Nicomedia and Ferndene Go to Sea Today.

FLOUR AND GRAIN FOR JAPS

Record for Discharging and Unloading Cargo Is Now Held by the Nicomedia, Which Arrived in Port Sunday.

Within one hour yesterday afternoon two big steamships cleared at the Cus-House for the Orient. The vessels, the Nicomedia and the Ferndene, will leave down early today, and start across the Pacific at the same time. Their cargoes are valued at \$485,189.

At the last moment the plan of clearing the Ferndene for Shanghal as a protec-tive measure against possible boarding and investigation by Russian cruisers was and investigation by Russian cruisers was abandoned. "Japanese ports," her true destination, appears on the documents. She has been in Portland since May 2. Extra quick time was made on the Portland & Asiatic Company's boat Nicomedia. She reached the harbor carly Sunday, and after six days has discharged one full cargo and is ready to so to see one full cargo and is ready to go to sea

Seven days has been the fastest time a any other Portland & Asiatic boat cretofore. The Nicomedia is behind time as it is, and work on her was rushed

The two largest items on board the decomedia are 40,000 barrels of flour, valued at \$190,570, and 130,000 feet of lumber. There are also 280 cases of cigarettes, 235 puckages of machinery, ten tons of leather, 150 bales of cotton for Japanese mills, 1000 rolls of rofing paper, 250 bi-cycles for Tokio, 2800 kegs of nails, 3003 bales of hay, shipped to a Chinese port and evidently destined for the Russian army, and one automobile, the first ever shipped eastward on a boat of this line. The inevitable breakfast food is there. for 31 cases are on soard. The value

of the entire cargo is \$288.187.

The cargo of the Ferndene is valued at \$217.002. There are 22.844 sacks of wheat charter by Taylor, Young & Co., of

TWO MONTHS ON PACIFIC.

Ras Elba, From Portland, Enters Hongkong Instead of Tsingtau.

Pifty-seven days was consumed by the British steamship Has Elba on the passage from Portland to China. At that she did not arrive at her destination, Tsingtau, in Northern China, but at Hongkong, several hundred miles south. The infor-mation that she reached Hongkong May 13 was received by the Merchants' Ex-change yesterday.

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The Albers Milling Company, of Portland, which sent out the Ras Elba to China, has received no notice of her article of the china change of the china china change of the china rival, and does not know what caused the delay. In the 57 days she was out, there was plenty of time to reach Tsingtau, unload and proceed to Hongkong. She left down from Portland March 16 and sailed

from Astoria the next day. The Ras Elba's cargo was doubtless in-ended for the Russian army. It consisted if \$3.345 bushels of outs, valued at \$30.000. loaded at Seattle, and 23,545 bales of hay, valued at \$62,000, loaded at Portland. She would have been a pretty prize for a Jap-

It is probable that either the Ras Elba suffered an accident to ber machinery or took a circultous route in order to avoid any possible interference by the Japanese.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 19.-(Special.)—Extensive improvements are being made on the bosts which are to ply the river and handle the ocean beach excur-sions this Summer. On the Harbor Belle an entirely new set of engines is to be in-stailed. The boat was towed to Cosmopolts this afternoon to receive the new ma chinery, which arrived there yesterday The engines will be a great improvement over her old ones. Her paddle-wheel is being fitted with new blades, and the deck planking strengthened. She will be pra-

The Skookum is also receiving attention. Her two tandem compound engines have been overhauled with the rest of the machinery, and a new foremast and kingpost have been put in place. Her towing will be mostly for her owners, the Gray's Harbor Boom Company. It is expected that a number of changes will be the Harbor Queen also.

Another Steamer for Doc's Company.

Among the passengers on the steamer which leaves this evening, will he Mr. Starbuck, a member of the com-pany which formerly owned the Tillie Starbuck, well known on the Coast. He is to meet Manager Doe, of the North Pacific Company, owners of the Roanoke, in Eureka, and it is expected that the purchase of another coasting steamer by the Doe company will be consummated there R. M. Bode, of the A. B. C. Brewing Company, of St. Louis, and R. D. Clark, of the Scattle Brewing & Malt company, are also going south on the Roanoke. She arrived in port early yes-terday morning. H. Young, local agent of the steamer, has just issued a descriptive der, telling of the resources of the ports touched by the Roanoke.

