BEAVER IS TARDY

Powerful Passenger Steamer Delayed by Gale.

GEORGE ELDER RAMS DOCK

Three Stanchions and Wire Netting Along Rail Torn Away by Collision With Willamette Iron & Steel Wharves.

For the first time since being placed on the run a year ago, except when delayed when she sank the Selja, the big steamer Beaver, of the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company, was over 12 hours late in reaching the Columbia River yesterday. She was due at daylight to cross in, but did not enter the river until dark. A wireless message received yesterday was to the effect that she would arrive about 8 o'clock last night, and in order that she will lose no time in discharging she is to be at her berth at 6 o'clock this morning.

The tardiness of the Beaver offers the best illustration of the force of the northwest blow that has been on for the past few days, as she and the steamer Bear are the most powerful passenger vessels operating out of Portland. When the Beaver made her record trip to Portland early in July she steamed in the teeth of a northwester, and despite its severity reeled off between 14 and 15 knots an hour. She bucked into the head seas in a manner that left no doubt that she could weather that sort of a blow at all times, but her performance on this voyage occasioned surprise.

The steamer Geo. W. Elder signalized her arrival in port yesterday morning, 24 hours behind schedule, by colliding with the dock of the Willamette Iron & Steel Works while backing into her berth. Three deck stanchions and about 40 feet of wirenetting along her rail were torn away. Repairs will be made so she may get away on schedule tonight.

The steamer Northland, arriving yesterday, was over 20 hours making the voyage from the Golden Gate, and her officers report having encountered weather that was unusually boisterous for this season. Last evening's report of conditions at the mouth of the Columbia gave the velocity of the northwester at 18 miles an hour, which, while not classed as a gale, indicates that the blow had considerable strength.

THIERS LOADS AT BELFAST

Bark Miami Completes Fastest Passage From Coast This Season.

Meyer, Wilson & Co. yesterday added the French ship Thiers to the list of vessels bound for Portland from Europe and she will be placed on the berth at Belfast to load general cargo. The vessel has not been taken for new crop loading, but negotiations will no doubt be entered into soon for that purpose. The Thiers was a member of the present season's grain fleet, having cleared for the United Kingdom December 7.

The German bark Miami has been given credit by the Coast marine fraternity of having completed the smartest passage of the season, when she arrived at Falmouth May 19 from Portland, making the run in 108 days. That time exceeds the best passages from any Pacific Coast port since July 1. The record in 1910 was 117 days, made by the French bark La Rochejacqueline, though the German bark Frieda sailed from the Columbia River to Dungeness in 106 days. The Miami was ordered to St. Nazaire to discharge, while the British steamer Strathness, carrying one of the five largest grain cargoes dispatched this season, was ordered from St. Vincent to Naples to unload.

MAX ONLY DISENGAGED SHIP

Lumber Dealers Refuse to Take Tonnage Offered at High Rates.

One vessel remaining disengaged on the Pacific Coast attests the scramble being made for lumber tonnage, the idle carrier being the French bark Max, waiting on Puget Sound for business. Her owners ask so high freight for United Kingdom loading, beside insisting on short lengths or a prohibitive bonus for cutting parts, that lumber exporters say she cannot be profitably fixed under present market conditions.

The Max was offered freely yesterday but no encouragement was given her owners. There are vessels due to arrive, principally steamers, that will be available for July loading and Fall exports should be brisk, but so far Portland has fallen behind Puget Sound in lumber business. No move has been made by the regular Oriental lines to raise the lumber tariff on the strength of increased rates asked by steamer and sailing vessel owners, and offerings of less than cargo lots continue brisk, but it is expected that with the decrease in wheat and our shipments in the Summer months the Trans-Pacific Freight Bureau may restore the lumber rate, which was cut to $7 a thousand feet in the Spring.

"SMUGGLERS" HAVE COUNCIL

Ring of 30 Each Night Swaps News of Buyers Who Are "Easy."

