3 RIVER STEAMERS SOLD TO NEW LINE

Grahamona, Oregona and Pomona Included.

SERVICE IS SCHEDULED

Inland Empire Boat & Truck Line to Recondition Steamboats Before Beginning Use.

Three river steamboats, the Grahamona, Oregona and Pomona, are being purchased from Captain A. B. Graham by the Inland Empire Boat & Truck Line, it was announced yesterday by M. E. Lee, organizer of the line, and are to be reconditioned for their new service immediately.

The three steamboats are to be converted from wood to oil burners and thoroughly renovated. Mr. Lee estimated yesterday that they will be ready to begin operations by March 1.

The Inland Empire Boat & Truck line plans to operate the Grahamona in the upper Columbia river and the Oregona and Pomona in the upper Willamette. Auto trucks are to be used as feeders, gathering products from the territory tributary to each river point and assembling them on the docks for shipment. The trucks will also be used to deliver freight from the river points through the surrounding territory.

Stops Are Scheduled.

In the Columbia river service stops will be made by the steamboat at Kennewick, Pasco, Wallula, Umatilla, Blalock and Rufus. No stops for freight will be made this side of the Celilo canal.

The Willamette river landings will be at Butteville, Crawford, Salem, Albany, Corvallis and Eugene. By means of the combined truck and steamboat service, the company plans to give service from shipper to consignee at 10 per cent less than the rail rate. Freight leaving Portland at 5 o'clock in the evening, according to Mr. Lee, will be delivered at Salem the next morning, at Albany and Corvallis that afternoon, and at Eugene the following morning.

Trip Made in Valley.

Mr. Lee returned yesterday from a trip through the Willamette valley, during which he inspected the roads to be used for the truck service and arranged for the taking of a large portion of the stock in the concern. About 75 per cent of the stock has already been pledged, he said, and the holders are principally the shippers upon whose support the success of the project depends.

Captain A. B. Graham, whose steamboats are being taken over by the Inland Empire Boat & Truck line, will be manager of the company, and Captain Clyde Raabe, who has been an operator of boats on the Columbia, Williamette and Snake rivers for many years, will be superintendent of the steamboat service.

LOUIS J. TITUS QUITS FIRMS

Shipping Board Post to Be Accepted, General Belief.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—In a telegram to the Skinner & Eddy corporation and the Skinner & Eddy Shipbuilding company, Louis J. Titus of San Francisco, hitherto eastern representative of the Seattle concerns, of which he was a vice-president and director, today announced his resignation of connection with the firms.

Titus was recently nominated by President Wilson as a member of the United States shipping board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Henry M. Robinson, and the telegram severing his connection with the Seattle shipbuilding corporations and their affiliated interests is believed to indicate the intention of Mr. Titus to accept the shipping board post.

Marshfield Due to Sail.

The wood steamer Marshfield, loading flour for the grain corporation at Irving dock, is expected to complete her cargo and sail today for New York or Europe. The sailing of the Marshfield will leave the local harbor devoid of flour carriers for the first time in several months. By a coincidence, and due to the alteration of schedules, the oil tankers calling regularly at this port and the oriental freighters are all absent also, and the only vessels loading in the river between the Inman-Poulsen mill and Astoria are all taking cargoes of lumber.

Payne Wanted on Shipping Board.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—President Wilson was asked today by virtually all members of the senate committee to retain Chairman Payne of the shipping board in his present position temporarily. Mr. Payne has been nominated to succeed Secretary Lane of the interior department.

U. S. Naval Radio Reports.

(All positions reported at 8 P. M. yesterday unless otherwise indicated.)

