

THE FREIGHT OFFERED

Regular Liner Nicomedia Is Scheduled to Sail February 11.

TAKES POWDER TO MANILA

Trans-Pacific Business Falls Off Heavily—Little Demand in Japan and China for Flour or Lumber—News of Waterfront.

February 11 has been set as the sailing date for the Portland & Asiatic steamship Nicomedia. Freight offerings for the vessel are slow and for that reason the ship will carry a longer than usual. She has taken on board during the past few days only a small amount of lumber and only a little flour has been offered for shipment to Japan.

Trans-Pacific business has fallen off greatly during the past three months. On the last homeward voyage of the big Hill liner Minnesota she had only 250 tons of cargo and 18 passengers. It is reported that the Pacific Mail boats and the vessels of the Japanese line are not carrying anywhere near capacity.

SOUND TO HAVE SHIP AGENCY

Plan to Facilitate Handling of Vessels Proposed.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 2.—A movement which will facilitate the handling of ships, and which will tend to benefit the district of Puget Sound and Tacoma, is now under way in the possible formation of an agency for the handling of all the Norwegian, German, French and British sailing ships.

SPENCER ON THE DALLES RUN

Steamer Will Enter Excursion Business During Summer.

Captain E. W. Spencer has announced his intention of placing the steamer *Chas. R. Spencer* on the run between Portland and the Dalles during the coming summer. A big season is looked for this year and the Dalles run is much more popular with the tourists.

Officers and Crew Praised.

Advices were received here yesterday by local agents for the steamship line that the board of directors of the International Mercantile Marine Company has recorded expressions of praise and admiration for the crew of the doomed steamship *Republic* in their work caring for the vessel's passengers. Their valiant service and courage is mentioned in the proceedings of the meeting and it was voted to forward these expressions to the officers and crew of the wrecked steamer.

Steamship Daisy Towed South.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Feb. 2.—The San Francisco tug *Hercules* arrived here this morning from Puget Sound and departed immediately with the steamer *Daisy* in tow for San Francisco. The *Daisy* lost two blades of her propeller coming up the coast, one off Cape Mendocino and one off Coos Bay. She carries lumber from the South Bend Mills and Timber Company.

Would Change Wheat Route.

MONTREAL, Feb. 2.—The Canadian railways having headquarters here, are represented at a conference which opened in Calgary today, having for its object the discussion of the proposition to ship all Alaskan wheat to Liverpool via Vancouver and the Suez Canal during the winter months. Last year the Alaskan crop amounted to 7,000,000 bushels.

Notice to Mariners.

John McNulty, nautical expert in charge of the local branch hydrographic office, has issued the following notice to mariners:

Kaiser's Spars Shipped.

SEATTLE, Feb. 2.—Spars, 13 in all, the long ones measuring 12 feet, were loaded on the *Cosmos* liner *Achilles*, which sailed this morning for Hamburg, Germany, where they will be unloaded and used in the construction of the new yacht for the emperor. Chris Endreessen & Company, at Hoquiam, Wash. supplied them.

Rose City Delayed by Winds.

Heavy southwest winds delayed the steamship *Rose City* on the voyage south from Portland. That vessel did not reach San Francisco until 9 o'clock Tuesday night. If she had been able to maintain her schedule she would have arrived in the California city Monday morning.

Marine Notes.

The steamer *Northland* is loading at the Portland docks.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—Sailed—Steamship *Atlas*, for San Francisco; steamship *Breakwater*, for Coos Bay; steamship *Eureka*, for Eureka and Coos Bay.

STEAMER INTELLIGENCE.

Name	From	Date
Nicomedia	Hongkong	In port
Breakwater	Coos Bay	Feb. 2
Atlas	San Francisco	Feb. 2
R. H. Elmore	Tillamook	Feb. 2
Geo. W. Elder	San Pedro	Feb. 2
Breakwater	Coos Bay	Feb. 2
Argo	Tillamook	Feb. 2
Roanoke	Los Angeles	Feb. 2
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French bark Critlon, for Queenstown or Falkland.

French bark *Critlon*, for Queenstown or Falkland, arrived at 4:10 P. M. Steamer *Elmore*, for Tillamook, Feb. 2.—Arrived at 7 A. M. Steamer *Daisy*, Feb. 2.—Arrived at 2 P. M. Steamer *Aunson*; at 1 P. M. Steamer *Majestic*, from Portland; at 11 A. M. Steamer *Elder*, from San Pedro; at 10 A. M. Steamer *South Bay*, from St. Helena, from Portland.

Tides at Astoria Thursday.

High	Low
1:08 A. M. — 7.5 feet; 1:50 A. M. — 2.3 feet	12:18 P. M. — 5.7 feet; 1:18 P. M. — 8.3 feet

O'CONNELL AND BERG SIGN

AGREE TO MEET ON MAT NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 18.

Eastern Man Must Weigh In at 165 Pounds and Get Four Falls in Hour.

Wrestling instructor Eddie O'Connell and John Berg, known among the wrestling fans as "Young Hackenschmidt," signed articles last night to meet in a handicap match in Portland to take place on February 18.

IMPRACTICAL, SAYS JOSELYN

Automatic Couplers Cannot Be Used on Streets, He Declares.

