then a unicycle. He climbs a ladder, and still hangs on by his eyelids to the wire.