

STATE ADVERTISING

Transcontinental Railroad are Offering to Assist Cities.

CIRCULATION OF LITERATURE

Every Railroad Company With Offices in Portland are Endeavoring to Interest Eastern Homeseekers in the Advantages of Permanent Investments.

The Astorian is in receipt of letters from trans-continental railroads asking for descriptive literature of Astoria and Clatsop county and its resources for general distribution on the trains from the east containing people going to the Lewis and Clark fair. The same inquiries have been addressed to other newspapers in the state and to many of the commercial organizations. It is to be regretted that there is no literature in Astoria for this purpose. To give readers an idea of the importance of this manner of advertising, an extract from a letter written by W. A. Fox, manager of the Chicago & Northwestern, will be of interest:

Mr. Cox calls attention to the fact that the Northwestern has more than 3000 agents along its 9200 miles of track and scattered throughout the east, and having recently come from the eastern sections of the country, is aware of very extended inquiry for such information. Mr. Cox says:

"Assuming that, as president of an organization interested in the development of Oregon, you are always ready to receive suggestions as to the means of achieving the end for which you are striving, as representatives of the Chicago & Northwestern railway, one of the middle west, and the only line operating between Chicago and Portland, we wish to tender to your league our help in sowing the seed which may result in a goodly crop of new settlers for this state."

"You know something of the size of our system, which comprises 9200 miles of line, and can easily appreciate our

facilities for distribution of advertising matter, which are greater than those of any other distributing agency. We have upwards of 3000 stations on our lines in seven states, as well as advertising agencies in all the large cities east of Chicago.

"We endeavor to cover such territory with our own advertising matter, which of necessity is very general in character. Information of a detailed character can be used to excellent advantage in all of the territory above referred to and same can be better supplied in pamphlet or book form by the several county organizations or by your parent body. Such matter we will be glad to handle in large quantities and arrange for a thorough and conscientious distribution through the various agencies mentioned. Our interest in this matter is just as great as your own."

INTERESTING PROGRAM.

The program presented at the Star this week is one of more than ordinary interest, the management having secured some of the best talent that could be obtained. The Melroy trio, clever singing and dancing comedy act, is something new in Astoria. The great Lenhart, champion wire walker, will perform some most difficult feats on the wire, Kosure and Chapin, comedy sketch artists, will furnish the amusement this week and they come highly recommended as artists in their line. Baby Fern Hart, the wonder of the age of the trap-eze, will no doubt be the principle attraction as the most wonderful child artist on the stage. In addition to this program will be the usual features of pictorial melody and moving pictures, making it a program of unusual merit.

Fishing Season.

Henry McGowan, of McGowan's, was in the city Sunday, having returned from visiting the Lewis and Clark fair. He reports the catch of salmon on the Washington side better than last year, both in quality and quantity. There are very few small fish coming in, most of them being unusually large. One man brought in nine salmon the total weight of which was 325 pounds. The traps are doing better this year than last on account of the water being clear, but the gillnet men are not doing as well. Most of the canneries are behind in their pack, while the cold-storage plants are far ahead. Mr. McGowan believes the season will be an exceptionally good one, both for the cannerymen and the fishermen.

OPEN RIVER BOATS

Portland Transportation Company Run Boats to Celilo.

PORTLAND TO SECURE TRADE

Shipping News at Port of Astoria with Arrival and Departure of Boats and Vessels in the Local and Coastwise and Orient Trade.

Portland, June 5.—Stock subscriptions are being taken in Portland today in the Open River Transportation Company, a corporation recently formed in this city and which is composed of men from Portland and outside points where direct benefit is expected from the Portage road and a steamboat line on the Upper Columbia and Snake rivers. A meeting of those interested was held this morning at the Chamber of Commerce and plans are well under way for the inauguration of the enterprise, which is to result in providing transportation facilities from Portland to Lewiston—by water to The Dalles and from there to Celilo on the Portage Road, thence by boat to the head of navigation—thus forming feeders for the enterprise formally launched Saturday, which gives promise of opening an immense country which has for years been practically isolated from the metropolis and a coast shipping point.