Following an expose made Monday, when F. W. Hazelton was asked to explain to officials at the Custom-House the workings of an alleged "ring" of 30 men who are "working" Portland in the guise of seamen and selling so-called smuggled suitings, certains, silks and other goods at residences, it has been reported that the system is so complete that the men engaged in the vocation meet at an appointed rendezvous regularly and plan their future campaign.

It is reported that the scheme has reached such a stage of proficiency that, like the Order of Hobos who learn whether a certain house will provide meals through crosses marked on the gate or fence by the previous caller, they know that certain housewives are susceptible of flattery and are willing purchasers of "bargains" in so-called smuggled goods, which are, in fact, manufactured in the United States and sold at San Francisco to the Coast "trade."

Unless goods actually smuggled are found the Government will take no steps toward prosecuting, but other means of preventing further misrepresentation may be adopted.

Barge Ladd Sinks With Rock.

In the heavy blow of Thursday it was found impracticable to tow the barge Ladd across to Fort Stevens, and she was anchored off the Hamthorn cannery property, where she sank in eight feet of water with 1500 tons of jetty rock aboard. The hull is to be pumped out and it is thought that the barge can be raised without the removal of cargo.

Dredge to Work on Coquille.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 23.—(Special.)—The dredger Oregon will be moved from Coos Bay to the Coquille River June 5. Captain Cornwall has been awarded the contract for towing. He will receive $500 for the work and will use his tug Gleaner and the tug Klyhiam, of Bandon. The dredger has been making a channel 18 feet deep in Coos Bay and after working this Summer in the Coquille River will be returned to Coos Bay in the Fall.

Buoys Removed on River.

Commander Ellicott has announced the following changes in navigation aids in the seventeenth lighthouse district: Columbia and Willamette rivers—The following spar buoys removed May 18 and 19 will be replaced as soon as present freshet subsides:

Carr Slough, 2.
Hunter Shoal, 2.
Martin Island, 2.
Martin Island, 4.
Henrici Crossing, 2.
Henrici Crossing, 1.
Henrici Crossing, 3.
Coon Island Channel, 2.
C. & G. S. Charts, 6144, 6145.
List of buoys, etc., Pacific Coast, 1908, pp. 68, 69, 72.

Bellingham Bay, Washington Sound—Starr Rock Buoy, 2, red, 2d-class nun, heretofore reported out of position, replaced May 17.

Marine Ordinance Changed.

A special meeting of the Public Dock Commission was held yesterday for the purpose of changing the wording of a city ordinance which provided that ships must "moor in the harbor," thus giving forth the impression that the ship or boat was at anchor in the harbor limits. To avoid this construction the ordinance was changed so as to permit the Harbormaster to use his discretion in allowing boats to berth at the docks.

STEAMER INTELLIGENCE

Due to Arrive.

Name.	From.	Date
Geo. W. Elder	San Diego	In port
Orteric	Hongkong	In port
Klamath	San Francisco	In port
Northland	San Francisco	In port
Beaver	San Pedro	May 24
Breakwater	Coos Bay	May 24
Golden Gate	Tillamook	May 26
Sue H. Elmore	Tillamook	May 27
Alliance	Eureka	May 27
Roanoke	San Diego	May 28
Bear	San Pedro	May 28
Anvil	Bandon	May 28
Strathlyon	Hongkong	June 1
Rose City	San Pedro	June 2
Riverside	Balboa	June 8

Scheduled to Depart.

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Alliance	Eureka	May 29
Anvil	Bandon	May 30
Sue H. Elmore	Tillamook	May 31
Roanoke	San Diego	May 31
Bear	San Pedro	June 2
Rose City	San Pedro	June 7
Strathlyon	Hongkong	June 10
Riverside	Balboa	June 18

Kellogg's Hull Found Sound.

When planking was removed from the hull of the steamer Joseph Kellogg, at Supple's yards, it was found that the frames were so thoroughly preserved after 11 years' service that nails holding the planking could not be removed and had to be broken. Carbolineum was used when the hull was built, and it is said to have kept the material in perfect condition.

Marine Notes.

Drawing 25 feet of water, the Oriental liner Hercules left the harbor yesterday, bound for Hongkong and way ports.

