

**FLOTSAM AND JETSOM.**

There was a narrow escape for the fine bar tug Wallula early yesterday morning, from severe injury, if not loss, from fire. It seems that during the afternoon of Tuesday one of the pilots entered the pilot house of the Wallula and placed his oil-skins and grip on the floor, while he went below to the cabin usually occupied by the bar-pilots, and the spot where these laid marks the territory of the fire that broke out later in the night. It seems that the dunnage laid on the grating through which warm air from the engine room is admitted to the pilot house, and from some combination, the fire was engendered, and burned its way through the grating, the burning bundle fell to the floor of the dining room below, where it still burned its way through the decking again, by which time the fumes had attracted the attention of the night watch who was on duty outside and had no thought of such a condition in the vacated premises of the captain. Luckily, the matter was easy handling when it was discovered, owing to the closed condition of everything, and the boat went on duty yesterday morning off the bar as usual. The pilot's weather grip went up in the smoke of the accident.

River Pilot Turner, who came down yesterday on the steamship Goto Maru, says the worst spot en route is at Warrior Rock, where there was a gorge practically across the river. Captain Larkin, of the steamer Undine, who goes into Portland at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, thirteen hours out of Astoria, telephoned back to the office here that he had had work between Astoria and Skamokawa; that the river was practically open thence to Waterford; badly choked from Waterford to Stella; pretty fair from Stella to Rainier, and that he was blocked solid at Coffin Rock, but managed to wriggle out of it, and literally cut his way into Portland, where he "threw up his hands," and is on waiting orders. It is not known when the Undine will be down again, and perhaps the Lurline will take her place when things open up again.

The steamship Roanoke crossed in over the Columbia bar yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock just 45 hours behind her Monday schedule, and docked two hours later at the Callender pier, with 45 people in her cabins, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Smith, of this city, home from Eureka, where they have been in the Tallant-Grant service. The Roanoke loaded about 200 tons of promiscuous freight at the dock here last night.

and will leave up for Portland at 7 o'clock this morning. She is due to return here, en route south, on Saturday evening next, and will sail for California on Sunday at noon.

The steamship Goto Maru came down from Portland yesterday and is in the lower harbor awaiting despatch to Japan. On the way down the river her chief engineer had the misfortune to fall on the slippery decks, striking his face heavily on one of the hatch-combings, and splitting it open from nose to chin. Dr. J. A. Fulton was hastily summoned and went on board. He did the necessary surgical work and left the engineer in comfort, with several good stitches in his "figure-head." She will get away today at the crest of the flood, and will need every foot of water she can get on the bar.

The Columbia river is practically closed to the lesser and wooden craft, both local and ocean-going. Nothing but the biggest and most powerful of the iron and steel steamers can make any sort of time through the ice gorges and the floes that are thickening every hour. Unless a radical change takes place in weather conditions today, there is likely to be a serious tie-up for all the small craft on the Portland-Astoria line and between here and intermediate points in both states.

It has been decided that the British ship Halewood will go to Tacoma on the tow lines of the bar tug Tatosh just as soon as she receives a new suit of sails from Portland, to replace those she lost in the recent gale off this port. They were to have arrived down from Portland last night, in which case the Halewood will get despatch today or tomorrow morning, at the furthest. She will load coal for Guaymas, in place of the Melanope, first chartered for this cargo.

The steamer F. A. Kilburn came in from the Bay City yesterday and cleared hence for Portland, but it is said that she later received orders to return instantly to San Francisco, but this could not be confirmed. (Later.) She took on oil fuel here yesterday, and leaves out this morning for San Francisco.

News was received here yesterday from San Francisco, that Aubrey Richardson, who came to this port as one of the crew of the wrecked bark Peter Iredale, and who subsequently shipped hence on the barkentine Westler, for San Francisco, unhappily fell from the fore-top-sail yard to the deck on the 7th of this month, and was instantly killed. He was a native



**THE THIRD WEEK OF OUR GREAT CLEARANCE SALE**

is to be a saver for our regular customers and a trade winner for us as we are going to keep on the good work of clearing our store of surplus stock.

