

### ALCOA COMES AGAIN

#### Big Freighter Will Load Cargo Here for Orient.

### TAKES THE ARABIA'S PLACE

#### Aztec Left San Francisco Yesterday for Portland—Steamer Elwood Burns on Puget Sound—Freight Market Dull.

The big Pacific Mail freighter Alcoa will carry another cargo from Portland to the Orient. She has been ordered to this duty by General Manager Schwinn and will sail as a Portland & Asiatic liner, taking the place of the Arabia on the regular schedule. The capture of the latter vessel by the Russians and her detention at Vladivostok necessitated the company's time card, and it was necessary to find another to take her place. The Alcoa was the only one available, so Mr. Schwinn has issued orders for her to join the Portland fleet.

The Alcoa will be remembered as the monster steamer that was here last November and carried out the large cargo of flour that was ever shipped from any port in the world. It consisted of 5,775 barrels of a value of \$12,750. The steamer also found room in her capacious hold for 17,500 bushels of wheat. On her next sailing from Portland she will probably not approach this record, but there is already enough business in sight to insure her a cargo larger than the Arabia could carry, notwithstanding an extra steamer, the Aztec, is to be despatched about the first of the coming month.

The Alcoa is expected to leave San Francisco for this port about the middle of September and will get away for the Orient not later than the 28th, the date formerly fixed for the Arabia's sailing. She is now in the Arabian coast, where she has undergone extensive repairs. The steamer ran on a rock just inside the bar at San Francisco on her arrival from Hong Kong, June 7, and punched some holes in her hull, which she has had a good many thousands of dollars to repair.

The steamer Aztec, which was secured to carry freight to Japan before the embargo was raised, sailed north from San Francisco at 1 P. M. yesterday and will reach this port Tuesday. Her cargo will consist mainly of flour, which 800 tons have already been offered. It is stated at the office of the company that she will leave here on the 1st of this month, but shipping men believe her departure will be delayed beyond that time.

### NO EXPORT MOVEMENT.

#### High Wheat Prices and Freight Rates Prevent Chartering.

With wheat commanding a high price here and vessel owners asking stiff rates, the grain trade is generally inactive. The grain bought in the past week has been for Eastern, San Francisco or milling account. English quotations have not advanced sufficiently to make export business profitable, and until they do the wheat movement will be in other directions. While no new charters have been written this week, one negotiated some time ago is about to light. It is that of the French bark Cambonne, which arrived at Honolulu Wednesday from Cardiff. She was fixed prior to her arrival there by J. J. Moore & Co. to load at Portland for the United Kingdom for orders at 25.25, less 1.50, 24.75 direct. All the fixtures made in the past fortnight have been at the combine's figure, which are 20.50 for Portland and 20.00 for the United Kingdom. The North is selling wheat for Eastern shipment, but the price of grain is quoted at 25.25 for the United Kingdom with the usual continental options. The North is selling wheat for Eastern shipment, but the price of grain is quoted at 25.25 for the United Kingdom with the usual continental options.

### PORTLAND-BUILT BOAT BURNED

#### Elwood is a Total Loss on the Skagit River.

A well-known Portland-built steamboat has just ended its days on Puget Sound. The Elwood, which was as good a stern-wheeler of her class as was ever turned out here, burned to a water's edge at Avon last Wednesday. She had of late been plying on the Seattle-Skagit route. The Elwood was built in this city in 1891 by Joseph Finkler for the Portland and Avon Steamship Company. She was a good handy light-draft boat and well fitted for that business, but the boys lacked the necessary experience and the opposition soon proved too much for them. They were forced to retire from steamer work and after selling their craft to Jacob Kamm, they went back to farming. Mr. Kamm ran the Elwood for a few years on the Lewis River route, doing good jobs, and when the Klondike excitement was at its height, he sold her to the Canadian Pacific. This company placed her on the Skagit River run and later she operated from Ketchikan. Then the McDonald Steamship Company bought her and put her on the Seattle-Skagit route.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Judge Webster has gone to Boise City, and will return Tuesday. A. T. Wain, a well-known attorney of Salem, accompanied by Mrs. Wain, is at the Imperial. Mayor W. F. Mallock, of Pendleton, is stopping at the Imperial for a few days' visit in the city. D. W. Yoder, the superintendent of the public schools of Sumpter, is at the Imperial for a short visit. Miss Neva Lane, of Pendleton, a prominent resident of Hamilton County, is at the Imperial for a short visit. Ernest Fanning left last week on the steamer Columbia for San Francisco, where he goes to accept a position in a wholesale house. Mr. R. C. Caples, traffic manager of the National Steel & Wire Company, with headquarters at New York, is in Portland, accompanied by his wife. He is a nephew of Judge John F. Caples, of Portland. Mr. Charles L. Toetevin has returned from a 15 days' outing at Hood River, where he visited his parents. Returning, Mr. Toetevin visited Long Beach, as the guest of Mrs. R. C. Bell and Mrs. Louis Dammasch. The thermometer seems imbued with the idea that there is plenty of room at the Philadelphia Record.

