

**OUR OWN RAILROAD**

Some Interesting Figures From the A. & C. R. R. R.

**YEAR'S SUMMARY MADE UP**

Findings of Passenger and Freight Traffic—Revenues and Expenditures—Wages and Employment—Access in Tonnage—Valuable Data.

During the storm of yesterday an Astorian reporter took refuge in the Flavel building on Bond street, and whiled away an hour circulating among the various offices of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Co.'s habitat there, with the result that he garnered quite a budget of really interesting details, actualities of railway traffic, as recorded in that particular sanctum of that particular corporation and from sources that were wholly authoritative.

This access of information was given upon the basis of totals borne out by the finalities of the last fiscal year of the company's business, which ended on June 30, 1905, and for which, official reports are but lately completed and approved.

For instance, it was ascertained, in the passenger department, that the number of passengers carried during the fiscal year was 254,907. That the number of passengers carried, per mile, was 12,591,903. That the passenger revenues for the company, for the same period, amounted to the sum of (including mail and express) \$271,842.83.

That in the freight department, the total number of tons carried for that time, was 259,622. That the freight tonnage carried, per mile, was 13,899,848. That the freight revenues amounted to the sum of \$218,344.52. That the freight tonnage carried, by department, was as follows:

Animal products	15,156 tons
Mine products, metals, and quarry stuffs	98,840 tons
Forest products, lumber, ties and logs	116,520 tons
Manufactured products	10,914 tons
Merchandise and miscellaneous products	15,070 tons

That the increase in the movements of forest products, lumber, etc., over the previous year, amounted to 45,941 tons.

That the operating expenses for the same period were \$283,441.83. That there was a miscellaneous income for the year of \$352.55.

That the total earnings for the year were \$494,538.30.

That the net income for that period amounted to \$211,440.50. That the wage pay-roll for the year reached the sum of \$142,547.98.

That the total number of employees for the year was 202.

That the expense for betterments of the system amounted to \$18,020.81, which included the purchase of a new locomotive, a new passenger coach and new machinery for the shops.

That the increase in the carriage of fish products for the year over the previous year, amounted to 1,401 tons.

That the company has certain fixed charges to meet, annually, that are general and specific offsets to the sums of revenue outlined in this review and which are peculiarly of corporate concern and would not be of any definite interest to the public.

That the company is still doing business at the old stand, in a safe and normal way, and prospering ordinarily in quiet and comfortable fashion, and that all hands spent Christmas in various happy and permissible ways and were all at their desks yesterday, busily augmenting the totals here given, all of which results will be cheerfully heralded next year by the Astorian, which counts itself the debtor of the company for this and many other courtesies of a similar nature.

**MASONIC NOTICE.**

Regular meeting of Temple Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., at Masonic Hall, St. John Day, Wednesday, December 27th, at 7:30 p. m. Joint installation with the Eastern Star and refreshments. All visiting brethren cordially invited to attend. By order of W. M. E. C. HOLDEN, Secretary.

**DOCKS AND SAILORS**

Big Hammond Raft Dislodged From the Spit.

**SCHOONER VIRGINIA BACK**

Storm Has Been Busier Than the Fleets Due in and Out—News from Far and Near About Ships, Their Masters, Cargoes and Courses.

Another, and happily successful haul was made yesterday on the afternoon flood, upon the big Hammond raft in Young's Bay. The steamers Melville, Jordan, Vosburg, Cruiser, Lottie and Shamrock took a six-fold grip on the monster, under the direction of Manager C. H. Callender, and she, or it, was slipped into channel water at the apex of the highest flood of the season. She, or it, was made fast in deep water with anchors out, and will be held there until the proprietor company shall send the Frances Leggett or some other able-bodied steamer up here after her, or it, and tow her, or it, to San Francisco, its original port of destination. Much credit is due Mr. Callender for his pertinacious efforts to get the chain-bound hulk in shape for navigation.

The four-masted schooner Virginia, of the Simpson fleet, sailed in over the Columbia river bar yesterday forenoon, on her ninth successful voyage between this port and San Francisco this year of 1905. The Virginia is a crackerjack sailor and is sailed as crackerjacks should be, hence the fine dispatch she always gets going and coming. She is anchored off the A. & C. R. piers.

The Spreckles tug Defiance, from San Francisco, came in yesterday on the flood, with the oil-tanker Monterey in tow. The Monterey is in the stream off the O. R. & N. docks and will go to Portland sometime today. They made good time up the coast despite the storms, and lost no time in getting in.

Seattle, Dec. 26.—Dispatches to the Times from Skagway are that the steamer Portland will be a total loss. Captain McLeod of the steamer Amur says the vessel is fast breaking up. The passengers and crew of the Portland are expected to arrive in Seattle Thursday on the steamer Alki.

A three-masted bark, painted white or gray, and supposed to be the Jean Baptiste, from Newcastle, Australia, Captain Delahove, commanding, was seen off the bar yesterday. She brings 800 tons of coal for S. Elmore & Co., of this city, besides more for Portland delivery.

The uneasiness felt in town on Christmas day about the launch Elk, Captain Tom Spencer, was happily unnecessary. The Elk reported at her berth yesterday noon, and was simply tied up on the north shore pending a break in the storm before returning to port.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 26.—The three-masted schooner Sakata of Petersburg, N. S., was wrecked and the crew, at least seven, were drowned, except the mate. The drowned includes the owner of the schooner. The wrecked schooner was bound for Havana.

The French bark Edmond Rostand, from Portland, cargoes for European delivery, arrived down yesterday morning on the tow lines of the Harvest Queen and is anchored in the lower harbor. Captain Drillet is on her bridge.

The storm gave signs of breaking late last night. It has overstayed its time anyway. Marine matters would loosen up on its cessation and a glimpse of the sun would liven up business generally.

The big and handsome "Potter," the night boat from Portland to Astoria, and the day boat hence to the metropolis, is still doing business from the O. R. & N. piers and lots of it.

The British steamship Kirkler now in the lower harbor, cleared from this port yesterday, with 2,320,000 feet of lumber, valued at \$36,000, for Shanghai.

The British ship Owence cleared at the Astoria custom house yesterday, for Auckland, New Zealand, with 60,000 sacks of wheat, valued at \$102,000.

The storm of Monday broke out about a dozen piles on the sea end of

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**GENUINE TREAT TONIGHT.**

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The grand concert to be given tonight at the First Methodist Church is of a character and personnel that lends assurance to the conclusion that it will be among the genuine treats of the holiday season.

A glance at the following carefully selected and adjusted program but adds to the certainty suggested:

- PART I.
1. Anthem—"There Were Shepherds".....Wm. Spence Choir.
  2. "It Was Not To Be".....Victor Nessler Miss Laurie McCann.
  3. (a) Estudiantina.....Glee Club. (b) The Night Has a Thousand Eyes.....Glee Club.
  4. Impersonation.....Mrs. Jno. Gratke
- PART II.
1. Piano solo.....Selected Miss Molly Reynolds.
  2. Anthem—"The Hush of Night".....Wm. Spence Choir.
  3. (a) Tannhauser: "O Thou Sublime Sweet Evening Star"..... (b) "O, Rose".....Fannie Poole (c) Aria from Herodiadi-Mas-sinetti.....J. Adrian Epping
  4. (a) "Love's Dream"..... (b) "Girls of Seville".....Glee Club.

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