WITH EASTERN EYES

Astoria Scanned and Written Up by a Traveller.

GOOD MAN HAS GOOD WORDS

Rev. G. McPherson Hunter Has Kindly Remembrance of the City-by-the—Sea But Don't Think Much of the Lordly Columbia River.

Aprops of thenotice published in the Marine column of this issue, anent the withdrawl of the Rev. J. F. Forsyth from the Seaman's chaplaincy at the port of Astoria, the following taken from the October number of the Sailors' Magazine of New York City will be of decided interest. It sets forth the impressions of Astoria and the Columbia River, reached by Rev. G. McPherson Hunter, secretary of the American Seaman's Friend Society, on his trip to this coast last summer, and just published:

"From Portland to Astoria the next station of the American Seamen's Friend Society, is a day's sail down the Columbia River, considered to be the greatest river on the Pacific coast. Some one has written:

"See Columbia's scenes and then roam no more:
No more remains on earth to cultured eyes."

"We have seen the Columbia River by day and night, its stretches of uninhabited desolation, heard the croak of its frogs, seen its sand dunes, herd the roar of its mountain torrents, noted its wasting wilderness and smiling valleys, and became convinced there ' remains much to be seen by cultured eyes.' After the Hudson River it has some claim for consideration, yet its fame is greater than the Hudson. Salmon have given it a world-fame; salmon is king in Columbia River.

"Astoria is ten miles from the mouth of the river. Its name is associated with John Jacob Astor and fur gathering days, and like nearly all of the north-western cities it is built on the hills that slope to the water, with this difference that it has encroached on the river. Astorians have not accepted natural conditions but have waged war of them by driving piles into the sand of the river bed and building business blocks, homes and hotels on these pile foundations. Underneath the broad streets and sidewalks the tide washes out and in, and owners of town lots on the main business street must go at low tide to view their property, for at high water they have nothing but the Columbia River washing around their piles. The waterfront is occupied by the salmon canneries, all of them busily working as the salmon was 'on the run.' At 10 a. m. a large salmon may be slowly swimming up the river enjoyed the and liberty. The nets and fishermen enter on the scene and by noon eh is cased in a tin lablled as a 'fine brand' ready for domestic or foreign consumption. We were shown the process of cleaning, cutting, packing, cooking, labelling and stacking the noble salmon, and the rapidity with which this is accomplished is nothing short of wonderful.

"On Sunday we took part in the open-air meeting held among the fishermen who chanced to be idle that day. At night we had a union meeting in the Methodist Church, where the claims of the fishermen were brought before the people. The secretary spoke of the world-wide work of the society. Chaplain West, of Seattle, told of his fishing days in Astoria when he fished off the Columbia River bar to earn money to pay for his schooling and helped to build the church where the services were held. From the standpoint of one who knew the fishemen's life he appealed for greater interest in their spiritual welfare. Much interest was manifested in the meeting which we hoped will be productive of good to the men who really support the city. Formerly Astoria was an important shipping place, but owing to the dredging of the river bar ships no longer call there and fishing is the chief industry. With the passing years American fishermen have given way to foreigners, chiefly Finns, Swedes, Norwegian and Danes, with a proportion of Indians and Asiatics. Sunday is not

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Seaman's Chapel Is Discontinued at This Port.

STEAMER ELECTRO IS SOLD

Odds and Ends of Fact and Gossip Gathered Yesterday on the Docks—News of Coast, River and Bay—Craft Coming, Going and Berthed.

The Astorian is in receipt of the following letter, which speaks very plainly for itself, and this paper, following its policy of years, stands ready to lend its influence at any and all times, to the rejuvevenation of the Seamans' Chapel and its work here, and can but depreciate the inertia complained of, an inertia chargeable in the first place, to the seamen themselves, or rather, perhaps, to the lack of seamen enough is this port to warrant the maintainance of such an institution. The letter reads as follows and hails from Chaplain G. F. West of the Seattle Seaman's Friend Society:

"The Rev. J. C. Forsyth, who has been acting as chaplain to seamen for this port, in behalf of the American Seamen's Friend Society, since the old veteran chaplain, Rev. J. McCormac had to retire from a long and active service, will be withdrawn from this post on account of the unsatisfactory nature of the work carried on at present.

"The American Seamen's Friend Society is ready to resume operations again whenever local interest is manifested."

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

The steamer Columbia will be here early tomorrow morning enroute to San Francisco.

The Sue H. Elmore left yesterday morning for Tillamook City and other points on Tillamook Bay.

The steamer Eureka came down from Portland yesterday morning and left out for San Francisco before noon.

The Russian ship Fennia got away to sea yesterday on her long winter voyage to Flamouth, England. Good luck to her.

The schooner Gerald C., is due to leave out on the early tide this morning, for Nehalem, with a mixed cargo of sixty tons.

The barkentine Portland, at anchor off the Flavel dock will go to Portland today, or tonight, under towage of the Oklahama.

The Union Oil Company's tank packet, Whittier will cross in from Santa Paula California, sometime this morning, if she's on top water.

The barkentine Geo. C. Perkins is ready loaded for sea, at Rainier and will be down today or tomorrow, probably in tow of the Harvest Queen.