CELILO, Everett for San Francisco, 40 miles south of the Columbia river.
CITY OF TOPEKA, Portland for San Francisco, 45 miles south of the Columbia river.
ADMIRAL DEWEY, Seattle for San Francisco, 397 miles from Seattle.
AVALON, San Francisco for Raymond, 290 miles from San Francisco.
WAHKEENA, San Francisco for Portland, 290 miles north of San Francisco.
YOSEMITE, Port Ludlow for San Francisco, five miles south of Cape Blanco.
EL SEGUNDO, Point Wells for Richmond, 708 miles north of Richmond.
HORACE BAXTER, San Francisco for Seattle, 1256 miles from Seattle.
ANNETTE ROLPH, 280 miles north of San Francisco.
SPOKANE, San Francisco for Wilmington, 20 miles south of San Francisco.
W. S. PORTER, Gaviota for Everett, 710 miles from Gaviota.
JOHANNA SMITH, Coos Bay for San Francisco, 56 miles north of San Francisco.
FRANK H. BUCK, Monterey for Linnton, 373 miles from Monterey.
ASUNCION, Richmond for San Pedro, 65 miles south of San Francisco.
PROVIDENTIA, San Francisco for Santa Rosalia, off San Francisco.
CURACAO, Mazatlan for San Francisco, 895 miles south of San Francisco; 1 P. M. February 15.
RAINIER, San Francisco for Mazatlan, 966 miles south of San Francisco; 1 P. M. February 15.
TOKUSHIMA MARU, Mororan, Japan, for San Francisco, 420 miles west of San Francisco; 1 P. M. February 15.
MISKIANZA, San Francisco for Manila, 2118 miles southwest of San Francisco; 1 P. M. February 15.
COLONEL E. L. DRAKKE, Hilo for San Pedro, 420 miles from Hilo; 1 P. M. February 15.
MATSONIA, Honolulu for San Francisco, 491 miles from San Francisco; 1 P. M. February 15.
ECUADOR, for orient, 237 miles west of Honolulu; 1 P. M. February 15.
COLUMBIA, from San Francisco, 2440 miles from San Francisco; 1 P. M. February 15.

Marine Notes.

The shipping board wooden steamer Clackamas finished loading her cargo of ties for the United Kingdom yesterday and will go down the river tonight if she succeeds in filling her coal bunkers in time.

The steamer Windber, loading lumber for South America, shifted yesterday from Westport to Wauna.

The sailing schooner Mindoro, taking a lumber cargo for Australia, was reported yesterday to have finished loading. She will sail as soon as a crew is secured.

Columbia River Bar Report.

NORTH HEAD, Feb. 16.—Conditions at the bar at 5 P. M.: Sea, smooth; wind, northwest, 32 miles.

Tides at Astoria Tuesday.

High.	Low.
11:14 A. M.. 8.3 feet	5:36 A. M.. 2.9 feet

THIEF EXHIBITS HUMOR

LETTER WRITTEN TO GIRL WHOSE ROOM WAS ROBBED.

Resident of Martha Washington Hotel Recipient of Epistle Signed "Porch-Climbing Harry."

It was apparently a thief with a sense of humor which raided the Martha Washington hotel Friday night, taking a Baby Ben clock and a ring from the room of Miss Myrtle Smith and a check for $15 from that of Miss Nora Scheusner, judging from the letter signed by "Porch Climbing Harry," which was received by Miss Smith yesterday. The letter declares:

"My dear Miss Smith—I was very sorry that you were not at home yesterday when I called, but I feel sure that you would not deny me the clock and ring. But I must say that of the two the ring in the clock is best.

"You see now I will be able to arise early enough every morning to hold the job that I now have and that will enable me to save up for our little bungalow. Hoping that you will always be true and faithful to me as I am to you I am forever yours."

Inspectors Wright and Gordon are working on the case in the effort to learn the identity of "Porch-Climbing Harry."

BISHOP RAPS ISOLATION

OLD POLICY OF U. S. OUTGROWN, SAYS MATT S. HUGHES.

League of Nations Favored in Address at Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

That isolation has long since been impossible for the United States, and that some understanding between the enlightened nations of the world must be reached which will prevent another such horror to the world as that of the late world war, was the declaration of Bishop Matt S. Hughes, head of the Methodist Episcopal church in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska, in speaking at the members' forum of the Portland Chamber of Commerce yesterday noon. Bishop Hughes' topic was, "The New Internationalism."

The policy of isolation, as outlined by George Washington in his farewell address, was alright for the young and struggling nation, the speaker declared, but at the present time, when America has become the richest and most powerful nation on earth such a policy is not possible even if it were desirable. The expansion of American dominion by taking control of the Phillipines, Hawaii and other islands, construction of the Panama canal, and other expansion of the past has made isolation impossible, he said.

"To follow our traditional policy now, even if it were possible, would be not only cowardly, but criminal," the speaker said. "If out of this war there comes a league of nations, not necessarily the league, which will make it forever impossible for a small group of men to call millions of men under arms to stain the fields with their blood, then the sacrifices which our boys made in France will not have been in vain."

