

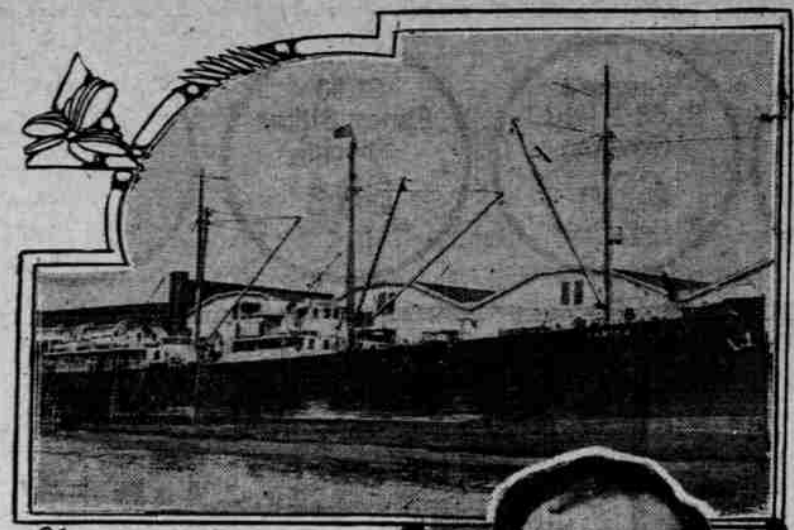
NEAR EXPORT HERE NEAR MILLION BARK

Week Ends With More Than 800,000 Bushels Loaded and More to Come.

HARBOR CRAFT-CROWDED

British, Danish, Russian and American Boats Load and Unload in Portland, Total of 14 Vessels Clearing Wheat in December.

FIRST BELGIAN RELIEF SHIP FROM COAST CROSSES THE ATLANTIC CARRYING CALIFORNIA SUPPLIES FOR STARVING FAMILIES.



Steamer Camino Now En Route to Belgium With Relief Supplies.

Laden with California's contributions for the assistance of suffering humanity in Belgium, the steamer Camino, of the Arrow Line fleet, which was built for the Portland-California service and operated regularly until last year, sailed from New York a week ago yesterday on the last leg of her journey to London, where part of her cargo is to be discharged and the remainder unloaded at Rotterdam.

ALASKA TRADE WAITS, IS CRY CANNEY-OWNER SEES BIG CHANGE FOR PORTLAND STEAMSHIP LINE.

The Portland steamship line can be made a success, as has been demonstrated plainly this year, says J. R. Beagle, owner of a salmon cannery in Ketchikan, Alaska, who is in Portland to purchase supplies. "With such an auspicious beginning, the future of the line is assured and Portland business men should do all in their power to support it and to reach out for more business in Alaska in the future of the line."

RIVER TO START RECEIDING GAINS IN WILLAMETTE NOT TO CONTINUE UNLESS RAIN FALLS HEAVILY.

District Forecaster Falls says there is only one condition that can prevent the Willamette from starting to fall tomorrow, and that would be heavy rain, which has not yet started to rise here for 24 hours terminating at 8 o'clock yesterday morning was four-tenths of a foot and the river water level rose 1.1 foot at Albany and 1.9 feet at Eugene, the rise at Salem being .7 foot.

NEW OCEAN WAREHOUSE BURNS Huge Structure, Being Erected at Seattle, Is Damaged.

SEATTLE, Jan. 16.—The huge ocean warehouse of the Seattle Port Company, which has been under construction at the foot of Hanford street, was partially destroyed by fire today. The warehouse, 300 feet long and of slow-burning wood construction, was not yet finished, and was still in the hands of the contractor. It is well insured.

NEWS FROM OREGON PORTS

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special)—The Danish bark Danmark arrived about 9 o'clock last night, 23 days from Antofagasta, being towed in by the tug Goliath. Captain Nielson, master of the craft, says he encountered pleasant weather during the entire trip until off the mouth of the river, when he ran into a heavy gale that continued for two days. On Thursday the bark ran close in a short distance south of night she lacked, passing near Tillamook Head and headed out to sea again. The Danmark spoke no vessels during the voyage. She is to load grain at Portland.

