

FEELING MUCH IMPROVED

Mills on Coos Bay All Working.

C. A. Smith Operating With a Double Crew.

P. N. GRAY VISITS PORTLAND

Speaks Encouragingly of Business Conditions and Prospects for Ensuing Year—Lumber Trade Rapidly Reviving.

Prentiss N. Gray, secretary of the Gray & Holt Steamship Company of San Francisco, arrived in Portland yesterday on the steamship Alliance from Coos Bay. Mr. Gray spent two weeks in the Coos Bay territory looking over business conditions and the outlook for the new year. While there he contracted to handle the output of shingles from the mill at Coos Bay, a larger part of the shingles will be brought to Portland.

Mr. Gray declares that the business outlook for 1909 is very good and that he looks for a great increase in freight offerings, both in and out.

"Fifteen vessels were in Coos Bay last week," said Mr. Gray. "Of this number six were loading at the C. A. Smith mills, and four at Simpson's mill. The rest were steamships, the Alliance, Breakwater, M. F. Plant, Carina and Redondo. Mr. Gray is working two shifts now and with one or two exceptions all the mills on the bay are running.

Lumber will begin to move much more rapidly with the opening of the new year. The demand is increasing and the coming year will be a record-breaker. The Coos Bay river country is forging rapidly to the front and a large amount of that business is coming to Portland which formerly was handled by Los Angeles. Dec. 20.

The Alliance did not reach her Portland dock until 10:30 yesterday morning. She was compelled to anchor three times coming up the river on account of fog. The Alliance brought a big cargo and a large number of passengers.

SEVERIC HAS ROUGH TRIP

Steering Gear Disabled in Typhoon.

Chinese Stowaways Discovered.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 17.—The steamer Severe, which arrived this morning from Manila and way ports, when one day from Hongkong, was caught in a heavy typhoon and when rolling heavily and shipping huge quantities of water her steam steering gear was broken by some waves which pounded against the machine. The steamer off in the trough of the sea, helpless in the storm, rolled from beam to beam, while six men, and sometimes ten, clung desperately to the hand steering gear, the wheel kicking and being most difficult to turn even with the united efforts of the seamen clustered at the spokes. Two engineers worked day and night for 30 hours before the steam engine was shored up and repaired sufficiently to be used.

Leaving Hongkong, Captain Shotton received an anonymous letter that if he would search the ship he would find seven stowaways hidden. Search was made, and four Chinese were found, one of whom had letters of reference to friends in Seattle. The three others had made their way ashore during the search. The Severeic brought 2300 tons of general freight and 25 stowaway passengers.

VOSSRIO FOR ORIENTAL RUN

New Bank Line Steamship Will Go in Trans-Pacific Service.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 17.—It is reported that the Bank Line, now on her way to this coast for the Australian service, will be put in the Oriental trade after making one trip. Two large passenger and freight steamers of 15,000 tons are to be built for the line to replace the Shawmut and Trenton, which were operated in connection with this line.

The steamer Londale, of the Canadian-Mexican Line, arrived this morning, bringing the first shipment of through freight for British Columbia merchants via the Tehuantepec route. It left Liverpool 47 days ago on the steamer Concorde for Puerto Mexico.

The Londale, which was in collision with the steamer Virginia of the American-Hawaiian Line at Salinas Cruz, sustained serious damage to her bulkheads from the starboard quarter. The Londale was at her wharf and the Virginia inbound steered against her starboard side, striking head on and gliding along the steamer's side. Bonds were given by the Virginian for the damage done.

Ship Leyland Brothers Pays Off.

Three members of the crew of the British ship Leyland Brothers have been paid off and several others will receive their money within the next few days. The Leyland Brothers has been in port since April 27. She is without a charter and prospects are that she will remain on the disengaged list until next season, when she begins to move. With a few exceptions the crew of the Leyland Brothers has remained with the ship. She is commanded by Captain Morgan.

Cold Weather Hard on Fuel Oil.

Continued cold weather is predicted by the Weather Bureau and Oregonians will continue to suffer and contract the grip until the rain again sets in. Oil-tank steamers are having a hard time discharging. The oil thickens up and the pumps will hardly handle it. The Astoria, which is discharging at Portmouth, was scarcely able to deliver 300 barrels an hour yesterday.

Louisiana in Distress at Tahiti.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—The Merchants Exchange has received a cable dispatch from Tahiti stating that the American bark Louisiana, bound from Noyo to Caliao, has reached Tahiti, leaking badly. The full extent of the damage to the vessel is unknown, but it will be necessary to discharge her cargo in order to make repairs.

Lurline Breaks Pitman Strap.

The steamer Lurline, from Astoria, broke a pitman strap and the steamer Undine left down on the run yesterday morning. The accident will delay the boat only a few days. The Lurline reached port with one engine working.

Tacoma Shipping News.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 17.—The German bark Magdalen arrived from Port Angeles. She will load wheat here for the United Kingdom.

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The American-Hawaiian liner Alaskan left port this afternoon after taking 1000 tons of freight for the Hawaiian Islands.

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Concert Tonight for Seamen.