Arago Is Faster Now.

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THE gaseline motor-cart. The arrival of pack and early the limited all presents of the continually distance travely to million and to the best. Achilicate Engineering to so many weeks, reached the Williamstee from the Government and the waste of the Williamstee from the Government and Twelve miles an hour, her requ nited States survey steamer Arago yes-

tion trip in Alaska waters. He will be absent about ten days. Laden with 49 tons of wheat and a deckload of 225,000 feet of lumber, the steamer Aurelia left down for San Francisco inte yesterday afternoon.

Early yesterday morning it was reported that the steamer Costa Rica, which is taking the piace of the Oregon on the San Francisco-Portland run, was off the bar. No steamer came in, however, for the vessel proceeded northward.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Or., May 18.—Sailed at 5:15 A. M.—Steamer Northland, for San Fedro, Sailed at 6:30 A. M.—Steamer Redondo, for San Francisco, Sailed at 6:40 A. M.—Steamer South Bay, for San Francisco, Sailed at 2 P. M.—Schooner Endeaver, for San Pedro, Condition of the bar at 5 P. M., smooth, wind,

Condition of the bar at 5 P. M., smooth, wind, southwest; weather, rainy.

San Pedro, May 19.—Arrived yesterday—Schooner, Alvena, from Portland.

Hong Kong, May 13.—Arrived—British steamer Ras Elba, from Portland,

San Prancisco, May 19.—Arrived at 8 A. M.—Steamer Columbia, from Portland, steamer Meteor, from Seattle; schooner Allen A., from Gray's Harbor; schooner Esther Buhne, for Gray's Harbor; schooner Esther Buhne, for Coop Bay.

DR. WISE ON THE FAIR Returns From the East With Good

Words for the Exposition.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, who has just re-turned from a visit to the East, brings back with him the rews that many of the prominent thinkers of the Nation will be present in Portland during the course of the Exposition, and will address audi-ences in the city during their stays here ences in the city during their stays here. He states that it was a joy to him to find how widespread and deep was the interest in the East in the Lewis and Clark Fair. He is also pleased to be able to announce that while in the East he was able to secure the participation of sev-eral noted men in the congresses to be held in Portland during the Summer and the duration of the Exposition. District Attorney william T. Jerome, of New York, has consented to give an address at the Civics Congress. Lyman Abbott, editor of the Outlook and the successor of Henry Ward Beecher, could not promise to give one of the Sunday addresses, but he promised to make every endeavor to accept the invitation of the Lewis and Clark authorities.
"Through the columns of the Evening

"Through the column Post, of New York," said Dr. Wise, "I told New Yorkers of the preparedness of the Lewis and Clark Exposition and also that the two chief exhibits at the Exposition will be the Rose City and the majesty of the Northwest country; that the greatest exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Fair is the State of Oregon."

Hosts of people in the East in discussing the Exposition with Dr. Wise told of their plans to visit the West during the period of the Exposition, and see Oregon and the Western States.

"For my part," said Dr. Wise, "I feel that a new era will begin for Oregon and the Northwest country with the first of June, the date of the opening of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, an era of better and higher things in every way."

Break in Main Power Line.

The main power line of the Portland General Electric Company went on a strike at some point between Portland and Oswego last night about 7 o'clock and quit work for the greater part of the night. Linemen were sent out to repair the break which they were able to do. the break, which they were able to do, but during the time the city was cut off from all connection with the power sta-tion at the Willamette Falls. The steam plant at the foot of Twenty-first street was brought to the rescue, however, so that no great inconvenience was suffered by the patrons of the ctompany here. No damage was done by the break other than the slight delay caused at the first,

Work of the World's Greatest Artists in Display.

DU MOND TELLS OF PLANS

Exhibit at the Fair Will Contain Works, the Aggregate Value of Which Will Exceed One Million Dollars.