N. J. Upham, president of the International Realty associates, who is in Portland on a short business visit in connection with the organization's properties in this section, was also called upon and made a brief talk.

OLIVES HELD HARMLESS

STATE CHEMIST SAYS PUBLIC NEED NOT FEAR POISON.

Statement in Reply to Inquiries Warns Against Use of "Queer" Smelling Food.

"There is no more danger now from ripe olives than there was before; the brand that caused the death of six persons in New York recently has been taken off the market and the public should not become alarmed." This is the finding of A. S. Wells, state chemist, who was called into conference yesterday with Dr. David N. Roberg, state health officer, and Grant J. Morton, United States food and drug inspector.

The conference was held because so many inquiries regarding olives and other canned foods had been pouring into the dairy and food commissioners' laboratory of which Mr. Wells is head.

"Botulinus poisoning, which recently killed six in one family in New York, is caused by eating spoiled food infected with the bacillus botulinus and is as liable to be found in canned fruit, asparagus or beans," explained Chemist Wells. "Even fruit or vegetables put up by the housewife may contain this poisoning. As soon as a jar or can of any food is opened, if it has the least 'queer' smell it should be discarded. It is cheaper to throw a can of food into the garbage can than to poison the family."

Don't Neglect the Little Ones

A snuffling, sneezing, coughing child certainly is a reflection upon the parents. To permit a child to suffer from a cold is more than negligence; it is cruel. A cold that hangs on weakens the system and can easily turn into something serious. Mrs. J. S. Pitson, 376 E. 158th st., Cleveland, Ohio, writes: "I can't speak too highly of Foley's Honey and Tar. When my little girl has a cold I give her Foley's Honey and Tar and that stops her coughing in a little while." Children like it. It contains no opiates. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

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SHIP ASSIGNED TO COAST

WAWALONA TO MAKE PORTLAND-JAPAN RUN.

Shipping Board Steamer Put in Service of Pacific Steamship Company.

The shipping board steamer Wawalona, which recently took a full cargo of lumber from Portland to the orient, and sailed from Yokohama February 4 on her return trip to this port, was yesterday assigned by C. D. Kennedy, agent of the operations division of the emergency fleet corporation, for continuous service between Portland and Japan in the service of the Pacific Steamship company.

In spite of the present demand for more tonnage on this coast to handle shipments to the far east, it had been prophesied by shipping men that the Wawalona, on returning from her present voyage, would be turned over to the food administration to carry flour to the Atlantic, and thus lost to the Pacific coast service. The allocation of an extra steamer to ply between Portland and Japan will, it is agreed by steamship operators, do much to relieve the congestion here.

The Wawalona is expected to arrive at Portland about February 24, and is scheduled to sail again with general cargo for Kobe March 9.

Pacific Coast Shipping Notes.

GRAYS HARBOR, Wash., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The steamer Hartwood arrived Sunday from San Francisco and is loading at the American mill, Aberdeen.

The barkentine Forest Friend, which went to the lower harbor the latter part of last week cleared the bar this morning bound for Sydney, Australia.

The steamers Svea, Lassen, Shasta and Frank D. Stout cleared at 10 o'clock this morning for San Pedro. The Svea loaded at the Wilson mill, the Lassen at the E. K. Wood mill, the Shasta at the Donovan mill, and the Frank D. Stout at the Blagen mill.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—New crop cane sugar will begin moving to Seattle this week, the Parr-McCormick steamship line steam schooner Multnomah being due here from San Francisco next Friday with a cargo that includes a shipment of the product. The San Francisco refineries are reported to have begun work on cane sugar early last week.

The steam schooner Stanwood of the Parr-McCormick steamship line, which arrived here the latter part of last week, brought several shipments of beet sugar, discharging at pier 4, the company's terminal. In addition, the vessel brought 1200 tons of general cargo. After discharging, she shifted to Everett, where she is loading 1,400,000 feet of lumber for the return voyage to California.

For service in the Siberian trade, the famous power schooner Bender Bros. of the Kuskokwim Fishing & Transportation company, has been sold to L. Seidenburg and A. Whitenburg, merchants and miners of Nome, according to advices received in Seattle today from San Francisco. The consideration is said to have been $75,000. Captain Louis Knaflich, president of the Kuskokwim Fishing & Transportation company, is in San Francisco, where it is understood the deal was consummated. The Bender Bros. was built in San Francisco in 1889.

