REPEAT AFTER LONG PERIOD

Coos Bay Ten Years Ago-Hoo-

doe of Santa Clara The steamship transportation from Coos Bay has during the course of the Ill-fated Santa Clara were held time circled around in a rather pe- in a union service last evening at culiar way and has in several re- the Orpheum Theater. There gathspects come back to the same point ered hundreds of persons to pay where it some years ago was in.

and the Santa Clara was wrecked the within the gates of the harbor. place was in about the same condi- Mayor Allen spoke briefly to outline tion that it was ten years ago the tragedy that has happened and left in much the same position,

Capt, Hartwick. In those days the ica's Church and solos by Mrs. R. Arcata, Capt. Nelson, made trips E. Miller and Mrs. F. E. Conway. here every ten days and the Empire in command of Capt. T. J. Macgenn made semi-occasional trips here, but our sympathies to the survivors and the Alliance was the main standbye. our deep sorrow for the dead," stat-

Back Second Time Then the steamer Breakwater was the situation for the Alliance. Now spero luceue," which translated is: expecting to develop the coal mines deemer of the world, since been wrecked.

Nine Years Ago

water was running to San Francisco death, wrecked under the name of the Yu- Jesus Christ crucifed."

taken off the run, and was to be tak- aloft a beautiful crucifix and said: en to San Francisco and tied up be- "Christ crucified is the supreme cause she needed repairs and could fountain head of consolation when not be operated here by the South- cruel death robs us of our loved road comes in. It was not thought life." worth while to repair for so short a

Owned Both Vessels

caused the purchase of the Breakwa- "Take this. It will protect you," He company also owns the Roanoke. It may they help this boy during life." call for aid. 'They seemed to be her chin, persisted in being at the Is something of a coincidence that the Atlantic coast. They were de-years, or it may be a matter of signed by John Roach & Son, who in hours only till again we are sumof the Atlantic coast.

Was Speedy Steamer

speedy boats on the Atlantic coast for real service. later was purchased by the Spreck- homes. les company to put on the Coos Bay

Hoodoo of Santa Clara

The Santa Clara has been some- definite ideas in the minds of all was no Southern Pacific auto at the thing of hoodoo boat as she has four that seek expression at this time. We beach. The machine he made the times been close to wrecking prev- would be untrue to our trust as trip in was a Gorst & King machine ious to her final disaster at Coos Bay. citizens if we did not give them and was driven by Claude Tucker. In 1907 while on the run between utterance. They can be summed up who, together with a number of Scattle and Alaska ports the Santa in three words, protection, preven- other Coos Bay men, who were there Clara sprang a leak off Cape Flat- tion and preparedness,

tery and had to put back to port. The water gained over the pumps and nor the captain and crew unfaithful. the vessel was only just able to get back in time.

Struck on Bar

On April 13, 1910 the Santa Clara struck the Humboldt bar while passing out from Eureka. The 61 passengers and 25 crew were saved and the vessel was finally towed into Eureka with the water flush with

On Sept. 7, 1911, while entering Golden Gate through the north channel she struck a rock off Point Bonita in a heavy for. She sent out a wireless for help and was towed irto port and was beached to keep her from sinking entirely.

Has Reached the End

When the Santa Clara was launched her back was broken and she had to be repaired before she was ever

first heavy storm will leave but lice blefield. He quoted from the last want to stop when the telephone at tle of the ill fated vessel when she chapter of the Acts of the Aposties South Slough was reached, but went possible was done for the survivors. is battered against the rocks, and wherein Paul told of the shipwreek on to North Bend and there with There was much hereic work and she will end in the same spot where of Melita. the schooner Marconi was battered to pieces some years ago.

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spects to the Lost of the Illfated Santa Clara.

Ceremonies befitting the dead of their last respects to those unfor-After the Breakwater was laid off tunate people who perished almost when there was one vessel plying be- he was followed by the Rev. Father tween Coos Bay and Portland and McDevitt, the Rev. J. S. Stubble-San Francisco. That boat was the field and the Rev. Mr. Foskett, Mu-Alliance and now the Kilburn was sic was furnished by a union choir of voices, a quartet from the Epis-The Alliance was in command of copal Church, the choir of St. Mon-

Addresses Given "We are gathered here to express ed Mayor Allen.

