

ALASKAN SURVEYS PLANNED THIS YEAR

Steamers Explorer and Winona to Go North.

COAST WORK TO BE DONE

Gas Boat Wildcat Also to Study Outlines of Icy Bay, 60 Miles From Yakutat.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., March 15.—Departure from Seattle today of the steamship Explorer and Winona signalled the beginning of a season of extraordinary activity in Alaskan waterways.

The Winona will have Ketchikan as her base, engaging in general development work in Ernest sound, connecting up that job with the work in Clarence strait and Vinovia strait through to Wrangell.

The steamship Surveyor will leave for the north April 1. Since January 1 she has been engaged in current observations on the outside coasts of Washington and Oregon, remaining anchored most of the time on the 160-fathom line, which lies 30 to 40 miles off shore.

After outfitting in Seattle, the Surveyor will proceed north early in April to continue her last season's outside coast work in southeastern Alaska waters, from Dixon's entrance to Sitka.

The Surveyor's gas boat Wildcat also will leave early in April to survey icy bay, 60 miles northwest of Yakutat.

The survey service also will have land parties engaged in interior work this year, carrying the precise level northward on the government railroad from Anchorage and establishing latitudes and longitudes at various points for future reference.

Two parties with pack trains will carry the triangulation work from Cook Inlet across country to Bering sea. When this task is completed it will enable the service to co-ordinate its bearing sea, Gulf of Alaska and southeastern Alaska data.

CONVENTION WILL BE CRUISE Coast Confectioners Plan Novel Sessions on Alaska Junket.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, March 15.—(Special)—Pacific coast candy makers and confectioners are going to set afloat a convention and an exhibit of their products this summer.

Their association has chartered the steamship Spokane and fixed her departure from Seattle for July 15. A leisurely cruise of the inland passage to Alaska will be made, with stops at every point of interest for as long a time as may suit the convenience of those on board.

Chester E. Roberts of Seattle, president of the Western Confectionary association, has represented the membership in chartering the ship and will continue in general charge of the arrangements for the trip.

The Spokane will sail north as far as Sitka way. All business sessions will be held in the social hall, where an exhibit of candies and confections will be set up. A orchestra will be taken along to furnish music for dancing every evening. The trip is expected to cover about 11 days. More than 150 manufacturers are said to have signified their purpose to participate.

LUMBER RATES TO ORIENT CUT

Parcel Lots From Northwest to Go at \$12.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., March 15.—Lumber rates on parcel lots from the northwest to the orient have been cut to \$12 a thousand board feet by the Seattle & Columbia operating the Blue Funnel line.

The prevailing rates heretofore were \$13 and \$13.50. The change in the Seattle trans-Pacific operators have been finding this line of business slack of late, and at a general meeting held a few days ago it was decided to leave each concern free to make any rates it pleased. The Blue Funnel line reduction is the only one so far announced.

STATE MASONS TO MEET

York Rite Bodies of Washington Will Gather at Aberdeen.

MONTESANO, Wash., March 15.—(Special)—Preliminary plans for the state meeting of York Rite Masonic bodies in Aberdeen, May 15 to 19, inclusive, were announced here yesterday by W. T. Driggs, general chairman of the programme and arrangement committee.

The grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons, will open its session Monday morning, May 15, and continue in session until noon. The afternoon will be spent in visiting Masons and their wives will be taken by automobile to Pacific beach for an outing. At 5 P. M. the

same day the grand high priests will have a dinner at the Washington hotel, and at 8 P. M. the order of high priesthood will be conferred at the Masonic temple.

Tuesday the grand chapter work will be completed. John M. Arnison of Seattle, grand master, presiding. The last two days of the meeting will be devoted to the Knights Templar. Following a business session Thursday morning, all knights will escort the grand commander, H. B. Elder of Aberdeen, to the Congressional church, where the grand prelate, Dr. Mark A. Matthews of Seattle, will deliver a sermon. Thursday evening there will be the annual Knights Templar ball. Friday will be devoted to winding up the business of the order. Visiting wives of Masons will be entertained by a joint committee from the Eastern Star chapters of Montesano, Elma, Aberdeen and Hoquiam.

