

QUICK TRIP ACROSS

Steamship Indrasamha Brings Large Oriental Cargo.

THREE COREAN PASSENGERS

Stopped at Victoria to Land Asiatics—Changes in Vessel's Officers—Dredging Upper Harbor Channel.

The steamship Indrasamha, Captain Craven, of the Portland & Astoria Line, arrived yesterday morning with a good cargo from Hong Kong and other Oriental ports, also with 46 Asiatic passengers. The vessel left Hong Kong March 26, and arrived at Victoria, B. C., at noon on the 25th, steaming across from Yokohama in 15 1/2 days. At Victoria 136 Chinese passengers were landed. The run down to the mouth of the Columbia was made in the good time of 18 hours. The steamer had a fine-weather passage across the Pacific, except for three days, when there was heavy fog. No vessels were spoken on the trip.

A large part of the Indrasamha's cargo consists of rice, of which there are 8873 bags. The bulkhead portion of it consists of matted, numbering 2107 rolls. There are also on the manifest the bales of gunnies, 320 bags of saltpeter, 123 bags of pepper, 210 bags of coffee, 30 bags of cloves, 210 slabs of tin, 140 bags of superphosphate, 30 cases of shelling, 27 bales of straw, 150 bags of peanuts, 127 cases of ricecrackers, 1723 cases and 48 cases of coconut oil and a large quantity of assorted Chinese merchandise.

Among the passengers were three Koreans, probably the first that ever came to this city. One was a woman and the other two men, one of them her husband and the other her brother. As they could not speak English, Chinese or Japanese, little could be learned about them by the officers or crew of the vessel. The Japanese cook said that from all he could gather they did not come over to seek employment, but seemed to be possessed of some means. He believed they were merely on a sightseeing trip.

A change in the officers of the Indrasamha has been made since she was here last. Mr. Ronald, formerly third officer, has been transferred to the Indramayo, a vessel belonging to the same company and running between New York and China. Mr. Ronald's place is taken by Mr. Oppen, who comes from the Indramayo. Midshipmen Mulder and Crutwell, who were on the Indrasamha last trip, have also been transferred to the Indramayo. The Portland & Astoria line will hereafter be without midshipmen.

Mrs. Horn, wife of the first officer of the Indrasamha, arrived yesterday morning by train, coming from London. She was accompanied by her child and will make Portland her home while her husband continues in this service. The wives of the other two chief officers of these liners—Mr. Porter, of the Indramayo, and Mr. Williams, of the Indraputra—will also reside in this city.

UPPER HARBOR CHANNEL.

Dredging Will Begin Above Madison Street Bridge in a Few Days.

The dredge Portland will begin work on the ship channel above the Madison street bridge about the middle of the week. The channel will be for the purpose of allowing deep-draft vessels to approach Inman-Poulsen & Co.'s mill. The material dredged will be deposited back of the long wharf of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company.

W. J. Gokey, the New York drydock man who is visiting the city, took a trip down to Slaughter's yesterday and inspected the big dredge Columbia. After looking over her from stem to stern, he pronounced her the finest dredge of her class in the United States. Mr. Gokey has had many of the Eastern dredges out on his dock, and he says he never saw one so complete and satisfactory in every respect.

COASTWISE RATE WAR.

Dollar Company Cuts Tariff From Bay City to Gray's Harbor.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—A rate war has been declared by shippers engaged in the coasting trade. The Dollar Steamship Company has announced a cut in the rates on merchandise carried from this port to Gray's Harbor. The prevailing rate hitherto has been \$2 a ton, and the vessels of the Dollar line will hereafter carry freight to the northern port for \$1 a ton. The reason given for the cut in rates is that rival firms are reducing rates on the coast.

The companies now having steamers on the Gray's Harbor run are the Portland Steamship Company and Sudden & Christensen. The officers of the Portland Steamship Company state that they will meet the reduction and may go even lower.

MARINERS QUELL A MUTINY.

Bluejackets From the Oregon Sent to a Merchant Ship.