In a 10-minute address the Rev. purchased and put on the run by the Father H. J. McDevitt took for the Spreckles company and that relieved title the Latin saying "Post tenebras after ten years the Breakwater again "After the Darkness I hope for goes on the run to relieve the F. A. Light," and for his test the words Kilburn just as she was put on when of Jeremiah, the Prophet: "O all the Alliance was running here alone you who pass by the way attend and taking care of the passenger and see if there is any sorrow like Man Quoted in Portland Moreover business. At the same time the unto my sorrow," applied to the Spreckles people put on the Czarina, passion and death of Christ, the re-

and ship coal. The Czarina has "Close your eyes," he requested of the audience, "for a few minutes and regard the darkness that comes Nine years ago the Kilburn and to us from closing the windows of the Breakwater were both on the the soul as symbolical of the awful run here. The Kilburn was going sorrow that enshrouds us when our Sunday Oregonian Mr. Davis is quot- The water went so low that men both north and south and the Break- loved ones are taken from us by

only. Then the Breakwater was put "O, Lord God Almight! is there on the Portland run exclusively and no way out of this dreadful darkthe Kilburn was taken off and put ness which is ours tonight in the on other runs and now they are both fearful calamity that has befallen back here. Nine years ago however us? Open your eyes, dear children the M. F. Plant was also running to of God, and behold the light beyond San Francisco, but she has sence been the darkness, behold the image of

Tells of Crucifix

The Breakwater only recently was The Rev. Father McDevitt held

And the speaker referred to the touching incident of when Mrs. Dunn, one of those lost, gave a cru-The wrecking of the Santa Clara ciffx to her son Raymond, saying: ter by the North Pacific Steamship said: "The sacred memories that

Speaks on Safety First. the Roanoke and the Breakwater "Safety First" was the fitting re built by the same marine archi- topic of the Rev. Mr. Foskett, of teet and for the same company on the Baptist Church: "It may oe their time were famous builders, moned by the S. O. S. call of a Poth boats were built for and own- stricken ship," he said. "Let us see

and was built for the purpose of "A safe channel to the sea for carrying peaches from the Chesa- cur shipping, and good roads to the ed for a while as if there were peake Bay to the New York markets shore are strategic points that will neither sympathy nor assistance for to compete with the rail transporta- largely prevent such disasters of the any of the survivors and blames tion. Later she was bought by the future and make it almost impossi- those who might have belped, and United Fruit Company was used in blc for ships and passengers to be didn't, for being "morbidly curious." the Central American trade and still lost almost within sight of their

Could Have Prevented

"The ship was not unseaworthy the facts the way they state them. No. No-the trouble does not lie for the loved ones lost."

of the Hesperus," on Norman's woe, seen whether they were others who er. "No power or skill of man can ance that there were no others. prevent such disasters. Our case Tucker investigated and found eleven here is quite different. Reefs es more survivors who wanted to get dangerous as that of Norman's woe to the city. lie just outside the pathway of ev- The Marshfield men willingly ery ship coming into this harbor, gave up riding in the auto in order But the hand and skill of men can that the survivors could be moved build the mighty jetty to turn oack and said they would wait and walk

the crashing sea." Draws Moral Lesson

"Moral Lessons of the Disaster" The action of the waves in the was the topic used by the Rev. Stab- vivors to the cities. Davis did not

to the description. The story is not paid for the trip. of historical value; it therefore Tucker thinks that when all the ed people. All were ready to as-Have your LETTER heads, bill must be of the greatest ethical autos were doing all they could, sist and twenty autos were broken

"The story contains a lesson that Portland and making the statement from the wreck.

God deems it good for humanity to learn. If we do not ourselves learn from disaster we would be more

stupid than the beasts of the forest TRANSPORTATION CONDITIONS CEREMONIES HELD LAST EVE. or the plants of the garden." He then illustrated his point to show how animals learn after one exper-Breakwater Relieved Conditions on Hundreds Gather to Pay Last Re- lence and how even plants, taken to

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the new conditions.

