

### SAILORS' UNION REGR

#### Big Wages Being Paid to Men on Coastwise Ships.

### ORIENTAL TAKES RUNNERS

#### Forty-five Dollars Goes to Men Before the Mast for Trip to San Francisco—Big Bonanza Pays the Same.

Forty-five dollars is now the established rate for sailors from Portland to San Francisco on a tripper. Yesterday 12 men were signed for the present trip on the Orient, in lumber from this port to Bay City. The men were all members of the Coast Sailors' Union and the articles called for the payment to each of \$45 on arrival of the ship at the California port.

The Big Bonanza, which recently sailed from Flavel for the same port, paid the same for sailors. This is practically the highest rate ever paid on this Coast for men before the mast. Both the Orient and the Big Bonanza are badly needed in San Francisco at the present time. They are engaged in the salmon business in Alaska and the time is short between now and the time to sail for the North with supplies and crew. It was at first decided to tow the vessel down the coast, but tugboats are scarce and it was decided to sail her down.

Two months ago the British ship Glenelg came from San Diego to Columbia River with a crew of runners, shipped at the Southern California port. They were each paid \$45 for the up trip. Of the ten men sent by the union in San Diego, only four were able to perform the duties of able seamen. In the terrific blow of December 5, 6 and 7, the Glenelg lost the Coast in a perplexing problem to the owners of American vessels. A recent bill enacted by the Legislature of California repealed the act which made it a crime to induce sailors to desert or to harbor deserting seamen. This was done in order to make it possible to secure sailors for the coasting business from the deep-sea craft.

### SUBSTITUTE FOR ARAGONIA

#### Portland & Oriental Liner Will Be Taken Off the Run.

The steamship Aragonia, of the Hamburg-American line and now operating between this port and the Orient in connection with the Portland & Atlantic Steamship Company, will be withdrawn from the run and her place taken by another vessel of the same line.

This statement was made yesterday by officers of the Aragonia. The place of the Aragonia will be taken by either the Nicaragua or the Nuplia. It is stated that the change is being made on account of the excessive cost of operating the Aragonia. Either of the steamers slated for the run will be able to make better time, carry as much and burn less coal. Officers of the Aragonia will be held up for more than a week at the time the Columbia was frozen over above Warrior Rock.

### COAL FOR LIGHT STATIONS

#### Tender Heather Sails for Tillamook and Flattery With Fuel.

The lightship tender Heather sailed from Astoria yesterday morning for Tillamook light, Lightship No. 29 and Cape Flattery light. All these places will be given coal. On the return of the Heather she will go on the drydock at Portland for cleaning and repairs.

Commander P. J. Werlich, inspector of the 13th district, is on the Sound inspecting the lights and aids to navigation. During the time the Heather is on the dock, the work will be performed by the Armeria.

### FEARS FOR SCHOONER HILDA

#### No Word From the Vessel for Twenty-Three Days.

SAYANNAH, Ga., Feb. 26.—It is believed the schooner Hilda, which left Philadelphia February 3, for this port, laden, has been lost. The Hilda was owned by the Savannah Lighterage & Transfer Company. Since she sailed, February 3, she has not been seen or heard of. It is believed here that her crew of eight, including Captain Dalling, has been lost.

The Hilda was built at Camden, N. J., in 1877, and was of 577 tons burden.

### Steamer Lurline for Astoria.

The steamer Lurline, after a thorough overhauling and painting, will be placed on her old run to Astoria next Monday. The engine will go in service between Portland and Vancouver. The Lurline was disabled two months ago near Rainier by a collision with the Cascade. Since that time she has been undergoing repairs.

### Marine Notes.

The steamer Roseauk, with 55 passengers and a full cargo of freight, sailed last night for San Pedro and way.

The Cornell Bart shifted to the Oceanic dock yesterday.

The Emelle Galline dropped down from the Southern Pacific dock to Mersey yesterday morning.

The bark Agate, which arrived from San Francisco yesterday, will load at the Pittock & Leebetter mills in Vancouver. The schooner Alice McDonald, which has been on the drydock, will tow to Vancouver today. She will load lumber for San Francisco.