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**P. A. STOKES, UNCOMMON CLOTHES**

of New Zealand, and the records of the Iredale showed him to be in his 23rd year.

The British ship Condor completed her loading of coal at the Elmore bunkers yesterday and went to the lower harbor after taking on 60 tons. A half dozen of her men deserted her during Tuesday night and she may have to remain here until she accounts for them to the immigration officials here, under whose jurisdiction they were.

Captain Anderson took the big T. J. Potter out on a trial run up the river yesterday, but found things so unpleasant he went to the bight off the Clatsop Mills, where he will be until matters straighten themselves out so that he may make the trip home with comfort and safety.

The steamers Melville, Wenona and Jordan, of the Callender fleet, are receiving good sound sheathing of galvanized iron, all along their waterlines, and will soon be in readiness to face any ordinary contingency thrust upon them by the cold snap.

The steamship Aztec came down the river on Tuesday night and went to an anchor above Tongue Point yesterday morning. Shifted her anchorage to a point off the O. R. & N. pier late yesterday afternoon, and will haul into her dock this morning.

The steamer Alliance shifted her berth yesterday afternoon to the A. & C. dock, and will make an effort to go to Portland some time today, or tomorrow.

The steamship Columbia left Portland last night at 10 o'clock and is up at the O. R. & N. pier this morning at 6. She is billed to leave out for San Francisco at 11 o'clock this morning.

The government dredge W. S. Ladd and the engineers' steamer Geo. H. Mendell, have been taken around into Young's Bay for the purpose of shelter from the ice in the open bay.

The Portland, Astoria-Asiatic steamship Aragonia is due to arrive any hour from Hong Kong, and Captain Archie Pease is on hand to take the big liner up to the metropolis.

The steamer Oklahoma was to have left out behind the Goto Maru on her passage down the river yesterday, but had not shown up at sundown. She is loaded down with Astoria freight.

The steamship San Mateo left down for the lower harbor yesterday at noon and will take the first opportunity to slip out over the bar, on her way to the Bay City.

Captain N. K. Wills, of the British bark Melanope, was a business visitor in Portland yesterday, on matters connected with his wrecked ship.

Mary—Dark circles under the eyes indicate a sluggish circulation or tired liver and kidneys. Exercise daily and take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 'Twill do you good. 35 cents Tea or Tablets.  
For sale by Frank Hart.

**IS IT SOLD? Rumor Alone Responsible for the Story of Sale of the "A. & C."**

Despite every effort made by the Morning Astorian to confirm or discount the current story of the recent sale of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad, the fact is still elusive, still undetermined.

Yesterday a reporter of this paper visited Vice President G. C. Fulton, of the A. & C., who promptly demanded the Astorian's authority for the repeated allusions to its recent sale. The reporter at once availed himself of the opportunity to secure something tangible, and admitted that vague rumor was alone responsible for the Astorian's utterances, and that it would be glad to have a reliable statement of whatsoever sort the vice president might be pleased to make in the premises.

Mr. Fulton unhesitatingly disclaimed official or personal knowledge of any sale or any negotiations for a sale and said the local staff here was without a scintilla of information on the subject upon which so many others seemed to rely so confidently; and this was amplified later in the day by another prominent official, both disclaimers being given in evident sincerity.

Thus the old, old story is revamped, spread broadcast, denied, and like all precedent tales, will die away into Mr. Cleveland's famous "innocuous desuetude."