Guard Against Danger His first lesson was the import-

God." The Rev. Mr. Stubblefie! 1 of stuff out of the hold. continued: "There is not a person All along the beach in dozens of two of which were utterly ruined; or that he could have been."

LOCAL MEN SAY DR. DAVIS MIS-REPRESENTED FACTS

Failed to Pay or Even Thank the Driver

of a statement made by Dr. F. R. so well. Davis, of Rainier, Washington. local people state is very unfair did the first vanguard get on board water starts damage from rust. and misrepresents the facts. In the and thereafter dozens made the trip. only one by one with heavy rope ship is thought to have washed in- deep hole had filled with sand, and that while it was 4:30 when the shore some distance since last Tues- At high tide yesterday the seas boat struck it was after dark be- day night. fore the life savers appeared.

Says People Morbid The article goes on to say:

"Mr. Davis declared that when he got ashore no one on the shore seemed to realize the gravity of aboard without getting a ducking. what was happening, or else were temporarily stunned, for it was half an hour before anyone thought ern Pacific anyway after the rail- ones. He is the resurrection and the of making a fire or taking much thought of those who were liable to

> "Dr. Davis says that with two other men he started for the near- came back with something. est telephone station, 14 miles away, and when they got to the road who needed it and were not able to care for themselves,' declared

Accuses the People

"Finally, he said, the machine of ed by the Old Dominion Company that such calls do not come from the Southern Pacific Company came almost within our harbor and let and took a carload of persons back us not rest until our life-saving sta- to town. Thirteen persons were car-The Breakwater when she was tions are properly located, are prop- ried on the first trip and the mafirst turned out was one of the most erly manned and properly equipped chine made the 28-mile round-trip three times that night.

"Dr. Davis declared that it seem-

The Real Facts. The incident of Dr. Davis coming from the wreck in an auto are In the opening of his address Mr. quite different when heard from lo-Foskett said: "There are certain cal people. In the first place there are willing to give affidavits as to

Urged to Be Taken Tucker says that Dr. Davis came there. From every lip issues the to him with two traveling men and words: "It might have been pre- wanted to be taken to a telephone. vented.' This echoes with infinite He represented that everyone of the sadness from the hearts that ache survivors who wanted to be moved had been taken away. Tucker said And he quoted from "The Wrack he would not go until he had first "This was not at the doorway of a needed to be moved. Davis urged great harbor," continued the speak- him to go anyway, giving assur- ting much more.

to town later, if necessary. Failed to Pay Fare. Tucker then took all the 14 sur- that he did.

Davis was rather small in going to down in the attempt to get to and

Have Want Age bring results

BEACH IS CROWDED AND LOOT STILL PLENTIFUL SUNDAY

At Low Tide people Walk to Side of Ship Dryshod-Everyone Turns "Pirate"

All day long boats of all shapes ance of making safe the places of and sizes and machine after ma- hold. danger. In the beginning God told chine took passengers to the scene man to subdue the earth and have of the wrecked Santa Clara. The dominance over it, and the second boats put in at the South Inlet found yesterday, but it is said the lesson was the value of human bridge; the autos wallowed through Wells-Fargo still lies buried. On kindness as a Christian virtue, well seas of mud that left many of them Saturday Miss Ethel Reese was on illustrated with the story of the stuck by the wayside in utter help- the beach when some one came up lessness. Late in the afternoon pi- with a package and presented it to Paul said: "Bear ye one another's rates from everywhere clambored her. It was from off the Santa burdens and so fulfill the law of aboard the wreck and dumped tons Clara and had her name on the out-

who saw those dead bodies lying little camps were piled sacks of wet | Before dark it began raining a there that did not feel a desire flour taken from the wreck and steady down pour and hundreds of within himself to be of some aid waves. Makeshift canvas coverings people slopped through mud over protected hams and slabs of bacon, their ankle tops in the dark to the In closing, the entire audience boxes of canned goods and 101 other boats at the South Inlet bridge, stood and sang "Nearer My God things from the rain that came where they had to wait until aldown in frequent showers. Over most nine o'clock for the tide to each pile huddled the members of raise. The Standard and the Hope various families, the men away on were stuck in the mud for some the ship or in the breakers after time. more and from time to time they came back to the family circles bearing new trophies which were Blue Ridge Tigers went to the scene added to the rapidly growing piles. of the wreck to take in the sights

Anything is Salvaged

One group had a case of lard, two own account. or three heavy wash bowls from staterooms, half a dozen bed springs. several pieces of bacon, cans of terday was a number of typewriters, preserves, dishes, a few chairs and some cash registers, some motor-Much resentment is felt because groups had fared better; some not to have been practically without

it is deep, over a person's head, a making many believe that there is fact that necessitates the "monkey a big rock underneath the hull, like" use of the ropes to climb

Work is Organized

and everyone that could get aboard teams and lines were working.