The Numanita will move to the Albina dock at daylight this morning.

### Arrivals and Departures.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 26.—Condition of the bar at 5 P. M.: smooth; wind, southeast 4 miles; weather, raining. Arrived down at 4 and sailed at 8:30 A. M.—Steamer Costa Rica, for San Francisco. Arrived down at 7:30 A. M.—Schooner Dora Blum, sailed at 8:10 A. M.—Schooner Washington, for San Francisco, sailed at 8:15 A. M.—Steamer Tiverton, for San Francisco, arrived at 9:30 A. M.—Bark Agate, from San Francisco, arrived at 10 A. M.—Steamer Rustler, left up at 10:30 A. M.—Schooner Golden Shore and bark B. Cheney, arrived down at 12:30 P. M.—Steamer F. A. Kiburn, sailed at 11:35 A. M.—Steamer Meteor, for San Pedro, arrived at 1:30 and left up at 1:50 P. M.—Steamer V. S. Porter, from San Francisco, French bark Michel, from San Francisco, for Portland, was spoken yesterday, 20 miles south of Columbia River. Arrived at 3 P. M.—Schooner Louis, from San Francisco, outside at 3 P. M.—A three-masted barkentine and a four-masted barkentine.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—Arrived—Barge Jutes B. Wood, in tow of tug Sova, from Columbia River. Sailed yesterday—Barge

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F. A. Kiburn	San Fran.	Mar. 12
Roskoek	San Pedro	Mar. 18
Randall	San Fran.	Mar. 20
Aragonia	Hongkong	Mar. 24
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### Tides at Astoria Wednesday.

High 6:48 A. M., 1:17 P. M., 6:43 A. M., 2:5 P. M., 8:1 P. M., 8:1 P. M., 7:05 P. M., 9:3 P. M.

### BOTH LEASES ARE CLOSED

#### J. Whyte Evans Swings Long-Pending Deals.

Trustee Company Assumes Control of Pittock and Pennoyer Blocks.

Taking Up Options.

Announcement was made by J. Whyte Evans yesterday of the closing of leases on the H. L. Pittock block, bounded by West Park, Tenth, Washington and Stark streets, and the block owned by the Pennoyer estate and bounded by West Park, Tenth, Alder and Morrison streets. Options for the lease of these blocks, held by the Trustee Company, were taken up by Mr. Evans for several months. He reports that they have now been closed and that the Trustee Company, corporation doing business in many Western cities, is the lessee.

Both blocks, according to Mr. Evans, will be improved with handsome buildings, one to cost \$50,000 and the other \$40,000. In addition to these properties Mr. Evans says that he holds leases or options on the most valuable holdings in the city, have been held by Mr. Evans for several months. He reports that they have now been closed and that the Trustee Company, corporation doing business in many Western cities, is the lessee.

All the leases acquired by Mr. Evans are conditioned upon the erection of buildings and are for terms of 50 years or more. The Pittock block is held under a 99-year lease, as is also one of the smaller pieces. The lease on the Pennoyer block is for 50 years.

Mr. Evans and others connected with the transactions are not at present ready to divulge the complete plans. It is announced that one of the full blocks will be utilized as the site of a large department store. It has been rumored that Olds, Wortman & King would occupy this structure, but this is denied by Mr. Evans, who says that negotiations are being carried on with a large Eastern company that operates extensive retail establishments in a number of the principal cities of the country. It is planned to devote the portion of this building not used by the department stores to offices.

It is expected to have construction upon one of the large buildings under way before June 1. Work on other structures will be begun not long after that date. Neither of the blocks will be used either for a hotel or theater, according to Mr. Evans. Such a project was considered, but the capitalists behind the enterprise believe that they can secure better returns from their money if invested in buildings used for stores and office purposes. It is not improbable, however, that one of the other pieces under lease will be used as the site of a theater.

The Trustee Company, which is headed by W. D. Wood, of Seattle, is incorporated in Portland, Seattle, Denver, Salt Lake and Los Angeles. It represents extensive property interests and is said to be abundantly able to handle large projects that it has taken up here.

