

BRODICK CASTLE TO TAKE BARLEY

British Spot Ship Has Been Fixed for Immediate Loading for Europe.

IN PORT SINCE FEBRUARY

Fleet of Disengaged Craft in Columbia River Has Been Reduced to Three—Idle Vessels on Puget Sound Number Nearly 30.

Kerr, Gifford & Co. have chartered the British ship Brodick Castle to load barley for Ipswich, direct. The vessel has been on the disengaged list for months and negotiations for her charter have been under way for a week but were not definitely closed until yesterday. The Brodick Castle registered 3700 tons. She is commanded by Captain Taylor. The Brodick Castle reached Portland from Newcastle, N. S. W., February 27. Until three weeks ago she lay in the streams with her cargo on board. She is now at the Pacific Coast bunkers discharging the last of it. She came in to Hood, Ralph & Co., and was without an outward charter. The fixing of the Brodick Castle reduces the fleet of disengaged craft to three craft, the American, Donna Francesca and Leyland Brothers. This is considerable better than Puget Sound where disengaged fleet numbers close to 30. The sailing letter are all owned by members of the Association and the minimum rate allowed is 50 and 60 for orders. On this rate is allowed off for a direct port. There has been a tremendous falling off in the off-shore lumber trade and it is practically impossible to place the disengaged vessel in that business.

Bar Lydgate Speaks the Brablock.

The British bark Lydgate, Captain Lydgate, arrived yesterday and anchored off Tillamook. She came up from Santa Rosalia and is under charter to carry wheat to October 25, will be long 140 west, and latitudes 80th north, he spoke the British ship Brablock, from Antwerp, June 3, for Portland. Several hours later he spoke the British bark Balmoral, Queensland bound from Tacoma, for Queenstown.

Steamer Alliance Has Rough Trip.

The steamship Alliance, from Coos Bay, arrived up at noon yesterday with 20 passengers and a fair quantity of freight. The voyage up the coast was made in good time and was without incident. On the down trip an increase in wind was broken by one hour. It required 10 hours for the Alliance to cover the distance between the Columbia and Coos Bay bars. The voyage was made in the teeth of a southeast gale and for a number of hours the steamer made scarcely two miles an hour.

Wheat and Lumber Rates Advance.

Lumber and wheat rates at Columbia ports are steadily advancing. The local agents of a steamship line yesterday refused a large quantity of wheat at \$2.50 a ton and has contracted for several full lumber cargoes at \$20 a thousand. The demand is increasing rapidly and heavy coastwise business is looked for during the next six months.

Dredge Quits at Coon Island.

The dredge Portland, which has been at work on the old dike at the mouth of the Willamette River, has been ordered back to Portland. Work on the Coon Island dike will not be taken up again by the Port of Portland on account of the danger of disabling the dredge. The dike is a relic of the past and a large portion has been removed above the water level by the Government. A few piles remain which are dangerous during low water.

Marine Notes.

The steamship Roanoke sailed for San Pedro last evening with freight and passengers. The steamship Rose City will sail for San Francisco this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The British ship Wynnstay will finish loading this morning. The Agard is taking wheat at the Oceanic dock. The Bankfield shifted from Oceanic to Columbia No. 2 yesterday.

Arrivals and Departures.

PORTLAND, Nov. 5.—Arrived—Steamship Alliance, from Coos Bay; British bark Lydgate, from Santa Rosalia; Steamer Donna Francesca, from Coos Bay; Steamer Astoria, from Coos Bay; Steamer Coos Bay, from Coos Bay; Steamer French Bark David de Angers, from London by way of Hobart; Arrived down at Coos Bay, Nov. 5.—Steamer Breakwater, from Coos Bay; Sailed at 10:35 A. M.—Steamer J. Marshall, for San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 5.—Arrived, November 5.—Roanoke, from Portland. Santa Barbara, Nov. 5.—Arrived—Steamer South Bay, from Portland. PORT LAUD, Nov. 4.—Sailed—Elsa, Vancouver. VALLEJO, Nov. 4.—Arrived previously—Humboldt, from Portland. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 5.—Arrived—Steamer Governor, Victoria; Steamer Gray Hawk, Newcastle; Steamer Hornet, Gray Hawk; Sailed—Steamer Sheridan, Manila.

Tides at Astoria Friday.

High, 11:17 A. M. 8.9 feet; 3.5 A. M., 1.3 feet; 11:57 P. M., 8.9 feet; 3.5 P. M., 1.3 feet.

TRIBUTE TO GUILD'S WORK

Visiting Nurses Make Good Use of Garments Donated.

