

SELJA CATERED FOR LUMBER CARGO

Norwegian Steamship Taken by Balfour-Guthrie & Co. for Portland Loading.

GRAIN CARGO FOR EUROPE

British Steamship Strathairn Clears for St. Vincent for Orders With Fuel Cargo—News of the Waterfront.

Balfour, Guthrie & Co. have chartered the Norwegian steamship Selja to carry lumber from Portland to Shanghai. The vessel is of 220 tons register and will carry upwards of 2,000,000 feet. She is now at La Boca discharging a cargo of lumber, laden at Tacoma. She will arrive at Portland early in February for her outward cargo for China.

SPRECKLES' TUGS ARE LEASED

Tied Stack Line Secures Control of Tugboats on San Francisco Bay.

The Shipowners' & Merchants' Towboat Company, of San Francisco, has chartered the entire fleet of tugboats belonging to the J. D. Spreckles & Bros. Company, and heretofore used for the towing business of San Francisco harbor. The vessels which have passed to the control of the Merchants' Company are the tugs Dauntless, Relief, Restless, Defender, Reliance, Alert and Fearless. All the boats are in commission.

Government to Measure Snow Fall.

E. A. Beals, United States District Forestry Official, has gone to Pendleton, Or., on business connected with the department. Mr. Beals will be absent from Portland about two weeks and during that time will establish a number of stations in the Umatilla basin for the purpose of ascertaining the snow fall in that section.

Galena Shifts in Gale.

ASTORIA, Dec. 29.—(Special)—Reports from Clatsop Beach that during the recent big gale the stranded British bark Galena was driven much farther up on the beach and swung around until she is broadside to the sea. Her hold is fast filling with sand and the vessel is gradually beginning to bury herself in the sands.

R. D. Inman Clears With Lumber.

ASTORIA, Dec. 28.—(Special)—The steamer R. D. Inman cleared at the custom house yesterday for San Francisco with a cargo of 200,000 feet of lumber, loaded at Portland, and 500,000 feet, loaded at Rainier.

Marine Notes.

The British ship Brablock is moored at the O. W. P. dock. The steamship Nome City will sail for San Francisco Thursday evening. The steamer Alliance is expected to arrive this evening from Coos Bay. The steamship Argo sailed for Tillamook last evening with a full cargo of freight.

Arrivals and Departures.

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—Arrived—French bark La Tour d'Auvergne, from Hobart. Sailed—British steamship Strathairn, for St. Vincent; steamship Argo, for Tillamook. ASTORIA, Dec. 28.—Sailed December 28—Steamer Alliance for Portland. Sailed December 28—Steamer Breakwater for Portland. Sailed December 28—Steamer Breakwater for Portland. Sailed December 28—Steamer Breakwater for Portland.

DISCUSS PROPOSED LAWS

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debate, extending over morning and afternoon sessions, the committee voted to sell the entire issue to O'Connor & Kahler, of New York. Life in New South Wales. A commercial and industrial handbook of Newcastle, New South Wales, has been received. It is issued by the Chamber of Commerce of that city and gives a most interesting exposition of business activity in a bustling hive in far-off Australasia.

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