

DOCK, BOAT, SAILOR

Yesterday's Happenings On the Local Waterfront.

COLUMBIA BAR IS VICIOUS

Bar Bound Fleet In and Out—Asia Seen "Steaming" North—Tugs and Local Steamers Busy—News and Comment Marine.

According to one of the veteran bar pilots, emphasized by one of the oldest captains crossing the Columbia river bar, this is the worst bar of the season. The wind has swept it at from 20 to 60 miles an hour for the past 48 hours, and yesterday the bar was breaking on 17 fathoms of water, and for some distance beyond the "whistling buoy." This morning there is a bar bound fleet on the hither side of the great barrier, made up of the following vessels: The British ships Dunboyne and Kynance; the French ship Cambrouse, all off Sand Head: The British steamer Croydon and Blackheath, and the American steam schooner Jeanie, with the three-masted schooner Oakland all under the lee of Fort Stevens and in the city channel the French bark Europe: While on the ocean side of the bar are the steamers Whittier, Eureka and F. A. Kilburn. These latter will be in before any of the others pass out.

Captain J. Jensen, of the motor schooner Della, the Astoria sea-going infant, reported yesterday that he has made 26 round trips between this port and Nestucca and Siletz with the Della since the 1st of June last. It is hoped he will continue to report, regularly and successfully, but a realizing glance at the butty little steamer he sails "over the briny deep," compels the inference he will be reported sometime, instead of reporting.

The "army transport," otherwise, the government engineering department brought in the following passengers:

steamer Major Guy Howard, has returned from Portland, where she was converted into an oil burner and subjected to other requisite improvements, and is again doing duty, under Captain Gordon, between the O. R. & N. piers and Forts Stevens, Canby and Columbia.

The marine reporting on the Portland Oregonian is done without much regard to actualities. In yesterday's paper the French bark Asit, now due here from Hobart Town, is reported as having been seen off this bar, "and shortly afterward she was noticed STEAMING North." Well, all the steam in this relation was "steam-beer," quantity and quality not reported.

Captain Peter Jordan, of the Melville concluded to have a Christmas tree at his home here next week, and after purchasing one, and properly supplying "fixings" for it, he sent up to Cathlamet for his nephew Captain Chas. A. Jordan, of the steamer Jorda, and the rest of the Jordans big and little and now he has bought a second tree and will cheerfully buy and equip a third, if it proves necessary. Christmas comes but once a year.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore is still hugging her dock here, waiting for a chance to get over the bar. How about that happy, but anxious young couple who are waiting for the special services of Captain Schrader, on the high seas? Patience is a virtue worth cultivating, but hard to exercise when folks are waiting to be married.

The Harvest Queen came down yesterday with the French bark Europe on her hawsers, outward bound. The Europe is a sister ship to the French bark Asia now off this coast and bar, 83 days from Hobart Town, in ballast for Portland.

The tug Cruiser left up for Portland yesterday with a barge in tow bearing a logging locomotive, and a heavy boiler for the Columbia Preserving Co., and on her return trip will bring down 90 tons of rails for the Bell Logging Co., at Deep River.

The local liner Jordan, Captain Jordan is busy making her diurnal runs in and out of this port. Yesterday she brought in the following passengers:

Mrs. Thomas Crane, of Brookfield; Miss Mary Neville, of Skamokawa; and Bailey Orkowitz, of Cathlamet.

The Callender tug Melville put a barge alongside her home pier early yesterday morning with 1,000,000 shingles on board, from the Howell Shingle Mills at Skamokawa, for delivery in San Francisco.

Brix Bros. Logging Company, at Deep River, have 1000 railroad ties on the Callender dock, for use in their camp railroad. They will go hence this week.

The steamship Columbia is due in from San Francisco early this morning. If she gets in on time, she will make it back to the Bay City for her Christmas dinner.

The steamer Alliance is due at the Callender pier early this morning, outward bound for Coos Bay and Eureka: If she can get out.

The British ship Vanduara and the four-masted schooner Robert H. Hinds left up for Portland on the tow lines of the Queen, yesterday.

The three-masted schooner Oakland was taken to an anchorage in the lower harbor yesterday noon by the tug Walula.

Manager C. H. Callender, of the Callender Navigation Company, is in Portland, on business for his people and will return today.

The launch Lawrence, of Astoria's mosquito fleet, has been sold to Mr. Gray, on the Sound, and will leave for Anacortes the first favorable weather.

The steamer Northland is due from Portland this morning en route to San Francisco.

The Nome City with nearly a million feet of lumber, is due down the river this morning on her way to San Pedro.

SCHOOL TAX PAYERS

Meet Tonight At Shively School At 7:30 O'clock.

BOARD'S ESTIMATE READY

Important Session of School Directors Yesterday—Expert Report That Ten Cents—New Rules for Teachers Made Interesting Data.

The Board of School Directors for the Astoria school district (No. 1), met at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at the office of School Clerk E. Z. Ferguson, at which time and place were present: President F. J. Taylor and Directors Gust. Holmes, J. A. Aiken, J. W. Welch, and J. E. Higgins, together with City Superintendent A. L. Clark and Clerk Ferguson.