With the usual assortment of general merchandise bound for the East the American-Hawaiian steamer Falcon sailed last night.

Efforts are being made to complete the overhauling of the steamer G. K. Wentworth tomorrow so she can resume towing with the Hosford fleet.

Captain John Bermingham, of the Government steamboat inspection service, is due in the city tonight en route from Seattle to his station at San Francisco.

To begin loading lumber for the United Kingdom the French bark Marechal de Castries will be shifted from the stream in the harbor down to Linnton today.

It is said that a contract will shortly be let by the Portland Tug & Barge Company for the construction of another tug more powerful than the Charles M. Greiner, which will be placed in service towing barges of rock and other material to Portland from Bonneville.

For shipment to Atlantic Coast points the Open River Transportation Compay has delivered 528 bales of wool to the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, 300 bales coming from Arlington and 158 bales from the Grand Ronde, above Lewiston. It was given out yesterday that if necessary two steamers will be operated on the Snake River to move the wool output.

Bringing general cargo from California ports the steamers Northland, Geo. W. Elder, Yellowstone and Johan Poulsen yesterday entered at the Custom-House. The Northland cleared for San Francisco with 730 tons of wheat and 250,000 feet of lumber, the Elder for San Diego and way ports, the Yellowstone for San Francisco with 800,000 feet of lumber, and the barge Amy Turner for the same harbor with 650,000 feet.

Fritz Antonsen, first mate of the steamer Sue H. Elmore, left that vessel shortly before she sailed yesterday for Tillamook Bay, under orders to proceed to Coos Bay and assume charge of the Tillamook, a new vessel being built for the Elmore interests that is to be ready for operation June 1. Captain Basch has been signed on the Elmore as mate. A third vessel for the same interests is being built that will be known as Oshkosh II.

Movements of Vessels.

San Francisco, May 23.—Arrived—Steamers Hoquiam, Daisy Freeman, Temple E. Dorr, from Grays Harbor; Coaster, from Astoria; Massachusetts, from Newport News; schooners Mayflower, from Shuslaw; Lizzie Prien, from Coquille; steamer Thor M., from Nanaimo. Sailed—Steamers Queen, for Victoria; Siesk, for Hamburg; Nann Smith, for Coos Bay; Fair Oaks, for Grays Harbor.

PORTLAND, May 23.—Arrived—Steamer Northland, from San Francisco; German ship M. Hackfeld, from Honolulu. Sailed—Steamer Rose City, for San Francisco and San Pedro; Norwegian steamer Hercules, for Hongkong and way ports; steamer Sue H. Elmore, for Tillamook; steamer Falcon, for San Francisco; steamer Golden Gate, for Tillamook.

Astoria, May 23.—Condition at the mouth of the river at 5 P. M., smooth; wind, northwest, 18 miles; weather, cloudy. Sailed at 7:30 A. M., steamer Nehalem, for San Francisco. Arrived down at 3 and sailed at 6 P. M., steamer Rose City, for San Francisco and San Pedro. Left up at 11:30 last night, German ship H. Hackfeld. Sailed at 10:20 A. M., schooner Lottie Bennett, for Redondo.

San Francisco, May 23.—Arrived at 12 noon, steamer Coaster, from Columbia River. Tatoosh, May 23.—Passed—Ship Reuce, in tow of tug Tatoosh, from Astoria, for Chignik Bay.

Trinidad, May 23.—Passed—Steamer Olson & Mahony, with barge Gerald C. Tobey in tow, from San Francisco, for Portland.

San Pedro, May 23.—Arrived at noon, steamer F. H. Leggett, from Portland. Sailed at 10 A. M., May 21.—Arrived—German ship Frieda, from Portland.

Seattle, May 23.—Arrived—Steamer Governor, from San Francisco; U. S. S. Rush, from San Francisco; steamer Princess Ena, from Vancouver. Sailed—U. S. S. Mangarita, for a cruise; steamer M. F. Plant, for San Francisco; steamer Dolphin, for Skagway; steamer City of Puebla, for San Francisco.

Tides at Astoria Wednesday.

