

CITY OF PANAMA RAMS ALLIANCE

Coos Bay Steamer Damaged in Collision at Mouth of River.

STRUCK WHILE AGROUND

Strong Set-In Current of Willamette Where It Enters Columbia Causes Both Accidents. No Lives Lost.

When within eight miles of her dock on her first trip up the Coast in the Portland and San Francisco run, the steamer City of Panama, in charge of Pilot Willis Snow, collided with the steamer Alliance at the mouth of the Willamette River yesterday morning at 5 o'clock. The City of Panama suffered little damage, but the Alliance was badly battered up astern. None of the passengers on either vessel were injured.

The Alliance entered the mouth of the river at 10 o'clock Wednesday night. The dredge Portland was working on the south side of Nigger Tom Island and in order to clear the dredge and the pipe line, Pilot Turner made a run slightly to the eastward of the regular course. To make the swing he put his helm hard a-port but when the bow of the steamer struck the eddy she refused to swing and went ashore on the island.

Following the Alliance up the river were the steamers George W. Elder and the City of Panama. On noting the condition of affairs on his arrival at the mouth Captain James Elder of the Alliance backed and anchored for the night. The City of Panama came up a little later and also went to an anchorage to await daylight. At 6 o'clock in the morning the dredge had shifted her position and the Elder, which had laid a course on the inside of the Portland was compelled to turn back.

Strikes a Cross Current.

The City of Panama then came up and in attempting to enter the Willamette struck the same cross current which had set the Alliance ashore and crashed into the stern of that vessel. The San Francisco and Portland boat struck the Alliance a trifle to the starboard of the rudder post, cutting her down from the hurricane deck to the lower guard rail and inboard for a distance of about five feet. The Alliance's timbers were badly splintered and the hull she can be freed from the drydock and it will be fully 20 days before she can go into commission.

The Alliance was also forced fully 20 feet further up the mud bank. It is not been for the condition of the bottom where the Alliance lay at the time the City of Panama would have cut through her for a distance of perhaps 20 feet. As it was the cut did not extend to the waterline and the injured craft did not make water.

Shortly after the Alliance went around the steamer Beaver came by and offered assistance. Captain Olsen, Pilot Turner and Purser Skinner came to Portland and by daylight had the steamers Morrison and Belmont O and the City of Panama at the scene. It was originally the intention to pull the Alliance off at high water yesterday. It was while the tow boats were working cutting her down the City of Panama collided with the Alliance and forced her so far into the mud that it will be necessary for dredgers to cut away under her before she can be freed from the sand bank.

Will Float This Morning.

Yesterday afternoon the dredge Columbia, in tow of the John McCracken, left for the scene and by this morning it is hoped that the Alliance will be afloat and at the drydock. The steamer Diamond O left last night for the scene and stood by for the purpose of pulling on the stranded craft.

The City of Panama is on her first trip to Portland. She is one of the Pacific Mail boats which have been operated on the run between San Francisco and Panama in the coffee trade. She is an ancient specimen of marine architecture having been built at Chester, Pa., in 1872. She is slow and on the North trip from San Francisco, consumed more than a day in excess of the Costa Rica, which has a reputation for slowness.

The Alliance is a wooden vessel and has been operated between Portland and Coos Bay for the past seven months. Prior to that time she was on the Eureka run. The Alliance will be held up for an indefinite period on account of her injuries but the City of Panama will leave for the South on schedule shortly before noon.

Pilot's Efforts Vain.

That both vessels were not greatly injured, and that there was no loss of life is little short of miraculous. When Pilot Snow discovered that his vessel had her nose in an eddy and that her stern was in the current he foresaw a collision, ordered the anchor dropped and ran for full speed astern. In spite of this action the Panama's headway was so great that the Alliance suffered severely.

Columbia River pilots say that the entrance to the mouth of the Willamette is in worse condition now than it has been for many years past. There is sufficient depth of water, but the current sets so that it makes navigation difficult. The Norwegian steamer Thyra, with a party of lumber for China, via Tacoma, passed down the river yesterday morning swinging from the mouth of the Willamette into the Columbia she got too close to the old jetty and bumped on the rocks. No damage resulted.

Pilots are preparing a resolution to present to the United States Engineers asking for the removal of the old jetty.

Brisk Acts at Pantages.

