

STEAMSHIP FOR AFRICA

ANOTHER RECORD CARGO TO GO FROM PORTLAND.

German Steamer Elba to Load Here in August—List of Cargo Ships Still Growing—Fred J. Wood to Sail.

The German steamer Elba, a 6000-ton carrier, was chartered yesterday by T. M. Stevens & Co. to load wheat and flour at Portland for South Africa. Portland exporters have broken several records in the South African business in the past 90 days, and instead of diminishing, the business seems to be increasing.

The Elba is a new vessel, having left the yards only last year. She has a dead-weight carrying capacity of over 6200 tons, but on account of being obliged to carry an extra supply of bunker coal, will probably clear a little less than 6000 tons of cargo.

WITH CARGO FROM ANTWERP.

Scottish Minister Added to the Big List of Vessels en Route.

The British ship Scottish Minister has been added to the list of cargo ships en route to this port. She comes from Antwerp, and is the 25th vessel now en route or listed for Portland with cargo.

PORTLAND'S IMPORT TRADE.

June Customs Receipts Four Times Those of an Usual Month. Portland's customs receipts for the month of June were more than 10 times as large as the receipts at either Tacoma or Seattle, five times as large as the receipts at both of those ports combined, and four times as large as the receipts at all ports on Puget Sound.

OBJECT TO SUBSIDIES.

Colonial Premiers Prefer to Have Cunard Line Go It Alone. NEW YORK, July 12.—Reports of the acquisition of the Cunard line by the Morgan combine can neither be confirmed nor denied with authority, says a London cable to the Tribune.

WOOD FOR TSINTAU.

Schooner Ready for Sea With Cargo of Lumber and Piles. The schooner Fred J. Wood yesterday finished loading her cargo of piles and lumber for the Orient, and will clear tomorrow for Tsintau. She was loaded by the Pacific Export Lumber Company, and has aboard 285 piles, amounting to 435,000 feet, and 315,000 feet of lumber.

Has Faith in Ships.

LONDON, July 12.—Sir Christopher Furness, the well-known shipowner and ship-builder, has taken the entire 12,000 new shares of the Gulf Steamship Company, issued to raise capital for building steamers.

BRUCE IS ACQUITTED

NOT GUILTY OF LARCENY IN ST. JOHN BANK FAILURES.

Judge Instructs the Jury to Clear the Prominent Whatcom Attorney—Only Acted as Attorney.

WHATCOM, July 12.—There was a dramatic ending today to the trial of S. M. Bruce, the prominent attorney, charged with larceny, because, as a director of the Scandinavian-American Bank of this city, he assented to deposits being received when he knew the institution to be insolvent.

Notice to Mariners.

Notice is hereby given that the south side of Middle Ground Buoy, Nos. 5 and 6, and east side buoy, are reported, July 11, as dragged out of position. They will be replaced as early as practicable.

Willamette's New Name.

The steamer Willamette, which went ashore near Comox, about a year ago, and was recently repaired at Seattle, was launched several days ago, and will hereafter be known as the Mentaro.

Not Absorbed by Morgan.

LONDON, July 12.—The reiterated assertion that the Cunard line has been absorbed by the Morgan shipping combine is as unfounded as the previous reports of the same tenor. Negotiations in other quarters, however, as previously set forth in these dispatches, are still pending.

Ashore in the St. Lawrence.

MONTREAL, July 12.—A dispatch received here today says the steamer Monticelli went ashore eight miles east of Pointe St. Charles at an early hour this morning. She was bound inward from Bristol July 1 to Montreal with a full general cargo.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, July 12.—Left up at 4 A. M.—British bark Wyndford. Sailed at 3 A. M.—Steamer Eldor, for San Francisco. Arrived at 6 P. M.—Schooner Abbie, barkentine steamer, from San Francisco. Arrived at 12:30 A. M.—Schooner Elmer, from Tillamook. Arrived at 12:50 P. M.—Steamer Vonburg, from Tillamook. Condition of the bar at 4 P. M., moderate; wind north-west; water clear.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS.

Marriage Licenses. John J. Burns 38, Mary B. Lang 21, Edward Stephen Hall 28, Nina Etta Hutchins 24. Contagious Diseases. July 10, Mary L. Drew, 656 Union avenue, erysipelas.

Deaths.

July 11, Adeline E. Peris, 69 years, 2 months, 401 Fremont street, uremia. July 11, Robina Philip, 33 years, 746 Front street, tuberculosis.

Imports and Exports.

NEW YORK, July 12.—The imports of specie this week were \$13,528 gold and \$6,899 silver. The exports of specie were \$48,157 silver.

Building Permits.

Russell & Blyth, repairs, Morrison, between Seventeenth and Chapman, \$200. A. F. Squire, two-story dwelling, East Irving street, between Grand and Union avenue, \$100.

Real Estate Transfers.