CAPT. SELKE ON E. H. VANCE Master Well Known Here Takes Conster on Voyage to England.

Captain Dick Selke, permanent master of the Hammond steamer Gen. Hubbard, has been transferred to the steamer Edgar H. Vance, of the same line, which has been chartered to the Russian bark Port Caledonia and sailed from San Pedro Wednesday for Eureka to begin taking cargo. Captain Ludlow, of the Vance, was granted a leave of absence, and Captain Selke was selected for the long voyage.

BEAR LEAVES FREIGHT HERE Southbound Movement of Oregon Commodities Shows Improvement.

Not since the outbreak of European hostilities has a steamer for California left cargo behind such as the Bear did when she sailed at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, there being considerable freight lying on the docks that could not be accommodated, as the liner had stowed below deck more than 2400 tons. Ordinarily that is not a capacity load, but it was made up of heavy and bulky shipments so that the space was occupied.

3 BOATS PURCHASED

Jones' Fleet Gets Teal, Inland Empire, Twin Cities.

CRAFT TO BE OPERATED

Object Declared to Be Establishment of Business on Columbia River Before Celilo Canal Opens for Steamer Traffic.

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Marine Notes

Henry L. Beck, since July, 1911, inspector of the Seventeenth Light-house District, departed last night for Charleston, S. C., headquarters of the Sixth Lighthouse District, of which he will assume charge. Robert Warrack, superintendent of the Seventeenth District, is acting inspector and is expected to be appointed permanently in a short time.

COOS BAY, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special)—The steamer Geo. W. Elder arrived from Eureka this morning at 7 and sailed for Portland at 12:15. While in Humboldt Bay the Elder was rammed and a small hole was stove in her starboard stern 10 feet above the waterline. The steamer Breakwater sailed today for Portland at 12:30.

When the McCormick steamer Klamath departed from St. Helens for California ports last night she had 50 passengers.

Repairs to the gasoline schooner Abenwanda having been completed she was launched from the ways at Supple's yard yesterday and started loading at the cannery dock tomorrow for Oregon coast ports.

Orford Reef gas buoy, which was reported extinguished, was relighted January 15, says a message received at the cannery headquarters yesterday.

Specifications for two barges to be built by the Government for transporting rock for the construction of the canal to clear the mouth of the Coquille River have been approved by the Chief of Engineers at Washington. They are to be 90 feet in length, 30 feet beam and 8 feet depth of hold.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE

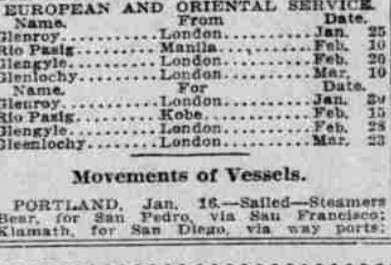
Steamer Schedule

Table with columns: Name, From, Date. Lists various steamers and their routes.

ASOTIN FARMERS HOLDING WHEAT

ASOTIN, Wash., Jan. 16.—(Special)—Asotin farmers are holding their wheat for a further advance in price. George Sauer was offered \$1.26 a bushel last week, but refused.

PORTLAND HARBOR CROWDED WITH SHIPS LOADING GRAIN FOR SOUTH AFRICA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM AND MOORING GROUND IS TAXED TO ACCOMMODATE LOADED CARRIERS.



SCENE BELOW BRIDGE FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

REPUBLICAN LOSES OUT

AFTER APPOINTMENT AS POSTMASTER COMMISSION IS HELD UP.

Head of Miss Alice E. Weatherston Approved for Florence Office, But Democrat Is Given Post.

FLORENCE, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special)—The appointment of B. Buchanan, Postmaster at Florence, announced early in the week, came as a complete surprise here. When William Kyle, who had been Postmaster at Florence for 27 years, resigned the office in June, 1914, he recommended as his successor Miss Alice E. Weatherston, who had been his assistant for more than 20 years, and who was then in Massachusetts on a visit.

Miss Weatherston did not return to Oregon in time to take the civil service examination held that Fall, and C. Buchanan, a Democrat, who stood fourth in the examination, received the appointment.