The concert this evening at the Portland Seamen's Friend Society, corner of Third and Flinders streets, is in charge of Miss Eugenia Craig, who has arranged the following programme: Piano solo, Miss Elna Anderson; solo, Mrs. Grace.

HOW TAYLOR-STREET METHODIST CHURCH BUILT ITS SPIRE BACK IN 1868

First M. E. Church

PORTLAND.

10,000 Shares.

Sunday School

CLASS No. 11

CELESTIAL RAIL ROAD STOCK.

The Sunday School Workers. Grace is the Fire and Love the Steam. That moves this engine and the train. Through tunnels dark, north mountains high. It guides young pilgrims to the sky.

M. E. Church, Cor. 3d and Taylor. Within these walls let JESUS reign. A heavenly depot for the train. May it in that great day appear. That crowds were checked for glory here.

An appeal from the Trustees. Come then young pilgrims, now is the time. To build this depot on that line. If we'll be true and work for HIM. He'll stop his cars and take us in.

25 Cents per Share.

Capital Stock \$2,500.

This certifies that *Wm. H. Masters* has paid in 1 Share in the Celestial Rail Road Stock.

SPECTRUM OF CELESTIAL RAILROAD STOCK, ISSUED BY PIONEER CHURCH HALF CENTURY AGO.

To raise money for the erection of a spire on the Taylor-Street Methodist Church, J. F. Jones organized the Celestial Railroad Company in 1848. Stock at 25 cents a share was issued to the amount of 10,000 shares, representing \$2500. This was purchased by the church members. At that time Rev. J. H. Wythe was pastor of the church. The church building proper was erected during the pastorate of Dr. C. Stratton, in 1848.

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WHITNEY IS GUILTY

Convicted of Manslaughter for Death of Mabel Wirtz.

JURY OUT THIRTY MINUTES

Prisoner Unmercifully Scored by Prosecutor—Penalty Is One to Fifteen Years in State's Prison, and Fine.

"Your decision in this case is of more importance to the community than the findings on all the murder trials put together," said the prosecutor. "And the jury took the involved which reaches to the very basis of society. You are called upon to deal with a black polluter of young womanhood—to deal with an excellent specimen of a type that is becoming more and more common. And I hope you will find this lecherous beast guilty of manslaughter in connection with the death of his fiancée, Mabel Wirtz."

Such was the final plea for conviction of Dr. G. B. Whitney presented to the Circuit Court jury yesterday morning by Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald. There will also be the same viewpoint and inside of half an hour from the minute of withdrawal from the courtroom, reached a verdict of guilty. This means that the young Forest Grove dentist will have to spend from 1 to 15 years in the Oregon penitentiary for his misconduct, provided he does not succeed in effecting a successful appeal.

"He may also be imposed in the discretion of the court. Notice of application for a new trial has not yet been tendered. The case will be argued by the A. M. after Dr. Whitney has been pictured as the vilest of human creatures. Mr. Fitzgerald likened him to the serpent in the Garden of Eden, and said he was a sore on the social fabric of a kind which would in time sap society of its moral strength unless dealt with and wiped out.

"His lawyer, who has you for sympathy for this man," said the prosecuting officer. "He is not entitled to sympathy. If there is any sympathy to be given in this case it should go to sorrowing parents of the young girl whose life this lecherous beast destroyed."

It is plain as light that death was caused by a local application of medicinal poison, used for the purpose of preventing possible working out of the laws of nature. It is equally plain that this creature, who is a poison. Posing as a medical student, he tempted her. Like the serpent in the Garden of Eden, he purged his lecherous temptation, saying that he knew the way to avoid the consequences. Such a snake is the most dangerous kind, and I hope you will put this man away where he belongs, in a felon's cell, not only as retribution for the life he took, but as a warning to the other carrion that are wont to prey on unsophisticated womanhood."

The jurors returned at 11 A. M. and from the briefcase of the A. M. it was thought by a defendant that a verdict favorable to the defendant had been reached. Whitney was in such a nervous state that he kept his seat with difficulty. But when the verdict was read and he realized that he was face to face with the penitentiary, he steadied himself and turned back into the courtroom to console his sister, who broke out sobbing on hearing the verdict. Judge Cleland announced that he would pass sentence on the case next Monday morning.

AMUSEMENTS

What the Press Agents Say.

Murray and Mack at the Baker.

Murray and Mack are the original laugh getters and their present play, "The Sunny Side of Broadway," written by the author of "Paid in Full" is the best thing they have ever appeared in. They will close their week's engagement to-morrow night.

Baker Stock Company's Success.

That intense dramatic climax to the second act of the Baker Stock Company's brilliant success, "The Rose of the Rancho," which is now at the Grand Opera House, is one of the most thrilling in any play. Only three more chances to see this beautiful play.

"In Wyoming" at the Star.

"In Wyoming" that popular drama of Western ranch life on the frontier, is the attraction at the Star Theater this week. It deals in a breezy style with the stirring events at the Doby Ranch in the valley of the Big Horn, and a thwarted attempt at cattle rustling. There is a pleasing comedy vein.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Seats Selling for Rose Stahl.

Seats are now selling for Rose Stahl in the comedy drama success, "The Circus

STEAMER INTELLIGENCE.

Due to Arrive.

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