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**FLOTSAM AND JETISAM**

The steamship Senator arrived down from the metropolis yesterday morning, with a full cargo and seventeen passengers en route to San Francisco to which list she added the following people out of this port, F. Swanson and F. Hillman, in the cabin, and M. Johnson and Frank Messner, in the steerage, besides a good bunch of freight.

The revenue cutter Commodore Perry left yesterday morning for Portland, where she will remain for the next five days.

The steamer Redondo came down from Portland yesterday morning and went to sea and San Francisco, directly.

The steamer Johan Poulsen was an early arrival down yesterday morning and crossed the bar at 7:30 o'clock, San Francisco bound.

The British steamship Hford reached this port in the early morning of yesterday, from Portland, en route to Lake, Alaska, with a mixed cargo. She went to sea without delay.

The American ship Berlin is now lying alongside the wharf of the Warren Packing Company, at Gable, loading supplies for Alaskan ports.

Work on the sunken steamer George W. Elder is steadily progressing. It consists mostly of lightening the ballast and such parts of the ship as can be made good use of.

A rumor was current on the waterfront here yesterday, that the Tongue Point Milling Company had chartered the steamer Nome City for the purpose of transporting the output of the mills to California ports of delivery, bringing mixed cargoes north from there; but inquiry at the office of the company did not tend to confirm the report, in fact, it was promptly denied.

**Notice to Mariners.**  
The following affects the Lists of Lights, Buoys, and Daymarks, Pacific Coast, 1906.

**Oregon.**  
Seacost of Oregon, page 39.—Coquille Buoy, a red, first-class nun, marked "Coquille" in black, reported adrift, March 12, will be replaced as soon as practicable.

Columbia River, page 56.—Channel East Side Buoy, No. 4, a red, first-class spar, found missing February 28, was replaced the same day.

**Washington.**  
Willapa Bay Entrance, page 69.—Sand Island, Northeast end buoy, No. 6, a red, first-class nun, reported adrift, March 5, will be replaced as soon as practicable.

Admiralty Inlet, page 77.—Colvos

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**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Superintendent Budd of the L. B. & N. Railway Company, arrived in the city Saturday evening via the Nacotta, on official business.

C. C. Clinton, editor and proprietor of the Pacific Journal, is an over Sunday visitor in this city.

Theodore C. Peterson arrived from St. Paul yesterday, for a brief stay with his brothers, Arthur E. and Mark W. Peterson.

**THE COST OF LOGS.**  
Advance Likely to be Declared on Saturday Next.

Word comes from Everett that James E. Gowen, president of the Washington Logging & Brokerage Company, has received word that a special meeting of the company members has been called to convene at the Seattle headquarters one week from next Saturday, when affairs of importance to the logging and lumbering industries will be considered.

This meeting, says Mr. Gowen, is for the consideration of price raising on all grades of logs, and a committee has been appointed for the purpose of collecting data with this end in view.

Leading loggers of this city agree that the raising of mills at night endangers lumber prices, though it is to the interest of the camps that lumber prices, though it is to the interest of the camps that lumber industries run overtime. The demand, they say, is controlled by the output, and if the mills continue operating twenty-four hours a day it will not be long before the Eastern market is so stocked that prices would naturally come down. The high demand today is caused by a shortage in Eastern yards, so short that cases have appeared among local mills where yardmen have offered a premium of \$1 per thousand feet on all lumber delivered before a certain time.

If the Washington Logging Brokerage Company decides to advance prices it will cut down the profits of the mill companies that are compelled to buy logs in the open market, but on the other hand will increase the profits of those companies operating their own logging camps for it is highly probable that the millmen to protect their interests will declare a raise in lumber to offset the advance made on logs.—Willapa Pilot.

