

PASSENGERS WALK OFF STEAMER

Vessel Is Aground in Harbor of Rarotonga, in the South Seas.

TWO PORTLANDERS ON LIST

Miss Mabel Claridge and W. L. Claridge Among Those On Stricken Craft—Danger Not Regarded Great.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Details were anxiously awaited here tonight of the plight of the Union Steamship Company's steamer Matti, which went aground in the harbor of Rarotonga Christmas day with about 25 passengers and a crew of 90 men aboard.

The Matti, of 1888 net tons, left San Francisco for Wellington, New Zealand, December 7. The Matti carried 43 passengers, but a number left ship at Apetete and about 25 are supposed to be aboard, with a crew of about 90 men.

FUEL SHORTAGE STOPS WORK

Two of Four Dredges Operated by Port of Portland Are Tied Up. Hope that none of the Port of Portland dredges would have to be tied up owing to the fuel shortage on the river.

NEW YEAR'S SALUTE IS GIVEN

Beaver Sails With 150 Guests and Big Load of Oregon Shipments. "Happy New Year," said Captain Ed Mason to friends ashore yesterday.

26 LUMBER CARGOES DEPART

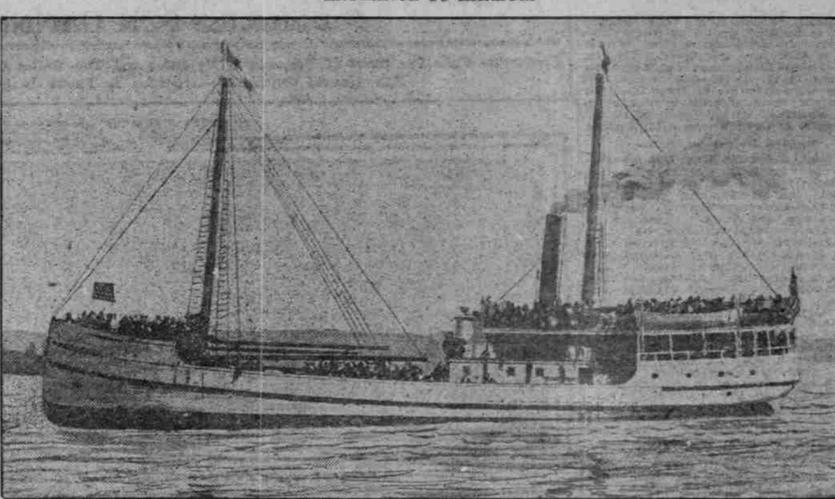
Lower Columbia Mills Ship 20,189,660 Feet in December. ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—During the month of December 26 vessels loaded at the mills in the lower Columbia River district, and their combined cargoes amounted to 20,189,660 feet of lumber.

JESSIE HARKINS ON FERRY RUN

Interstate Bridge Used Until Boat Is Put on Run Again. VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The small steamer Jessie Harkins this afternoon was placed on the ferry run between Vancouver and Hayden Island.

Offices Close for New Year's. Custom-House employees and other Government staffs entered on another two days' vacation yesterday afternoon, as all departments are to remain closed until Tuesday morning.

FLORENCE UNDERTAKES REVIVAL OF SHIPBUILDING FOLLOWING IMPROVED CONDITIONS AT ENTRANCE TO HARBOR.



STEAMER LUELLA, A FLORENCE PRODUCT. EUGENE, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The steam schooner Luella, built at Florence 18 years ago, for W. H. Beagle, of San Francisco, and which is still in commission, is offered as proof of the possibilities of the shipbuilding industry at Florence.

For Christmas, no vessels moving or being worked unless necessitated by their schedules. The Eugene Chamber of Commerce has volunteered to co-operate with the people of Florence in an effort to induce shipbuilders to locate a plant at Florence.

WHITE COLLAR LEAVES DOCK

Alder-Street Slip Home of Famous River Line for Many Years. Not since the early days of the Fleet-wheel, a speedy propeller, Captain U. B. Scott built in 1881 to compete with the O. W. R. & N. between Portland and the Cascades, later operating as an opposition boat on the Portland-Astoria route, was Alder-street dock given up by the White Collar and Regulator line until the removal of the furniture from the office last night, the Regulator interests having discontinued the service to the Dalles for the winter.