The incorporators of the company will build several steamers. It was stated positively this morning that none of the craft would be purchased and the idea is to construct the fleet with a view to making the vessels of light draft and with sufficient strength and durability to withstand the hard usage they will be put to in navigating the Snake and Columbia. The details of the plans formed were not given out, and no active steps looking to the actual starting of the fleet will be taken until the amount of stock offered for sale has been sold, but judging from the manner in which subscriptions were being taken, it is not doubted the project has been inaugurated with a rush that warrants the assertion the frames of the steamers will be under way shortly.

Local steamboat magnates directed their weather optic on the upper river just as soon as it was positively known the state would build the Portage Road, but about that time it was learned the Open River Transportation Company was being formed, and those who thought of placing their steamers on the route are now watching the new corporation. The steamer Mountain Gem, which was built for the Imnaha trade and to replace the ill-fated Imnaha, will be operated regularly is not enough to care for the business from Lewiston, but it is realized one larly on the river, making through trips less.

MAY MAKE ANOTHER ATTEMPT.

Bidders Want to Take Elder Off the Rocks at Goble.

Possibly another attempt will be made to float the Geo. W. Elder. Captain MacFarlane, of Portland, reports that among the bids opened Saturday is one that may be considered as satisfactory as that of Mr. Brannon, from Seattle, and in it the bidder proposes to get the vessel on the drydock at St. Johns in such shape as to make repairs to the wrecked hull possible.

Captain MacFarlane is not inclined to give out any information as to the bid submitted Saturday, as he believes it would be a breach of confidence, and he is now awaiting an answer from the underwriters in London. Upon their decision will depend the fate of the Elder, to the extent that should the proposition to raise her be declined she will in all probability go to the Seattle junk dealer whose cash bid is understood to be the highest, and who will likely tear her to pieces for old iron.

The steamer Columbia sails this morning for San Francisco.

The schooner O. M. Kellogg arrived in yesterday from San Francisco.

The steamer Leggett with the log raft in tow arrived in San Francisco yesterday.

The steamship Numantia, with a general cargo, sailed yesterday for Japan and China.

The four-masted schooner Mable Gale arrived in yesterday morning from San Francisco.

The steamers Redondo and Aurelia sailed for San Francisco Sunday with a full cargo.

The schooner Buelah arrived in yesterday from San Francisco and left up the river for lumber.

The steamer Alliance arrived in Sun-



ONLY NATURAL

that people come here for the finest ready-to-wear Clothing. We won first position for best qualities years ago.

But don't think us "High Toned" just because our [Clothes look and are so much superior to others, Our Suits at

\$17.50

look equally as good and wear as well as those you pay twenty to twenty-five dollars for elsewhere. No difference except in the price.

Good qualities are so low in price that to buy the unreliable "Just-as-good" kind is a real extravagance.

Two Piece Suits We are showing very strong line at
\$10.00 Per Suit.

P. A. STOKES

Keeps a Dressy Shop for Dressy People.

day from Eureka and is scheduled to sail on the return trip tomorrow.

The German ship Henrietta has finished loading and is expected down today. She carries 1,465,000 feet of lumber for Tsinglar, China.

The steamers South Bay and F. A. Kilburn are scheduled to sail this morning. The former for Los Angeles and the latter for San Francisco.

The barkentine Tam O'Shanter, one of the oldest lumber droghers on the coast,

arrived in yesterday from San Francisco and left up the river.

The Pacific Navigation Company will during the Lewis and Clark fair, sell round trip tickets from Tillamook to Astoria and return for \$5.00.

The steamer Whittier and barge Santa Paula are due from Port Harford today with cargoes of crude oil for the Standard Oil Company.

The steamer Rappallo with a partial cargo of 1,800,000 feet of lumber will arrive down the river this morning on her way to the sound where she will finish loading.

The steamer Toledo is having the damage she sustained in her recent collision with the Sampson repaired at Aberdeen and she will be several days off her schedule when she again arrives in.

Specifications for work to be done on Coquille river have been issued by Major W. C. Langfitt, United States engineer, and sealed proposals are invited for mattress, rock and pile work. Bids will be opened at 11 A. M., June 22.

The steamer Roanoke sailed for Los Angeles and way ports Sunday with a full cargo of freight and many passenger. Over half a million shingles from the mills at Skamokawa were left on the docks here as she could not take them this trip.

