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The schooner Aberdeen reached port today from the Bay City. She comes to take-away lumber.

The steam schooner Whittier arrived in from San Francisco today. She is an oil burner. The trip was uneventful.

The O. R. & N. steamer Columbia arrived in from San Francisco this morning and proceeded on to Portland after unloading a quantity of freight.

The schooner Andy Mahony arrived down from orland today with lumber for San Francisco. She will pass out as soon as the condition of the bar will permit.

The schooner Commerce, 631 tons now at Redondo, has been chartered to load lumber at Portland for Manila. The charter rate is \$9.50, and the charterers are Balfour, Guthrie & Co.

The regular meeting of the clerks' union will be held this evening at Carnahan hall. A full attendance of members has been requested, as the election of officers is to be held.

The French bark Marechal de Turenne, 1711 tons, now at Port Los Angeles has been chartered for January loading at this port. She will carry wheat to U. K., Havre, Antwerp or Dunkirk at at 17s. 2d. per ton.

Swend Mark died at his home on Puget Island yesterday of heart disease. He was 42 years of age and unmarried. The funeral will be held Wednesday at Westport and the interment will be in the cemetery there.

The council will meet tonight in regular session. The appropriation ordinance is to be called up for final action. It is probable a report will be made on the proposal of Joseph Schamberger to sell to the city an engine house site.

For supper what is nicer than a chicken tamale or a dish of Chile Concarnie? And the only place in town to get either is at the National Restaurant, which also serves all kinds of sandwiches and fine steaks and chops.

The Andorhina, the largest British sailing vessel that floats, is anchored near the lightship outside waiting for an opportunity to make an entrance. She is from San Francisco. Her outward cargo will be grain. The tug Tatoosh is lying along side the big bark.

A letter has been received by Dr. August Frank Hart from Dr. Alfred Kinney, who is now enjoying the sunshine of Los Angeles, stating that he will be in this city about the 5th of next month. Dr. Kinney is in excellent health, and has thoroughly enjoyed his vacation.

The overdue Italian bark Michele Bianchi has arrived at Newcastle, N. S. W., after a voyage of 88 days from Table Bay; 10 per cent reinsurance was paid on her. The rate on the overdue British ship Olivebank, 59 days out from Shanghai for Royal Roads, has been advanced to 25 per cent.

An enjoyable dance was held Saturday night at Hanthorn hall by Professor Brown's class. During the evening prizes were awarded the most popular lady and gentleman dancers. The lady's prize was voted to Miss Lydia Graham and the gentleman's prize to Mr. Nace Grant.

Street Superintendent Kearney is winning golden opinions by putting the streets in condition for the holidays. They have been in a woeful state since the winter rain set in and as the crossings have been in the same filthy state as the streets in general pedestrians have had a disagreeable experience.

The California Wine & Liqueur House, 422 Bond street, will remember its friends and patrons this Xmas and presents will be distributed to them. The firm has been in business only three months, but by handling only the finest grades of liquors has built up a substantial trade. Person desiring the highest grades of liquor should call and sample the goods.

The new Warrenton mill is still waiting for machinery. The engines have arrived and are installed, but the boilers are still coming. The intention is to run both mills until the old one goes fluey, the idea being to make Warrenton a center of activity. Already there is talk of starting more stores.

The mill company will doubtless operate a department store, and besides this a private concern is being boomed.

The Mattson home of the west end was placed under quarantine Saturday evening, a case of scarlet fever being found therein. One of the children is afflicted with the malady. The admirable services rendered by City Physician Pilkington has reduced danger from contagion to a minimum. The Mattson case is the first to be recovered in two weeks.

The steamer Hungarian, which struck on Cape Sable Island forty-three years ago, resulting in the loss of hundreds of lives, has just been dismantled by wreckers, says the New York Maritime Register. Considerable property of value was found among the remnants of the cargo, and parts of the machinery also were found to be worth quite a sum.

Mrs. B. M. Graham died yesterday at her temporary residence on the Lewis and Clark. The body was sent to Crabtree, Oregon, on the night train and the funeral will be held there today. Mrs. Graham was living on the Patton place with her husband, where Mr. Graham is employed. The lady was attacked with typho malaria some three weeks ago and since then had suffered greatly. Mrs. Graham was 24 years of age.

Mr. C. R. Thomson's friends will be pleased to hear that there has been a decided change for the better in his condition, and that he expects soon to be home again. He still has some slight trouble with his head, owing to the effects of gas which escaped in his room, but this will soon wear off. It is not thought that any other operation will be necessary on account of the ailment in Mr. Thomson's ear, and the prospects are bright for him to be a thoroughly well man very soon.

All the schools and churches in the city will observe Christmas in a fitting manner. The schools will commemorate Wednesday. Many of the rooms will have trees, which will be made attractive with tinsel and lights. It is not the custom to exchange presents among the pupils on this occasion to any great extent, but the city poor are always provided for in a liberal manner. This year these gifts will be delivered to the captain of the Salvation Army, who will use them to assist in the dinner he is arranging.

The competition of French sailing ships is being felt more and more by British sailing-ship owners. The accounts of one British sailer have just been made up, and they disclose a loss of £1000 on the past fifteen months' working, and that under the most favorable conditions. She is fitted with water-ballast, and secured the best freights obtainable during the past eighteen months, received prompt dispatch, and was not lying up. This is the first year the vessel has suffered a loss, after running ten or eleven years. I hear that another vessel, not fitted with water-ballast, on a similar round lasting from sixteen to eighteen months will leave a loss of from £3000 to £4000. It is consolatory, however, to know that some British charters in the long trades are discriminating in favor of British sailing-ships, by taking them up at from 2s. to 3s. per ton more freight than they give to French ships, because the former are, generally speaking, better built than the latter, run with fewer casualties, and their cargoes are frequently (if not almost invariably now) underwritten as somewhat lower rates of premium.

A Little Loss of flesh and strength, little barking, obstinate cough and a little pain in the chest may not mean galloping consumption, but they are signs that prudence will not neglect. A few doses of Allen's Lung Balsam causes a free discharge of mucus and so loosens the cough. It heals the inflamed air passages and all its beneficent work is accomplished without a grain of opium.

Call for Proposals. Sealed proposals for the erection of a cold storage warehouse to be built on the site of the Hanthorn cannery in Astoria, Oregon, will be received at this office until 11:00 a. m. January 5, 1904, and then publicly opened. Specifications and all available information will be furnished on application to this office.
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Hypnotist McEwen gave his last exhibition in the city last night. The audience was not large, but the people showed great interest in what transpired on the stage. There was no lack of good subjects. In a "murder" trial Prof. McEwen did some detective work that showed up Sherlock Holmes as a bungling amateur. Blindfolded, and aided only by the touch of Mr. Spruener's hand, McEwen brought to light all the mysteries of the crime. During the evening a young man in the audience was severely called down by the hypnotist for having expressed some rather free and easy remarks concerning the work being done on the stage. He essayed to reply, but failed to make good and was in a fair way to be

laughed out of the house before McEwen got through with him.

They must go! Who? Not the Chinese, but those Christmas presents at Hart's Drug store, opposite Foard & Stokes. Owing to changes being made in the store early in the coming year, Christmas goods, toilet articles and perfumery will be sold at a reduction.

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