The steamer Wasp, a new coaster running in here and to Portland, was the first vessel to get to sea yesterday from this port. She went to San Francisco.

Keep your eye open for the Telegraph today. She is coming down, oil-burners, new paint and all. She will do way business, hereafter, and not arrive so early as before.

The motor schooner Della arrived in at noon yesterday, from Nestucca with twenty-two tons of hides, fish and cheese Captain Jensen reports fine weather and hopes to get away again on Saturday.

Word was received at the O. R. & N. dock here yesterday noon that the German ship Arthur Fitzger had left down on the Oklahama's hawsers at 8 o'clock in the morning, but she had not arrived here at 8 o'clock last evening.

Is the flagship Chicago lost? She was due to arrive here, on her way to Portland, several days ago, but at last accounts she was at Seattle whereAdmiral Goodrich was being banquetted and feted which is all right, but a simultaneous rumor has the dandy cruiser up under the lea of Port Angeles spit throwing fifteen-inch shells across the straits of Fuca, and a third report has her headed for lower California to meet the fleet for general sea drill and great gun practice: Break the suspense somebody!

The barkentine Chehalis underwent inspection yesterday at the hands of Special Deputy Collector of Customs Frank L. Parker, and left the Knappton mills under tow of the Tatoosh for the lower bay, whence she will depart this morning for Valparaiso, Chili, with a cargo of 797,000 feet of lumber, valued at about $8,000.

It is announced that the Pacific Coast Steamship Company has awarded the contract to Moran Brothers of Seattle for the construction of a steel steamer of 1,500 tons register, to be used on the San Francisco and Puget Sound route. The vessel is to have a speed of 17 knots an hour and will be equipped in a most modern style.

The Callender tug Melville was doing duty yesterday, as towboat for the moving target used as an objective by the gunners at Fort Stevens; but though she swung up and down the channels north of the fort for the better part of the day not a single shot was fired at the ungainly thing she hauled astern at the end of her 300 fathom hawser.

The Lindstrom shipbuilding Company of Aberdeen, is to build a new lumber carrier for the Portland Milling Company to cost in the neighborhood of $8,000. Her dimensions will be, length 185 feet; beam 38 feet, depth 12½ feet. She will be up-to-date in the way of steam carriers and will have room for a million feet when loaded to the full.

As indicated in these columns nearly a month ago the beautiful little steamer Electro of this port, now doing duty as quarantine boat for Dr. Bayliss H. Earle, the government health officer here, has been sold. The bill of sale was filed at the custom house yesterday. W. W. Babbidge sells his entire interest in the steamer to John W. and James G. Babbidge, for the sum of $5,569.00.

The Kam steamer Lurline came down from Portland yesterday evening after a ten-day lay-up on account of smashing her port cylinder heads. She is in prime shape again and takes up her run regularly. She got away on good time last night, with the following up-river passengers: Capt. W. W. Babbidge and family, W. E. Schimpff, W. C. Anderson, C. F. Gooding, O. Nelson, Mrs. Emma Shephard, J. Goodwick and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bordeaux.

There are a lot of people in Astoria who would be glad to see Harry Blanchard, the purser of the Potter, once in a while. But he never comes ashore. Its a trick he has to make you travel on the Potter, and that's no "hardship" either, but its a low down juggle on his friends that can't travel but once a year. They do say that he has dyed his aurora borealis hair a stygian black and don't dare to come off the gangway, but to prove even this you've got to hunt him in his lair in the forward cabin to starboard.

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COUNTY COURT IN SESSION.

Greater Part of the Day Is Spent in Auditing Bills.

County Court convened yesterday morning for the November session, but as there were a great many claims to audit before beginning other work, but few matters were disposed of. All members of the court were present at the meeting.

In regard to the matter of creating a diking district the court has been informed by Mr. Allen that he will give an opinion on the subject on November 8th.

It was decided to re-advertise for bids for covering with gravel or puncheon a section of Road No. 99, near Elsie, the bids to include the fur-

Bids for printing the delinquent tax was instructed accordingly.

An order was made postponing action on the petition to vacate the plat of Westport until the first day of the December term.

The county clerrk was instucted to notify each of the road district supervisors, when making his annual report, to state the number of miles of road in his district.

Bids were opened for the improvement of Polk street from the County road to a connection to the north approach to to the Young'c Bay drawbridge, but action was postponed until a conference is held with the street commissioners this morning.

Bids for printing the deliquent tax list were opened. They ranged from 3 to 11 cents per line. The contract was ordered awarded to the lowest bidder.

Work will be resumed this morning on the unfinished business

THE ROACHS ARE COMING.

At Fishers' opera house commencing next Monday evening, the Roach Dramatic Company will inaugurate a season of two weeks appearing Monday in the comedy-drama, "My Sweetheart," and producing a different play each evening. The company will give away during their stay a number of presents including sewing machines gents and laides bicycles, talking machines, cameras, mandolins and other useful articles. The company comes well recommended by press and public wherever they have appeared. Prices of admission are within the reach of all, being only 15c, 25c, and 35c. Seat sale opens Saturday morning at Griffins book store, where also the prizes will be on exhibition.

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