Lewis A. Goddard and wife to Frank R. Zell, lots 4, 5, 6 and 13, block 36, Caruthers' Addition to Caruthers' Addition, \$1,500. Caspar Thull to D. W. Hoelbing, lots 15 and 16, block 7, University Land Company to J. M. Sturdevant, lot 21, block 78, University Park, \$200.

12 Minutes for Lunch.

That is the average time spent in a large city restaurant by three diners. It takes three hours to digest a fresh egg soft boiled; three hours to digest a boiled apple dumpling; three hours to digest fresh roast beef.

Indigestion is cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, and enables the perfect digestion and assimilation of food.

Government Troops Defeated.

NEW YORK, July 12.—General Vargas, Santos, civil and military chief of the Liberal or revolutionary party, in Colombia, who is in this city, says he has received advice confirming the report that General Castillo's revolutionary force defeated the government troops under General Follack, in the Department of Magdalena.

Protect Our Interests.

United States Steamer Ranger Leaves Panama for Chiriqui. PANAMA, Colombia, July 12.—According to orders from Washington, the United States steamer Ranger, now here, sailed at 5 P. M. today for Chiriqui, to protect American interests. It is rumored that General Herrera, the revolutionary commander, has decided that all produce in the property of the government, and all belonging to natives or foreigners, the United States Consul here, H. A. Gudger, goes to Chiriqui on the Ranger to make the necessary inquiries there.

Men's Stiff and Soft Hats.

Every broken line of Men's Soft and Stiff Hats, in latest shapes and newest colorings; our regular \$2.00 and \$2.50 values; CLEARANCE PRICE 1.35. See them in our windows.

Boys' School Suits.

The price-cutting in our Boys' School Suits should attract the attention of every mother. Our recognized \$2.95 values—all wool and made to wear; Clearance Price 2.45.

Boys' Wash Suits.

All 50c Wash Suits, Duck, Crash and Galatese, stripes and plain; Clearance Price 33c. All other Washable Sailor Suits up to \$3 will be closed out at exactly HALF-PRICE.

Boys' Vestees.

PRICES will speak for themselves. Several lots of Vestees bunched together, at one price, sizes 3 to 7 only; \$2.50 and \$3.00 values; Clearance Price 1.59.

Boys' Waists.

Percale Military Blouse Waists, 50c values 39c. Percale Military Blouse Waists, 75c values 59c. Percale Military Blouse Waists, \$1.00 values 83c.

HUNDREDS OF BARGAINS

Picked up by shrewd and careful buyers during the past week at our great

CLEARANCE SALE

Nor was it a difficult task, as absolutely EVERY GARMENT in our stock has been marked down, not simply a nominal amount, but the cuts are deep and genuine. In many instances ONE-HALF the price has been lopped off to make a speedy clearing of ALL-SUMMER GOODS, and in all others such a price concession has been made as will make it profitable to intending purchasers to supply their Summer and vacation wants NOW.

10 to 50 per cent. Reduction Throughout Our Entire Stock



Straw Hats

50 PER CENT. REDUCTION—in other words, at HALF-PRICE.

Every hat in our handsome collection MUST GO. In order to accomplish this, we have cut prices exactly in two, so if you have only half a season to wear them in, you still receive full value!

Boys' Clothing

Like every other department in this great store, this has not been overlooked. Deep Cuts have been made all along the line; the result will prove satisfactory to the most ardent bargain lover.

Sailor Suits

Three styles best \$2.50 Sailor Suits, navy blue cheviot, neatly trimmed, all sizes; 3 to 10 years; CLEARANCE PRICE 1.59.

Men's Outing Suits

Extraordinary Reductions. MEN'S BLUE FLANNEL OUTING suit, olive hair-line stripes, our regular \$7.00 values; CLEARANCE PRICE 3.99.

Men's Flannel and Outing Pants

Men's Flannel Outing Pants, regular \$3.00 values; Clearance Price 2.35. Men's Flannel and Homespun Outing Pants, regular \$3.50 values; Clearance Price 2.75.

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All 50c Wash Suits, Duck, Crash and Galatese, stripes and plain; Clearance Price 33c. All other Washable Sailor Suits up to \$3 will be closed out at exactly HALF-PRICE.

Knee Pants

All 50c Knee Pants 39c. All 75c Knee Pants 59c. All \$1.00 Knee Pants 83c.

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Men's Clothing

Every Man's Suit in the house has received marching orders—they, too, must GO. Reductions vary from 10 to 30% and when it is considered that our stock consists largely of the STEIN-BLOCH Rochester make, the public will, we hope, appreciate our efforts; and, compared with ours, the reductions of our competitors will pale into insignificance.

Youths' Clothing

The only place in the store where we are the least bit overstocked. Here is where the pruning knife has put in its deadly work. Nothing but the newest and best. Not a suit escaped.

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