

AFLOAT AND ASHORE

Aragoni Fog-Bound in Harbor at Portland.

BAR IS STILL IMPASSABLE

Harold Dollar Due Down Today—Captain Larkin Steadily Improving—Columbia Gets Away This Morning—Waterfront Happenings Yesterday.

The steamship Columbia will dock at the O. R. & N. piers here at 3 o'clock this morning, if all goes well, and get away for San Francisco at 5 o'clock. She will take the following Astoria people to the Golden Gate city on this voyage: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Winterholder, Mr. and Mrs. L. Mansur, Mr. and Mrs. H. Zapp, Mrs. Harvey Goodall and son, and Robert Smith. Another passenger was sent over yesterday, from Oak Point, for dispatch on the Columbia in custody of the stewardess, to wit, a big, solemn, green, yellow headed parrot. He sat on the agent's desk all yesterday, mum and glum and cross, and "never a word spake he." The boys tried their level best to be sociable but the bird refused to associate with them by even so much as a friendly look. And now the officer is gloating over the chance of his becoming seasick.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore came in over the bar yesterday morning about 10 o'clock. She had been lying on the ocean edge of the bar fog for several hours before it lifted so she could creep in under it, but she finally made it all right, bringing the following list of people: N. A. Barrett, O. Thornton, Mrs. E. B. Morris, Miss Edith Morris, Miss Edna Morris, John Conklin and F. N. Elliott.

The plucky little motor schooner Della has been out of this port for a month. The last advices from her indicate that she has left Nehalem when

she has been for some time loading shocks, and went into Tillamook or Nestucces, sometimes yesterday. She is alright, wherever she is, with Commodore Jensen on the bridge.

The O. R. & N. towing steamers are due down at any hour, the Oklahoma, with the Blytheswood and the Harvest Queen with the barkentine Portland. They will take the Clackamasshire and the Eric back to Portland.

The Callender steamer Melville has been laid up at the Astoria Iron Works sanitarium for invalid craft. There was something the matter with her circulators, and a defective circulation is a bad thing afloat, or ashore.

The Lurline got down on time last night and brings cheerful news of Captain Larkin's steady recovery from his recently attack of illness. She left up on time with her cabin full of people and a good wad of way freight.

The five-masted schooner Louis is eagerly looked for by the Simpson Milling Company people at Knappton. She should have been in several days ago from San Pedro.

The steamship Senator is due here early on Saturday morning next, from San Francisco.

The schooner Gerald C., is lying bar-bound at Newport. There has been a long siege of rough weather down there.

The steamer Alliance is due here from Eureka and Coos Bay Points, sometime today.

The British steamer Henley is due here from Comox, B. C. She will load lumber for Adelaide, at the Northern Pacific mills.

The steamship Nicomedia will be in from Japan and China on one of the next tides.

The British steamer Vermont is about due here for San Francisco. She will load lumber outward for the Orient.

The big trans-Pacific freighter Aragonia bound for China, will be here this morning. She has been fog-bound at Portland for the past thirty hours.

The steamer Harold Dollar is due

down today with an immense load of lumber for San Francisco delivery.

WHOLESOME POLICY.

Enunciated By F. T. Wrightman Before the People.

Frank T. Wrightman, Republican candidate for the nomination for Secretary of State, is in the city today looking over the political situation and to attend the Knights of Pythias convention here tonight.

Mr. Wrightman is and has been a strong advocate of the indirect tax for maintenance of the State government thereby relieving the land owners and present taxpayers of this heavy burden. By the indirect tax method which he proposes the State would be able to collect sufficient money for all administrative purposes from corporations and companies owning valuable franchises or other property, thus cutting off the State tax which is apportioned among the several counties of the State and by the county government taxed against the people.

Through the indirect tax this money would be paid by people doing business in Oregon but owning no real estate here and now escaping their share of the tax burden. Valuable franchises and other holdings, such as bonds and companies organized outside of the State but doing business in the State, bonds and mortgages of big corporations and all other sources of indirect taxation such as maintained by the United States government would be taxed by the State for the benefit of the State. For instance: An express company owning no real estate in Oregon but nevertheless doing an immense business in the State now escapes taxation but under the indirect tax it would be compelled to pay a just portion of the burden.

Mr. Wrightman is well acquainted with the financial of the State. He is at present corporation clerk under Secretary Dunbar and it has been through his tireless and capable work that the corporations last year paid into the State Treasury \$120,000. Of course, he says this indirect tax system could not be put in operation at a jump but would have to be worked up gradually, and as Secretary of State he would be in a position to know the condition and act according at the right time. His training along this line makes his opinions valuable and fits him for the undertaking which would be such a great burden to lift from the common taxpayers of the State.

It was through Mr. Wrightman's efforts as corporation clerk and giving valuable assistance to Mr. Dunbar that the Eddy corporation tax bill was so amended as to not kill the mining industry of the State. Mr. Wrightman is a strong ally of the miners and has stood by them through all the trouble. He believes in giving the growing industry all the aid possible and for this reason firmly and strongly advocated the minimum license fee of \$10 for non-productive mines. This took away the pernicious provisions of the Eddy law and gave men owning valuable prospects ample leeway to develop the same without any great tax being levied against them by the State. In fact Mr. Wrightman assisted in drafting the new bill which modified the Eddy law to this extent.