**THEIR RESOLUTION.**

It seems impossible that the resolution of the Portland Socialist convention respecting federation officials imprisoned in Idaho, is reflective of the views of all socialists. There are well behaved citizens who desire to socialize, but many such if socialism means repression and defense of "Inner Circle" methods, will ask to be excused. It is common knowledge that these "Inner Circle" conspirators plotted more than a score of murders, and hired assassins to apply the knife and bomb. It is information that they even "slated for death" such of their own tools as had slain at their instance too many victims, and accordingly, knew too much. It is recent history that one of their tools assassinated the ex-governor of Idaho, whose only offense against the lumberous "Inner Circle" was that he enforced the laws of Idaho impartially and faithfully. It is further common knowledge that for this crime this tool was to receive \$3800 from the "Inner Circle," to all of which, he has without hope of reward or promise of immunity, confessed, fully and freely. If, to actually champion the cause of the "Inner Circle" be sinon pure socialism, and if the Portland convention's denunciation of the Idaho authorities' effort to bring "Inner Circle" officials to justice has the sanction of all orthodox socialists most people will meditate long and seriously before accepting the socialistic creed. How would the Portland resolution look, in a frame, when it is proven, as it will be, that the Federation officials planned and promised to pay for the assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg?—Corvallis Times.

**STATEMENT NO. 1.**

The statement is frequently, and freely, made that the best meal in Astoria is always served at the Palace Restaurant. The reason for this broad and general declaration, is that it is so. What better predicate can there be for so important announcement? The man who doubts it has only to call there and prove it for himself. If he can't go by day, he can go at night; the house is never closed. They feed the individual and they banquet the crowd. And all on the same plane of excellence. Commercial street, opposite the Page building.

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**ILWACO ITEMS.**

**Notes of Interest Gathered From the Pacific Journal.**

Mr. H. W. Smith, foreman of the McGowan Packing Company, located in Ilwaco, opened up the cannery here Monday with Mr. A. E. King, head bookkeeper; Merwin Graham, chief engineer; John Strand, boss carpenter and Mr. James Wright, night watchman. Work is being rushed in the various departments of the cannery so that everything will be in readiness by about the 5th of April. The McGowan Packing Company's canneries located at the Cascades, North river and at McGowan are also expected to open some time this week. An extra large run of salmon is expected this season and the canneries will commence manufacturing cans about the 5th.

Superintendent Budd of the I. R. & N. Company on last Thursday entertained a number of his gentlemen friends who arrived in on the morning boat from Portland. They were: Captain George Fuller, U. S. Inspector of Boilers; Captain E. S. Edwards, U. S. Inspector of Hulls; Captain White and Captain Gen. Conway, superintendents of water lines for the O. R. & N. Company. After the party arrived in on the Nacotta on Thursday morning, Superintendent Budd took them all over to Cape Disappointment, Fort Canby and the life saving station. After visiting all points of interest the party returned to Ilwaco where an excellent dinner had been prepared for them at the Hotel Markham. The party left for Astoria and Portland on the afternoon boat.

A motion was made some time last week for the dissolution of the logging firm of Myers & Kinney, of the Chinook river. A board of arbitration was secured and a settlement was made on Thursday of this week. Members of the board were: Mayor A. J. Collings, A. A. Seaborg and A. E. Heath. All accounts were balanced and it was agreed that Mr. Myers pay Mr. Kinney \$87.18 in final settlement and that Mr. Myers pay the costs of the board. Both paid their own witness fees and Mr. Kinney assumes all liabilities of the firm.

**HARD AT WORK.**

**Western Washington Coast People Are Doing Things.**  
The Willapa Harbor Pilot says, in its last number, that the planting of eastern oysters in this harbor will probably assume proportions greater than ever before in its history during the coming season. Last season was a good one in that line and fifty-one car loads were imported. At this time more than that number have already been ordered, including those that will be ordered by those now on the way East for that purpose, and there are still several companies to hear from. A representative of an eastern company was on the bay recently and took orders for nearly forty cars and Wallace Stuart of the Tokeland Company and L. L. Clark of the Bay Point Company are now on their way to New Haxton where the former will buy fifteen carloads. We have not learned how many Mr. Clark will buy but, probably, about the same number. The Morgan, Toke Point, Nacotta Point, Oysterville, Stony Point, and several others are yet to hear from the total importation may go to 100 cars or more.

From present appearances oystering will be our chiefest industry inside of a very few years and, when the nature and extent of our tide and logged off lands become fully known and our exceptionally favorable climate is taken into consideration, dairying will be a close second or may even lead. The possibilities of Pacific county are such that men of small means thrive here as nowhere else and men of large means may indeed reap a rich harvest.

The field is almost in its virginity and there will never be a more opportune time than the present to exploit it.