HONOLULU, April 25.—(By Pacific cable.)—Advises received from the Orient by the steamer Doris state that a mutiny broke out on the American ship Edward Sewall at Woe Sung. Captain Quick was unable to cope with the mutineers and he sent for assistance to the United States battleship Oregon, which was in the harbor. Marines were sent to the ship and the mutineers were arrested and taken from the ship. The Edward Sewall is now on her way to Honolulu. She is owned by Arthur Sewall, of Bath, Me.

Dallies City Goes Out.

The Regular Line steamer Dallas City left on her usual run up the Columbia yesterday morning. Her machinery, which was disabled in a recent accident, has been repaired, and the boat has been given a thorough repainting. The steamer Regular was laid off until next Wednesday. Yesterday she was sent out in place of the Dallas City before her overhauling was entirely completed, and the finishing touches will now be put on. When she is ready to start in on her season's work, the Columbia, which is now on the upper route, will be laid off. The Metlak, of the same line, is running between this city and Warrendale.

Two Arrivals Out.

Two vessels of the Oregon grain fleet arrived at Falmouth Friday. They were the British ship G. W. Wolf and the French bark Canabierre, the former making the passage in 12 days, the latter in 12 1/2 days. The Wolf carried as cargo 125,207 bushels of barley, valued at \$62,256. She was dispatched by Kerr, Gilford & Co. The Canabierre was sent out by Girvin & Byrne, and her cargo consisted of 112,700 bushels of wheat, worth \$24,855.

Chartered for Portland Loading.

The French ship Duquesne, now at Higo, or on the way across, has been chartered to load a cargo of wheat and barley at Portland for the United Kingdom. The Duquesne registers 177 tons, and is commanded by Captain Rose. She arrived at Higo March 12, after a 56 days' passage from Hobart.

On for the Canneries.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—The ship Baldutan sailed today for the Alaskan canneries. Of the big fleet of the Alaska Packers' Association, there are but two left in port which will go North this

year. They are the ship Star of France and the bark Gaffner. Thousands of men, sailors, carpenters, fishermen, white and Chinese, have gone to the canneries this year, as the terms offered the men were better and more satisfactory than last year.

Oil Barge in Tow.

NEW YORK, April 25.—The Standard Oil steamer Maverick, from Port Arthur, Texas, was reported, shortly after noon today, off the Highlands, bound in, towing a Standard Oil barge.

Telegraph to Be Launched.

EVERETT, Wash., April 25.—The steamer Telegraph, 150 feet long, will be launched here next week, to run between Everett and Seattle.

Marine Notes.

The Seafarer completed her wheat cargo at Irving dock yesterday.

Work on the hull of the new Telephone is progressing well at the boat yard at the foot of Clay street.

The Quartermaster's steamer Major Guy Howard has been brought up from Astoria for repairs. Her propeller dropped off a few days ago. It was recovered and will be replaced as soon as the boat is hauled out on the ways at Supple's yard.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, April 25.—Arrived at 7 and left at 11:15 A. M.—Steamer Columbia, from San Francisco. Left up at 1 P. M.—Steamer Homer. Condition of the bar at 4 P. M. moderate; wind southwest; weather rainy.

Falmouth, April 25.—Arrived 24th—French bark Canabierre and British ship G. W. Wolf, from Portland.

San Francisco, April 25.—Arrived at 3:45 A. M.—Steamer George W. Elder, from Portland. Sailed—Ship Dallutha, for Karuk; steamer Aftaguk, for Alitka; steamer Naknek, for Bristol Bay; steamer Haskin, for Ketchikan; schooner Charles Hansen, for Bristol Bay; steamer Edith, for Seattle; steamer Roy Sumers, for Gray's Harbor.

New York, April 25.—Arrived—St. Paul, from Cherbourg.

Rotterdam, April 25.—Arrived—Potsdam, from New York. Sailed—Rotterdam, for New York.

Bremen, April 25.—Arrived—Kron Prinz Wilhelm, from New York.

Yokohama, April 25.—Arrived previously—Korean, from San Francisco, via Honolulu, for Hong Kong; Tartar, from Vancouver, for Hong Kong.

Brisbane, April 25.—Arrived—Moana, from Vancouver, via Honolulu, for Sydney, N. S.

New York, April 25.—Sailed—Manitou, for London; Finland, for Antwerp; Etruria, for Liverpool; Astoria, for Glasgow; Patricia, for Hamburg.

