

TILLAMOOK BOAT STARTS RATE WAR

Steamship Sue H. Elmore Cuts Rates on General Cargo to \$3 a Ton.

OPPOSITION STANDS FIRM

Owners of Steamer Argo Announce That They Will Maintain Rate. Complaint Filed Against Steel Bridge—Waterfront News.

Freight rates to Tillamook bay ports have been cut to \$3 a ton. The rate war between the operators of the steamship Sue H. Elmore and Argo is on in earnest and the former steamship will accept cargo for transportation to Tillamook at one-half of the rate formerly charged. The Elmore is now lying at Couch street dock and will sail for Tillamook Monday evening.

Rates to Tillamook have been \$6 a ton and practically all the business from Portland was handled by the Sue H. Elmore and the gasoline schooners Evia and Gerald C. all the property of Samuel Elmore. In the early part of December the Elmore was placed on the run and contracts were signed up for a continuous service and a \$5 rate. Immediately after the announcement was made that the Argo would go on the run Elmore sent his boat to Portland and out the rate to meet that of the Argo. It has since cut the rate to \$3 a ton.

CAPTAIN PARSONS COMPLAINS

Charges Operators of New Railroad Bridge With Delaying Steamer.

Captain E. D. Parsons, master of the steamship Alliance, has filed formal complaint with the local office of the United States Engineer in charge of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad. The Alliance was held up thirty-five minutes at an early hour yesterday morning by delays of an hour and fifteen minutes and fifteen minutes respectively. The report was made in writing to Major McIndoo yesterday afternoon.

ILLICIT HUNTERS IN FIELD

Many Fail to Renew Their Licenses.

Game Wardens May Make Wholesale on Duck Lakes Today.

Arrests Among 500 Sportsmen on Duck Lakes Today.

Only 50 of the 500 duck hunters of this county secured renewals of their annual hunting licenses yesterday, and as a result there may be wholesale arrests in the army of sportsmen in the county today. It is known that fully 200 hunters departed yesterday afternoon and last night for the various scenes of slaughter.

That the old license ceased to be effective at sundown yesterday was doubtless realized by few hunters, for all the men on preserves have been in the habit of securing their licenses regularly. Deputy County Clerk Schneider was prepared for a rush yesterday, but it did not come, and when the office closed only 50 persons in the whole county were in a position to go hunting again without violating the law and being subject to arrest.

The records for the past year reveal that there are 487 sportsmen in the county, as that number of licenses was issued to regular residents. Nine licenses were issued to non-residents. The regular license fee is \$1, payable at the County Clerk's office. This money, at the present time, goes to Deputy Game Wardens for their services in detecting offenders of the game laws. But it is known to every man that hunts the violations of the law are many and arrests few.

There is a movement on foot to have a new game law presented at the coming Legislature raising the fee to \$2 a hunter, half of this money to go to salaries of Wardens and the other half to a fund for the propagation of fish and game. At this time there is no such thing as a sportsman's license.

The first license for 1909 was drawn by Sam R. Archer. J. D. Duback drew 13 and his luck will be observed hereafter with interest. The hoodoo number, 23, went to J. A. Stutt, who showed some disposition to object, but the numbers have to be issued in regular order, and so Stutt will have to about through it the rest of the season with a hoodoo license.

Will Not Quit Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Senator Hale, acting chairman of the committee on appropriations, which has in charge the investigation of the methods of the Secret Service, said today that there was no intention, so far as he knew, of summoning President Roosevelt before the committee after his retirement.

Marine Notes.

William Bowden for Lumber.

The North Pacific Lumber Company has chartered the schooner William Bowden to load lumber at Portland for California. The lumber situation on the coast is better than it has been for more than a year and large shipments are looked for during the year 1909.

Puget Sound, left down yesterday afternoon.

The steamship Roseboro, for San Pedro and way ports, sailed last evening.

The steamship Nome City sailed yesterday afternoon for San Francisco.

The oil tank steamship Asuncion arrived up last night and is discharging at Portsmouth.

The steamship Rose City will sail for San Francisco this afternoon with freight and passengers.

Arrivals and Departures.

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—Arrived—Steamship Asuncion, from San Francisco, steamship Sue H. Elmore, from San Francisco, steamship Roseboro, from San Pedro and way ports, from San Pedro, from San Francisco, steamship Olive and Mahony, for San Francisco, steamship Baginaw, for San Francisco, steamship Neversham, from San Francisco.

Departures.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Arrived at midnight—Steamer D. L. Homan, from Portland, steamer put into Drake's Bay last night to land three stowaways.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Arrived—Steamer F. F. Plant, from Coos Bay, steamer

STEAMER INTELLIGENCE.

Name	From	Date
Nunamita	Hongkong	Jan. 1
Rose City	San Francisco	Jan. 1
E. H. Elmore	Tillamook	Jan. 1
Breakwater	Coos Bay	Jan. 1
Argo	San Francisco	Jan. 1
Goos	Elder San Pedro	Jan. 1
Nome City	San Francisco	Jan. 1
Nunamita	Hongkong	Jan. 1
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Entered Thursday.

