

CAPT. OLSON TELLS HIS OWN STORY

Master of the Alliance Gives the Particulars of His Eventful Voyage in His Own Words—Interesting Letter to Agent Shaw

Portland, Ore., Dec. 8, 1907.
 My Dear Friend Shaw:—
 As I have a few moments to spare today, I'll let you know how we are getting along. We have not been able to get a berth in the dock yet but we are going tomorrow (Monday), and I think we will be on the dock the whole week. If I had only known that we couldn't get on the dock of our arrival here, I would have taken her to the Sound without calling here, but we'll do the best we can. We are in it, and must get out of it. We have carpenters working on the rudder, and getting everything we can ready.

Well, Mr. Shaw, I hope you don't have too hard a feeling towards me as to the accident. When I got down as far as red buoy No. 2 I was running under a slow bell, so as to get a good view of the bar. It looked favorable, in fact, smooth, and the tide on that day was 3 ft. 5 in. above zero, so I knew there was plenty of water. I had crossed the bar and was well outside the black buoy, when it commenced to roll in, and turn over, as it looked, the whole ocean over us, but thanks to a good little ship she came through. She rode four heavy breakers all right, but by this time she had lost her headway and fell off in the trough. It was then a tremendous sea struck us forward and tore away rudder and rudder-post, those parts striking the propeller and knocked off several blades, rendering ship helpless. It was this same wave that washed Mr. Pyott overboard. He had been told to go to his room, as is always the custom. He answered that he could cross the bar in a row-boat; but finally he was put in the stateroom with his wife and boy. According to Mrs. Pyott's statement he went out on deck. She opened the door and told him to come back. Just then a heavy sea broke over us and shattered the open door to splinters, knocking Mrs. Pyott senseless back in the room, in which condition she was found a few minutes later, with many cuts and bruises. This led to a search for Mr. Pyott who could not be found, and was evidently washed overboard by the same sea and drowned. It then being too late to take any steps to look for the lost man; and it would have been at great risk of losing more lives to try to save Mr. Pyott had anybody seen him go overboard. Ship being in this predicament it was a question if she was going to strike on the north spit or get pounded to pieces, or land on the beach north of the jetty, high and dry. The former would have meant loss of many lives, maybe all; while the latter assured safety to everybody. Those thoughts flashed through my mind in rapid succession, as there wasn't much time to think or study. It was blowing a strong S'ly breeze at the time. I set the mainsail; this brought her head to the westward and thereby managed to work her off shore. In the morning of Nov. 29th, we managed to head her inshore and stood towards the bar, expecting the tug Columbia to come out in the morning, as they saw us in trouble from the life-saving station; but as they failed to appear, I decided to run for the Columbia river. About 9 o'clock in the forenoon (Friday) the British steamer "Boverie" hove in sight. I signaled him to tow me to Columbia River Light Ship. He hove to and I lowered a boat and went aboard of her. We both agreed that she was not fit for towing as her propeller was out of the water half of the time and a heavy sea running. He would have towed her all right had I given him the Alliance as a price, but I refused to do that because she was not leaking and we could make a little headway, about three miles an hour. I told the captain he would be money ahead if he took her for \$3,000.00. He then said he couldn't think about towing us to the Light Ship for \$3,000.00, and at that rate I would have to be responsible for his ship (the Boverie). This being a big risk I came to the conclusion to make our own way, and asked him to sell me a sail at any price, but this he could not do. I then asked him to report me at Columbia River Light Ship that we had lost a few propeller blades crossing out from Coos Bay, and that I would proceed towards Columbia river at the rate of three miles an hour and fifteen miles offshore. This he promised to do whenever he could communicate. About the loss of a passenger I told confidential, as I did not wish that to be known until our safe arrival in

