

**MARINE MISCHANCE**

**Sad Drowning at Northshore Cannery Pier.**

**SEA MESSENGERS ARE FEW**

**Outward Bound Fleet Held Up By the Great Holiday—Christmas Dinners Taste Beter in Portland—Local Craft Are Bep Busy.**

On Sunday morning last a few friends gathered on the dock at the Northshore cannery for a smoke and chat and to scan the weather as it loomed in from the open sea. Among the group was a well-known fisherman by the name of James Murphy, known for years among the cannerymen and fisherman of the Columbia as a hard-working, skillful and successful fisher and a jovial, good-hearted man, with an occasional tendency to the bibulous.

This was one of Murphy's convivial seasons and he had a pretty fair load aboard when he went upon the dock. There was a good deal of laughing and joshing going on and in the jollification of the hour, poor Murphy stumbled over the stringer into the Columbia and in an instant all was in confusion; he sank, and rose, the first and second times, and it was the noticed that he was making no effort to save himself, whether from the fact that he did not know how to swim, or that he was rendered helpless from his cups or from the deadly chill of the water.

At this juncture, a bystander whose name the Astorian simply cannot ascertain after diligent inquiry, plunged in after the helpless man and started for him in vigorous fashion, but had made but few strokes when he, too, was stricken with cramps and called for aid. In the instant someone came running from the cannery with a rope which was cast to the life saver, who caught it and was hauled ashore more dead than alive, while poor Murphy drifted out and down with the tide.

The affair is a very sad one and the

nearly dual tragedy has cast a gloom over the Northshore people. Murphy was well known and generally liked for many manly attributes.

His body was recovered by some men in a motor fishing boat and brought to this city where it was turned over to Undertaker W. C. A. Pohl who will prepare it for burial.

It is not known at this writing whether Mr. Murphy had any family or relatives.

**NOTICE TO MARINERS.**

Blunt's Reef Light Vessel, California. (List of lights and fog signals, Pacific Coast, 1904, page 20, No. 58, and list of lights, buoys and daymarks, Pacific Coast, 1905, page 32.) Located 1 1/2 miles SW. 1/2 S. from Blunt's Reef, off the seacoast of California, and 4 1/2 miles WSW. southerly, from Cape Mendocino Light House.

This vessel dragged her moorings on the night of December 18th and is now approximately 3 miles SW. 1/2 W. from Blunt's Reef, and about 5 1/2 miles SW. by W. 1/2 W. from Cape Mendocino Light House. She will resume her station as soon as practicable.

San Francisco Entrance, California. (List of Lights, Buoys and Daymarks, Pacific Coast, 1905, page 20.) Notice is also given that Oceanside Buoy No. 2, a red first-class nun, located 6-10 mile W. 1/2 S. from Oceanside House, entrance San Francisco Bay, heretofore reported adrift, was replaced December 22d.

By order of the Light House Board.  
H. T. MAYO,  
Commander, U. S. N., Inspector, 12th Light House District.

**REWARDED HANDSOMELY.**

Captain R. J. Dunham, of the fine and popular steamship Roanoke whose rudder and sternpost were torn out on her last trip from here to San Francisco, as she was crossing out over the bar at Eureka (a port of call), besides being wholly exonerated by the federal inspectors, Edwards and Fuller, upon their rigid examination into the mischance that overtook him, was on Friday last, in San Francisco, presented with a magnificent gold watch, bearing his monogram and an outline facsimile of the Roanoke, on its case, as a testimonial from the Underwriters' Agency, for his careful and skillful

handling of the ship under extraordinary and perilous conditions. Captain Durham is a brother of Mrs. Jane E. Fox, the wife of Chief Engineer Fox of the steamer Melville, in this port. The Roanoke is on the dry dock in San Francisco having her stern post and rudder reset and will start upon her Los Angeles-Portland run about the 10th of next month.