Antwerp, April 25.—Sailed—Kronland, for New York.

Havre, April 25.—Sailed—La Savoie, for New York; L'Aquitaine, for New York.

Liverpool, April 25.—Arrived—Sylvania, from Boston. Sailed—Umbria, for New York.

Glasgow, April 25.—Arrived—Anchorage, from New York; Sardinian, from Portland.

Hong Kong, April 25.—Arrived previously—America Maru, from San Francisco, via Yokohama, etc.

Seattle, April 25.—Arrived—Steamer Santa Barbara, from San Francisco; steamer City of Topeka, from Eagle Harbor; bark C. D. Bryant, from San Francisco.

Tacoma, April 25.—Arrived—Steamer Mackinac, from San Francisco. Sailed—Steamer City of Puebla, for Seattle; Maristow, for Buenos Ayres.

Plymouth, April 25.—Arrived—Moltke, from New York.

Honolulu, Wash., April 25.—Sailed, April 23—Schooner Fred E. Sander, from Aberdeen, for San Pedro; sailed April 24—Schooner Transit, from Honolulu, for Redondo; steamer Newburg, from Aberdeen, for San Francisco. Arrived, April 24—Schooner H. Wilson, from San Francisco, for Aberdeen.

LAND FRAUDS REVEALED.

Hitchcock Will Recommend Repeal of Law as to Commissioners.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 25.—Despite the protests of several members of the Oregon delegation and of numerous land officials of Oregon that there has been no land fraud in this state, recent action taken by the federal authorities at the direction of Secretary Hitchcock would seem to indicate that the Secretary knew whereof he spoke, as long ago as last November, he declared that there was widespread land fraud in Oregon, and that it must and would be run down, and the perpetrators punished. During all the time while investigations have been in progress, the Interior Department has had not a word to say as to developments or disclosures made by their special agents. While it has been known that incriminating reports were being filed and others were looked for, no hint of their contents was disclosed. It was not until the reports were made out, the proof was collected and the department was ready to establish the guilt of individuals that Secretary Hitchcock disclosed his hand.

DEATH OF ALMON WHEELER

Oregon Pioneer of 1863, Formerly of Eugene, Passes Away.

Almon Wheeler, an Oregon pioneer of 1863, and for many years a resident of Eugene, Or., died yesterday morning of pneumonia at the Good Samaritan Hospital, at the age of 88 years. The deceased was for several years in the employ of the old E. J. Norrup Company, of this city, and later, in 1890, went to Brownsville, where he conducted a general merchandise store and was made secretary of the Eagle Woolen Mills. In 1872 he removed to Shedd, Or., where he established another general merchandise store. In 1873 he engaged in the lumber business at Springfield, removing to Fairview, a suburb of Eugene, in 1898, where he had since resided. The cancer of the hip bone, which was responsible for his death, originated from a fall received from a bicycle some time ago. The deceased leaves a wife, Mrs. Mary Wheeler, three sons, O. A. Wheeler, of Portland, T. C. Wheeler, of Eugene, and A. Wheeler, of Coquille, and two daughters, Christina and Althea, also a brother, A. F. Wheeler, of this city. The date for the funeral services has not yet been set. Interment will be made in the Fairmount cemetery, and will probably be under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge of Eugene, of which the deceased was a member.

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FATHER WANTS BOY BACK

HAS ALLOWED MOTHER TO KEEP CHILD FOR FOUR YEARS.

Mrs. Clara Witham, Who Divorced Her Husband in 1897, Will Fight Court's Decree.

A sad story is told by Mrs. Clara Witham, who is engaged in a legal battle with her former husband, Dr. A. H. Witham, who lives in Paisley, Or., for possession of one of their children. The child, Ernest Arthur Witham, is a bright boy 10 years of age.

After her divorce, Mrs. Witham, as the fruits of her industry and thrift, succeeded in saving enough money to buy a lodging house on Russell street, Astoria, and was doing nicely, when one night, about a month ago, a fire destroyed the place and she lost everything. Now, when she has to begin all over again to provide for the wants of herself and three children, two little girls, aged respectively 8 and 12 years, and Ernest, who will be 11 years old in July, the man from whom she obtained a divorce seven years ago comes to take the boy from her. But Mrs. Witham states that she will fight for her child and will not give him up unless compelled to by the law. Judge Cleland will render a decision in the case on Wednesday.