Forecaster Beals went down to the mouth of the river yesterday taking along all the equipment required to splice the cable, but as the river was rough, very little was accomplished, although Forecaster Beals done the best he could to give the fishes down there a square meal. Another trial will be made today.

Captains Andresen, of the South Bay; Nelson, of the Hecla, and Daley, of the Kohala, acting as board of supervisors, have pronounced the schooner J. W. Clise unseaworthy because of not having enough of a deckload of lumber. Either

she would have a full deckload or no lumber above deck at all, the three skipper declare. In this they sustain Captain Haley, of the Clise, who refuses to go to sea unless the government gives him a full cargo, for which he says his vessel was chartered.

Dying of Fame.
is in its torments, like dying of consumption. The progress of consumption from the beginning to the very end, is a long torture, both to victim and friends. "When I had consumption in its first stage," writes Wm. Myers, of Cearfoss, Md., "after trying different medicines and a good doctor in vain, I at last took Dr. King's New Discovery which quickly and perfectly cured me." Prompt relief and sure cure for coughs, colds, sore throat, bronchitis, etc. Positively prevents pneumonia. Guaranteed at Chas. Rogers drug store, price 50c and \$1.00 a bottle. Trial bottles free.

BIG REDUCTION SALE

During this month only we offer some excellent bargains in Ladies' and Children's

TRIMMED HATS
Special Duck and Sailor Hats 10c and 25c Hair Switches and Pompadours

Come and see the nice assortment and save money.

MRS. R. INGLETON
Welch Block, Astoria

The FOARD & STOKES CO.

IMPORTANT !!

To Builders !!

Josson or Federal ... CEMENTS ...

Sherwin-Williams Paint

San Juan Lime

Ruberoid and Paroid Roofings

Samples of Roofing furnished upon application.

Call and Get Our Prices

The Foard & Stokes Co.

Astoria's Greatest Store.

Where New Things Make Their Debut



THE MONTH OF JUNE

gives everybody a chance to array themselves in

WHITE AND LIGHT COLORED DRESSES.

We have just received a large consignment of pretty white and colored wash materials which we are placing on sale this week at unusually low prices.

If you are going to the fair, any one of these materials will make a cheap and dressy garment. Better see them early and make your selection.

A WHITE ARRAY

SOFT FINISH DUCK, the kind that lends itself to folds and pleats, width 36 inches, 12½ and 14c a yard.
WHITE PIQUES, corduroy effect, makes pretty dresses and waists, 12½, 20, 25 and 30c the yard.

FANCY OXFORDS, a dainty white material, especially adapted for dressy shirt waists, 12½, 15 and 20c a yard.

WHITE LINEN, 36 inch wide, good washable article, 25c a yard.

SUPERIOR SHIRT WAIST LINEN, Irish manufacture, 36 inch wide, 30c a yard.

Heavy Linen a tough serviceable material, wears like iron, 40c a yard.

Fancy Dress Materials.

SANS SOUCI BATISTE
A dainty white lawn material, with made at this price; makes nice summer dresses. A lot of pretty pat-elegant color effects. No better goods terms just received. Price, the yard, 12½ cents.

MERCERIZED SHIRT WAIST SATEENS
31 inch width, neat little figured effects in staple colors. In two grades. A yard, 14 and 15c.



Now is Oxford Time

To our customers who know the character and quality of our goods, the prices quoted below will appeal very strongly. To those who are not our customers we can only say this is a good chance for you to become acquainted with us and our goods and save yourself money. Just notice the prices we have made.

Women's Tan Oxfords in calf skin, made with welt, new lasts, \$3.50 and \$3.00
Women's Button Oxfords, made with welt, \$3.50
Women's Tan Oxfords, blucher cut, \$2.50
Oxfords for Children and Young Ladies, the famous Steel Shod line \$1.75 to \$2.25
Girls and Children's Tan Oxfords in calf and kid, \$1.50 and \$2.00
Barefoot Sandals cut in new patterns, that will not cause sore toes, Children's, 90c, Misses, \$1; Women's \$1.35.

Wherity, Ralston & Company

The Leading Shoe Dealers.