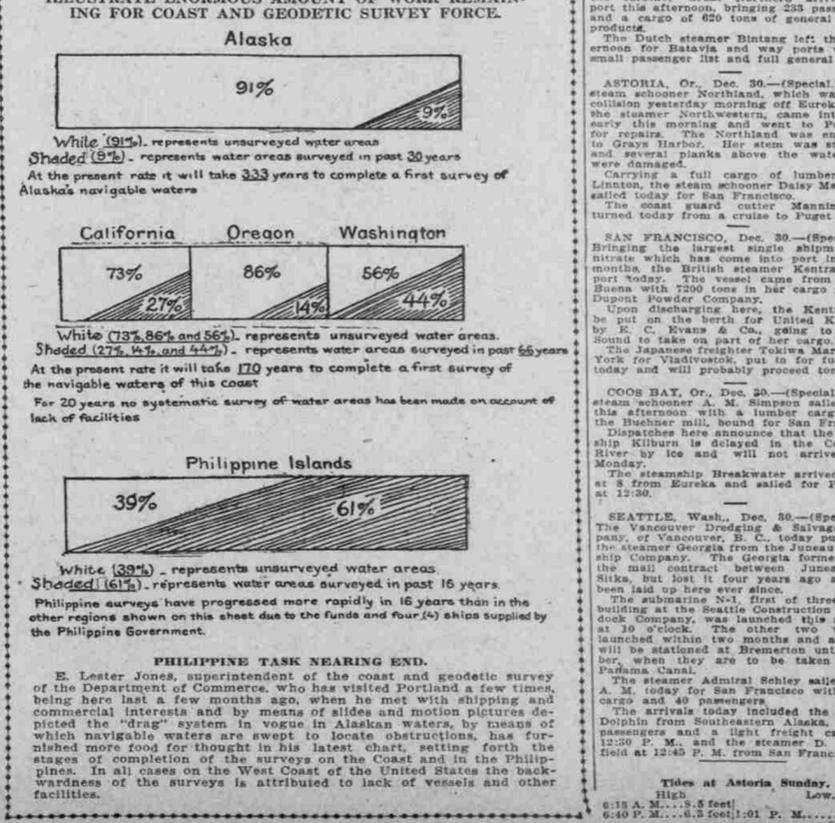
KENT CLARK TO RUN HOTEL

Steamship Company Selects Purser to Manage Kobe Property. Kent W. Clark, purser on the steamer Beaver from the time she went on the Portland-California run in 1910 until about two years ago, is to be manager of the Oriental Hotel, at Kobe, Japan, the history being one of a chain operated by the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, which line Mr. Clark has been serving as purser of the Korea Maru, now at San Francisco.

Notice to Mariners.

The following affects aids to navigation in the Seventeenth Lighthouse District: The Columbia River, from Astoria to Harrington Point—Tongue Point crossing, buoy 6 replaced by buoy 6a, effective December 26. To be relieved as soon as practicable. Willapa Bay outside bar and whaling buoy 25 reported by steamer Hodgman December 27 as extinguished. To be relighted as soon as practicable. Point Light reported as not existing since December 21. To be placed in operation as soon as practicable.

COMPREHENSIVE CHART IS ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT TO ILLUSTRATE ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF WORK REMAINING FOR COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY FORCE.



WATER TRADE LIGHT

First Off-Shore Grain Carrier in Six Months Arrives.

SHIPPING FIGURES SHRINK

Exports of Cereals for Year All Made in First Half of 1916, and Lumber Trade Also Shows Heavy Decline.

In closing the first half of the cereal year for 1916-17 Portland has one lone grain carrier in port, the British steamer Don Benito, and she is the first off-shore grain ship to be handled since the season opened July 1, and the prospect is she will be the last when the period terminates June 30, 1917.