In a low vaultlike structure more than \$1,000,000 worth of the world's famous paintings will be displayed at the Fair. The money value is given merely as an indication of the fact that Frank V. Du-Mond, who has collected this exhibit, has chosen pictures most worth seeing. He has covered every important movement and school in the last 300 years, and of the American artists, both living and dead, there is hardly one who has risen to any degree of fame who will not have a canvas there.

Portland ever since he married Miss Helen Savier, daughter of Mrs. Henry Jenes, has taken great care in the selec-tion of the exhibit, as he had a purpose

in view. When seen yesterday he said:
"The pictures which will be exhibited I have chosen with the double purpose of showing those masterpleces already in private collections in Portland and giving private collections in Portland and giving chronological groups of the best painters. There has been shown here the inclination among wealthier people to appreciate good paintings, but as these are kept in private homes the majority of the people never see them.

"There will be represented the foremost within a file country and he individual."

artists of the country, not by individual painting, but by groups, ranging from two or three to half a dozen, chosen with a purpose of explaining the scope and various points of view and versatility of

the different painters.

"Group exhibits have come to be regarded as the only kind of any real sigall-round manner and to introduce him to the public in his various moods. The other great feature of the exhibit

artist could be represented, there are su ficient examples to carry the epochs through in chronological order. "The collection will be such as any permasent museum of art should have in order to give anything like a comp

"There will be an entire history of impressionism, which by the way, is a far-different thing from what it is popularly supposed to be. Every painter of import-ance in this movement, from Manet down to men of the present day, will be repre

including what is known as the Barbizon school, will have men like Troyon, De la Croix, Corot, Millet, Rousseau, Diaz, Wat-teau, Michel, Dupre, Davit, Monticelli, Isavey and Jacque:
"Of the English there will be John
Crome, J. M. W. Turner, Romney, Sir
William Beechy and many others. I have
also been fortunate in securing some

GASOLINE MOTOR CAR NOW IN THE SHOPS AT ALBINA

also been fortunate in securing some paintings of Puvis de Chevanne, the mural His easel pictures are

MOTOR CAR 1

Thomas de Keyser. Jean Lievens. Louis Mettling and Steen."

The American field of art. Mr. DuMond says, is about as completely covered as possible. When asked for even a partial list of names, he said the task was really too large. However, he spoke of many men, living and dead, and among them mentioned the half-dozen or so best-known names, and many others, which he spoke of as highly, saying that their work was every bit as commendable as the others and as important in the progress of art though they are less generally known.

While Mr. DuMond was speaking a messenger boy brought a telegram saying that Millet's famous "Man With the Hoe" could be secured, and that insurance on it was \$100,000.

SIGMA CHI CONVENTION.

Greek Letter Society Will Hold Session in Portland.

Arrangements are now being made for holding the provincial convention of the Sigma Chi college fraternity in Portland August 16 and 17 next. Sigma Chi is one of the leading Greek-letter societies in the United States, having a membership of several thousand undergraduates and alumni of the various important universi-

aliamni of the various important universities and colleges.

The Pacific Coast province includes the
States of Oregon, California, Washington,
Nevada and Colorado. There are flourishing chapters at the State Universities.of
Culifornia, Washington, Nevada and Colorado, as well as at Stanford. There is no
chapter at Oregon University, but there
are several alumni members in this city
and other places in the state.

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The order was founded 30 years ago at
Miami University, Ohio, and the semicentennial will be celebrated by the National invention to be held at Cincinnati in

A well-known Portland man, Major T. C. Bell, has the distinction of being one of the four survivors of the four survivors of the original chapter founded in 1856. There were six of the founders, two having died during the past 50 years. Those still living besides Major Bell are: General Ben P. Runkle, of Malne; Dr. D. W. Cooper, a prominent Presbyterian divine of New York, and Judge J. P. Coldwell, of Mississippi. These fathers of the order are all expected to be present at the Cincinnati convention, and, it is hoped, will visit the province convention in Portland.

In all probability several hundred Sigma

Ince convention in Portland.

In all probability several hundred Sigma Chis will attend the latter meeting, and the Exposition authorities will be asked to designate one of the convention days as Sigma Chi day. It is decided that all alumni of the order on the Pacific Coast communicate at once with Major Thomas C. Bell, of 579 Nehalem avenue, in this city, in order that an estimate of the convention attendance may be made.