Another 500 pairs of ladies' misses' and children's shoes will be placed in the bins tomorrow and will be sold at from 15c to 48c per pair, which originally cost from \$1.00 to \$6.00 per pair; now don't miss this ladies at C. H. Cooper's great sale.

**WARRENTON BOOMING.**

The fact that Warrenton is to witness the opening of two of its best milling interests during the next thirty hours, is creating quite a lively boom at that center. The Kelley Lumbering Company will open its sawmills today, at full blast, and tomorrow sees the old Warrenton mills underway with a full complement of men and the old time output. Rumor has it one can hardly find accommodations in the town now, and the prospect grows dimmer as the days go by and the population thickens. Good for Warrenton.

Furs, Furs—We have some 30 odd muffs that originally cost from \$5.00 to \$20.00 each in real Alaska Seal, Beaver, Lynx, and etc., that will be sold from 90c to \$2.90 each—Come and see them at C. H. Cooper's great sale.

**A SPLENDID RECORD.**

**Sheriff Linville, His Capable Staff, and the People, Do Business.**

The collections on the 1905 tax roll up to and including March 15th, the time of expiration of the rebate period, amounted to \$183,559.16. In all there were rebates allowed to the amount of \$5022.42, making \$189,181.58 that the tax roll was reduced. The total of the 1905 tax roll is \$225,782.70, leaving only \$36,601.12 still uncollected. This is a remarkable showing and speaks well for the prosperity of the county, and the promptness with which the tax payers come to the front to share their respective portions of the public expenditure.

The total of the 1904 tax roll was \$290,000, and during the corresponding time last year there was collected \$158,248.21, and rebates were allowed to the extent of \$4831.92, reducing the roll \$163,100.13; so that while the 1905 tax roll is \$25,782 larger than the 1904 roll the collections were \$26,081.45 more, making the percentage of collections much better than they were last year.

Taxpayers are now allowed until the first Monday in April to pay taxes without costs. If one-half of the tax is paid before the first Monday in April, the time for paying the remaining one-half can be extended until the first Monday in October, without costs. After the first Monday in April a penalty of 10 per cent, and interest at 12 per cent per annum is added. Those who have still unpaid taxes will do well to settle either one-half or all of their taxes before they become delinquent.

**A BOUNTY NEEDED FOR SEALS.**

Altoona, Wash., March 5.—In conversation with a fisherman conversant with the facts your correspondent recently gleaned the following facts, which should be posted in the hats and bumped into the heads of our state legislators. After passing a bounty law of \$2.50 per head on wild cats and omitting any remedial legislation in the lieu of extermination of the seals and seal lions of the Columbia river the said legislators are certainly entitled to go way back and sit down. At a conservative estimate there are today in the Columbia river 2,000 seals averaging 20 pounds per day of fish to eat, to say nothing of those partially eaten and utterly destroyed for commercial purpose. The fifty sea lions consume probably 100 pounds each per day besides destroying many marketable salmon. Together these vicious and hungry water cats actually eat 45,000 pounds per day of fish valued at approximately 5 cents per pound meaning \$2,250 per day. As these seals and lions are in the river or off its mouth 265 days in the year the value of the salmon actually eaten by them amounts to over \$600,000. The fisherman says these figures are too small—that he is confident there are nearer 4,000 seals in the river than 2000. If that bounty law on wild cats is necessary and a good thing as it undoubtedly is, how much more is needed and demanded by an industry that is having twenty per cent of its livelihood taken from it each year by these vampires of the water.—Skamokawa Eagle.

**STRONGLY PROBABLE.**

**Railroad From Chehalis to Gray's Harbor Not Doubted.**

When the Vidette last December published a map showing the proposed route for a railroad from Chehalis in Lewis county to Grays Harbor, many people laughed loud and long, and characterized it as "hot air," and "pipe dream."

Today, south of Montesano, in what is known as North River county, the settlers say the woods are full of railroad surveyors, and they are surveying a line and cutting out a trail for a road which practically follows the line as given in the Vidette three months ago.

As near as can be ascertained the route runs westward from Chehalis to Vesta, then follows down North river to Little North river, up Little North river to the point where it comes within half a mile of Preacher's slough, tunnel through the hill, then

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