In the Spring of 1914 the office was advanced to the third class, and Mr. Buchanan, who had been appointed for appointment as third-class Postmaster, Miss Weatherston, whose application was still on file, received the appointment. News of this reached her as a surprise June 27, 1914, just after returning from her vacation. The appointment surprised Mr. Buchanan also, as he had not been asked for a new appointment, and he protested, as did his friends who objected to the appointment of a woman, a Republican, a member of a Republican family. Partitions were circulated and Miss Weatherston was accused of wire pulling to secure the appointment. Her appointment was duly approved, but inquiries as to the non-arrival of her commission, when made to the department, were answered with the information that the commission had not yet been issued.

When Senator Chamberlain was asked as to the reason for holding up the commission, he replied that it was being held up pending an investigation. Miss Weatherston has never received her commission, and she has charges as to her lack of qualification for the office or any notice that the appointment had been canceled, neither Senator Chamberlain nor Mr. Weatherston has any reason for his change of heart.

BOY SLAYER ON TRIAL

VANCOUVER COURT CROWDED AT HEARING OF ALVAH TOWER.

Youth Insults He Accidentally Shot and Killed Young Playmate, but Kept Fact Secret Two Days.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 16.—(Special)—The Superior Court room today was not nearly large enough to contain all who desired to hear the case of the Saturday boy who had hunted Alvah Tower, charged with assault in the second degree. Alvah, who will be 17 years old in February, avers he accidentally shot and killed his playmate, Matthew Harris, 11 years old, October 10, when they were out hunting near Sara.

Alvah kept secret for two days the fact that he had shot Matthew, and attended high school in this city the following morning. He was arrested and committed to Mrs. Crease, wife of the Sheriff.

Maurice Hoff today testified to finding the body in Whipple Creek, where Alvah had dragged it after the tragedy. Mr. Harris, father of the slain child, took the stand and told what occurred after the boy had fallen to come home. He said he had seen Alvah's rifle, which had returned, but he denied knowing where Matthew was, saying they had separated. He also told part of Alvah's story told by the witness at the coroner's jury Tuesday, October 13.

Mrs. Crease testified about Alvah's making confession to her, and said he had since that time maintained to her he was telling the truth, though he had not been when he said he did not know where Matthew was.

Other witnesses testified and court adjourned at about 5 o'clock until 9:30 o'clock Monday morning.

Alvah sat in the courtroom by the side of his mother and brother, his father and mother also were with them. J. O. Blair, recently elected County Attorney, is trying the case for the State of Washington against Alvah, is attorney for the defense.

YOUNG WIDOW WOULD WED

Kansas City Woman Asks Paper to Find Husband for Her.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special)—Oregon men and the wonders of the Willamette Valley climate have attracted Vivian E. Dale to such an extent that she wrote a letter to the Oregon City Enterprise, which was received Friday requesting that some Clackamas County man correspond with her. She lives in Kansas City, Kan.

She describes herself as an "attractive young widow" and says she is 22 years old. Details of her previous marriage are not discussed nor any other particulars. She says that all candidates for her hand must own homes.

LIEN VENDREUR MOSTLY FARMERS

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special)—All but 60 of the 275 men selected by the County Court of Lien County for jury service in this county during the coming year are farmers. The list includes one minister, one college professor, 15 merchants, eight laborers, five carpenters, five plumbers, two stockmen, three real estate men, two contractors, two teamsters, one speculator, one acid-maker and five men who have retired from their usual vocations.

ROAD TO COAST SOUGHT

OPEN WINTER ROUTE FOR YAMHILL AND TILLAMOOK IS PLAN.

The route between Butler and Tillamook which the plan is now being pushed from Portland to Tillamook via Sheridan, is one of the most traveled in the state in the Summer months. In the winter time it is almost impassable.

WOMAN WHIPS OFFICIAL

TACOMA WIFE OF DISCHARGED FIREMAN WIELDS LASH.

Mrs. Della Lambert Takes Ravshide From Muff When Commissioner Whips Is Deaf to Plea.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 16.—(Special)—Because Commissioner A. U. Mills had refused to reinstate her husband as a city fireman, Mrs. Della Lambert, wife of Richard Lambert, who was discharged December 1, entered Mr. Mills' office this morning and when the Commissioner refused to make any further effort in her behalf, she drew a rawhide whip from her muff and lashed the Commissioner with it. She was overpowered by City Detective McKay and Boiler Inspector Albert Johnson, here for the Commissioner's door.