NEBRASKA'S FINE EXHIBIT.

State Will Make a Wonderful Display

G. L. Loomis and H. G. Shedd, two of the three commissioners of the Nebraska State Commission to the Lewis and Clark Exposition, will arrive in Portland this morning to supervise the installation of their state's exhibit. Accompanying them is William James, the Superintendent of Agriculture, an electrician, a designer and decorator and corn of assistants. The decorator, and corp of assistants. Nebraska pavilion and percola, one of the largest in the Agricultural palace, and in reality a state building under the main roof, is practically finished and the placing of the exhibits will begin Monday.
Two carloads of corn and sheaf grain,
the finest of the 1994 crop, have already
arrived, which will be rapidly installed according to the plans selected by the commissioners. It is the intention to make corn the chief exhibit, of which Nebraska

theater with a seating capacity of 100 has been provided for that purpose. The num-ber of moving views has been largely in-creased, and the scope expanded so that at each presentation during the day there will be an entirely new series. In con-nection with the theater a reception-room is being provided for visitors.

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Is being provided for visitors.

Though no date has been determined upon for Nebraska day. August 29 will probably be the one chosen to be observed. This will be in commemoration of the death of Sergeant Floyd, the only one of the Lewis and Clark expedition to die on the two-years' trip. His death took place near Dakota City, Neb. Commissioners Loomis and Shedd will remain in Portland to be present at the opening. in Portland to be present at the opening ceremonies of the Exposition, being joined at that time by William T. Warner, president of the Commission

relises morer varieties than any other state, and some 60 or 70 will be shown. The new idea which Nebruska inaugurated at St. Louis of a state showing its industries by means of free moving pictures will be followed out here, and a McIsaac, chief of the bureau of excur-

sions of the Lewis and Clark Exposition that an information bureau would be es-tablished at 128 Third street, where all inquiry relative to Oregon and the Northwest would meet with prompt attention. The city will also be asked to permit the hunging of a streamer across the street at the point indicated.

THAT EXPOSITION DISPUTE. Will Be Determined Tonight

Whether It Goes to Courts. It is expected that the State Commision of the Lewis and Clark Exposition will determine tonight whether or not the

will determine foright whether or not the controversy existing between it and the Lewis and Clark Corporation will be submitted to the courts. Action by the executive committee of the corporation is expected this afternoon on the attitude of the body concerning the demand of the State Commission that rules governing certain departments shall be submitted to the latter.

In the event that the matters in dispute are made the subject of litigation, it is not thought that the suits will harm the Exposition in any way, the idea being that everything could be arranged by stipulation, as the only point at issue appears to be the interpretation of law. Officials of the corporation seem inclined to think that the affairs of the Exposition would be deranged greatly if every detail concerning the administration had to be submitted to another body before final action could be taken.

TABERNACLE CHOIR COMING

Trip to Lewis and Clark Exposition Announced at Ogden.

OGDEN, Utah, May 13.—The trip of the Ogden Tahernacle choir to Portland is definitely assured. Announcement was made to that effect tonight at the regular made to that effect tonight at the regular choir practice. It is expected that the trip will be made at the time when the National Irrigation Congress is in session in Portland, so that, if desired, the choir may sing "The Irrigation Ode," which was sung at the time the Congress met in Ogden. The authorities of the Mormoni Church at Salt Lake have given the trip their approval their approval.

An Autograph Letter of Lincoln's. OREGON CITY, Or., May 19.-(Special.) Among the many interesting relics that rill be exhibited at the Lewis and Clark will be exhibited at the Lewis and Clark Fair will be a framed letter that was written by President Lincoln under date of December 2, 1861. This communication is now the property of Miss Mary S. Barlow, of Barlow, this county. The let-ter was addressed to Mrs. M. A. Barlow and was an expression of thanks from the President for a beautiful will. the President for a beautiful silk quilt that had been presented to him. The quilt was afterwards sold for \$500. An-other interesting curiosity is the oldfashioned carriage, the property of the late Wm. Barlow. This vehicle was re-ceived in Oregon in 1845, after a voyage around the Horn. It will also be included

in the exhibit at the 1905 Exposition.

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