

SPAR, DECK AND BUOY

River Schedules Rapidly Re-Adjusting Themselves.

STEAMER HOWARD HOME AGAIN

Movements of California Steamers—Barkentine Chehalis, Brigantine Lurline, and Schooner Henry Wilson All Crossed In.

The ocean-goers that were tied up at St. Helen's for the past nine days broke cover in the wake of the Gen. W. Elder yesterday, and paraded up the river channels to Portland. The arrival there of such a herd at one time is liable to tax the harbor capacity some, but they may find room in the Willamette, without slopping over into the Columbia. But that is neither here nor there, the fine vessels are all safe in their port of destination, the river is open, there's something doing and more to come.

The steamer Harvest Queen arrived down from Portland yesterday evening with a hundred tons of freight for Astoria and plenty more for way points, especially on the Washington shore, the people there being particularly glad to get their mail. She will return up this morning with the San Buenaventura and the Alvena on her hawse; and the Alice McDonald would have been in line if she had been hauled off the channel bank in time.

The swift and handsome steamer Major Guy Howard came down from Portland yesterday afternoon with Captain W. S. Gordon in the pilot house and Chief Engineer W. H. Rober at her throttle. Mrs. Rober was a guest on the steamer. The Howard has been converted into an oil burner and has lost none of her rapid paces by the change. She will at once resume her old service between the government forts at the mouth of the Columbia and this city, relieving the Arago and Captain Buchanan of that duty.

The barkentine Chehalis of the Simpson fleet at Knappton, crossed in yesterday and went direct to her berth at the Knappton mills dock. She made a lively run up the coast from San Pedro, coming up in twelve days bar to bar. The Simpson mills people are now loading three of their vessels, the Alumna, Churchill and Chehalis.

The steamer Hassalo goes to the O. R. & N. "boneyard" for a general

overhauling, preparatory to spring business and engagements. Her officers and crew go to the Potter, as usual.

The steamer Undine will leave down from Portland this morning on her regular Astoria run and go up this evening at 7 o'clock; thus taking her place in the regular river service between this city and the metropolis.

The steamer T. J. Potter will be at the O. R. & N. docks early this morning by way of re-establishing her old time schedule, and will leave up at 7 o'clock.

The schooner Henry Wilson was among the arrivals here yesterday from San Francisco. She is after a cargo of lumber as usual.

The steamship Costa Rica will leave out from San Francisco this morning for this port and should hale in here on Tuesday.

The steamship Columbia is due to leave San Francisco today for this port and Portland and will cross in on Monday.

The Standard oil tanker Atlas went up to Portland yesterday under pilotage of Captain Al Betts.

The brigantine Lurline came in yesterday from the Bay City and will load lumber out from Portland.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. P. Prindle of San Francisco was in this city yesterday.

The Misses Smith of Salem are in Astoria on a short visit.

E. W. Anderson of Deep River is registered at the Merwyn Hotel.

Mrs. Jos. McClelland came down from Portland yesterday.

T. W. Hume of Eureka was in Astoria yesterday on business.

F. Evans and wife came over from Aberdeen yesterday.

R. Risley of Carrollton, Wash., is visiting in this city.

W. J. Hall of Chinook was in this city yesterday.

N. L. Looker is down from the metropolis on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brigham of Portland are spending a few days in Astoria.

R. A. Hawkes came over from Ilwaco yesterday on the Nahcotta.

C. G. Ross of Knappa was in this city yesterday.

Charles H. Callender made a business trip to Portland yesterday in the interest of the shipping agencies he stands for here.

Injured by Truck—Sunda Singh, a Punjabi from India, in the employ of the Tongue Point Lumber Company, was taken to the hospital yesterday, suffering from an injury to one foot, caused by a truck running over the member. The wound will keep him from work for some time.

WILLING TO QUIT

Hoquiam Logger Commits Suicide During Fit of Despondency.

LETTER HINTS AT MYSTERY

Reference to Personal Secret in Missive to Brother in the East—Deed Witnessed by Spectator Close at Hand.