That the bill now being considered at Salem requiring automatic couplers to be attached to all streetcars is impractical, is the opinion of President Joselyn, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. He said that the use of such couplers would interfere seriously with the operation of cars on the city lines, and in fact be entirely impractical.

Freight Agents Name Officers.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected by the Local Freight Agents' Association at a recent regular meeting. D. H. Hanger, traffic manager for the O. W. P. Lines of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, was chosen president of the association.

Woods Affect Train Service.

Because of severe frosts in California that interfere with the main line of the Southern Pacific, the two through trains to the south leaving last night will only as far as Oakland. Two through trains will be run yesterday, will arrive today. No. 36, due yesterday morning, and No. 14, due last night, have been consolidated and will reach the city this morning at 5 A. M.

Conductor Found Guilty.

F. A. Gray, formerly a conductor on the Canadian branch of the O. W. P. Line, was found guilty of larceny by embezzlement yesterday afternoon in Justice Olson's court and was held over to await the action of the grand jury. In default of \$1000 bail he was taken to the County Jail. Gray suddenly disappeared after having collected \$32 in fares on his car and failed to make return to the streetcar company.

The Secret of Long Life.

A French scientist has discovered one secret of long life. His method deals with the blood. But long ago millions of Americans had proved Electric Bitters prolongs life and makes it worth living. It purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood, rebuilds wasted nerve cells, imparts life and tone to the entire system. It's a godsend to weak, sick and debilitated people. Kidney trouble had blighted my life for months. My doctor writes: "W. Sherman, of Chicago, cured me entirely." Only 50c at all druggists.

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O. R. & N. TO SEND FARMERS' SPECIAL

Demonstration Train Will Be Operated in Eastern Washington in March.

PLANS BEING PERFECTED

Professors From Washington Agricultural College to Deliver and Illustrate Lectures on Scientific Husbandry.

Following its policy of aiding the farmer by means of lectures and demonstrations conducted on trains that visit the farming communities and interest the farmer without taking him away from his household, the O. R. & N. will operate a farming demonstration train throughout Eastern Washington late in March. The exact route has not yet been decided, but in all probabilities the train will visit the following places, in addition to others: Guy, Colfax, Elberton, Garfield, Pasquon, Rockford, Fairfield, Thornton, Sunset, St. John, Winona, Diamond, Endicott, LaCrosse, Dayton, Watsburg, Prescott and Walla Walla.

Lectures are scheduled on board the train will be conducted by professors of the Washington Agricultural College, located at Pullman, Wash. A competent corps of instructors will accompany the train and give lectures and actual demonstrations of practical farming methods at every stop. The train to be operated in March is the best not yet decided, but it is similar to those run in the past. The exhibits carried will, however, be more attractive and the lectures are calculated to be more instructive and interesting.

The train will be operated under the immediate supervision of R. B. Miller, head of the traffic department of the Harriman lines in this territory, who takes a personal interest in his work. He will accompany the train in person and give his attention to making the trip as great a success as possible.

"Our success in operating former trains has induced the railroad officials to make this a permanent feature. The results will become more apparent and far-reaching with the operation of the train in person and the dissemination of the practical knowledge given the farmers in the lectures and demonstrations. The farmers generally are much interested and are eager to receive more knowledge along the lines of modern agriculture, profiting by the experience of men who have made a life of it. The result of this proposition is one that is very much in the public interest.

"Animal husbandry will be given special attention in the coming trip. More livestock in the territory to be covered by the train is highly desirable. The many advantages that are realized by the farmer in the territory to be covered will be of the greatest importance. Prominence is given to livestock because of the need for the development of the territory. The extent to which it has been neglected in the past. The growing of beef cattle, hogs, mutton, and all kinds of stock will be stimulated and the best any sort is to be out about ten days and will run special over the Washington division. Stops of about two hours will be made in each town visited.

APPOINTMENT OF AN ACCOUNTANT TO EXAMINE THE BOOKS OF THE VARIOUS COUNTY OFFICIALS WAS MADE YESTERDAY BY THE COUNTY COURT.

The work of going over all public documents and accounts has already been taken up and will be prosecuted vigorously until the books are completed.

Although the state law requires that the County Auditor shall go over these accounts each year, the books of the county have not been examined for nearly six years, and the integrity of the various officials has been the only assurance that there have been no irregularities.

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Simply Matter of Law.

"I am sure the various officers are only too glad to have their books checked up," said Judge Webster. "This is purely a matter of compliance with the law and has no significance beyond that."

The expert's work will begin with the office of Treasurer Lewis. The appointment of County Clerk Fields and of Sheriff Stevens will then be gone through, after which the records in Auditor Brandes' office will be checked over. The accounts and affairs of the County Commissioners will also be placed at the disposal of the accountant.

Accountant Ferguson took up his work yesterday forenoon and will likely be busy in the various offices for several months. In every office an almost endless array of detail has accumulated in the past six years and the job is a gigantic one.

In the Sheriff's office, Mr. Ferguson will check up only as far back as the administration of Mr. Stevens extends. It appears that Ferguson served as a deputy under Sheriff Word's administration and for that reason the period back of three years ago when Stevens won the

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EXPERT AT WORK ON COUNTY BOOKS

Financial Transactions of the Various Officers Are to Be Checked Up.

ACTION TAKEN BY COURT.

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