After a four months' trip to the orient as chief officer of the steamship Elkhorn of the United States shipping board Captain John Gruenlock, formerly connected with the Alaska Steamship company, was back on the waterfront this morning. The Elkhorn is commanded by Captain S. Rustad, who was formerly chief inspector of wooden ship construction of the shipping board in the Seattle district.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Twenty of the 30 steamships being constructed in Japan for account of the United States shipping board have been completed and have either been delivered on this coast or are en route, according to advices received today from Tokio. It has also been announced that the special commission having charge of the construction for the shipping board will soon have concluded its work. The advices stated that the government is not losing $50,000 on each vessel built in Japan on account of the wooden tubs and lockers that were installed in the orient. It was explained the expense of installing standard equipment in this country has been borne by the builders through an arrangement made between them and the commission, the wooden fixtures being only a temporary makeshift.

Local launchmen are experimenting with kerosene as a substitute for gasoline or distillate, it was announced by officials of launch and lighterage concerns here. It was said a simple system of heating the fuel by a hotwater coil had been provided and the small boats have operated no better than with distillate. If the experiment continues to prove efficient during the next few days the method will be installed on the entire local fleet. This means a considerable saving in the cost of operation, it is said.

The Russian volunteer fleet steamship Rogday, Captain M. Gordaneff, which was ready to sail for Vladivostok when the report of the death of Admiral Kolchak was received, will leave for Seattle in a few days, it was announced today. The company operating this vessel has decided it will not be safe to dispatch the craft to the Siberian port until matters become more settled. It has been decided to send the steamer to Seattle and she will remain there until normal conditions of government obtain in Siberia.

Sixty-five persons who have purchased transportation to Hawaii on the steamship Sachem are stranded. This vessel was recently sold to the Pacific Mail Steamship company by the shipping board and the local officials of the government had no knowledge of the transaction until after the deal had been closed, it was said. All of the vessels of the company scheduled to sail for ports in the two months have been sold out and Sachem passengers are left out in the cold. An effort may be made to place them on one of the transports.

G. E. Sweet, representing a Vancouver ship supply house, arrived today to consult with local shipbuilding concerns regarding supplying equipment for several new tankers being built here.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Bound for Alaska, the former sound steamer Nisqually, arrived the Astorian, got away early this morning. The forward part of the vessel was boarded up before the steamer sailed in order to prevent any chance heavy seas that might come aboard from breaking in her cabin. It is believed she will make the short sea voyage without any trouble. The vessel went out in command of Captain Fred Wilson who has taken a number of vessels around to the river. The Astorian will ply between Astoria and Portland.

Captain Phillip Fetcher, who died last Friday morning was buried this afternoon, the service being in charge of the local lodge of Elks, with which the dead shipmaster was affiliated in the east.

The Hyades arrives here this morning from San Francisco via Ports and commenced loading for Honolulu. The vessel probably will get away Tuesday night or Wednesday.

The Davenport sailed this afternoon for San Pedro and the Baroda and Anyox should sail Wednesday for the latter. The Santa Inez sailed this evening for Bellingham to complete loading for west coast ports.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The Trans-ocean Steamship company's steamer Kobahun Maru, after loading a part cargo of steel, cotton, machinery and lumber at Seattle, shifted this morning to Vancouver, where she will complete her cargo, sailing direct from the British Columbia port for Kobe.

The Japanese steamer Katoria Maru, bringing a valuable cargo of products of the orient and a large number of passengers, arrived tonight, proceeding to Seattle after receiving pratique.

March promises to be a busy month on Puget sound and the Columbia river in the way of shipping lumber. Announcement has been made that 38,000,000 feet of lumber will be sent foreign during March, provided tonnage can be obtained. The rates offered by shippers are $40 a ton for shipments to China and $25 to Cuba.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The old pilot schooner Joseph Pulitzer, Captain J. Frank Wright, sailed at 11 o'clock today for Seattle, where she will have a new two-blade propeller shipped and be equipped with a new set of sails. She will then proceed to Alaska to go on the mail run between Seward and Unalaska, making four trips to Nushagak river and other points in Bering sea during the coming summer.

The steamer City of Topeka, carrying freight and passengers from Portland and Astoria, sailed at 4 this afternoon for San Francisco via way ports.