Other plans for the entertainment of the thousands of Masons who are expected at the gathering are being worked out by the committee, but the programme will conform to the foregoing schedule.

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Outstanding obligations against the company total about \$443,858, including both secured and unsecured creditors, divided as follows:

First lien of Portland Trust company on land and equipment owned by the orchard company, including \$18,000 unpaid interest, \$168,000 a second chattel mortgage held by the Northwestern National bank covering equipment of the company, and so on, \$21,000, and \$200 unpaid interest; a second real estate mortgage held by the Northwestern National bank covering the same debt as the chattel mortgage on the west half of the orchard property, with interest of about \$2000, which is unpaid; a second real estate mortgage on the west half of the orchard held by the Northwestern National bank, with interest of about \$2000, which is unpaid; a second real estate mortgage on both east and west halves of the orchard land held by Edward H. French and Emory Olinsted for \$55,128, notes owing French & Co. and notes aggregating \$60,000 owing to the Northwestern National bank, with unpaid interest of \$800; unpaid taxes amounting to about \$12,000.

Company to Bid for Property. The Dufur Orchard company—owner's company—holds 1800 acres of orchard land near Dufur for which the court is now acting as receiver. Under the plan of reorganization the Washington Securities company of Portland will bid for the property at the sheriff's sale, under agreement with the creditors.

If the property is obtained by the securities company a new company, known as the Dufur Orchard company, will be formed, and stock and bonds issued to the creditors upon a predetermined basis.

Other details of reorganization are of a complicated nature, but the effect of it all is that the securities company really exercises a trusteeship over the orchard company property, allowing time for the disposal of the property upon a basis which would insure protection of the creditors. The creditors would be paid off upon a pro-rata basis, following the sale of the property.

The entire plan is to prevent sacrifice of the property whereby probably only a comparatively small amount of the actual value of it would be realized.

West Half to Be Operated. The plan also insures the continuing operation of the west half of the orchard, comprising 1800 acres. It is planned to clear the east 1800 acres of the orchard and sell it as wheat land, at not less than \$30 an acre, thus realizing \$540,000. The west 1800 acres will be parcelled out as orchard tracts, at \$200 an acre, realizing an additional \$360,000, making a total of about \$900,000 in all, or more.

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than enough to liquidate the claims of all the creditors, it was pointed out. This west half of the monster apple orchard has been kept up, and is in excellent shape. The reorganization plan calls for the issuance of receiver's certificates in the sum of \$70,000, for use in grubbing the trees out of the east half and for operation of the west half of the orchard and marketing the crop. These certificates will be a first lien on the 1922 crop.

BANK DEPOSITS INCREASE

Tacoma Shows Gain of More Than \$1,500,000 Since January 1.

TACOMA, Wash., March 15.—(Special)—Tacoma's bank deposits have increased more than \$1,500,000 since January 1, Tacoma clearing house figures showed Monday. Figures were compiled for submission to the federal government in response to the comptroller of the currency's national bank bills.

Total deposits in all Tacoma banks March 10, the official date of the call, were \$30,202,219.25. Deposits at the close of business December 31, 1921, were \$29,282,161.85. Bankers and business men generally were highly pleased at the gratifying statement, which, they declared, conclusively proves the upward tendency in both commercial and industrial fields.

Missing Man Is Sought.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 15.—(Special)—Urgent request for any information that might be obtained as to the whereabouts of Rudolph Pohlner, 38 years old, was received Tuesday here by Governor Hart from John Pohlner of Nome, Alaska. Pohlner left Nome in 1917 and has not been heard from since. After trying to enter the army and being barred by a physical defect, he left for Seattle to attempt to enter the Red Cross service. His aged mother is worried because of her failure to hear from him, the brother's letter says. The missing man is described as about 5 feet 2 inches in height, stout, smooth-shaven, blond, blue eyes and walks with a limp. He was born in Austria.

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