### AMERICAN WARSHIPS SIGHTED.

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# BARGAIN OFFERINGS

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## There Will Be Opportunities to Economize That Will Interest All--For Instance

### WOMEN'S SUITS \$7.50

We will offer this week about 150 Women's Tailor-Made Suits, new Fall styles, just received; made from all-wool Venetian, Cheviot and fancy mixtures; all the most popular colors and sizes from 32 to 42; not a Suit in this lot worth less than \$12.50. Your Choice this week only \$7.50. Oil Painting free with every Ten-Dollar Purchase.

### Out Goes Entire Stock of Girls' Wash Dresses

We are now ready to clean up the entire stock of Summer Dresses and we want to do it in a hurry. These Dresses are in the best styles of the season. They are made of lawn, pique, chambray and ginghams, in white and colors. There are Sailor Suits, Russian and Guimp Dresses and every other style that girls or their mothers would want to select from. Promptness will pay well, but the last customer will get a splendid bargain. Dresses from 29c up to \$2.98.

### WAISTS REDUCED

Entire stock of Wash Girdles at reduced prices. China Silk and Peau de Soie Silk Waists reduced. A lot of white and colored Lawn Waists, worth up to \$1.90, for 68c. New Brilliantine Waists, best \$2.00 value, special at \$1.25. New Albatross Waists, in red, pink, blue; cream and black, at \$1.50.

### SALE OF UNDERMUSLINS

Excellence has been the first thought in selecting our Undermuslins. At no other time has been given so complete and superior an assortment of dainty and well-made garments. Every garment in this sale comes direct from the manufacturer, fresh, new, unsoiled by handling. The price consideration is of the smallest, many items at less than cost of materials.

**DRAWERS** reduced to . . . . . 29c, 48c, 68c and 85c  
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**Outing Flannel Gowns and Skirts** at all prices.

### CORSETS--New Models. New Fall Models of R. & G. Corsets Now Showing.

100 dozen Satin Tape Girdles, in pink, blue and white, special . . . . . 50c  
Broken lines in R. & G. and Warner's Corsets, worth regularly \$1.00 up to \$1.50; price to close . . . . . 68c

### PETTICOATS--Extra Special--Exceptional Good Values

Black Sateen Petticoats, regular \$3.25 kind, for . . . \$2.75  
Black and Colored Taffeta Silk Petticoats, left over from Spring stock at greatly reduced prices.

### HANDKERCHIEFS--25c Values 15c

We will offer Monday a line of Women's Handkerchiefs--dainty, sheer quality; just the sorts, both plain and fancy, that the women are most apt to want; all are perfect, fresh and new and are easily worth double their present price. Special Monday . . . . . 15c

### STOCK COLLARS

The newest in Summer Neckwear for women's selection; smart, fresh, new neckpieces, both stock collars and turnovers; on sale this week--Bargain Table . . . . . 18c

### DRESS GOODS

#### "DOLLY VARDEN" WAISTINGS

White ground, with embroidered stripe and figured effects; very fine finish, highly mercerized, former price 85c; marked to close, yard . . . . . 49c

#### 40-IN. BRILLIANTINES

In gray, champagne, tan, navy, royal, cardinal, seal brown, red, green and black, very lustrous finish; special, yard . . . . . 50c