The steamer Pawlet, laden with general cargo from Portland for the orient, sailed on her 12-hour trip at 9:35 this morning.

After discharging fuel oil in Portland, barge 93 shifted to the local harbor at 12 last night. She will be towed to California by the tank steamer Atlas on the latter's return from Seattle.

The tank steamer Oleum sailed at 1 o'clock this morning for California after discharging fuel oil in Portland.

The steamer Windber will shift tomorrow morning from Wauna to the Hammond mill to complete her cargo of lumber for South America.

After discharging her cargo of cement here, the steam schooner Florence Olson will shift during the night to St. Helens to load lumber.

The steamer Arriva, with flour from Portland, sailed at 5:30 this evening for New York.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Captain A. C. Burkhardt of the motorship Orinte, which arrived here last week, is going to Chili in an attempt to collect salary for the time he served in a German prison camp. Captain Burkhardt was in command of a schooner which was carrying a cargo of gasoline when it was captured by the German raider Wolff, when 600 miles off the Australian coast.

The vessel was destroyed and Captain Burkhardt and his crew were made prisoners on the raider. He remained there until it returned to Germany. The capture was made in July, 1918, and before entering its home port the raider had destroyed 14 allied ships, the destruction of which was witnessed by Captain Burkhardt. The captain declared today that the German skipper was considerate and treated his prisoners well, but that his under officers did not do so. He said the Germans paid neutrals for working when they would loot a captured ship and that none but Norwegian or Swede members of the captured crews would work for the Germans.

The motorship Mazatlan began loading cargo today for Mexican ports. It is the first vessel of a new steamship line to operate between here and the south.

Movements of Vessels.

ASTORIA, Feb. 16.—Arrived down during the night and sailed at 4 P. M., steamer City of Topeka, for San Francisco via Eureka and Coos Bay. Arrived down during the night, gasoline schooner Joseph Pulitzer, for Alaska. Sailed at 1:30 A. M., steamer Oleum, for Port San Luis; sailed at 6:30 last night, steamer Atlas, for Seattle; sailed at 9:35 A. M., steamer Pawlet, for trial trip.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 16.—Arrived—Steamers Admiral Schley, from San Francisco. Sailed—Steamers Santa Inez, for Bellingham; Admiral Schley, for San Francisco via Seattle; Davenport, for San Pedro; Astorian, for Astoria.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 16.—Arrived—Steamers Crown of Toledo, from Liverpool and Glasgow via San Francisco; Katori Maru, from Hongkong. Departed—Steamers Eastern Belle, for San Francisco; Redondo, for southeastern Alaska; Argyll, for Port San Luis.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Arrived—Steamers Usat America, from New York; Caspar, from Caspar; Captain A. P. Lucas, from Port Wells; Lyman Stewart, from Seattle. Departed—Steamers Bandon, for Bandon; Elizabeth, for Bandon.

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 6.—Departed — Empress of Japan, for Vancouver.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 16.—Arrived—La Salle, from Victoria; West Hassayampa, from Portland.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 16.—Arrived—Frontenac, from Vancouver.

KOBE, Feb. 14.—Departed—Coaxet, for Portland.

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 7.—Departed—Delight, for Seattle.

SAN PEDRO, Feb. 15.—Sailed—Steamer Idaho, from Taltal, for Portland.

TATOOSH, Feb. 16.—Passed inward, steamer Atlas, from Portland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Arrived at noon, steamer Klamath, from Portland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—Arrived at 5:10 P. M., steamer Daisy, from Columbia river.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Arrived—Steamers Queen, from San Diego; Katherine, from Eureka; Brunswick, from Fort Bragg; Prentiss, from Albion; Tiverton, from Columbia river; San Antonio, from San Francisco; C. Vanguard, from Eureka.

Sailed—Steamers San Diego and Queen, for Seattle; Richmond, towing barge 95, for Honolulu; San Antonio, for Central America.

ANNEX PLANS AUGMENTED

ADDITION TO COURTHOUSE TO COST NEAR $100,000.

New Drawings for Structure in Light Well Include Basement Having Vaults, Rest-Room.

By decision of the Multnomah county commissioners yesterday morning the one-story stone and marble building to be erected in the light well at the courthouse to accommodate county offices which are outgrowing their present quarters will cost nearer $100,000 than the $65,512 estimated on original plans.