Several days ago Dr. Witham filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus to obtain the custody of Ernest. He set forth in the petition that by the terms of a decree of divorce rendered in Crook County, October 23, 1897, he was awarded the care and custody of the child. But during the past four years he has permitted the mother to keep the boy, and that she has now refused to give him back the child at his request.

In order to enforce his demand he engaged Attorney Ed. Mays to present the matter in court. Mr. Mays submitted the case yesterday on the decree of the divorce court granting the custody of the child to the father.

T. J. Cleeton appeared as attorney for Mrs. Witham, and stated that he could not say anything in contradiction of the decree, but inasmuch as Dr. Witham had permitted the mother to keep the child four years he was estopped from having the decree enforced. The child did not desire to leave his mother and sisters, and it would be better to let him remain in his present home.

Mr. Mays reported that the boy was permitted to live with his mother while he was young and needed her care, but that the father now wants him.

Judge Cleland said he would examine the question before giving his decision.

Mrs. Witham resides at the present time with her three children in a little cottage at 261 Fifth street, and when called upon by an Oregonian reporter last evening had just put the children to bed. They are good looking and intelligent, and all understand thoroughly that their father and mother have separated. They seemed very happy together, and were united in saying that they desired to remain as they are. The little girls do not wish to leave their mother and he is just as much attached to his sisters. Mrs. Witham, speaking of the case, said:

"I obtained a divorce from my husband at Prineville from Judge Bradshaw seven years ago for cruel treatment. We were married in England 14 years ago, and left there three weeks after our marriage, coming to Toledo, Wash. When I got the divorce I could have secured the three children, but I did not know how I would get along. I did not see how I would be able to support the three of them. He is a physician, and Ernest being a boy, I thought his father would give him a good education and it might be better to let him have him. He took Ernest and kept him 18 months and then turned him over to me. After I was burned out in Astoria, he sent for him. He knew about it, because it was published in the newspapers. I worked my way up and got the rooming house."

"Did Dr. Witham support Ernest?"

"He averaged from \$5 to \$15 per month. He could do more, he is wealthy, and he is a good physician. He owns a large cattle ranch and most of the town of Paisley. He married another woman soon after the divorce was granted, but had no children by her. I hardly know how I will get along, but I could do well enough if he remained as he is. He has money to help the children. His second son, Ernest to me and letting me care for him four years and now trying to take him away is what I object to. The child does not want to go away. He could not get him to leave me. He was five years of age when his father sent him back. Now that he can be of some use to him, he is trying to get him. I can't help it, and I want him, too. I don't think it's right. I don't think it's fair. When I got the divorce my husband did not do as he should have done. The children are well-behaved and appear to have received good care and training."

SPOILED HIS DINNER.

Gillen Kicked His Wife's Goose Around and Cooked His Own.

Suit for a divorce was filed in the State Circuit Court yesterday by Josephine Gillen against Thomas Gillen, to whom she was married in Chicago in 1882. The complaint was filed by Attorneys Shepherd & Cellars, and cruel treatment is the ground alleged for asking for a dissolution of the matrimonial bonds. Mrs. Gillen alleges that her husband in May, 1901, beat her and knocked her down, and she left him, accompanied by two of her children, aged respectively 12 and 13 years. She has another child 12 years of age. She avers that her husband was arrogant, tyrannical and drank intoxicants to excess. One of her chief complaints is that Gillen waters her, she also avers that he broke a valuable mirror in their home, threatened to demolish the piano, and came home drunk one day and picking up a roast goose from the table, which she had cooked for dinner, threw it against the wall and afterward played football with it.

Court Notes.

Fanny Owen, an inmate of the notorious Paris House, charged with stealing \$400 from J. L. Anderson, was arraigned before Judge Cleland yesterday and pleaded not guilty. Her trial was set for May 12.

Supplemental articles of incorporation of the Frisco Gold Mining Company, increasing the capital stock to \$1,000,000, were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday by S. Ward, Al Woelfer, Carl Anderson and A. Bystrum.