PORTLAND, Nov. 5.—(To the Editor.)—The yearly contribution of new garments to the Visiting Nurse Association from the Needlework Guild is one of our most acceptable donations. It is difficult for the outsider to realize the significance of the gift of a new garment to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The visiting nurse enters homes where the regular routine is broken through illness. The life, poverty-stricken always, is more distressed than usual through the added burden of disease. Imagine, then, of the relief which comes to the mother when an absolutely new garment is given to her—not one that has been worn and must be mended, or altered to fit, but one that is clean and new and ready to wear. Richness and grace added to the distress of poverty give us a combination that requires an unusual courage to overcome. We can imagine, without any great effort, the comfort and relief of the mother when the need of clothing is met through the

gifts that are made possible through the Needlework Guild. No organization can appreciate this more keenly than the Visiting Nurse Association. Neither the nurses nor the family of the sufferers have the time for repairing or washing the clothing that we should be obliged to give could we not draw upon our Needlework Guild donation—the clean, new dainty nightgowns, for the mothers, the little shirts, petticoats and soft, dainty nightgowns for the little strangers—the fresh, new sheets and pillowcases for the sick beds—also limited only in quantity to meet the needs of our nurses in their work of mercy. As our work grows, our needs grow, and each year our list is longer and more varied, the demand on the Guild. We believe, too, that the Guild uses the proper kind of discretion in the distribution of the garments and the management is to be congratulated on its wisdom. May we add a last word of hope that this year's storehouse is full to overflowing. At no time in its history has the work of the visiting nurse made such a heavy demand on its resources, and we meet the same condition in the other organizations. If we realize the needs of the Winter will be a hard one for the poor—lack of work this Summer means distress this Winter, and lines

BOARD REDUCES SIGLER'S FIGURES

Assessment Protests Are Allowed in Nearly All Cases Reported.

ADVANCE IN TWO INSTANCES

Among Large Owners Affected Are Corbett Estate, Portland Cordage Company and Several Steamship Concerns.

The County Board of Equalization returned decisions yesterday afternoon upon the protests of 283 property-owners. Only a small portion of the total number of protests were denied and many still remain to be voted on. In two instances the assessment was raised at the request of the taxpayers. One of the latter was the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Co. The packing company's merchandise was assessed at \$200, and its money, notes and accounts at \$300. It asked that the amount of money, notes and accounts be increased to \$100.

STEAMER INTELLIGENCE

Table with columns: Name, From, Date, and Scheduled to Depart. Lists various ships and their routes.

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Many Ballots Defective

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Judges Make Many Suggestions for Changes in System of Handling Elections.

Although 30,716 ballots were cast in Multnomah County last Tuesday, only 29,561 were counted, the other 1155 being defective. The number of votes cast, by wards, is as follows: Ward 1, 1682; 2, 1900; 3, 1456; 4, 2542; 5, 2658; 6, 1141; 7, 2143; 8, 5980; 9, 3530; 10, 2895; county, 433. Total vote cast in the city was 28,320.

Steamer Figures Reduced.

W. H. Marshall's objection to the assessment of the steamer Leona and the Nauid, now the Mulholland, is assessed in Columbia County. The assessment on the Leona was reduced to \$200.

Body Horribly Crushed

Aeronaut Dashed to Pieces Against Chimney as Balloon Rises.

PRINCETON, Ill., Nov. 3.—Professor Peter Kramer, of St. Louis, was dashed against the chimney of the Methodist Church and killed here yesterday while making a balloon ascent at the farmers' carnival. Glenn Hayden, a 7-year-old boy who was standing near the church, was struck by a brick falling from the chimney when it was pressed by the balloon, and his skull fractured. He may die. A strong wind was blowing, and efforts were made to persuade the aeronaut not to attempt an ascent. In reply he said: "I will make the jump today if I break my neck doing it."

Cholera Epidemic Abated.

MANILA, Nov. 5.—The cholera situation in this city appears to be well under control as a result of the campaign carried on by the health department. The number of new cases reported daily is now reduced to an average of two.

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Company, that you contractors are trying to put off completion of these big contracts until this committee goes out of office, just to profit thereby; I say it looks that way. If we are to take every excuse offered by you, where will we end? What can we expect to accomplish for the people as their representatives? Is there any reason to think that any big contracts will be completed during our term of office, if we continue to take the excuses advanced by you contractors? Mr. Simon replied that his company is anxious to complete as rapidly as possible, in order to get their money from the work. He declared there is no desire to delay the work, but said that he does not regard it as any part of a contractor's business to force the street company to do its share of the work. The matter came up for discussion owing to an application for an extension of time on bitulthite pavement and cement sidewalks and curbs on Belmont street, between East Thirty-ninth and East Fortieth streets. It was explained that the railway company is just starting to lay the Belgian blocks and to improve between its tracks, and that it is necessary to cut down four feet to the established grade before the work could be started. It is said that there are numerous improvements all over the city that are being held up by the street company in various ways, and the matter is going to be investigated by the street committee.

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