HOQUIAM, Jan. 25.—C. H. Vaughn, a logger, of this place, committed suicide tonight by shooting himself through the head with a 32-caliber revolver in the woods about one mile north of town, death being instantaneous. The deed of self-destruction was witnessed by A. McBride, who was standing within thirty feet of the man when he fired the shot.

A letter addressed to his brother, Vernon P. Vaughn, of New Auburn, Minn., was found on the body in which he told that he was tired of life, and that a lie had ruined his life. The body was brought to this city and an inquest is being held. The remains will be buried here.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Industrial Committee of the Irving Club Appoints Its Sub-Agencies.

The Industrial Committee of the Irving Club has re-elected Brenham Van Dusen to the presidency, J. E. Higgins to the treasuryship, and W. A. Sherman to the secretaryship of that useful organization, and has named the following standing committees to serve for the ensuing year:

Rivers and Harbors—W. C. Logan, J. A. Fulton and James Finlayson.

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Roads—F. L. Parker, C. J. Trenchard and C. F. Astbury.

Pacific Progress—Herman Wise, H. L. Henderson and C. G. Palmberg.

With such a line-up actively engaged for the interests of Astoria, there should be something doing pretty soon and there probably will be.

FEATURES IN "THE PIXIES."

Entire Cast of Two Hundred and Fifty Has Been Secured.

The two hundred and fifty young ladies and children who take part in "The Pixies" at the Astoria Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday nights, January 30 and 31, under the auspices of the ladies of the Episcopal church are holding rehearsals every afternoon and evening. W. A. Milne of Chicago, the author of this and several other well known operettas, is in personal charge of all the work of preparation. He has had twelve years' experience in this work, covering every state in the Union, Canada, Great Britain and Australia. This is his first visit to the Pacific states and Astoria is fortunate to have the advantage of his personal direction.

Forty boys will appear in the grotesque make-up of pixies, brownies, goblins, insects and monkeys. Nothing funnier has ever been seen upon the stage than these strange little men with their fat bodies, large eyes, big cheeks and wide, grinning mouths, and when they begin their pranks the audience is convulsed with laughter, hundred and fifty little girls, glittering with sparkles and robed in filmy gowns of lace, will represent fairies, butterflies, flower girls and pages, their dainty beauty forming a pleasing contrast to the distorted bodies of the pixies.

The principal parts are in the hands of Mrs. Chas. H. Callender, as Prince Florimel, and Miss Kathryn Shively as Queen Titania, who will be heard in solos and duets. Other prominent solo parts are Angelica, personated by Maude Ross, Cholly Chrysanthemum, the duke, by Gayle Roberts; Wun Lung, the Chinaman, by Emma Wontton; the Italian minstrel, by Louis Abercrombie; the pickaninny, by Cecilia Hall and Frieda Jones, and the ferocious goblin chief, by Virgil Noland. Fifty young ladies in natty uniform, will appear in three new and difficult drills. The best of Astoria's talent has been secured, and already the success of "The Pixies" is certain.



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Local theatre-goers are offered a treat in Rip Van Winkle as produced by the Carlisle Stock Company at the Bellingham theater this week. This remarkable drama which perhaps more than anything else, contributed to the fame of Joseph Jefferson, is one of the plays of which the American public never wearies. Perhaps the reason for this remarkable quality is the fact that there is nothing like it in the vast field of legitimate drama. The difficult part of Rip is ably sustained by L. R. Carlisle and his interpretation of the lines fairly reeks at times with laugh provoking humor, while on the other hand his philosophical sentiments and homely benedictions touch the hearts of his hearers.

The other members of the cast worthy of special mention are Miss Virginia Jayne, as Gretchen, and G. L. Walling as Derrick Von Beekman. The former displays remarkable ability in depicting a character with a temper worse than Shakespeare's Katherine, and deserves great credit for her individuality in the delineation of so difficult a part. Mr. Walling as the grasping, scheming land owner, money lender, etc., is all that the portrayal of the character demands.—Bellingham Revue, November 27.

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