port, for the sake of those who had friends or relatives aboard. Had it been my desire to have that reported, I would certainly have given the name of the man lost. It was those ashore who had their relatives in the Alliance that was worried about. I never felt uneasy in the least about those under my care after we got away from the bar, as I knew I could bring ship and her crew safely to Columbia river or to the Sound, only that it required time. After I came back aboard from the Boverie we made a jury rudder. This worked satisfactorily in calm weather but when we commenced to blow she broached to. We then rigged an additional rudder, and after working almost a whole day making it, it lasted five minutes after it was shipped, and while trying to operate this steering apparatus, one of the blades got foul of the propeller, this was about 5 o'clock Saturday night. Now we were helpless, but after a few hours' work we got the propeller turning again, and things began to look good once more. We then set to work and made a rudder out of an iron plate taken from one of the bulkheads. I took more care in making this than engineers working at it all through the night. Sunday morning it was ready for the riggers, and by 10 o'clock in the afternoon it was shipped and worked with great satisfaction. We then had 75 miles to Columbia Light Ship and were then making 3 1/2 miles per hour. Monday we saw the Light Ship and stood in for the bar. In the mean time the tug Tatoosh came alongside and began to tell me what to do, but I had the Alliance under absolute control and proceeded close in to the bar. It breaking heavy and a strong ebb-tide running I turned about and hung about the Light Ship during the night. Tuesday morning we headed in for the bar and found it very smooth. The Tatoosh came out early morning and continued the same tactics as the day before, and I don't blame him very much for trying to get \$40,000 instead of the usual towage, but I didn't like him to come around and try to frighten my passengers; however they were all laughing at him when he told the danger they were in. Mrs. Pyott is getting along nicely. It is too bad that the Breakwater should be in trouble also. Am sorry for Coos Bay.

Respectfully Yours,
D. W. Olson,

WANT LINCOLN NATIONAL PARK

Marshfield Citizen Receives Letter Asking Assistance of Patriotic Citizens.

H. W. Painter, of Marshfield, has received a letter from Clarence H. Mackay, of New York, asking his assistance in furthering the work of the Lincoln National Association of which Mackay is treasurer. The letter was sent to Mr. Painter's former home in Guthrie, Okla., where his name is on the records of the board of directors of a bank. The association is especially seeking assistance from bank men and this is why the letter was sent to Mr. Painter.

In August, 1905, the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, consisting of 100 acres of land located about fifty miles from Louisville, Kentucky, was put up at public auction to be sold for unpaid taxes. It was a fact that all but one of the bidders who appeared represented some business concern or speculator, endeavoring to secure possession of the historic place to exploit it for private gain. Their shameful purpose was defeated by one bidder who represented a private citizen acting through motives of simple patriotism. He conceived the idea of developing the farm into a Lincoln National Park, which should stand forever as a fitting memorial to Lincoln's high service—a memorial worthy of the man worthy of the American people.

The association appealed to every loyal American in whose heart is the love of country, an ideal citizenship, and reverence for the memory of Abraham Lincoln. Among the board of trustees of the association raising funds for this proposed park are the names of Secretary Taft, Governor Folk, Joseph Choate, August Belmont, William T. Jerome, Henry Watterson and about fifteen other leading citizens of the United States.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church will hold their annual bazaar tomorrow evening in the building next to the Lockhart grocery. All kinds of fancy work suitable for Christmas presents for sale.

ASTORIA.—Mrs. Leighton, wife of Captain Arthur Leighton, a bar pilot, who accidentally took poison is now considered out of danger. She took the poison, mistaking it for medicine.

MARSHFIELD MINOR MENTIONS

R. A. Annin has disposed of his furniture to E. E. Morris, of Spokane, who is a new arrival in Marshfield who has faith in its future. The latter will occupy the house used by Mr. and Mrs. Annin until he has secured a suitable lot on which to build his own home. Mr. Annin, his wife and two children, will leave for Oakland, Ill., on the steamship Plant Saturday. They have made numerous friends since their stay in the city who are sorry that they are leaving this section of the country.

"Jack" Guyton, the well known newspaper man of this city, has decided to enter the contest started by the Portland Chamber of Commerce for the advertising of Oregon. Five thousand dollars is to be distributed in prizes for the best articles published in eastern newspaper magazines. Mr. Guyton has had an extensive experience in the newspaper business, and during the year he has spent in Oregon has closely studied the products and prospects of the state. Consequently he will "take his pen in hand" and tell eastern folk about Oregon, and incidentally Coos County, by competing in the writup contest which closes at the end of the year.

The handsome launch ordered by Ray T. Kaufman of this city is in the last stages of completion at the Max Timmerman boat building concern. It will be launched in about a week and will make a notable addition to the large fleet of water craft which have made Coos Bay famous as a water resort. The launch is a Bay City, Michigan, model and is the only one of the kind in the harbor. It marks a new era in boat building on the bay because it combines beauty with usefulness. It is equipped with an eight horse power Haase engine and is expected to make at least 10

knots an hour. The boat has a torpedo stern and the whole structure has lines which will make it noticed on the bay.