Mr. Wrightman is a Marion county man. He served for two years as sheriff of that county and although he has never before been a candidate for any State office yet he is well known all over the State and has a mighty strong following. He is meeting with earnest assurances of support and his stand in regard to the indirect tax is winning him friends by the thousands among the rank and file of the taxpayers, for none realize better than they do what this indirect tax will mean to them. Mr. Wrightman is a lawyer by profession, president of the Marion county bar association, and well qualified for the position he seeks.

MORE COMFORT THAN EVER.

On Sunday, December 17th, the Denver & Rio Grande railroad will inaugurate a daily line of standard and tourist sleeping cars between Denver and Los Angeles in connection with the new Clark road. Both cars will leave Denver daily at 9:30 a. m., and arrive at Salt Lake City at 1:35 p. m., the next day. At this point the cars will be held over until midnight, thus allowing through passengers the privilege of a stop-over of ten hours and a half in Salt Lake City. Eastbound, these cars will leave Los Angeles at 8 p. m., and arrive at Salt Lake City at 6:30 a. m., second morning where they will remain over until 3:50 p. m., thence to Denver where they will arrive at 4:20 the following afternoon. This stop-over at Salt Lake City of the regular line of sleeping cars promises to be an attractive feature for transcontinental travelers.

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A COAST-WISE POOL

Steam Schooner Business to Be Centralized.

HERE AND AT METROPOLIS

Negotiations Now Afoot For Putting Entire Business of Fleet Into One Office at Portland, With Branch in This City—Scheme is Popular.

There is a rumor abroad over land and water, hereabout, that the service of the coastwise steam schooners entering this port and Portland, is to be merged into a sort of freight and passenger clearing-house; that the multitude of the craft and the almost equal multitude of offices at Portland, makes it difficult for an intending passenger or shipper to quickly and conveniently achieve his passage or shipment, and to remedy this evil and to adjust the allotment of business to each line and vessel, the several interests will be merged in one office at Portland and one at this city.

Manager Harry Young, of Portland, is bending every energy in the accomplishment of the big task, and though meeting with some opposition from local agencies there, is quite sanguine of success; and in the event of a prosperous issue of his undertaking, will inaugurate a fine office, centrally established there, and render infinitely more feasible the work of handling the scattered and fragmentary businesses now prevailing, under one general management, to the immeasurable convenience of shippers and travelers out of that port, via the score or more of coasters comprising the fleet between San Francisco and Portland, with a branch office equipped and ordered here on the same, identical lines.

It is said that the owners of eighteen of the steam schooners crossing the Columbia bar will readily take up the proposition, if they balance of the trade can be brought to consider it in the light of an advantage. The list, to date,

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includes, the Bee, South Bay, Redondo, Northland, Nome City, Alliance, Despatch, Wasp, Kilburn, Cascades, Aurelia, Jeanie Homer and Roanoke; with others squarely in line on the outcome.

Just what dock and office is to handle the business at this point has not yet developed, but there are a good many guesses going about and they are peculiarly alike in the singleness of their conclusions, but nothing can be ascertained in this direction upon which to make a final statement.

There is merit in the whole proposition and it strikes the ordinary business man, here, and in Portland, as a matter of sensible adjustment and common popular service, that has been remarkably long in coming. Combination is the order of the day, and while this combination affects only the superficial element and does not mean a pool of the steamer interests, it is a patent convenience to the entire shipping and traveling public of the Northwest.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Watson are visiting in town this week.
L. C. Thompson of Portland spent yesterday in Astoria on business.
Mrs. H. A. Young of Oak Point was in town yesterday visiting friends.
J. Lambright, a resident of Goble, was a visitor in the city yesterday.
John Nelson of Skamokawa spent yesterday for a brief business visit.
W. C. Fress of Lima, O., was in town yesterday for a brief business trip.
Robert Smith of Portland was in town yesterday transacting business.
J. B. Ballantine of Portland was a business visitor in the city yesterday.
F. R. Butz, a resident of South Bend was in town yesterday for a brief time.
J. W. Maxwell of Tacoma arrived in the city yesterday for a short business trip.
Mr. and Mrs. Clint Miller of Seaside were visitors in Astoria yesterday for a brief time.
W. A. Barrett of Portland arrived in the city yesterday to transact important business.
Mrs. F. A. Fisher has returned from a brief, but pleasant sojourn with Portland friends.
Mrs. Dr. August Kinney has returned from a visit with relatives, at Silverton, in "old Marion."
Mrs. Harvey Goodall and son, George, will leave for Los Angeles, via the steamship Columbia for a two months' visit to friends and relatives.
The volcanoes of Mt. Vesuvius, Mt. Etna, Mt. Albany and Mt. Washington are in action eruption.

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