

MARINE MEMORANDA

Exchange of Lightships Took Place Yesterday.

TWO STEAMERS ARE OVERDUE

French Bark Jacobson Arrives from Dunkirk—Major Guy Howard Up for Repairs—Another Delay on the Steamship Columbia.

All day long yesterday people interested in the arrival of the fine steamship Roanoke were expecting her at her dock at the Callender, but it was ascertained that she had something the matter with her machinery and was delayed en route. She was due to arrive in on the evening flood of yesterday, but at sundown had not been even sighted at the Heads. The low, heavy fogs obscured her, however, and she slipped in at 8:30 last evening with 118 passengers and 20 tons of freight on board for Astoria. She also had the twenty-seven Chinese cannerymen, taken to Humboldt county, Cal., for service in the Tallant cannery, and who, owing to the popular prejudice there, were not allowed to fulfill their contracts and had to be brought home. In speaking with Mr. E. W. Tallant of the Tallant-Grant company, yesterday, that gentleman said: "The talk about public prejudice having anything to do with the uproar attendant upon our shipping those Chinamen into Humboldt, is all a farce; the matter has a far different and less significant basis than that. Had we placed our business down there, two years ago, at the town of Fortuna, on the river directly opposite the point where we did locate and build, there never would have been a word of protest sent up about the admission of the Chinamen; we simply aroused the antagonism of some disappointed landowners, who invoked all the old-time bias, long since dormant in that section, by way of reprisal for our turning down their offers and their properties. The men were taken into the harbor and put directly into a

launch at the ship's side and borne up the river to the point of service, and did not get to go into the city even for a moment. It is folly to say that the entire community was interested in the shabby deal, for such is not the case. Our company is in receipt of many letters of sympathy and good-will from prominent business men all over California, protesting against the outrage and tendering their good offices in straightening the matter out once and for all."

The plucky little motor schooner Della will leave out this morning for Nehalem, with a hold full of general stuff and a wicked-looking deck load of bridge iron, including pier-cylinders, beams, suspension rods, hangers, bucklers, and every piece of it so long it sticks out over the rail and all of which the Della will dump into the deep blue Pacific if she gets one of her storm-movers on. She'll have to do it, if it is done, for no one could ever get to it and handle it is a stress of weather.

Federal Quarantine Officer Dr. Holt of this port, yesterday, in overhauling the people of the two barks Invernesshire and Jacobson, just in port, discovered that nearly a dozen men on the former and nine or ten on the latter, were afflicted with granulated eyelids, and the matter has been referred to Washington for adjustment, and until word comes from there in this relation the men must be held in strict quarantine aboard their respective ships.

The French bark Jacobson out of Dunkirk, for Portland, with a big load of cement, arrived in this port yesterday, and will get dispatch up the river today. She had a fairly quick and moderate trip out, and all are well on board. She comes via Hobart, Tasmania, and some of her men have eye trouble that may require the interference of the federal quarantine authorities.

The light house tender Heather took the lightship No. 50 to sea yesterday morning and ranged her at her off-shore anchorage, where she will do duty as of old, the vessel that has been doing duty there since last winter coming into port and being berthed at the Buoy Dock until she shall be sent to Portland or Seattle for a general overhauling.

Word comes up from San Francisco

that the new steel rudder-post of the steamship Columbia, which should have been shipped by this time, was discovered to be defective just as it was being taken from the foundry at the Bay City, and had to be re-cast. This will hold the vessel up for service until November 1 or later.

The steamship Barracouta came down from Portland early yesterday morning, en route to San Francisco. She went into the Tongue Point mill dock and took on an immense consignment of shocks for the Bay City, and then dropped down to the O. R. & N. pier at 5 o'clock p. m. and will go to sea this morning.

The federal engineers' steamer, the Major Guy Howard is due to undergo about 30 days' overhauling very soon, the repairs being necessary upon her stern post and rudder-bearings, and at other points about her hull. The work has been let in Portland, but just when she will start up for the metropolis is not known.

The French bark La Tour D'Auvergne, from Antwerp to Portland, cement laden, arrived in last evening at 6 o'clock and will go up the river today if possible. She had a fair trip out in 154 days and Captain Le Seven reports all hands hearty and glad to get in port.

The steamer F. A. Kilburn is about 24 hours behind her schedule and is due to arrive in this morning on the early flood, from San Francisco.

The steamer Alliance is due to arrive at the Callender dock this morning early, on her way to Coos bay points.

The steamer South Bay, lumber laden from Rainier, arrived down yesterday morning and went directly to sea.

The schooner Mabel Gale got off to sea yesterday with her big load of lumber for the Bay City.