Nine people were compelled to await their turn on the outgoing stage for Drain this morning. Seats on this means of getting around the country are at a premium and have to be spoken for several days in advance. Water traffic between here and Portland has been shut off for more than two weeks owing to the serious accidents to the Breakwater and Alliance. The Roseburg stage has been somewhat uncertain in its movements and the only outlet that can be figured upon is the Drain stage, which is bearing the brunt of practically all of the travel in and out of the city. The arrival of the Breakwater and Alliance on Monday and their departure on Tuesday next will relieve congestion to some extent. The Plant is due to arrive from San Francisco tomorrow and will leave for the return trip on Saturday.

GIVES HIS WIFE POISON

Thomas Vance, of Salt Lake, Arrested on Charge of Murder. SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 12.—Following the death of his wife in a local hospital, Thomas Vance was arrested on the charge of murder. Before her death, Mrs. Vance said that her husband, after beating her until she was obliged to go to bed, "put something" in a glass of water at her bedside. An autopsy held revealed traces of bichloride of mercury in the woman's stomach. Bichloride tablets found in Vance's trunk are part of the evidence against him.

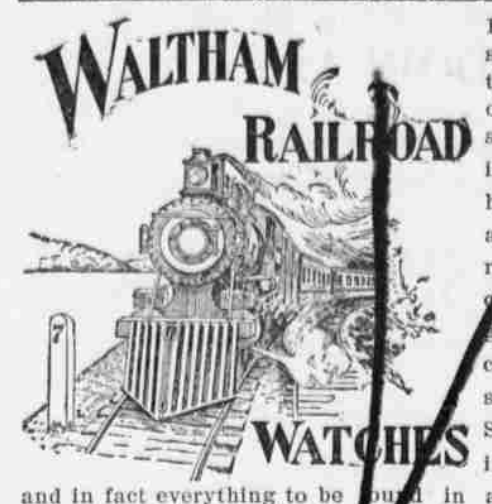
WANTED—A girl for general housework one that can take entire charge of house preferred. Mrs. F. S. Dow.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Daily Real Estate Report Furnished by Title Guarantee and Abstract Co. Henry Sengstacken, Manager.