There are good things afoot at Pantages this week—his after his keeping the guests busy with applause. The Sumatra troupe of Japanese magicians and illusionists offer a new and interesting variety. The Hebrew street car conductor is the comedy hit of the month. Miss Irene Lee and the "Candy Kid" put on a new novelty act, and all the others are right up to the minute. You will enjoy this show. See it.

Falconio at Jamestown Fair.

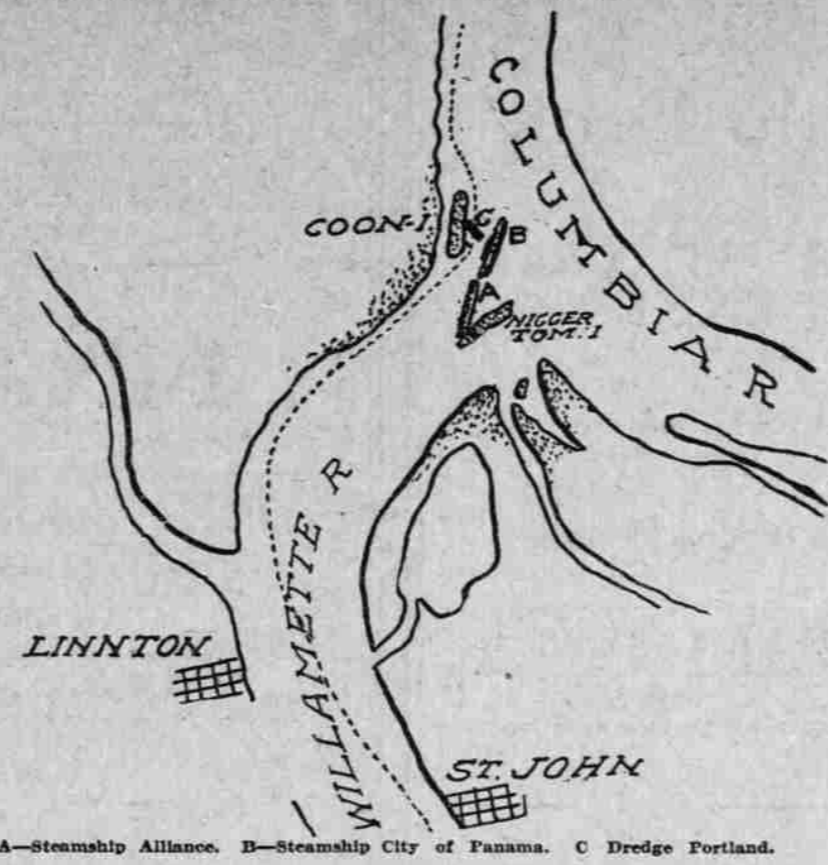
NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 8.—Mr. Falconio, papal delegate to the United States, attended the Knights of Columbus celebration at the Jamestown Exposition today. Thousands were present.

Watches cleaned, \$1, at Metzger's.

SCENE OF THE COLLISION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA AND THE ALLIANCE



STEAMER ALLIANCE ASHORE ON NIGGER TOM'S ISLAND



A—Steamship Alliance. B—Steamship City of Panama. C Dredge Portland.

GOES OVER SURVEY

Southern Pacific to Retrace Central Oregon Route.

CREW ALREADY IN FIELD

Activity May Foreshadow Construction of Road Projected Years Ago—Changes in Survey to Suit Modern Conditions.

Surveyors have taken the field to retrace the Corvallis & Eastern survey across Eastern Oregon from Detroit to Ontario. A crew of 15 men, equipped for several months, left Portland this week to accomplish this work.

This may mean that the Harriman interests, which now own the Corvallis & Eastern, will extend the road across the state instead of building on the Oregon Eastern survey, which was completed last winter. It is said the grades to be obtained on the Oregon Eastern survey are not so advantageous as those of the Corvallis & Eastern survey. It is to determine the relative merits of the two routes that the party has been sent out to remark the old survey.

The Corvallis & Eastern survey was originally made 10 or 15 years ago and many changes in the line then made are necessary now, for the science of railroad construction has taken many forward steps in that time. Curves and grades thought entirely feasible in those days for the comparatively light equipment then in use would be tabooed altogether by modern engineers, who are intent on hauling the big loads with a minimum of motive power.