The principal matter under official consideration was the annual estimates made and submitted by Mr. Ferguson in behalf of the new year's requirements at the hands of the taxpayers, which, in all its details, as published below was thoroughly approved by the board and will be taken into the general school meeting of the taxpayers to be held at 7:30 o'clock this evening at the Shively school house. It reads as follows:

ESTIMATES FOR 12 MONTHS, COMMENCING DEC. 1, 05, ENDING DEC. 06

Source of income	Estimates 1905	Rec'd 11 M 1905	Estimates 1906
County School Fund Appmt	\$14,000.00	\$16,088.00	\$16,000.00
County School Fund Appmt, timber lands, 1903		1,425.00	
State Apportionment	4,500.00	5,385.60	5,000.00
Special levy, 8 mills	14,887.00	14,330.84	15,438.00
Tuition	150.00	68.65	100.00
Delinquent Taxes		1,003.88	
Taxes, old rolls		30.63	
Broken Furniture		.75	
Source of Expense	\$33,537.00	\$38,333.97	\$36,538.00
Teachers' Salaries	\$20,000.00	\$19,778.14	\$22,000.00
Janitors' Salaries	2,575.00	2,270.00	3,250.00
Clerk's Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00
Superintendent's Salary		375.00	1,500.00
Fuel	1,200.00	855.32	900.00
Supplies	800.00	1,544.89	400.00
Water	400.00	300.00	400.00
Total Schools	\$25,575.00	\$25,783.35	\$29,050.00
Bond Interest	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 3,720.00
Other interests	100.00	38.89	
Repairs and Improvements	3,000.00	3,095.93	4,000.00
Expenses	200.00	286.60	200.00
Elections	20.00	13.50	20.00
Insurance	200.00	120.00	
Out standing warrants		389.00	354.80
Current accounts outstanding estimated			450.00
Less cash on hand	\$32,815.00	\$34,047.27	\$37,794.80
			\$ 9,304.39
			\$28,490.41

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WHERE THE NEW THINGS ARE FIRST INTRODUCED.

After reviewing the foregoing budget, the board unanimously recommended the adoption of a 6 mill levy for general school purposes and a 2 mill levy to cover the necessary repairs for the ensuing year, and will so report to the people at tonight's meeting.

The report of Expert W. A. Sherman, as to the condition of the books and accounts kept by School Clerk Ferguson, for the past year, was then gone over in detail, and found to be correct in every particular, and showed a balance of ten cents in favor of the capable executive of the board, for which a warrant will be drawn in due course.

It was ordered by the board that the salaries of the 33 teachers of the district, due on or about the 5th of January, be paid in full by warrant, forthwith, so that the ladies and gentlemen of the staff may have some change available for the holidays.

An order was made by the board directing that in the future all the flags of the city school system, be half-masted in respect to the memory of any citizen whose death shall be cause for popular grief and the public expression thereof.

Another order was made directing the immediate purchase of a thirty-inch steel bell, for use at the Taylor school building, where the same will be mounted upon its arrival in the city.

Three rules were adopted by the board that directly affect the corps of teachers: Namely, all teachers shall forfeit the sum of \$1.00 every time they fail to report at a teachers' meeting and 50

cents for case of tardiness at these meetings: That all teachers shall be fined in the sum of \$1.00 every time they are tardy in reaching the school buildings and their rooms: That blank forms shall be provided at all the



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schools, upon which the teachers shall report the hour of their arrival at the buildings for duty.

The board reserves the right to remit any of the fines provided for, upon an equitable showing made by the teacher charged therewith.

The directory then adjourned until the public meeting at Shively school building tonight, at 7:30 o'clock.

AT COUNTY HEADQUARTERS.

Transactions of Public Sort That Passed Yesterday.

Israel Nelson, the unfortunate insane patient, was formally committed to the state asylum, by County Judge Trenchard, yesterday, and will probably be taken to the Capital today.

Sitting for probate, yesterday, Judge Trenchard made the following orders in the estates named:

In the matter of the final account and report of George J. Wilson, administrator of the estate of David Wilson, deceased, the sum was in all things approved and said administrator was discharged and his bondsmen exonerated:

In the matter of the estate of C. W. Christiansen, a similar order was made as to Ida Christiansen, administratrix, and her bondsmen.

Following were the real estate transfers filed for record with County Clerk Clinton, yesterday.

John L. Star and wife, to W. L. Strange, warrantly deed, consideration \$250, conveying 12 acres of land in Clatsop County:

C. P. Hogue, guardian of Charles and Mary Monteith, to John Mattson, conveying an undivided one-half interest in Lots 7 and 8 in Block 21, McClure's Astoria.

Frank Hackleman, and wife, to John Mattson, conveying an undivided half in Lots 7 and 8, Block 21, McClure's Astoria.

Pauline Price and W. K. Price, her husband, to John Mattson, conveying an undivided one-half of Lots 7 and 8 in Block 21, McClure's Astoria.

CHANGE OF TIME

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Commencing Sunday, November 19, train No. 6, the Royal Blue Limited, will leave Grand Central passenger station, Chicago at 5 p. m., instead of 3:30 p. m. and will arrive in Pittsburg at 6:35 a. m., Washington at 4:40 p. m., Baltimore 5:50 p. m. Philadelphia, 8:10 p. m. New York 10:40 p. m. the same as with the old schedule, thus reducing the time one hour and thirty minutes. No excess fare will be charged on this fast limited train. All other trains will arrive and depart the same as formerly. Stop-over is allowed at Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia, not to exceed ten days, at each place, on all first-class through tickets.