- P. Edward Larson, to Hilda S. Larson, deed, SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 5, Twp. 25, R. 11. \$1.
- East Marshfield Land Co. to Carl Hackman, deed, Lots 10 and 11, Blk. 53, Lots 13 and 14, Blk. 55, East Marshfield. \$400.
- Henry N. Black, et. ux., to George A. Baines, deed, Lots 26 and 27, Blk. 43, Railroad Add. to Marshfield. \$900.
- Herbert Lockhart, et. al., to H. C. Schlee, deed, Lots 9 and 10, Blk. 25, Railroad Add. to Marshfield. \$10.
- Amelia M. Sheppard and hus to J. W. Berry, deed, Lots 8 and 9, Blk. 18, Idaho Add. to North Bend. \$300.
- C. A. Smith, et. ux., to C. A. Smith Lumbering & Manufacturing Co., deed, part of lot 2, Sec. 35, Twp. 25, R. 13 and tide fronting same, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Blk. 1, Bunker Hill Add. to Marshfield. \$10.
- John K. Kollock, et. ux., et. al., to S. B. Rowley, et. ux., deed, Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Blk. 75, Coos Bay Plat B. \$10.
- Simpson Lumber Co. to S. F. Rhodes, deed, Lots 11 and 12, Blk. 59, Western Add. to North Bend. \$5.
- Bennett Trust Co. to Plesly Lapp, deed, part of NE 1/4 of Sec. 12, Twp. 26, R. 13. \$1.
- Bennett Trust Co., et. al., to F. P. Norton, deed, Lot 8, Blk. 43, Bennett Add. to Marshfield. \$1000.
- Bennett Trust Co., et. al., to F. P. Norton, deed, Lot 1, Blk. 61, Bennett Add. to Marshfield. \$1000.
- W. H. Miner to Charles Worden, deed, 1/2 of W 1/2 of NW 1/4, SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, Sec. 14, NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Sec. 15, Twp. 26, R. 11. \$1.
- W. H. Miner to Charles Worden, deed, 1/2 of E 1/2 of Sec. 21, Twp. 26, R. 11. \$1.
- Charles Rodine, et. ux., to Ora McClay, deed, W 1/2 of SE 1/4, E 1/2 of SW 1/4, Sec. 34, Twp. 24, R. 11. \$1200.
- E. B. Seabrook, et. ux., to Jacob Anderson, deed, Lot 16, Blk. 12, Plat A Coos Bay. \$300.
- Anna Hohansson to L. A. Langley, deed, Lots 4 and 5, Blk. 14, Sengstackens Add. to Marshfield. \$250.
- Geo. J. Schaefer, et. ux., to Forbes Engraving Co., deed, Lots 13 and 14, Schaefer's Add. to Central Place. \$300.
- W. J. Rust, et. ux., to Katie Kohn, deed, Lots 9 and 10, Blk. 16, Ocean View Add. to North Bend. \$100.
- E. D. McArthur, et. ux., to K. Kohn, deed, Lots 20, 21 and 22, Blk. 11, Portlawn Add. to North Bend. \$30.
- Simpson Lumber Co. to E. J. Curren, deed, parcel of land in North Bend. \$5.
- Eugene D. Boone, et. ux., to Frank E. Cole, et. ux., deed, Lots 3 and 4, Boise Add. to Marshfield. \$10.
- Merchant Land Co. to Clifford C. Bayless, deed, Lot 28, Blk. 74, Railroad Add. to Marshfield. \$10.
- U. S. of A. to Percy D. Blake, patent, NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec. 17, NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec. 18, Twp. 25, R. 11. \$10.
- Southern Pacific Co. to Marshfield Realty & Trading Co., deed Blk. C, Railroad Add. to Marshfield. \$10.
- Merchant Land Co. to Alva Doll, deed, Lots 6 and 7, Blk. 27, Railroad Add. to Marshfield. \$10.
- A. G. Thrift to H. G. Kern, deed, Lot 3 and S 1/2 of Lot 4, Blk. 63, Porter Add. to North Bend. \$10.
- D. S. Cameron to Carrie A. Goudie, deed, Lots 9 and 10, Blk. 14, Edmonston First Add. to Marshfield. \$120.
- D. S. Cameron to A. Canon, Lots 21 and 22, Blk. 14, Edmonstons First Add. to Marshfield. \$120.
- Geo. J. Schaefer, et. ux., to S. E. Brune, Lots 8 and 9, Blk. 10, Schaefer's Add. to Central Place. \$175.
- L. D. Kinney, et. ux., to Isaac R. Tower, deed, Lots 6, 7 and 8, Blk. 18, Coos Bay Plat C. \$400.
- Chas. J. Whealy, et. ux., to Wm. Hutchison, deed, Lots 25, 26 and 27, Blk. 40, Railroad Add. to Marshfield. \$1450.
- Dennis McCarthy to Wm. Hutchison, deed undivided 1/2 of SE 1/4, SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, SE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 10, NE 1/4 of NW

Christmas Gifts of Quality



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NEWS IN TARILOID FORM

Important Events Boiled Down for Times Readers.

H. Sengstacken, et. ux., to Geo. P. Goodwin, deed, Lots 12 and 13, Blk. 2, Subdivision of Blk. A., Sengstackens Add. to Marshfield. \$400.

Annie H. Barkman and hus. to D. J. Rees, deed, Lots 25 and 26, Blk. 44, Railroad Add. to Marshfield. \$750.

December 2, 1907.

John K. Kollock, et. ux., et. al., to Thomas Finely, deed, Lot 3, Blk. 65, Coos Bay Plat B. \$10.

L. D. Kinney, et. ux., to Bertha J. Smith, deed, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Blk. 5; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Blk. 20; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Blk. 29, Coos Bay Plat B. \$2,000.

December 3, 1907.

G. W. Temple, et. ux., to E. R. Hodson, deed, Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, Blk. 67, Porter Add. to North Bend. \$100.

R. L. Edmonston, to Mary A. Taylor, deed, Lots 1 and 2, Blk. 12, Edmonston First Add. to Marshfield. \$225.

R. L. Edmonston to Lottie A. Tarrant, deed, Lots 11 and 12, Blk. 5, Edmonston First Add. to Marshfield. \$300.

East Marshfield Land Co. to Arthur Vineyard, deed, Lots 3 and 4, Blk. 29, East Marshfield. \$100.