First plans, drawn by Whitehouse & Fouilhoux, architects, called for a single-story structure, without basement, containing record rooms and offices. It was to be located in the center of the light well with about six feet clearance on every side from the main building of the courthouse. Yesterday the commissioners decided to add a basement, containing vaults, and a restroom for women, and to join the west side of the structure to the courthouse proper, giving additional room to the quarters held necessary by the county clerk.

Excavation and construction work on the basement will cost the county at least $27,000, estimated Architect Whitehouse, and connecting the building with the main structure will bring the cost up to approximately $100,000.

Commissioners Hoyt, Holman and Muck were agreed that a well-equipped restroom for feminine employes at the courthouse was a necessity, and Commissioner Hoyt was in favor of having a woman attendant on duty there during the day.

The present courthouse basement contains a vault originally intended for the storage of valuable records, but it has been found useless because there is no provision for ventilation, and records stored there would soon fall a victim to dry rot and crumble away. New vaults would provide adequate ventilation.

Play Is Success.

MT. ANGEL, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The play, "The Holy City," was put on by local talent under the auspices of the Mt. Angel council, Knights of Columbus, at city hall last Sunday afternoon and evening. The programme was assisted by the Mt. Angel college orchestra and the play was very well rendered. The proceeds of the play were very gratifying and will go toward the new school.

FOSSIL HAS TWO FIRES

Explosion of Gasoline Stove Burns Woman and Razes Building.

FOSSIL, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Fossil and vicinity had two fires today. The first one was about 10 A. M. at the home of James Jordon on Pine creek. The roof caught fire from a defective flue. Mrs. Jordon and her daughter were alone, but after heroic fighting the house was saved, with the exception of the roof, which was completely destroyed.

The second fire occurred about 1 P. M. at the home of Mrs. McRae. The fire was caused by the explosion of a gasoline stove. Mrs. McRae was quite badly burned. She is a widow and has a daughter 14 years old. The daughter was away at the time of the fire. The building belonged to B. Gaffney and had been used as a store building. He had some insurance. The building and contents were totally destroyed. Mrs. McRae's furniture and clothing were a total loss.

PORTLAND MAN CHOSEN

R. A. Reid Is Made Special Inheritance Tax Auditor.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Because of the increased business in the inheritance tax department of the state treasurer's office, R. A. Reid of Portland today was appointed special inheritance tax auditor and will have charge of all Multnomah county estates. Mr. Reid formerly was deputy clerk of Multnomah county.

Estates aggregating more than $15,000,000, the larger part of which are in Multnomah county, are now under investigation by the inheritance tax department. State Treasurer Hoff says the addition of Mr. Reid to his staff of employes is justified because of the marked increase in the revenues of his office due to a district investigation of all estates subject to the payment of inheritance tax.

Obituary.

ST. HELENS, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.—Mrs. Sadie Cronkrite, wife of J. H. Cronkrite, former councilman of St. Helens, died Friday evening after a week's illness with pneumonia. The day before she died she gave birth to a child which also died. Mrs. Cronkrite was 23 years old and is survived by her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Blakesley, her husband and two small children, a boy and a girl. Funeral services were held Sunday from the Methodist church, of which she was a member.

George Washington Chapman, who died here last week, was a pioneer of Oregon, having come across the plains from Indiana in 1858 with his parents. They settled on the present site of Dallas, in Polk county, and lived there a number of years before moving to eastern Oregon. Mr. 28, 1846. He and his wife who survives, had made their home in St. Helens for the past four years, coming here from Fossil. The body was taken to that place for interment. Mr. Chapman leaves six children, Archie of Weiser, Idaho, Guy and Elmer of St. Helens, Ray of Portland, Claud of Fossil and Mrs. Hattie Gilliam, also of Fossil.

Brothers Arraigned, Trial Set.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—John and George Bechtold, brothers, arrested last week for operating a still in their home east of the garrison and for having illegal possession of intoxicating liquor, were arraigned today before Cedric Miller, justice of the peace. Both pleaded not guilty to the charge of manufacture, and John pleaded not guilty to unlawful possession. George pleaded guilty to unlawful possession. The trial was set for Friday, February 20, at 1 o'clock before Mr. Miller.

Farmers to Be Feted.

MT. ANGEL, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—On March 2 the Mt. Angel creamery, assisted by the Mt. Angel business men, will be hosts to the farmers of this vicinity at a dairymen's meeting and luncheon. State Dairy and Food Commissioner Mickel and Professor Fitts of the Oregon Agricultural college will be on hand and give talks on the occasion.