High.	Low.
0:44 A. M.....6.5 feet	5:28 A. M.....1.7 feet
6:57 P. M.....8.5 feet	12:25 P. M.....2.2 feet

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Sharp Buying Sends May Wheat Up 21-2 Cents.

HIGHEST IN MONTHS

Good Crop Prospects in America and Europe Cause a Weak Opening, but Delayed Purchasing Starts Upturn.

CHICAGO, May 23.—Unexpected covering by a large operator, who had been a short seller of wheat, proved of greater influence today than all other causes affecting the market. May delivery sold the highest in months and closed near the top prices of the session, 2½c above last night. Other months finished ½c to ¾c up. Corn scored a net gain of ¼c to 1⅜c, oats ¼c to ⅜c, and provisions 2½c to 17½c.

In the wheat pit offerings were light most of the day but they increased as the final hour approached. Nevertheless, the premium of the current option rose to 3½c over July, a decidedly unusual difference. Furthermore, the tone at the end was firm all around. In sharp contrast the start of trading had been altogether in favor of the bears, barring ¼c rise for May. The weakness was due to almost ideal conditions for the growing crop, both Winter and Spring, and because of an improved outlook for the yield in countries across the Atlantic. When delayed buying began, however, and the fact developed that purchasing was not at all an easy exploit, everything else was lost sight of. July ranged from 87¼c to 88⅝c, and closed ¾c up, at 88½c. May varied between 85¾c and 98¼c, with last sales at 98c, a net gain of 2½c.

The chief factors strengthening corn were better Eastern and export demand, coupled with lightness of sales from the country. May shorts stampeded and at the end of the session that month was 1@1½c higher. July fluctuated from 51⅞c to 52⅝c, closing ⅝@½c up at 52⅜c. Cash grades were stronger. No. 2 yellow finished at 53¼@53½c.

Reports of damage in Central and North Texas had been a bullish effect on oats. July reached as its limits 34⅝c and 33½@33¾c, with latest trades 34c, a net advance of ¼@⅝c.

With packing interests and exporters furnishing a moderately good demand, provisions were firm. The outcome was a general advance, pork 7½ to 17½c, lard 2½c to 15c, and ribs 7½c to 10c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$ .95⅝	$ .98¼	$ .95⅝	$ .98
July	.87⅝	.87⅝	.87½	.88½
Sept	.86⅝	.87⅝	.86½	.85⅝
Dec	.88½	.89½	.88⅝	.89¼
CORN.				
May	.52	.52½	.51⅞	.52⅞
July	.52	.52⅝	.51½	.52⅝
Sept	.52⅝	.52⅝	.52⅝	.53
Dec	.50⅝	.51¼	.50⅝	.51
OATS.				
May	.32⅝	.34⅝	.32⅝	.34⅛
July	.33½	.34¼	.33¼	.33⅞
Dec	.34½	.35	.34½	.34⅞
MESS PORK.				
July	14.45	14.65	14.40	14.62½
Sept	12.95	14.20	12.95	14.07½
LARD.				
July	8.05	8.15	8.05	8.15
Sept	8.12½	8.25	8.12½	8.22½
SHORT RIBS.				
May	7.80	7.87½	7.80	7.87½
July	7.72½	7.85	7.72½	7.82½
Sept	7.67½	7.82½	7.67½	7.80
Jan	7.02½	7.07½	7.02½	7.05

Grain statistics:

Total clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 441,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 448,000 bushels, compared with 201,000 bushels the corresponding day a year ago. The world's visible supply, as shown by Bradstreet's, increased 1,036,000 bushels. Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 240 cars; corn, 436 cars; oats, 369 cars; hogs, 28,000 head.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	14,700	20,600
Wheat, bushels	149,000	22,000
Corn, bushels	444,000	264,000
Oats, bushels	472,000	382,000
Rye, bushels	7,000	1,000
Barley, bushels	74,000	14,000

Changes in Available Supplies.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Special cable and telegraphic communications by Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies, as compared with previous accounts:

	Bushels.
Wheat, United States, east of the Rockies, decreased	185,000
Canada, decreased	1,241,000
Total United States and Canada, decreased	1,436,000
Afloat for and in Europe, decreased	4,600,000
Total American and European supply, increased	6,036,000
Corn, United States and Canada, decreased	1,090,000
Oats, United States and Canada, increased	168,000

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—Wheat—Firm. Barley—Steady.