The survey to be retraced undoubtedly offers the shortest direct route across Oregon. It is practically a straight line across the state to Ontario, while the Oregon Eastern route, from Natron to Vale follows a somewhat roundabout course and traverses country which is less desirable than that further north. If the C. & E. survey is followed, the line will afford easy access to the rugged districts of Eastern Oregon and will also offer an outlet to the proposed O. R. & N. road up the Deschutes from its mouth.

TEAL, LUMBERMEN'S CHAMPION

Will Appear Against Railroads in Suit Over Lumber Rates.

J. N. Teal will be the champion of the Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association in the coming fight with the railroads against the announced increase in lumber rates from the North Pacific Coast to the Eastern terminals. Mr. Teal will appear before the Interstate Commerce Commission and will act in conjunction with attorneys selected by the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association, of Seattle, and the Southwestern Washington Millmen's Commission. It is the plan of the lumbermen to employ some very pragmatic, constitutional lawyer of the East to advise with the lumbermen's attorneys. This man has not yet been picked.

An executive committee, consisting of F. C. Knapp, of Portland; F. B. Hubbard, of Centralia, and C. E. Smith, of Seattle, has been named to have charge of the fight. Considerable money has been advanced by the millmen to fight the proposed freight charges and it is understood the contest will be a bitter one. Evidence is now being gathered by the lumbermen and their attorneys.

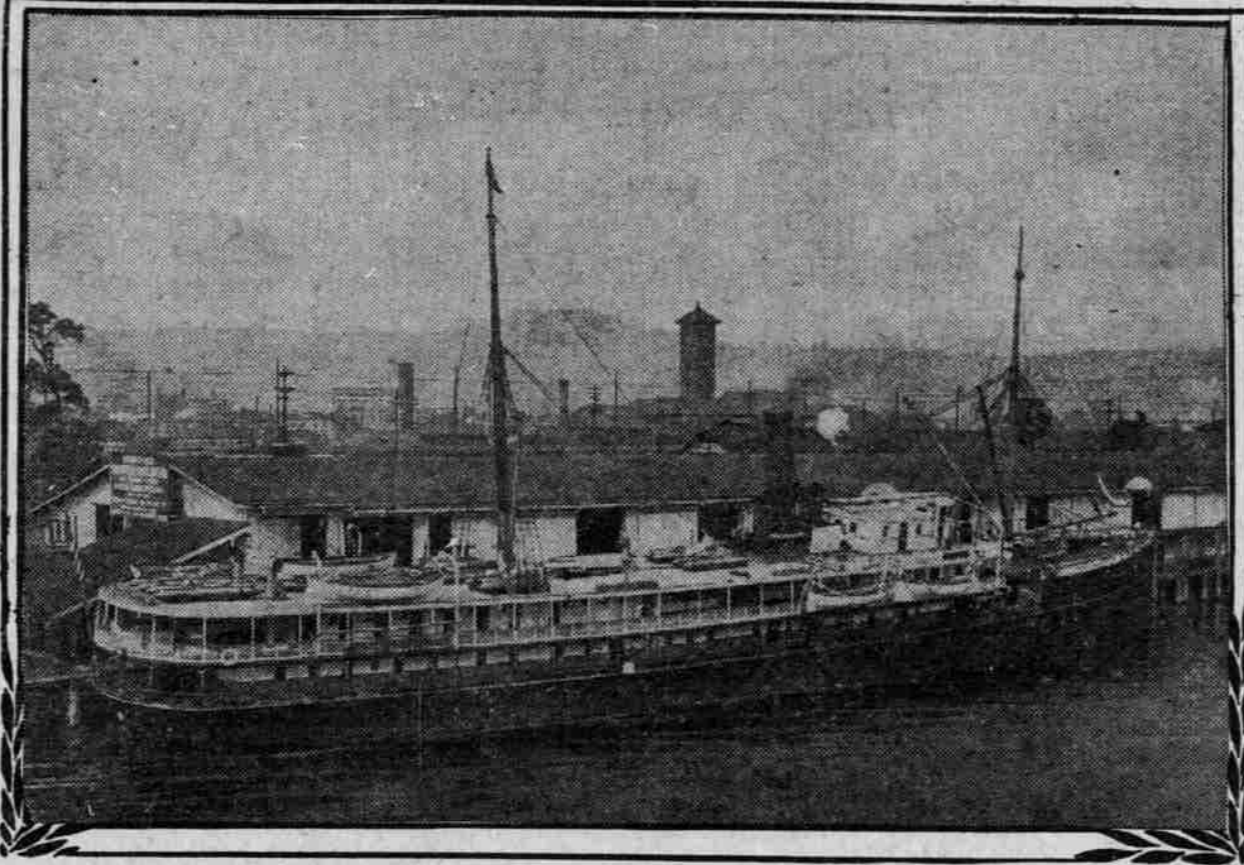
ESTABLISH CITY AGENCIES

Two New Railroads Recognize Rose City's Growing Importance.