Bank of Oregon to Wallace Oliver, deed, Lots 19 and 20, Blk. 16, Bank Add. to North Bend. \$10.

Bank of Oregon, to Nathan J. Levengood, deed, Lot 5, Blk. 13, Bank Add. to North Bend. \$100.

December 6, 1907.

U. S. of A. to Fred G. Stewart, patent, n 1/2 of se 1/4, se 1/4 of ne 1/4, sec. 12, twp. 25, r. 11. Lot 12, sec. 6, twp. 25 r. 10.

Katherine B. Burnett and hus., to C. L. Bonebrake, deed, lots 29 and 30, blk. 25, Railroad add. to Marshfield. \$10.

R. L. Edmonston, et. al., to Lydia Horsfall, deed, lots 37, 38, 39 and 40, blk. 32, Railroad add. to Marshfield. \$10.

Coos Bay Land and Investment Co., to Inez A. Hibbard, deed, lots 1 and 2, blk. 20, Belmont add. to Empire. \$200.

BANKS OF OREGON HOLD MUCH COIN.

Report to Controller Made by More Than Half of National Institutions Outside of Portland Indicate Fact.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—Cash reserves averaging 44 per cent of their deposits are being carried by 27 of the 45 National banks in this state, outside of Portland. This remarkable showing is made in reports of these banks to the Controller of Currency, dated December 3, and it is believed to indicate a like state of affairs in the other National banks of the state from which the figures have not yet been received. At the time the reports were made, less than a week ago, the aggregate of deposits in the 27 banks was \$12,151,833.97 with cash in the vaults and due from other banks, available for reserve purposes, of \$5,328,586.91.

—Toys, all kinds and descriptions at the Coos Bay Cash Store.

—Wine and water glasses at Milner's.

Are You Going?
—To Eckhoff Hall Saturday, December 21. Cash prize masquerade.

—Gold and Silver detachable handle umbrellas at the Red Cross.

—Salad Sets, Lemonade Sets and Chafing Dishes at Milner's.

—Hayland and German China, Coos Bay Cash Store.

—Footballs, punching bags, boxing gloves and dumb bells at Milner's.

—Coal and wood heaters at Eckhoff Hall.

SOME CURIOUS FACTS.

Some of the icefields of Greenland are believed to be a mile and a half in thickness.

Some plants, such as the mimosa, grows fifteen times higher under red glass than under blue.

Switzerland, in proportion to its population, spends more on the relief of the poor than does any other country.

Commercial travelers in Austria have secured a substantial increase in their salaries by combining and demanding it.

Egypt has a number of small landowners, over a million people being proprietors of the land they till.

AMUSING CONUNDRUMS

What is it that is full of holes and yet holds water? A sponge.

When is clock on the stair dangerous? When it runs down and strikes one.

When does a farmer bend his sheep without hurting them? When he folds them.

What is that of which the common sort is the best? Sense.

What animal would you like to be on a cold day? A little 'otter.

Why are hay and straw like spectacles? Because they are for age.

When is a ship like a tailor? When shearing off.

What burns to keep a secret? Sealing wax.—Woman's National Daily.

SWEDEN'S NEW KING.—Stockholm.—The succession to the throne of Sweden has passed to Oscar Gustave Adolphe, Duke of Verland, the oldest son of the late king. At a meeting of the Council of State this afternoon, the new King took the oath of allegiance under the title of Gustave V., and adopted the motto, "With the People of the Fatherland."

MEXICO'S NOVEL CELEBRATION.

The national committee appointed by President Diaz to arrange for the celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary of Mexico's independence has adopted a unique feature as a part of the general plan for observing the patriotic event.

It is proposed that the public improvements shall be inaugurated on September 16, 1910, which is the date of the centennial independence anniversary, in more than 900 cities and towns of the republic. It is estimated that the average cost of each of these public improvements will not be less than \$100,000.

In the larger cities where large public buildings or large public service improvements are contemplated the amount of money to be expended may run into the millions of dollars.

If a general average of \$100,000 is expended in each of the 900 and more towns and cities, the total amount of money involved in the plan will be almost \$100,000,000.