**TO THE PUBLIC.**

The supply of water coming into the city being insufficient to supply the demand, either on account of the waste or carelessness of consumers, and there being a prospect of the supply being entirely exhausted in another 48 hours, it is ordered by the commission that the water be turned off from all mains in the city at 9 o'clock tonight, Wednesday, January 16, 1907, and remain turned off until 5 a. m. tomorrow (except in case of fire). And this order will be in force until further order of the commission. Therefore all interested will take notice that the water will be shut off every night at 9 o'clock and turned on again at 5 a. m. next morning. By order of Water Commission. LARS BERGSEVIK, Supt.

**ALL THE WORLD**

is a stage and Ballard's Snow Liniment plays a most prominent part. It has no superior for Rheumatism, stiff joints, cuts, sprains, and all pains. Buy it, try it, and you will always use it. Anybody who has used Ballard's Snow Liniment is a living proof of what it does. Buy a trial bottle. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Hart's drug store.

Teacher Appointed—The Astoria School Board met in special session yesterday afternoon and selected as a successor to Miss Todd, resigned, an Astorian now teaching at North Yamhill, Miss Martha Paldanius.

Are you tired, fagged out, nervous, sleepless, feel mean? Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea strengthens your nerve aids digestion, brings refreshing sleep. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets.  
For sale by Frank Hart.

**SIMINGTON DRY GOODS CO. JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE**  
The Greatest Bargain Event of the Season

Delighted customers throng our aisles daily, enthusiastic over the great bargains we are offering—this sale includes every article in the store—in every department will be found matchless bargains in wearing apparel for women and children, as well as household effects of every description.

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| <b>DRESS GOODS.</b><br>\$2.00 value Chiffon Broadcloth, all colors; sale price, \$1.38.<br>\$1.25 value, 50-inch Broadcloth, all colors; sale price, 79c.<br>Value up to \$1.50 novelty dress goods elegant range of patterns, sale price 98c.<br>36-inch Wool Plaids, Novelties and solid colors, regular 50c and 65c values; sale price, 39c.<br>25c Dress Goods; sale price, 19c | <b>SKIRTS.</b><br>We have a very complete line of skirts to choose from at a discount of 1-4 to 1-2 the regular price.<br><b>FLANNELETTES AND OUTINGS.</b><br>10c and 12½c Outing Flannel, light colors, 9c.<br>10c Outing Flannel, dark colors, 7c.<br>6c Outing Flannel, 5c.<br>15c English Flannelette, large assortment, 9c.<br>15c and 18c Cotton Elderdown, 12½c.<br>45c All Wool Elderdown, pink, blue, tan and grey; sale price, 25c. |
| <b>SUITS.</b><br>Values up to \$20.00; take your choice, at \$9.00.   | <b>HOSIERY.</b><br>Women's 50c Fine Cassimere Hose, 39c.<br>Women's 25c Fine Cassimere Hose, 19c.<br>Children's 25c Buster Brown Stockings, 15c.<br>15c Hose for boys and girls; sale price, 12½c.  |
| <b>HAND BAGS AND PURSES.</b><br>A large assortment at 25 per cent discount.<br>Table Linens, Bed Spreads, Blankets and Comforters, Domestic Staples<br>All at special sale prices.  | <b>UNDERWEAR.</b><br>All our winter underwear priced to you at wholesale cost; this means a great saving to you. It will pay you to buy now, for next winter, at these prices.  |
| <b>SILK PETTICOATS.</b><br>\$12.50 Plaid Silk Petticoats; sale price, \$10.00.<br>\$9.00 and \$10.00 Black Silk Petticoats; sale price, \$7.25.<br>\$6.00 Taffetas, good range of colors; sale price, \$4.98.<br>Furs from 98c to \$10.00.  |   |

Remember this sale includes every article in the Store.

**HOMEMADE**

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| Sauer Kraut                   | 5c lb.   |
| Dill Pickles                  | 20c doz. |
| Mixed and plain Sweet Pickles | 15c pt.  |
| Sour Pickles                  | 15c qt.  |
| Fancy Queen Olives            | 30c qt.  |
| Manzanilla Olives             | 20c qt.  |
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