Among the properties reported leased by Mr. Evans besides the Pittock and Pennoyer blocks, are the following: Quarter block, northwest corner of Eleventh and Alder, from P. J. Mann; quarter block at northwest corner of Eleventh and Yamhill, from H. A. Robert; quarter block southeast corner of Park and Alder, from Miss Helen F. Spaulding.

It is said that bonds will be immediately given to guarantee the erection of buildings on the properties under lease. The transactions, so far as the Pittock and Pennoyer blocks are concerned, are regarded as closed. The lease on other properties depends upon negotiations for backing now under way.

### Dredge for Swift Packing Company.

The hull for the Swift Packing Company's dredge, which is being built in Seattle, was yesterday completed in ten days and ready for launching. It is a solid mass of timber. Machinery has been ordered, and will arrive soon. Some of the portions of the dredge have been completed. Of these there will be 25. The pontoons will carry the pipe from the dredge to the shore. The dredge will be used to cut a ship channel from the mouth of Columbia River to the land purchased by the Swift Packing Company. The machinery will be powerful, and of the modern type of dredge machinery.

Many persons keep Carter's Little Liver Pills on hand to prevent bilious attacks, dizziness, headache, and find them just what they need.

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### SCHNITZER GETS REVENGE

#### Court Fines W. L. Smith, Junk Dealer's Assistant, \$15.

Just as he was closing up his affairs, preparatory to leaving for Russia to bring his family to this country, B. Schnitzer, proprietor of a junkshop on Front street, had a snip at an opponent.

What Happened to Mr. Schnitzer.

W. L. Smith, owner of \$7 worth of old bottles, Smith "landed" on Schnitzer's face, but witnesses differed as to which side of the face. As this was somewhat immaterial anyway, Municipal Judge Cameron found Smith guilty, and fined him \$15.

The battle was fought last week. On the afternoon of the encounter a telephone message was sent to police headquarters to the effect that a pitched battle was in progress in the junkshop and that several were killed, more wounded, and the siege still on. A patrol wagon laden with policemen and correspondents dashed to the scene, but upon their arrival the bluecoats discovered that the whole affair was a simple case of a one-liner blow on Schnitzer's face.

No arrests were made on the spot, but later Schnitzer caused a complaint to be filed against his assailant, and the arrest was made.

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A special meeting of the Council has been called by Mayor Lane for next Saturday afternoon, when the various ordinances that are to be submitted to the people at the June election will be taken up. The meeting is called upon the advice of City Attorney McNary, who has directed attention to the enabling act recently passed by the Legislature, which prescribes that all measures to be submitted to the people shall be filed with the Auditor of cities by the first Monday of the third month before the month of the election on petition of 15 per cent of the voters, or that they shall be initiated by the City Council.

This law, according to the City Attorney, does not necessarily make it necessary for the initiative measures so submitted as it would at first appear. By another provision of the bill these conditions are made to apply only in cities where the Council has not or shall not fix the method by which petitions shall be initiated. The Portland Council has not prescribed any method for the initiation of ordinances in Portland, but it may do so at the meeting Saturday. Under the new law, it is permitted to place the time limit for the filing of petitions any time before the election that it shall see fit.

It is probable, however, that the Council Saturday will vote to submit several ordinances to the voters, among them those providing for the issuing of bonds for a new pipeline to Bull Run, a system of public docks, the new park system and a new bridge at Madison street. City Attorney McNary has not yet determined whether the Council has the power to initiate in this manner bills which do not provide for charter amendments.

As it would be practically impossible to secure the signatures of the required 15 per cent of the voters upon any bill before Saturday, the measures will be placed before the voters at the election. Many of the bills are prepared, however, and there is little doubt that the Council will vote to place the time limit for the filing of subsequent bills, it would be impossible to bring them to a vote at the election. But if it should meet, they have been discussed before the people next June.

It has been suggested that the Council fix the time for submitting petitions as 30 days before the election.

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