#### 46-IN. ENGLISH TWEED SUITINGS

In blue, green, tan, gray and brown, with white, even mixtures; very popular suiting fabrics; regular \$1.25 quality; special, yard . . . . . 85c

#### IMP. SCOTCH TWEEDS

60-inch, in grays and blue mixtures, with invisible plaid effects, excellent suiting fabrics; regular \$2.00 quality; special, yard . . . . . \$1.39

#### 60-IN. "PRIESTLYS"

Cravenetted Covert Cloths, in tan, brown, Oxford, gray and navy mixtures; very fine finish, the wanted fabric for water-proof raglans; regular \$2.75 quality; special, yard . . . . . \$1.90

#### 44-IN. FRENCH VOILES

In brown, champagne, tan, navy, royal, gray and black; extra fine finish; regular \$1.25 quality; special, yard . . . . . 85c

#### 56-IN. BROADCLOTHS and VENETIAN CLOTHS

In all popular shades and black, fine satin finish; regular \$1.25 quality; special . . . . . \$1.00

#### BLACK TAFFETA SILKS--Incomparable Values Wear Warranted

19-inch Black Taffeta Silks, extra heavy, rustle finish; regular 75c quality; special . . . . . 59c

20-in. Black Taffeta Silks, very fine, soft finish, deep, lustrous black; regular 85c value; special . . . . . 65c

27-in. Black Taffeta Silks, extra good weight, Rustle finish; regular \$1.25 quality; special, yard . . . . . 85c

36-inch Suiting Taffeta Silks, in black, very soft, lustrous finish, extra heavy; regular \$1.75 quality; spec., yd. \$1.25

#### BLACK PEAU DE SOIE SILKS

20-inch Black Peau de Soie Silks, extra good weight, double finish, deep lustrous black; regular \$1.00 quality; special yard . . . . . 75c

24-inch Black Peau de Soie Silks, extra heavy weight, very soft, satin finish; \$1.25 quality, special, yard . . . . . 85c

### MORE MANUFACTURERS' AND JOBBERS' SHOES

The last shipments of Shoes purchased by our Mr. Henry Roberts while East are now on sale, having arrived the last of the week. These are all Shoes purchased from manufacturers and jobbers having an over-production, and they're desiring to clean up all last season's lines regardless of loss, enabled us to procure more genuine good values in this line of merchandise than has ever been shipped west of Chicago. Mr. Roberts purchased, all told, over \$9000 (nine thousand dollars) worth of Shoes in Women's, Misses', Children's, Boys, Youths' and Little Gents'--we cannot enumerate all the styles in this space, but following are a few:

#### Women's \$3.50 and \$4 Hand-Made Shoes \$1.93

Women's patent colt, patent kid, black vici kind and box calf Lace Shoes, with French, Cuban, concave and military heels, with hand-turned and hand-welted soles--while they last . . . . . \$1.93

#### Women's \$3 Hand-Made Oxfords and Shoes \$1.69

Women's fine patent leather, patent kid and black vici kid Lace Oxfords and Shoes with French, Cuban, concave and military heels--while they last . . . . . \$1.69

#### Misses' \$1.75 and \$2 Lace Shoes 99c

Misses' fine vici kid and box calf Lace Shoes for school wear; absolutely solid; we guarantee every pair . . . . . 99c

#### BOYS' BOX CALF AND VICI LACE SHOES. \$1.57

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5c YARD--For Lawns, Batistes and Dimities, in large variety of stripe and figured effects; formerly priced up to 15c yard.

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17 1/2c YARD--For Satin Stripe Poplins, Satin Robenas, Fill de Lous, including all the popular sheer mercerized effects; formerly priced up to 35c yard.

#### Men's 75c Underwear Tomorrow at 29c

An unusual purchase enables us to offer you an exceptional bargain tomorrow in men's underwear. We offer men's fine balbriggan underwear, in medium and heavy weights, shirts and drawers, all sizes, regular 75c kind, for one day only 29c

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A grand bargain sale the last of our 75c grade of Men's Golf Shirts, to be closed out at less than cost; they come in good patterns of dark blues and grays, in all sizes; best values at 75c; extra special . . . . . 48c