

INSURANCE AGENTS DON'T LIKE RISES

Dissatisfaction Is Sharp Over Manner of Advancing Rates in Portland.

CHAMBER TO INVESTIGATE

Underwriters' Bureau Made Target of Harsh Comment—Plan Followed Is Declared Not in Public Interest.

Sharp dissatisfaction is being expressed by insurance agents of Portland because of the recent advance in rates in many parts of town as affecting fire insurance risks.

The Underwriters' Equitable Rating Bureau in the Lumbermen's building, which files local rates, is being made the target for much harsh comment by these critics.

No recourse is left the agents in the matter and they are forced to carry on business under the new schedule of rates.

There has been an increase in different sections of the city, said a man familiar with the situation.

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It is understood the Chamber of Commerce has the matter of the fire insurance rate increases under consideration and that a committee will be named to investigate the matter and make a report.

150 OF POOR ARE FED

Swedish Salvation Army Gives Banquet at Headquarters.

Four men of the city to the number of 150 were fed last night at the Swedish Salvation Army headquarters, 218 Burnside street.

The meal was given as one of the results of the Christmas collection of the year as well as does much work among the poor.

900 GUARDSMEN REVIEWED

Governor Withycombe Inspects Portland Militia.

Nine hundred members of the Oregon National Guard passed in review before Governor Withycombe last night at the quarterly Guard inspection and muster.

The review participated in by nine companies of infantry, one battery of field artillery, one company of coast artillery, one cavalry troop and one detachment of sanitary troops.

FRIARS' CLUB SETS POLICY

Trustees Complete Plans for Operation After January 1.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Julius Wilbur, steward of the Friars' Club, today outlined the plans for the club that is to be after January 1.

FORESTERS HAVE TREE

Entertainment Is Given for Children of Lodge by Degree Team.

A children's Christmas tree with a programme and banquet was given last

AMERICAN FLAG TAKEN

BULGARIANS ACCUSED OF ATTACK ON RED CROSS WORKERS.

SETTLERS GET CHANGE

CORRECTION OF ERROR OF GOVERNMENT UP TO CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the State Department from Sofia said the Bulgarian Foreign Office had promised to investigate the charge that Bulgarian troops invading Serbia forcibly entered the home of Dr. R. C. Forbes, an American engaged in Red Cross work at Monastir, and besides seizing a quantity of flour, took away an American flag which the physician had placed over his door.

Today's dispatch, bringing the first official news of the incident, came from Lewis Kinistler, special agent of the state Department. It was summarized by the department as follows:

Stuart and Laughtin, of the American Red Cross, who know Dr. Forbes, and who recently were in Sofia, inform that when the Serbians left Forbes made presumably honest purchases of Serbian government flour.

There is no doubt that the insurance companies have lost money here in their risks in certain lines of business.

There have been heavy losses in waterfront and sawmill properties, as well as clothing and other stores here during the past year or two.

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HIGH-SCHOOL BOYS JOIN NAVAL MILITIA

Washington Students Enlist in First Company of Kind in Country.

CEREMONIES ARE FILMED

Regular Training to Be Given Leads Who Will Participate in Long Summer Cruises and Drill and Study Warfare.

The first high school naval militia company in the United States was organized yesterday morning on the U. S. K. Boston by 15 students of the Washington High School. Twenty officers have had their parents sign applications and the full enlistment for this new naval unit may be more than 50 or 60, according to Lieutenant-Commander George F. Blair, of the Oregon Naval Militia, who formally enlisted the new recruits.

The boys will be trained in the same course of schooling as regular naval militiamen, with 40 nights a year on board ship in training, and a cruise on board ship each summer.

Movies Recored Ceremonies.

In either case it will be an even second or third division, Oregon Naval Militia. These boys who choose the "deck" division will learn seamanship, navigation, ordnance and gunnery.

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GALE WRECKS WHALING STATION.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 28.—The steamer Dispatch, from Southeastern Alaska, brings news that a gale on December 15 wrecked the greater part of the United States Whaling Company's whaling station at Port Armstrong, causing loss of \$30,000.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

STEAMER SCHEDULE. DUE TO ARRIVE.