Two railroads not now represented in Portland are to have offices here after August 15. The Minneapolis & St. Louis and the Iowa Central have decided to establish agencies and will have quarters in room 306 Lumber Exchange building. R. W. Cook, city passenger and ticket agent for the Chicago & Northwestern, will be agent here for the two roads. He was formerly commercial agent for the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad. It was prior to that was traveling freight agent for the Northern Pacific. Mr. Cook's place in the Northwestern office will be taken by E. B. Maling, now chief clerk of the growing commercial importance of this section of the country is assigned as the reason of the establishment of new railroad offices.

President Hill Camping Out.

Louis V. Hill, president of the Northwestern, accompanied by a party of friends, is camping out in the wilds of Okanogan County, Washington, where Mr. Hill is spending the time fishing and



THE CITY OF PANAMA AT AINSWORTH DOCK

resting. President Hill regards the Pacific Coast country as ideal for Summer vacations and will make an annual Summer pilgrimage to the Pacific Northwest each year hereafter, it is said.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. P. Rinker left last night for an extended trip East.

A. A. Wright, assistant manager of the Portland Hotel, returned last night from a two weeks' vacation, spent at the Oregon Summer resorts.

F. L. Olson, Justice of the Peace for the East Side precinct, has gone to White Salmon, on the Columbia River, where he will remain until September.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McDonald, of Rhyolite, Nev., are at the Oregon Hotel. Mr. McDonald is extensively interested in mining in the Nevada goldfields.

Governor Chamberlain has appointed Edmond C. Giltner, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, a delegate to the National Irrigation Congress, which will meet in Sacramento next month.

Rev. Father Curley, former assistant pastor of the St. Mary's parish, Albina, now of North Bend and Marshfield, has been a guest at the rectory of the parish during the past week. He met many of his former parishioners.

United States District Attorney Bristol is expected to return home from San Francisco this week. He has been in the Bay City for the past two weeks conferring with Secretary Garfield, of the Interior Department, and Francis J. Heney, relative to the conduct of the land fraud trials soon to be resumed in this state and California.

Harry B. Smith, former sporting editor of the Portland Evening Telegram, arrived from San Francisco on the City of Panama yesterday. Mr. Smith has for some months past been on the staff of the San Francisco Chronicle and has come to visit his old friends here on his vacation. He says that the Bay City is gradually building up again and that the newspaper offices are in fairly good shape. The new Chronicle building being occupied, the old building having been razed to be rebuilt on larger lines.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—(Special).—The following Northwestern people are registered at the hotels: From Portland—C. W. Gardner, at the Auditorium. From Oregon—Mrs. Y. C. Seyster, at the Stratford.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—(Special).—Northwestern people at New York hotels: Portland—C. H. Barbour, at the Herald Square; T. Robertson, at the Imperial. From Spokane—W. S. McCue, at the Wellington.

Probationers to Pick Hops.

Fifty or more of the boys wards of the Juvenile Court are to go to the hop fields early in September, where they will pick hops and enjoy an outing. Last year and the year before the youngsters were taken to the seashore. Two camps on the Willamette River are being planned. The court will provide transportation, tents and camping outfits. The boys supply their own bedding. Marlow R. Johnson, probation officer in charge of the arrangements.

Curfew Law at St. Johns.

The curfew bell will ring tomorrow night and every night thereafter in St. Johns at 9 o'clock, at which time all small boys will be expected to be home or on their way there. Chief Bredson announces that the curfew law will be strictly enforced.

Metzger sells diamonds at 10 per cent profit. 242 Washington street.

GROWTH IS SHOWN

Warehouse District Valuations Increased Many-fold.

