

NEARLY HALF A MILLION

PORTLAND HAS MADE HEAVY SHIPMENTS OF WHEAT.

Total Amount to South America (Flour Included) is Nearly 1,000,000 Bushels—Marine News.

The failure of the wheat crop on the west coast of South Africa has given Oregon and Washington a market for nearly 1,000,000 bushels of wheat within the past six months, and considerably more than half of it has been shipped from Portland.

PASSING OF A FLEET.

Old-Time Ships, Which Lose Their Identity Under New Flags.

Every year the list of shipping on route to the Columbia River shows up with a lot of new names, which have never been heard of in this port, and many of the old-timers drop out of sight and are never heard of again.

RUSSIAN TRANSPORTATION.

Superintendent of Trans-Siberian Road Covers With Harriman.

NEW YORK, May 25.—A. Bosteman, general superintendent of the trans-Siberian Railroad's Asiatic division, and the 19 steamships connected with the railroad service in and around Port Arthur, has had an important conference with E. H. Harriman.

SAILORS MAKE TROUBLE.

Men on the Cypriote Involve the Craft in Needless Delays.

The British ship Cypriote, which was given quick dispatch in loading, has not yet left port, and is in a fair way to be delayed for a few days.

GRANT WILL SOON BE FLOATED.

It Turns Out That Reports of Damage Were Exaggerations.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., May 25.—The United States revenue cutter Rush, Captain Kluge, arrived this evening from the scene of the wreck of the cutter Grant, having left there this morning.

Fast and Slow Trips.

It is an ill wind that blows nobody good, and the Elder, bound down from Portland, got all of the good out of the one that was blowing for the next two days, as it fanned her into San Francisco at 3:30 yesterday morning.

C. H. Watjen Arrives Out.

The C. H. Watjen, the third vessel of the German ships that sailed out

of the Columbia River January 11, arrived out at Queenstown Friday, after a good passage of 127 days. This is three days under the average passage credited to Columbia River ships, but is about 20 days slower than the time made by the Alsterufer and Willkommen, which sailed out of the Columbia the same day as the C. H. Watjen.

Launching of Lightship Delayed.

ASTORIA, May 25.—No effort was made to launch the lightship today on account of the breaking of some of the gear that was being used to pull her off. This will cause only a short delay, and it is expected that the work will be resumed tomorrow.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Or., May 25.—Sailed at 6:30 A. M. British ship Fulwood, for Talcahuano. Arrived at 2:15 P. M. and left up at 5 P. M. steamer Columbia, from San Francisco. Condition of the bar at 4 P. M. smooth, wind northwest, weather clear.

WHEELS HIS MONEY TO BANK.

Aged Canadian Makes a Yearly Deposit at Syracuse, N. Y.

New York World. An old man came to the city of Syracuse, N. Y., on the day of the 21st of the month, and he stopped in front of the Salt Springs Bank, took two large satchels from the barrow, and went in.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS.

- Marriage Licenses. John Erickson, 43, and Augusta Olander, 26. Building Permits. M. Devaney, repairs, Chapman street, between 34th and Montgomery, \$500.

INDICATIONS OF OIL

OF WHAT THEY CONSIST AND WHERE THEY ARE FOUND.

Assayer Fisk Gives His Opinion of the Likelihood of Discovery of Petroleum in Oregon.

PORTLAND, May 25.—(To the Editor.)—In reply to many inquiries regarding the probable discovery of oil in Oregon, and as a further explanation of a former article, which appeared in your paper some time ago.

I would say those accustomed to petroleum who boring look for certain natural signs as indications which point to the fact that petroleum is to be found in the region.

The more important oil indications are the gas springs, oil springs, surface collection of bitumen, either impregnating the soil or floating upon the stagnant pools; and before any gas springs are held as evidence of the presence of oil it must be shown that it is inflammable, and will flash when heated at the proper temperature and lit with a match.

The surface bitumen found in oil springs, which may be flowing or have ceased, and the springs themselves, whether oil simply or water springs with which oil is associated, are considered indications of more or less value, but though they certainly show that oil has been or is accumulating somewhere beneath the surface they do not say anything as to the distance at which such supply may be, or at what depth it may be found.

The little part of Oregon and Washington that I am familiar with, I might mention a few places as geologically favorable for oil boring, and these are: Chehalis, Thurston and Lewis Counties, in Washington.