L. Q. Sweetland, M. M. Miles and Guy O. Willis filed articles of incorporation of the Sweetland Candy Company in the County Clerk's office yesterday; capital stock, \$25,000. The objects announced are to deal in and manufacture candies, ice cream, bakers' and confectioners' supplies, etc.

CAT WENT ON THE STAGE.

Recluse Had Animal That Took Cue With Best of Them.

Collier's Weekly. "It often happens," said Mr. David Belasco while talking about some of the mechanical effects used in "The Darling of the Gods," "tricks of the simplest description arouse the popular wonder and curiosity to the greatest extent, while on the other hand the most original, delicate and daring work passes unnoticed by the audience. A great deal of the business of mounting and producing plays, I introduced a cat into 'Hearts of Oak'—"

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O.M.C. STORE NEWS

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All-wool Hair-line Voile
All-wool Waistings

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the play that made the late James A. Herne famous. We had a live baby in the play, too, which excited a tremendous amount of interest, but I think the cat created more talk and wonder because everyone is familiar with the habits of that domestic animal and knows how difficult it is to teach one to perform even the simplest trick.

"Every night, at a certain cue, the cat came on the stage, walked across to the fireplace, stretched herself and then lay down in front of the blazing hearth, for we burned real fire in a gas log in order to make the scene more realistic and natural. The cat part so easily and naturally that she frequently got a round of applause, and it always happened that before we had played three nights in a row the most popular topic of conversation was, 'How did they ever train that cat to come on the stage, stretch herself and lie down in front of the fire?'"

"Night after night the cat took her cue without trouble. It really seemed as if it were a remarkable performance on her part; but, after all, her education was a very simple matter. A few minutes before it was time for her to go on we used to put her in a basket just large enough to hold her comfortably without giving her a chance to change her position, and then leave her in a cool place in the cellar. At the proper time she was brought upstairs and released in the entrance in time to answer her cue. Of course she walked across the stage to where the fire was burning, and when she got there what was there to do except to stretch herself as a measure of relief after her cramped position in the basket and then lie down in the warmth of the blazing log? The fact is, it would have been very difficult indeed to train her to do anything else under the circumstances."

Some Achieve Greatness. London Tri-Bia.

There is truth in the saying that "a prophet has no honor in his own country."

A gentleman visiting Ecclefechan to see the birthplace of Carlyle, in the course of conversation with an aged inhabitant of the village asked him if he had been

acquainted with "the great Thomas Carlyle."

"Oh, ay," replied the rustic, with a touch of scorn. "I kent Tam. He was a pair having body who leaved in London and wrote books. Ah, man (and his voice became enthusiastic), ye should have kent his brother Jamie, the farmer. He bred the finest pig in 'a' the country-side."

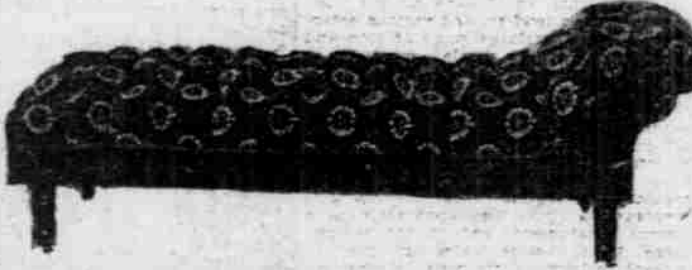
The Poor We Have With Us. Washington Post.

Read the appalling histories of the poor in New York. They are mere accidents

of hidden misery and degradation, what the truant spark is to the covered fire. Once in a while one hears of a case of special affliction, and nearly always the machinery of rescue is set in motion by Christian hands. But we hear of one in a thousand. The others are left to their suffering, their hopelessness, their degradation. We have untold millions to spend under the auspices of the Mothers' Club on early Oregon City history. A large audience listened to the lecture, which was replete with incidents of the pioneer days here.

Early Oregon City History. OREGONIAN CITY, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—George H. Himes, assistant secretary of the State Historical Society, delivered a lecture in Willamette Hall last night under the auspices of the Mothers' Club on early Oregon City history. A large audience listened to the lecture, which was replete with incidents of the pioneer days here.

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