WOODLAND STATE BANK ELECTIONS

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TOPPENISH MEAT MARKET SOLD

TOPPENISH, Wash., Jan. 16.—(Special)—The Reservation Meat Market, owned by Kneeland & Spofford, has been sold to J. G. Soden, of Sprague, for \$8900. The building and fixtures are included. Kneeland & Spofford have been in the meat business here for the past seven years and have built up an excellent business.

LETTER FROM ENGLAND SAYS CONSCRIPTION IS NIGLI

Brother of Harry Hall, of Vancouver, Writes That Fear of Zeppelins Is Felt and Drilling Is Constant.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 16.—(Special)—The British press will begin to draft soldiers in the opinion of a resident of Acton, England, expressed in a letter to his brother, Harry Hall, in this city.

Mr. Hall writes that they fear Zeppelins at night and that great searchlights search the skies for the dreaded enemy. No lights are allowed on the streets, and none will be permitted to shine from houses. The streets are lit along at night with a small blue light. Soldiers guard the railroads night and day and all the big exhibition buildings, such as the "White City" and others, have been converted into barracks. No lights are allowed on the streets and training. Thousands of young men have joined "Kitcheners' Army," as it is called there. Lord Kitchener has issued a call for more soldiers. At Acton there are 600 British refugees. Difficulty is experienced in caring for them, as they cannot understand the language.

The aeroplane factory at Aldershot is working night and day turning out machines of various types, and aviators are experimenting and learning to fly them.

SALEM FRUIT UNION MEETS

Officers Elected and Passage of Horticultural Bill Urged.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special)—With 170 members present, the Salem Fruit Union held its fifth annual convention today. The report showed that business aggregating approximately \$250,000 was done during the year. The membership of the union was shown to include 500 fruitgrowers of Marion and Polk counties.

A resolution was adopted urging the Legislature to pass the horticultural bill, framed by a committee of horticulturists, which has been introduced in this session. Officers elected for the year were: Charles L. McNary, president; Lloyd T. Reynolds, vice-president; and Philip Gilbert and A. Verler, chosen members of the board of directors to succeed H. R. Crawford and Dr. O. B. Miles, whose term expires at the close of the year. A vote of 5 per cent probably will be declared.

BOARDS' ABILITY DOUBTED

Educators Should Select Teachers, Avers Miss Degraff.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special)—That the selection of teachers should not be left with school boards, which are composed for the most part of business or professional men, is the opinion of Miss Grace Degraff, president of the National Teachers' Association, in an address before the Clackamas County Teachers' Association this afternoon.

Miss Degraff said that every superintendent should have a board of consultants, which would aid in the selection of teachers.

Resolutions were adopted against a bill before the Legislature abolishing the district system of handling schools.

JESSE SHERMAN, SUEING FOR \$5000 FOR FALSE ARREST, ALLOWED \$350.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special)—A judgment for \$5000 was returned by a jury in the Circuit Court tonight for Jesse Sherman in his suit against Frank Ervin, deputy game warden, for alleged false arrest. A restraining order was granted before the trial. Sherman is a farmer living on the Sandy River near Cherryville.

Edgar Brooks, of Sandy, testified that Sherman offered him \$11 if he would swear that he saw Sherman in Sandy with Ervin. Brooks said that he refused to accept the money. Ervin is in the suit filed by John Vanderhoff on the same charge.

CLACKAMAS SENDS \$757

Cash Contribution Made for Relief of Belgium.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special)—Clackamas County's contribution to the Belgian relief fund is \$757.86. This sum was forwarded today by J. E. Hodges, treasurer of the county's organization, to Theodore B. Wilcox, of Portland.

The money will buy 151 barrels of flour, although the grain is now above \$6 a bushel. Mr. Wilcox in December agreed to provide flour at \$5 a barrel for any money which might be raised in Clackamas county.

Most of the money was collected in Oregon City, although several other communities in the county contributed.

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