Clear Thursday.

Tides at Astoria.

High.

Low.

DECEMBER BEST MONTH OF YEAR

Prosperity at High Tide in Portland With Outlook for Future Bright.

BIG GAIN IN BUSINESS

Depression From National Panic Has Not Only Passed Away, but Public and Private Activities Are Expanding.

Last and best of the months of 1908 was that ending at midnight yesterday. December transacted a huge amount of business and ended with the most brilliant prospects for the new year. Statistics for the month in all lines tell one story, and that is of prosperity and confidence. Business was excellent throughout the month in all lines, but in some of the most important departments showed up less favorably by contrast. Merchants and business men generally are much gratified at the tone of business and the outlook for 1909. It was far different one year ago. Last January 1 the business interests were unsettled and merchants dreaded to see another year dawn upon a depressing condition. There was general lack of confidence for the public at large had reached its height and the outlook was ominous. Business men did not dare make larger plans for the coming year. With no extension of business, traffic of all kinds was kept at a minimum. Manufacturers fell off because stocks were depleted and ready money was scarce. The spirit was to fill up their shelves. The spirit of optimism, born of the assurance of coming prosperity, so essential to this season, was sadly lacking.

Holiday Trade Made Record.

But very different is the general condition of business today. The past month has been one of assurance in the future. Confidence has been general. Instead of hoarding money, as was the case a year ago, people have been spending it liberally. The holiday trade was immense throughout the city. With everybody making money, all were willing to spend it, for they knew their profits would replace what they spent.

During the month one big department store was building a splendid steel frame, ten-story addition to its store. The contract was let for the construction of a fine big store for another such firm during the latter part of the old year. Building went on apace in other directions. Postal business was never before so heavy as during the past 30 days. The city mail is being carried at a rate of 100,000 feet of lumber, for San Francisco.

Increase in Banking Business.

Bank clearings for the month ending yesterday and the former December tell a striking story. Figures for December last show clearings totaling \$29,081,756.62, while for the month of December, 1907, was only \$18,317,237.10. Bank clearings yesterday were \$1,048,793, as compared with \$98,596.20 for the corresponding month of 1907. A great increase over the year is shown. The total bank clearings for the year ending last night were \$319,656,513.69, as against \$359,925,422.11 for the year 1907. This unfavorable showing for 1908 is, of course, due to the financial stringency that extended over into the opening months of 1908, while the greater part of 1907 was the most prosperous for Portland in its history.

Building Figures Are Heavy.

The month ending last night far surpassed the corresponding month of the previous year in building. During December, 1908, 267 building permits were issued, as against 172 in 1907, and 175,000 cubic feet of concrete were used, as against 125,000 cubic feet of concrete in 1907. The total value of building work for the month of December was \$1,048,793, as compared with \$98,596.20 for the corresponding month of 1907. The month ending last night far surpassed the corresponding month of the previous year in building. During December, 1908, 267 building permits were issued, as against 172 in 1907, and 175,000 cubic feet of concrete were used, as against 125,000 cubic feet of concrete in 1907.

Exports for Past Month.

Wheat and flour exports for the month of December were as follows:

From	Bushels
Portland	3,000
Wheat, California	301,200
Flour, California	22,812
Total	307,212
Wheat, foreign	867,267
Wheat, California	14,194
Flour, California	146,517
Flour, foreign	29,848
Total	1,005,038

Figures compiled by the Merchants' Exchange show total shipments of grain from the Northwest for the season to be 17,582,842 bushels, compared with 22,592,387 bushels for the same period last season. The record for the first six months of the year is up to 10,000,000 bushels in 1908.

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PROGRESS OF A CITY

ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENTS IN BUSINESS PROPERTY.

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Money invested in Portland business property will yield a higher percentage of profit than any other large city in the United States. Far-seeing capitalists from the East, from Spokane, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles and many other cities, are now buying Portland business property. This class of property can be purchased at the present time for less money by 25 to 40 per cent than in any other large city on the coast.

NEW CHURCH IS PLANNED

Corvallis Will Have Presbyterian Edifice to Cost \$25,000.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—At a meeting held yesterday afternoon the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church decided to erect a new edifice to cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000. The trustees reported about \$17,000 in sight, including \$10,000 pledged by ten members of the congregation, each giving \$1,000. Rev. Dr. Morrison was present at the meeting and tendered his services in inducing the Presbyterian boards in New York City to furnish at low interest as much money as might be needed to complete the structure. The congregation found great encouragement in his representations and became enthusiastic in discussing plans for a fine building with all modern equipment, including a pipe organ to cost not less than \$500.

MANSLAUGHTER IS CHARGE

Liveryman Says He Struck Intoxicated Man With Fist.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Andrew Benson, of Tenino, has been accused of manslaughter following the death of Harry Patburg at St. Joseph's Hospital in Olympia. Benson was working in a livery barn on Christmas day when Patburg entered the stable and was killed.

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