Water Bonds Sold.

MT. ANGEL, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Twenty thousand dollars 5½ per cent city waterworks bonds were bought at par and accrued interest by the Lumbermens Trust company of Portland.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Feb. 16.—Maximum temperature, 50 degrees; minimum, 34 degrees. River reading at 8 A. M., 2 feet; change in last 24 hours, 0.4-foot rise. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), none; total rainfall since September 1, 1919, 21.83 inches; normal rainfall since September 1, 29.31 inches; deficiency of rainfall since September 1, 1919, 7.48 inches. Sunrise, 7:12 A. M.; sunset, 5:38 P. M. Total sunshine February 16, 6 hours 26 minutes; possible sunshine, 10 hours 26 minutes. Moonrise, 5:38 A. M.; moonset, 2:49 P. M. Barometer (reduced to sea level) at 5 P. M., 30.25 inches. Relative humidity at 5 A. M., 88 per cent; at noon, 88 per cent; at 5 P. M., 61 per cent.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Minimum temperature.	Maximum temperature.	24 hours. Precipitation past	Wind. Velocity.	Wind. Direction.	Weather.
Baker	26	48	0.00	..	NW	Clear
Boise	28	48	0.00	..	W	Pt. cloudy
Boston	12	22	0.00	16	W	Clear
Calgary	24	46	0.00	..	NW	Pt. cloudy
Chicago	-2	24	0.00	22	SW	Cloudy
Denver	18	50	0.00	..	SW	Clear
Des Moines	-2	..	0.00	..	..	..
Eureka	46	52	0.00	..	NE	Clear
Galveston	50	56	0.00	12	E	Cloudy
Helena	18	44	0.00	16	SW	Pt. cloudy
Juneau	24	*28	1.10	..	SE	Rain
Kansas City	8	44	0.00	20	S	Clear
Los Angeles	52	64	0.00	..	SW	Clear
Marshfield	40	56	0.00	..	NW	Clear
Medford	32	60	0.00	..	E	Clear
Minneapolis	-12	26	0.00	10	W	Pt. cloudy
New Orleans	40	52	0.00	..	S	Pt. cloudy
New York	8	22	0.00	22	W	Clear
North Head	34	42	0.00	32	NW	Pt. cloudy
N. Yakima	24	54	0.00	..	SE	Clear
Phoenix	44	72	0.00	..	W	Clear
Pocatello	20	48	0.00	..	W	Clear
Portland	34	50	0.00	..	NW	Clear
Roseburg	40	44	0.00	..	N	Cloudy
Sacramento	42	58	0.00	..	NE	Clear
St. Louis	6	34	0.00	12	SW	Clear
Salt Lake	22	38	0.00	..	NW	Clear
San Diego	52	58	0.00	10	W	Clear
San Francisco	48	54	0.00	..	NW	Pt. cloudy
Seattle	36	40	0.00	..	NE	Cloudy
Sitka	28	40	0.92	..	SE	Rain
Spokane	24	38	0.00	..	S	Cloudy
Tacoma	34	46	0.00	..	NE	Cloudy
Tatoosh Is'd	38	42	0.00	..	N	Cloudy
Valdez	20	*32	1.06	..	S	Rain
Walla Walla	32	50	0.00	..	W	Pt. cloudy
Washington	12	24	0.00	..	N	Clear
Winnipeg	-4	22	0.00	..	N	Snow

†A. M. today. *P. M. report of preceding day.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Fair; moderate northerly winds.

Oregon and Washington—Fair; moderate northerly winds.

STEER MARKET WEAKENS

OTHER CATTLE HOLD STEADY AT NORTH PORTLAND.

Hogs and Sheep Go at Former Prices—Large Run Over Sunday.

There was a good run of 89 loads of stock over Sunday and the market for the week opened actively.

Cattle failed to maintain their good position of last week. Trading in steers was slow at the start and before the day was over this division had registered declines of 25@50 cents, with the market particularly weak in spots. Butcher cattle, however, continued steady.

There were no new developments in the hog or sheep lines and last week's prices were again in effect.