In foreign lumber shipments Portland has fared better, 23,341,713 feet, valued at \$25,479, being floated. That commodity drew tonnage while none has been available for grain. But as 10,919,747 bushels of wheat and 65,733,000 feet of lumber moved to foreign destinations during 1915, both lines have suffered enormously, all due to the inability of shippers to engage carriers for the business.

Flour exports for the year are confined to those between January 1 and June 30, amounting to 85,993 barrels at \$387,145. In 1915 flour sent to foreign lands reached 107,723 barrels at \$1,839,225. Domestic flour shipments for 1916 were 600,746 barrels, of which 253,683 barrels moved the last half of the year, and for the last six months preceding the year 208,568 barrels had been shipped.

U. S. Naval Radio Reports.

NORTH HEAD, Wash., Dec. 30.—Admiral Watson, Seward for Sedona, have to off duty. Admiral F. H. Sherman, Seward for Sedona, have to off duty. Admiral Farragut, Tacoma for San Francisco, 490 miles north of San Francisco, 8 P. M. Dec. 30. Admiral Manning arrived at Astoria 10:30 A. M. Dec. 30.

Pacific Coast Shipping Notes.

GRAYS HARBOR, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The steamer Columbia, which is being chartered by the United States Navy, is expected to arrive here today. The steamer Columbia is being chartered by the United States Navy, is expected to arrive here today.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

STEAMER SCHEDULE. Name. From. Date. Breakwater, San Francisco, Dec. 31. Rose City, San Francisco, Dec. 31. Klamath, San Francisco, Dec. 31.

Movements of Vessels.

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—Arrived—Steamer Northland from San Francisco, sailed 2 P. M. Eureka for Grays Harbor via Coos Bay and Eureka. SAN PEDRO, Dec. 30.—Sailed at noon—Steamer Rose City, for Portland via San Francisco.

BIG PICTORIAL EDITION TO APPEAR TOMORROW.

The Oregonian Annual, which will be issued tomorrow, New Year's day, will be the most complete pictorial number ever published by any newspaper in Oregon. In addition to the regular news section, it will contain four special sections devoted to the progress of Portland and Oregon.

ICE HALTS STEAMER

F. A. Kilburn Forced Back for Sheath to Break Path.

DREDGE TOLD TO TIE UP

Floating Ice Reported by Masters Coming in From Middle River Points—O. W. R. & N. Fleet Is Expected to Quit Soon.

Ice in the Lower Columbia River forced the North Pacific steamer F. A. Kilburn, a wooden vessel, to return to the harbor yesterday morning to have the forward part of the hull sheathed, and a second departure was made last night for the Golden Gate.

Officers of the steamer Joseph Kellogg, arriving yesterday from Kelso, reported that ice was encountered at Deer Island, St. Helens and Willow Bar. One report concerning the Middle Columbia River was that ice blocked the stream at Meechopoo Island, Cape Horn and Washouli, while large quantities were running at other points.

Ice has formed in the Dalles-Cello Canal and the Cascades Locks and in the Upper Columbia it is running heavily. "Captain" Ed Budd, of the O. W. R. & N. fleet, was called from the commission at Lewiston yesterday owing to the ice.

LEAP YEAR BRIDES HURRY

Several Wedded at Pendleton as Old Year Draws to Close. PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Dan Cupid is showing a burst of speed as the year draws to a close.

\$39,320 OFFICE NEED

County Superintendents at Salem. SALEM, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—About 25 County Superintendents from all over the state arrived in Salem today to start their week's work of grading papers and the County Superintendents' examinations.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Table with columns for Station, Temperature, Wind, and Weather. Includes data for Baker, Boise, Boston, Chicago, etc.

FRIENDS WILL CONVEY

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE WILL BE AT SALEM, JANUARY 15-18. Entire Membership is Invited to Attend—Programme is Ready and Speakers Are Named.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A low-pressure area of 30 feet energy pressure over Montana, but the entire membership is invited, and many of the laity of the church will attend. The programme will begin Monday evening at the principal address of the evening being the conference sermon by Homer L. Cox, pastor of the Sunnyvale Friends' Church, of Portland.