ASSESSOR GIVES FIGURES

Lots in Some Cases Held 300 and 400 Per Cent Higher Than a Year Ago—Many Surprises on the East Side.

Throughout the new warehouse district in North Portland the 1907 valuations made by Assessor Sigler show an increase of from 300 to 400 per cent over last year's figures, so rapid has been the advance in selling prices in that section of the city. Though this great gain over last year cannot be said to extend to all of Portland, or even to all of the West Side business district, the fact that property in a new warehouse section which has sprung up within the year is valued so highly speaks volumes for the growth of the city. Quarter-blocks in that district which were assessed for \$5000 and \$6000 last year are valued at \$15,000 to \$20,000 by Assessor Sigler this year.

Another striking feature of Portland's growth is the great increase in ground values on Washington street west of Seventh. The gain made in that section of the city has been large. For example, the block bounded by Sixteenth and Seventeenth and Washington and Alder streets is listed in last year's assessment roll at \$50,000. This year the valuation is \$107,000.

The block bounded by Seventeenth, Chapman, Washington and Alder streets is listed at \$20,000 in last year's roll, while this year the value is placed at just twice that figure.

Shows Increase of Fourteen Percent. The block between Fourteenth and Fifteenth and Washington and Buras streets was assessed at \$50,000 last year. This year it is assessed at \$110,000.

The block between Eleventh and Twelfth and Washington and Stark streets was valued at \$215,000 in last year's roll. This year the figure is \$280,000.

On the East Side, particularly in the business district, there has been a similar gain in values during the year, as shown in the assessment roll. The block between Grand avenue and East Sixth street and East Morrison and East Alder streets has advanced in value from \$61,700 to \$112,000. The block between Grand avenue and East Sixth street and Hawthorne avenue and East Madison street has advanced from \$27,700 to \$55,000 during the year. The block on East Taylor and Yamhill streets, between Union and Grand avenues, was assessed at \$28,200 last year. This year the valuation placed upon it by Assessor Sigler is \$44,000.

On East Water and East First streets the block between East Morrison and East Alder streets was assessed at

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- The diverted shipment of a hundred and seventeen splendid new and choicest instruments from our San Francisco store means more to the pianoless homes of this city than any other piano offering in years—if indeed it has ever been equaled.
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- The price on every one of the hundred and seventeen instruments has been cut to 57 cents on the dollar—a saving to the fortunate buyers of nearly a hundred dollars on a \$300 piano; \$129 on the \$300 grade; a saving of \$171 on the \$400 instruments, and of \$215 on the \$500 pianos.
- Nearly a third of the shipment has already been sold, a splendid record for the first three days of the sale. Keen, wide-awake music-lovers have eagerly embraced this opportunity to take advantage of a genuine bargain. Interest is increasing, for friends of those who have already purchased are coming now, upon the strength of their recommendation.
- Our windows and recital hall are both filled with these pianos. Look them over with critical judgment—note their uniform high excellence—their splendid character—their fine tone qualities, handsome case designs and perfect finish and condition. Really, a finer special showing of high-class pianos was never made in Portland—it's decidedly out of the ordinary. And you are not limited to a few makes—there are many, so that you can please yourself exactly in the matter of every preference.
- Do not ponder and debate—investigate, and be quick. Do not wait until the sale is over—and there are but a few days more—come at once. For those who cannot call during the day, we have arranged to keep our store open during the evening while sale lasts. A parting word—be prompt.

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Assessor Sigler is giving a good deal of his time to the proper valuation of franchises. How to arrive at the true value of a franchise is a puzzle the Assessor is studying. He will go to Seattle within a short time to listen to arguments pro and con between corporations there and the city, in regard to the assessment of franchises for their full value. It is possible that this course may be followed in Multnomah County.

Standard Moves for Appeal. CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—Attorneys for the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, which was recently fined \$23,000 in the District Court, today presented to Judge Landis a motion seeking an appeal in the case. The hearing of the motion was set for 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Grange to Give Concert. The Milwaukee Band and Grange will give a free open-air concert and entertainment tonight on the lawn between the grange and band halls on the Scott land. Your credit is good at Metzger's, jewelers, 242 Washington st.

My Wife

Insists that good furniture is a better investment than fine diamonds. She spends a great deal of her time and my money at "Gevurtz" buying furniture, and she is always satisfied. A satisfied wife means peace in the family—and that means a whole lot to a married man.

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