Spot quotations—

Wheat—Shipping, $1.40@1.50 per cental. Barley—Feed, $1.45 per cental; brewing, $1.47½@1.52½ per cental.

Oats—Red, $1.30@1.40 per cental; white, nominal; black, $1.37½@1.52½ per cental.

Call board sales—

Wheat—No trading.

Barley—December, $1.35 bid, $1.36 asked; May, $1.48½ per cental.

Grain Markets of the Northwest.

TACOMA, May 23.—Wheat: Bluestem, 94@96c; fortyfold, 87c; club, 85½@86c; red Russian, 84c.

Receipts: Wheat, 51 cars; barley, 1 car; rye, 1 car; hay, 16 cars.

SEATTLE, May 23.—Wheat: bluestem, 95c; fortyfold, 87½c; club, 87c; fife, 87c; red Russian, 86c.

Oats, $29 per ton; barley, $28 per ton.

Receipts up to noon: Wheat, 14 cars; oats, 4 cars; hay, 2 cars.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, May 23.—Cargoes easier; buyers holding off; Walla Walla for shipment at 35s 9d. English country markets easy, 1½d to 3d lower. French country markets steady.

LIVERPOOL, May 23.—Wheat, July, 6s 9½d; October, 6s 7⅝d. Weather clear.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 23.—Wheat, May, 95⅞; July, 96½; September, 90¼@90⅝c; December, 90½c; No. 1 hard, 99½c; No. 1 Northern, 97@99c; No. 2 Northern, 95½@97½c; No. 3 white, 92½@95½c.

PRODUCE AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Quotations Current in the Bay City Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—The following produce prices were current today:

Vegetables—Cucumbers, 40@60c; garlic, 10@12½c; green peas, $1.25@1.75; string beans, 5@7c; asparagus, 50@$1.50; tomatoes, $1.50@2; eggplant, 10@12c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 22½c.

Eggs—Store, 20½c; fancy ranch, 21½c.

Cheese—Young Americas, 13@14½c.

Onions—Nominal.

Millstuffs—Bran, $28@29; middlings, $33@35.

Fruit—Apples, choice, $2.25; common, $1.25; Mexican limes, $4.50@5; California lemons, choice, $3.50; common, $1.50; oranges, navel, $1.25@3.

Hay—Wheat, $11@14.50 per ton; wheat and oats, $10@12; alfalfa, $9@11.

Potatoes—Salinas Burbanks, $2.65@3; Oregon Burbanks, $2.50@2.75.

Receipts — Flour, 3026 quarter sacks; wheat, 3675 centals; barley, 11,780 centals; oats, 2825 centals; potatoes, 750 sacks; bran, 50 sacks; hay, 302 tons.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Standard copper quiet. September, May, June, July and August, 11.85@12c; London steady; spot, £55; futures, £55 12s 6d. Arrivals reported at New York today, 275 tons. Custom-House returns show exports of 20,722 tons so far this month. Lake copper, 12.25@12.37½c; electrolytic, 12@12.25c; casting, 11.75@11.87½c.

Tin dull. Spot, 42.70@44.70c; May, 42.70@44.70c; May, 43.65@44.50c; June, 43.50@44.50c; July, 42.50@43.50c; August, 41.50@42.25c. London strong. Spot, £202; futures, £191.

Lead dull, 4.40@4.50c New York; 4.20@4.25c East St. Louis. London, £12.

Spelter dull, 5.35@5.45c New York; 5.25@5.30c East St. Louis. London, £24 15s.

Antimony dull. Cookson's, 9@9.50c.

Iron—Cleveland warrants, 46s 10½d in London. Locally iron was quiet. No. 1 foundry Northern, No. 1 foundry Southern, and No. 1 Southern soft, $15.25@15.75; No. 2 foundry Northern, 15@15.50.

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