Table with columns: Name, From, Date. Lists various steamers and their arrival dates.

PORTLAND-ATLANTIC SERVICE. DUE TO ARRIVE.

MARCONI WIRELESS REPORTS. (All positions reported at 8 P. M. December 28 unless otherwise indicated.)

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—Arrived—Steamers Daisy Putnam, from San Francisco, sailed 10:30 a. m.

ASTORIA, Dec. 28.—Arrived at 1 and left 10:30 a. m. Steamers Daisy Putnam, from San Francisco, sailed 10:30 a. m.

Those enlisting yesterday morning were: Walter D. Middleton, 17 years, 1827 Belmont street; William Wilson, 17 years, 165 East Third-third street;

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CANAL TRADE HALTS

No More Provisions Made for Cargoes From New York.

HONOLULAN SAILS JAN. 6

Portland Not Alone Cut Off From Service of American-Hawaiian Line, but Puget Sound Points Also Suffer.

No provision has been made by the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company to handle cargo from New York to Portland after the departure of the liner Honolulu from here January 6, the being due to leave here for the Hawaiian Islands March 8.

Portland is not alone in being cut off in that service, the same applying to Puget Sound, the last steamer to sail from there for the islands being the Texan, March 18.

The War Department issued a statement last week warning shipping interests against starting vessels for the Canal simply because a few light draft carriers had passed through, and so far officials have declined to even predict when commerce may again be accommodated there.

Advances in rates recently announced by the American-Hawaiian are to affect next month with the sailing of the liner Golden Gate, which is to sail from New York to Portland if transhipped.

TYPHOON PLAYS PRANKS. Elginshire Has Sail Rolled Into Ball and One Torn to Ribbons.

Captain Dixon, of the British bark Elginshire, which is berthed at the North Pacific mill, after a stormy voyage from Pusan, had two odd moments of typhoon met with in the shape of sails that were rendered useless, one being wound into a hard bundle not much larger than a football and the other torn to ribbons so that the strings are more like spun yarn.

As Captain Dixon made Portland in search gone by in the old Arctic Straits, he found many friends on arrival, but he does not recollect being bound this way when accompanied by more tempestuous weather than the Elginshire met with this voyage.

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All trains leave Grand Central Station, Chicago, and leave Old Street Station, 55 minutes later.

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News From Oregon Ports.

COOS BAY, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The steamer schooner Astoria will sail from North Bend for San Francisco tomorrow.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The steamer Bear sailed today for San Francisco and San Pedro with freight and passengers from Astoria and Portland.

BRINGING FREIGHT FOR ASTORIA AND PORTLAND, the steamer Beavertown, which left Portland during the night from San Francisco, will take lumber and general freight for a return cargo.

McAllister & Son, who began work yesterday on repairing the Peruvian barkentine Judith, stopped operations during the afternoon and gave up their contract, as they refused to comply with some of the specifications.

THE COLUMBIA RIVER REPORT. NORTH HEAD, Dec. 28.—Condition of the bar at 5 P. M.: Sea, rough; wind, northwest 2 miles.

TIDES AT ASTORIA WEDNESDAY. High 6:12 A. M., 7.9 feet; Low 12:55 P. M., 5.8 feet; 5:53 P. M., 2.5 feet.

VESSEL ENTERED YESTERDAY. American steamer San Ramon, general cargo, from San Francisco.

VESSEL CLEARED YESTERDAY. American steamer J. B. Stearns, 725,000 feet lumber, for San Pedro.

MASONS AT SCOLO INSTALL OFFICERS. SCIO, Or., Dec. 28.—Solo Lodge No. 250 of Masons celebrated St. John's day Monday night here.

THE OFFICERS INSTALLED were: Thomas S. Mall, worthy master; G. M. Finley, senior warden; E. C. Peery, junior warden; W. A. Ewing, treasurer; E. D. Myers, secretary; J. Young, jun., janitor; J. S. Steiha, senior deacon; John Kelly and P. H. MacDonald, stewards; A. E. Randall, a returner.

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