Receipts were: 1738 cattle, 98 calves, 1271 hogs and 1319 sheep.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
27 steers.	1165	$12.50	7 hogs..	350	$14.25
10 steers.	1190	12.00	79 hogs..	205	16.25
19 steers.	1600	10.00	7 hogs..	300	14.00
4 steers.	1238	10.50	77 hogs..	208	16.00
11 steers.	1052	10.50	64 hogs..	225	adm
17 steers.	1021	11.00	64 hogs..	225	16.16
24 steers.	1125	12.25	4 hogs..	350	14.10
24 steers.	933	10.25	11 hogs..	150	14.75
24 steers.	1146	12.25	12 hogs..	212	16.00
3 steers.	996	11.75	6 hogs..	215	16.25
25 steers.	1011	10.50	7 hogs..	214	15.85
8 steers.	827	9.00	18 hogs..	218	16.00
26 steers.	1012	10.50	7 hogs..	175	15.85
20 steers.	1075	10.00	9 hogs..	218	15.75
25 steers.	1246	12.50	16 hogs..	310	15.50
25 steers.	966	10.00	4 hogs..	214	15.85
20 steers.	1029	11.25	76 hogs..	186	16.00
28 steers.	1060	11.75	67 hogs..	237	16.25
13 steers.	994	9.50	10 hogs..	262	15.00
6 steers.	921	10.85	20 hogs..	211	16.00
5 steers.	1146	12.00	32 hogs..	220	16.00
25 steers.	935	10.50	9 hogs..	215	15.85
26 steers.	1170	11.50	12 hogs..	221	14.00
24 steers.	938	9.50	14 hogs..	221	15.75
25 steers.	1009	10.50	66 hogs..	195	16.00
32 steers.	1075	10.50	8 hogs..	132	14.50
23 steers.	1261	12.80	87 lambs.	81	13.25
25 steers.	1018	8.25	10 lambs.	88	16.75
17 steers.	1100	11.00	179 lambs	75	16.75
2 cows..	905	7.00	1 ewe...	100	12.00
3 cows..	856	7.75	1 yearl..	110	14.00
4 cows..	780	7.00	70 yearl..	76	16.00
7 cows..	992	9.00	1 buck..	190	7.50
8 cows..	1073	6.75	22 steers.	1220	12.25
17 cows..	1081	8.25	25 steers.	1040	11.10
17 cows..	1031	8.50	26 steers.	1094	10.75
6 cows..	663	6.00	26 steers.	1101	10.75
2 cows..	1000	9.00	3 steers.	830	8.65
2 cows..	1245	8.00	1 steer..	1060	10.25
9 cows..	1018	9.00	23 steers.	1072	10.25
10 cows..	1050	9.25	25 steers.	986	10.15
7 calves	355	11.00	25 cows..	1256	10.25
11 cows..	810	9.75	22 cows..	1065	10.25
3 cows..	693	8.00	8 cows..	1045	10.00
27 cows..	885	7.85	5 cows..	946	8.00
27 cows..	731	6.50	7 cows..	1052	8.65
1 calf..	350	9.00	15 cows..	985	8.65
1 calf..	130	7.00	18 calves.	305	13.50
6 calves	396	8.50	20 calves.	250	11.50
4 calves.	145	10.00	10 calves.	321	12.00
4 calves.	350	10.25	5 calves.	230	14.00
1 bull..	1270	8.25	4 calves.	190	17.00
1 bull..	800	7.00	1 calf...	260	7.50
1 bull..	1450	8.75	4 bulls..	1152	7.50
1 bull..	1370	8.25	1 bull...	1670	7.50
8 bulls.	1460	7.00	1 bull...	1490	7.50
8 bulls.	1356	7.00	7 mixed	552	7.25
2 bulls.	1420	7.00	21 mixed	862	9.25
2 bulls.	1480	8.00	7 hogs..	224	16.25
1 bull..	1750	8.00	17 hogs..	223	16.00
1 bull..	910	7.50	6 hogs..	361	14.00
1 bull..	1970	9.00	47 hogs..	186	16.00
6 mixed	853	7.50	17 hogs..	126	14.50
18 mixed	637	7.25	17 hogs..	265	14.00
5 mixed	1280	8.75	35 hogs..	201	16.00
6 mixed	960	8.50	51 hogs..	182	16.25
3 mixed	1083	9.50	17 hogs..	341	14.25
12 hogs..	785	15.75	3 hogs..	116	14.75
12 hogs..	709	16.25	3