**AGAIN AND STILL AGAIN.**

Manager C. H. Callender, of the Callender Navigation Company, went to the stranded Hammond log raft in Young's Bay yesterday on the noon flood, with the company's steamers Melville, Jordan and Vanguard, and made another (the fourth) vigorous effort to swing the monster off the Young's Bay spit into channel water. The tide was very high yesterday and was augmented by a heavy sou'wester that drove in a big additional volume of water. The fleet put in two good hours hauling on the inshore end of the raft and succeeded in swinging it a radius of one-fourth of the compass, but could not dislodge it from its bed on the spit. A new effort will be made today when even a heavier flood may serve a more successful issue.

**REPORTED IN TROUBLE.**

The lively motor launch Elk, Captain Thomas Spencer, is reported in trouble on the north shore somewhere west of Fort Canby whither she went yesterday morning from Fort Stevens carrying the football team from the latter place to an engagement with the Fort Canby team on the latter's grounds yesterday afternoon. There was a heavy sea running and the launch was seen to be rolling heavily among the fish traps opposite, or near, McGowan's. The people on board were seen passing from side to side in order to hold her on as even a keel as possible. Captain Spencer is a capable seaman and will probably take good care of his boat and his people and will show up all right this morning. He probably spent the night on the Washington shore rather than take any unnecessary risks in crossing back at night. The Elk is staunch and strong and her motor likely gave out and will need repairing before she ventures homeward.

**THINGS WERE WET.**

On Saturday morning last about six

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o'clock, John Jorgenson went on to the Callender pier to greet some of his friends and cronies on the steamer Melville. He gave the boat a cordial hail and was answered with as cordial an invitation to "come aboard," which he at once prepared to do, via the upright ladder on the inner line of the dock at the Melville's berth. The tidy little tug had swung pretty well away from the dock line while he was shining down the ladder and as he let go to spring on board, he landed in the cold harbor waters and went out of sight of all mankind for an instant. When he reached the surface there were a dozen kindly hands and half as many ropes at his ready service, and he was soon aboard and in the engine-room drying his soaked clothing and slowly reducing the high-grade chill which possessed him. Eager inquiry as to how he felt was answered by the sole and comprehensive word "wet." He says the ladder broke with him, but the boys say they couldn't find a flaw in the ladder.

**FLOTSAM AND JETSAM**

The British ship Owsener came down on Sunday on the Oklahama's tow lines and is harbored in Young's Bay, ready for her voyage to Australia.

The Lurline came down at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and got away on her up-trip at 7 p. m. She was busy, but could have carried more.

The British steamship Kirklee cargoed for Japan, arrived down from Portland about noon yesterday and went to the lower harbor for anchorage.

The Oklahama went back to Portland on Sunday afternoon with the four-master schooner Forest Home and the three-masted schooner Beulah on her bows.

The steamer Homer got down from Portland Sunday evening and laid at the O. R. & N. dock till yesterday morning when she went to the lower harbor for a better chance to cross out if it should offer.

The registered tide of 9.2 feet yesterday noon was increased by at least ten inches of storm water. The harbor was all swelled up like a hearty Christmas diner after a generous turkey dinner.

The steamship Senator, of the San Francisco-Portland line, came in yesterday morning and docked at the O. R. & N. piers for an hour, and then went on to the metropolis. North-bound passengers were few this trip.

It is credibly reported here that the ship C. F. Sargent, which has been thoroughly overhauled at Portland by her charterers and owners, will be towed to the Simpson mills at Knappa-

ton in the course of a week, when she will load lumber for European delivery. She will take on board 800,000 feet of twelve-inch square timbers and 400,000 feet of planking, as cargo.

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**MOVED AND READY.**

Charles Heilborn & Co., have moved into their new store and make the announcement that they are now open for business and are ready to fill all orders promptly.

The oldest spinster in America died the other day when Miss Eliza Williams of Kokomo, Ind., passed away at the age of 101 years.

**A Fearful Fate.**

It is a fearful fate to have to endure the terrible torture of Piles. "I can truthfully say," writes Harry Colson, of Masonville, Ia., "that for Blind, Bleeding, Itching and Protruding Piles, Bucklen's Arnica Salve, is the best cure made." Also best for cuts, burns and injuries. 25c at Charles Rogers, druggist.

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