The last two theories advanced are: First, Ascribe its origin to be from vegetable remains. Second, that based upon the decomposition of animal oil. Third, that based upon chemical action.

There is no doubt in my mind whatever that in the deep-seated chemical action the oil is now being formed in the laboratory of nature for future ages to come.

By this we see there is no synthetic reaction. It is like sugar which we analyze and find that it is composed of charcoal and water. But no man has yet synthesized it by taking charcoal and water and manufacturing sugar with it.

Oregon is Old Geologically. Oregon is much older, geologically speaking, than has heretofore been supposed.

The general fact seems established that the Jurassic and Triassic beds are of unknown extent and of considerable thickness, and trend through the mountains from north to south, which can no longer be overlooked in treating the geology of Oregon.

If this be true, of which I have not the least doubt, it means much to Oregon. There is no reason why carboniferous coal may not be found in Oregon.

Those little fern leaves mean much. They embody a tale as legible as the sculpture or hieroglyphics of Egypt, and far more comprehensive. That tiny stem that reared once luxuriant in prehistoric marsh; that delicate rock impression was a fern, that once waved in the sunshine:

every trace becomes a letter, every fragment a word, every perfect fossil a chapter in the history of Oregon, and each tells of races that lived and died.

There are no sharply drawn lines between the geological ages. They fade into each other, as the mountain blends with the plain; yet each chronicles a grand transaction in the world's history.

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tooth, the fragment of a bone or a fish scale even may teach us a great lesson in geological history.

Professor N. H. Winchell, of the University of Minnesota, and former state geologist, after making a thorough examination of the coal property at Cokedale, in Skagit County, Washington, says:

From the amount of bituminous substance brought to me from that part of Washington, I believe it to be true.

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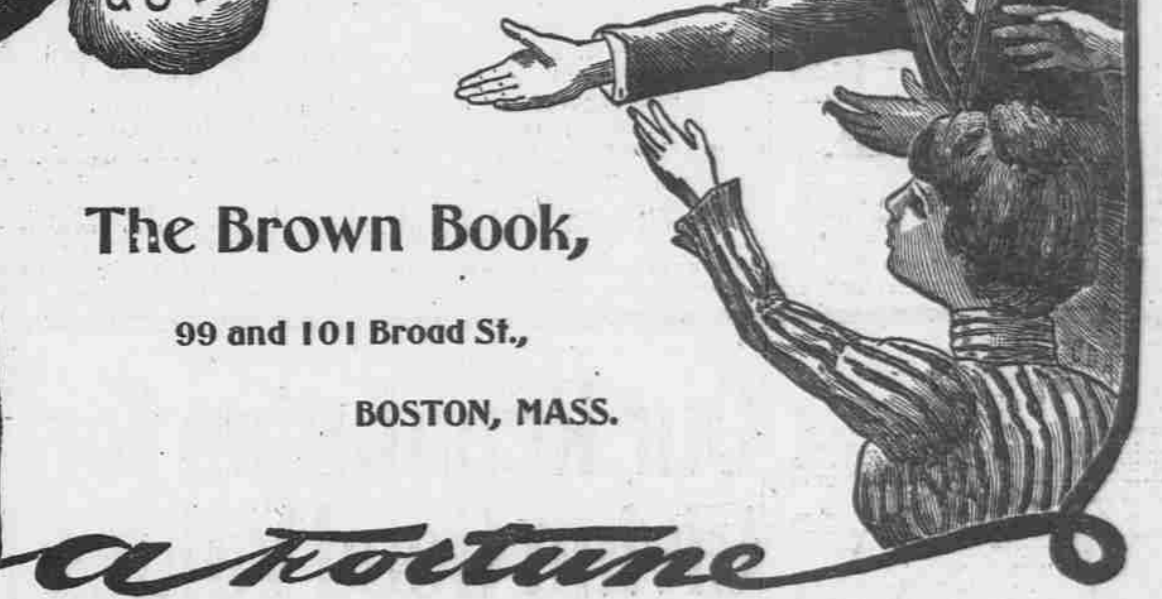
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Malicious Mischief!

An Act of An Insane Person or One Who Holds Malice.

A Liberal Cash will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who threw stones through our Glass Door in office or glass show case at entrance of office, or for the arrest of any party found destroying property of our office.

New York Dental Parlors A. C. FROOM, Manager.