Old Lady at Work.

One old lady, clad in a long The Times office. they met four or five automobiles, coat and with a shawl wound about the drivers all refusing to heed the her bonnet and brought in under morbidly curious and refused to take front. She was one of the earliest us to town, where we would have at the side of the ship and made been able to make provision for several trips back and forth in the water. Several girls walked through the water as though they were strolling down the dry beach.

The Mussel Reef group seemed to be the best organized and salvaged several hundred dollars worth of stuff, which they placed in their cabin on the hill near the beach. Some worked in the hold shoving up plunder to others on deck, while still more were on the sands and dragged the things away to safety. Ship May Last Days.

The ship may last for days yet. The entire after end swings free in the heavy breakers at high tide clean as a platter. The plane was brought ashore yesterday after several parties through the cabin had

A Huge Witches' Brew.

The forehold is an indescribable mass of boards, crude oil, dirty water and boxes. It looks like some gigantic witches' brew, well stirred their wet clothes. On man slipped and went clear over his head and furnishings. ears in heavy oil. Everyone was smeared with it.

Out of the after hold came sacks. and will have to waft for the waves to break up the vessel before get- materials.

Teams Cart Off Plunder.

Teams and wagons were backed up to within a few feet of the wreck yesterday and goods rapidly were hauled away. One man used a cart and a team of oxen.

One group thought they had a barrel of whiskey and toiled for an

Everybody Offered Help

As a matter of fact everything him, two companions got out and many people worked faithfully in "There are 50 verses given over Tucker says he neither thanked nor the rain and darkness in their efforts to help the injured and wreck-

DEAV hour to drag it out of the hold and ashore, where, when broached, went off bearing a box on his shoul-He stopped, broke it open and found it full of wet matches. Another had a box of bottled ammonia. Another group came away with almost two dozen automobile robes. Several auto tires were salvaged and it is said there are still a couple of motorcycles in the after-

Delivers Package at Wreck

Some of the parcels post was side. It contained three dresses,

Blue Ridge Tigers There This morning about 15 or 20 and to do a little salvaging on their

Get Off Machines

Among the goods taken off yessome 50 sacks of flour. Other cycles and bicycles. These are said damage except that they will have The beach was crowded with to be taken apart and cleaned and when he reached Portland and which sightseers. Not until four o'clock oiled immediately before the salt

Close to Beach At low water yesterday Dan Keated as saying that it was at least and women in hundreds were stand- ing, who was at the beach, said that two hours before the life-savers ap- ing dry shod alongside the ship and one could walk within 20 feet of the peared and then that they came not more than 20 feet away. The Santa Clara. Part of the original

were breaking clear over the cabin About the ship the water swirls of the Santa Clara. She seemed to like a mill race and here and there swing as if she was on a pivot,

Have New Scheme

In getting stuff off yesterday, the pirates were using ropes. One would The first man swam for the lad- stand on the beach with one end of der over the side. Dozens of lines the rope and the partner aboard were put out and soon the organ- would tie it to a package and heave ized gangs were at work wa the it overboard. The one on the beach booty. Every one wanted a share would pull it in. About 200 such

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and seems ready to go to pices any minute. The saloon is swept as THOUGHTFUL people begin considering their Christmas gifts and the loved ones they want to Waves Saving?" with all the keys remember long in advance.

They plan gifts that have their personality in them. Perhaps it is a picture, a bit of lace, a piece of emwith a husky magic wand. In the mess men sweated and tolled in broidery, jewelry, some bead work, an odd bit of

They make the gift in whole or in part, themmore boxes, though before long the men will have reached their limit selves. And now is the time to select the needed

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