HYDE-BENSON CASE

Action in Land Fraud Cases is Postponed.

WASHINGTON MATTERS FIRST

Henry Too Busy Preparing for January Docket at Capital and Strike Matters to Take Action Before Winter.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9.—Circumstances have arisen which make it impossible for me to commence any land fraud trials before December 1 at Portland.

I also advised Judge Bennett, when he was here a few days ago, that I have considerable work to do preparing briefs on behalf of the government in the land fraud cases which have been appealed to the Circuit Court of Appeals, including the Williamson-Gesner-Biggs cases, which were argued here by Bennett, Wilson, Bristol and myself last Friday. I am also occupied in examining witnesses on behalf of the government in the taking of depositions on behalf of the defendants in the Hyde-Benson case, which is to be tried in Washington, D. C., next January. In addition to these matters, and my private business, I am engaged in arbitrating the question of wages and hours between the United Railroads and their employes, in settlement of the strike which occurred here last month.

It is my intention to return to Portland December 1 and to remain there until I finish the remaining land fraud cases. FRANCIS J. HENEY.

DANGER FROM THE PLAGUE.

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INSURANCE CASE ON

First of California Cases Establishes Precedent.

INSURANCE COMPANY LOSES

Able Jurist Denies Proof Shown of Fact That Earthquake Was Directly Liable for San Francisco Fire.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9.—The first decision in an insurance case to be handed down by a superior judge since the fire, was given by Judge Carroll Cook yesterday in the case of Assistant City Attorney A. S. Newburg against the Transatlantic Fire Insurance Company of Hamburg. The decision, which is in favor of the plaintiff, carries a judgment of \$850.

In his decision the judge says: "The value of the property destroyed is admitted to be more than the amount sued for. If the earthquake caused the fire the defendant would still be liable under the policy—but there is no evidence that would justify a finding that the fire was caused by the earthquake."

MORE LINES FOR HILL.

SOUTH MALESTER, I. T., Oct. 9.—It was learned here tonight that surveyors in the employ of J. J. Hill left here today to obtain the right of way for a new line to the Gulf.

MISSING SAILORS FOUND.

HOUGHTON, Mich., Oct. 9.—Fourteen people, comprising the crews of the barges Wayne and Foster, reported missing last night, were found alive and safe today.

RECKONING TIME.

The Watch of the Man in the Street Is Set by the Stars.

Time is a perennially interesting subject. Before the chronometer in the jeweler's window a procession is constantly passing. The banker pulls out his \$700 repeater, compares it with the chronometer and moves on. The office boy with just as much dignity consults the dollar timepiece that bulges his little waistcoat. Both are equally under the spell of time.

As most persons know, England supplies the world with that valuable but impalpable commodity, that purely arbitrary thing which we call time. The meridian of the Royal observatory at Greenwich is the point from which the day of the civilized world is reckoned, but in America the United States Naval observatory in Washington determines Greenwich time and distributes it by telegraph.

In the end the watch of the man in the street is set by the stars. Out of the vast number in the heavens there are some 600, visible either to the eye or the camera, which are known to be practically invariable. The astronomer selects one of them. Through the transit instrument—a telescope pointed at the meridian—he watches, telegraphic key in hand. On the lens of the telescope are eleven hair lines. The center one marks the meridian. As the star crosses each of these lines the operator presses his key, the wires of which connect with an automatic recording clock called a chronograph. This shows at what time the star crossed the meridian. Astronomical tables determine the time at which it should have crossed. Comparison of the standard clock with these tables shows whether or not the clock is right.

The time is distributed at noon. Three minutes before 12 o'clock thousands of telegraph operators sit in silence waiting for the click of the key which shall tell them that the "master clock" in Washington has begun to speak. At one minute before 12 it begins, beating every second until the fifty-fifth. Then, after the pause, comes a single beat, which marks exact noon, and for another day the world knows that it has the correct time to the fraction of a second.—Youth's Companion.

Development of a Chick.

The development of a chick within the egg is one of the most wonderful things in nature. At the end of the fifty-eighth hour of incubation the heart begins to beat, two vesicles are seen and a few hours later the auricles also appear. On the fourth day the outlines of the wings may be perceived and sometimes of the head also; on the fifth day the liver is visible; on the sixth other internal organs appear. In 100 hours the beak is fully formed; in 200 hours the ribs are clearly developed; in 240 hours the feathers are visible; in 263 hours the eyes appear; in 288 the ribs are completed and the feathers on the breast; in 320 the lungs, stomach and breast have assumed a natural appearance. On the eighteenth day the first faint piping of the chick is sometimes audible.

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