

FLEET ON OREGON COAST INCREASED

Two More Vessels Will Ply Between Portland and Ports to South.

TRADE VOLUME GROWING

Gasoline Schooner Osprey to Visit Tillamook, Nestucca and Nehalem and Enterprise to Port Orford and Rogue River.

SMALL BOATS HAVE ADVANTAGE

The Osprey is of 43 tons gross and 37 tons net, her length being 58 feet, beam 14.5 feet and depth of hold 5.2 feet.

While small vessels are expected to handle considerable business, as they can get into harbors where shallow water prevents larger carriers from making regular calls in winter.

The Osprey will first load coal at Coquille for Tillamook, and is expected here about January 1. She will carry about 25 tons of coal.

Chase Retains Interest. Mr. Chase retains his interest in the Anvil and says that the new carriers will not operate in conjunction with her, except in the transportation of cargo to Tillamook.

Many Oregon ports yet depend on water transportation that small carriers can be used profitably and with larger ones plying from Portland to harbors where transfers can be made.

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STEAMER INTELLIGENCE. Table with columns: Name, Due to Arrive, Date, From, To, Agent.

agent for the independent passenger vessels, was applied yesterday that the Oceanic Steamer Company's tariff would be \$11 instead of \$12.

On the larger lines the tariff has been \$1.25 to Los Angeles, passengers paying the rail fare to Los Angeles.

With the completion of the foundations of the Broadway bridge but a few days away, the Union Bridge & Construction Company gave all employees a holiday yesterday.

At Astoria, Dec. 25.—Condition at the mouth of the river at 10 P. M. weather, cloudy.

SMITH'S DAY IS CHEERFUL. "Mysterious Billy" Permitted to Take First Real Rest.

Fortune smiled on "Mysterious Billy" Smith yesterday and his god of Christmas brought him to his feet with a howl overflowing with joy.

compensation by or through this office is shocking in the extreme.

"Devil's Stewardship Criticized." "Where should we expect to find absolute probity, perfect fair dealing, complete indifference or official action discharged without personal interest or concern unless it is in a person acting as the hand of a court of chancery?"

"I have made the foregoing observations because of the fact that the 'hand of the court' has not, in my opinion, at all times served the court alone.

"I suppose 'Thos.' under this contract, and as the right hand of the court, would hold the assets and securities of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank in his pocket as his sacred trust, and then probably Thomas, representing himself personally and the German-American Bank, and as the left hand probably of that concern, manipulating and managing these same securities.

"So we have our receiver, at his own suggestion and on his own proposal, occupying the dual position of receiver and right hand of the court without salary, and with a salary the executive officer of a bank with whom he has contracted for his own profit and as such cashier obligated to do the will and bidding of the directors of this other concern.

"The officers, stockholders and directors of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank placed in the hands of the Circuit Court the assets of that company. After a lapse of six months, after the property had been examined, listed and appraised; after Mr. Devlin had so far satisfied himself of the value of the assets that he was willing to exchange the property of the bank therefor upon the valuation he had reported to the court, he then earnestly recommended to the court that all of the property of every kind and description be sold to the bank in consideration of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank, including the fees and attorney's fees and the costs and expenses of the receivership suit.

"The court accepted his recommendations and authorized the contract and the sale of the assets. He represented to a court of chancery that they would be paid. As receiver he represented that \$400,000 of the capital stock of the German-American Bank had been subscribed, and by responsible parties who agreed to pay therefor \$200,000. He induced a court of equity

to transfer to his bank through him as the court's receiver, the assets of a defunct institution upon the representation and promise that all of the liabilities of the defunct concern would be paid within two years.

"Imposition is Seen." "A more gross imposition upon a court would be hard to imagine than the imposition perpetrated upon the Circuit Court by Mr. Devlin in the receivership case. What excuse or pretext he can offer for recommending a contract of this kind with himself, and then entering into the contract and then admitting in this case that his own contract made by himself as receiver with himself, an officer of the German-American Bank has not been kept, is beyond my comprehension."

"Badly impaired in health, Mr. Devlin left this city about a year ago and went East. He now is located in New York City, where he is building him a home. Details as to pending litigation and the general affairs of the receivership held by Mr. Devlin are receiving the attention here of Mr. Devlin's attorney, A. E. Clark.

"That indictment will be returned by the grand jury before the expiration of its legal term, which comes at the end of this week, is deemed certain. One of these will be against Police Captain Bailey, who is charged in five or more affidavits from women of the underworld with soliciting and accepting bribes while acting as Municipal officer.

"Another indictment is almost certain to issue against Stark Lytle, the missing evidence in the case of the street car charged with taking money from Sam Kranser, a North End dockworker. Lytle has been missing ever since the day a money bag was taken from his star and keys and disappeared. It is alleged by his accusers that he fitted on account of the impending release of the Lindon rockers, of Louis Sossman, alleged partner of the missing money bag, and who now appears as informant against him. Lytle was Police Commissioner Coffey's personal selection for promotion to a detective department, and for a time did credit to his sponsor in making war on parasites. He became entangled with a woman who was one of his weaknesses, and it is believed that she left town with him. He is under charges of having been guilty of a crime, Chief Slossman having refused to accept his surrender of his star as a resignation.

"Whether indictments may be expected against Market Inspector Singer and Police Commissioner Coffey, the existing charges go back to Kranser in one form or another, except those against Captain Bailey. Even these Kranser may be brought in, and Captain Bailey who sent a policeman to arrest Jenny Friedman after Kranser, according to her testimony, had threatened to bring her to the police station if she did not pay him \$25.

"Virtual certainty exists that the conclusion of the inquiry will not arrive until the middle of the month, when the grand jury, and developments of the import are looked for when the January inquirers are assembled.

MRS. SEARS, 86, RUN DOWN

Aged Woman Struck by Car on Way to Reunion—Injuries Minor.

WOUNDS FATAL TO MILNE

Wasco Bartender Dies and Room-mate Faces Murder Charge.

REAL ESTATE MAN IN JAIL

D. W. Wright, a real estate man, was placed in a cell at the City Jail yesterday, it being his second arrest within a few days.

While on her way to attend a family reunion, Mrs. Alfred P. Sears, Jr., and widow of Colonel Sears, was struck by a United Railway train at Third and Stark streets about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

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