

**WATERFRONT ITEMS**

**Big Santa Maria Comes in With 40,000 Barrels.**

**YESTERDAY'S FLEET OVER BAR**

Santa Ana in and up to the Metropolis—Samson and Tow Get Away for San Francisco—French Bark Marechal de Villars Here.

The French bark Marechal de Villars, Captain Rioual, 156 days out of Antwerp, arrived in late yesterday afternoon. She was not boarded by the federal officers yesterday evening, owing to the lateness of the hour, so there is no news from her of importance.

The fine Union oil tanker Santa Maria entered port yesterday morning from San Francisco. She did not tarry here long, but wended her way to Portland where she was worse needed, oil being scarce there.

There were two square-riggers off the bar at sundown yesterday, an Englishman and a Frenchman, and both will enter port this morning. Their numbers were not discernible when they were sighted.

The French bark Noemi arrived down from Portland yesterday morning, on the hawsers of the Oklahama. She is grain laden for Europe and will sail for Falmouth, England, for orders.

The tug Samson, Captain Loll, arrived down from Portland early yesterday morning and went to the lower harbor yesterday afternoon to take quick advantage of a passable bar.

The steamship Geo. W. Elder came down from Portland yesterday at noon and after a brief stay at the Callender dock went to sea, Eureka, San Francisco, and San Pedro.

The steamship Costa Rica which was due here on Tuesday morning, is yet berthed in Portland owing to a scarcity of coal. It is thought she will be down sometime today.

The oil tanker Santa Ana came in from Port Harford, Cal., yesterday and went on to the metropolis with more oil to relieve the fuel stress up there.

The only sign of the flood in the upper river and Willamette visible at this point is the strong mud hue pervading the tides hereabout.

The steamer Cascades came down from Portland yesterday afternoon and went to sea and San Francisco at once.

A three-masted ship and a big tramp steamship were reported outside last night.

The steamer Johan Poulsen was at the Kinney dock nearly all of yesterday waiting for a feasible bar.

The Nome City is due down and out for California with another big lot of ties.

The Aragona will go to Flavel today and will try to pass out tomorrow, bound for China.

The French bark Emille Gallienne went out over the bar last night for London, loaded with cement.

The steamer Meteor crossed in yesterday morning and left up for Portland at noon for another cargo of lumber.

**PURITY IN ELECTIONS.**

**Strenuous Bill in Congress With This Much Desired Provision.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The first measure of any importance looking to purity in elections was passed by the House this week, when it put through a bill in line with one previously agreed to by the Senate prohibiting any national bank or corporation organized by authority of congress from contributing money in connection with any federal election.

After the expose of a year ago in connection with the big life insurance companies, and the fact became known that large sums of money had been contributed to the Republican National committee, a cry went up for legislation that would stop this practice in the future, and among advocates of such a proposed law none was more insistent than influential Republican members of both Houses. The Senate passed a bill along these lines at the last session, but political influences in the House held off action there until after the last congressional election.

The difference in the bills of the House and Senate will be arranged in conference and the measure will then go to the President for his approval. The position of the President on the matter is well known and there will be no hesitation on his part in giving this legislation his full approval. As the proposed law fixes a maximum fine of \$5,000 against the offending corporation, and a maximum fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment for one year, against any officer or director who consents to the use of funds of his company for campaign contributions, it is believed the evil of which clean men of both parties have complained will become extinct.

**RISING FROM THE GRAVE.**

A prominent manufacturer, Wm. A. Fertwell, of Lucama, N. C., relates a most remarkable experience. He says: "After taking less than three bottles of Electric Bitters, I feel like one rising from the grave. My trouble is Bright's disease, in the Diabetes stage. I fully believe Electric Bitters will cure permanently, for it has already stopped the liver and bladder complications which have troubled me for years." Guaranteed at Chas. Rogers', druggist. Price only 50c.

**NEW YEAR'S ISLE SINKS.**

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 6.—A report has reached here by passengers on the steamer Elka, that earthquakes have changed the appearance of New Year's Island, and that a portion of the island has sunk several metres.

**THIS MAY INTEREST YOU.**

No one is immune from kidney trouble, so just remember that Foley's Kidney Cure will stop the irregularities and cure any case of kidney and bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.



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**GRATITUDE PRICES.**

Former Prices	Men's Suits.	Gratitude Sale	Former Price	Men's Furnishings	Gratitude Sale
\$13.50	Black Cheviots	\$8.65		Men's Working Shirts	65c
\$15.00	Mixed Tweeds	\$8.85	\$1.00	Stiff Bosom Shirts	65c
\$15.00	H. S. & M. Fancy Cashmeres	\$12.50	\$1.25	Wool Mixed Underwear	\$2.25
\$16.50	All wool worsteds	\$14.40	\$2.50	Men's wool sox special	12 1-2c
\$18.00	Black Clay Worsteds	\$9.00	\$3.00	Men's Hats, good selections	\$1.35
\$20.00			25c		
\$22.50			\$2.00		
\$25.00			\$3.00		
\$10.00					
\$12.50					

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**SCHOOL DIRECTORS HGLD MEETING**

**IN ADJOURNED SESSION HELD LAST NIGHT TRANSACT CONSIDERABLE ROUTINE BUSINESS AND CHANGE BOOKKEEPING.**

The board of school directors met in adjourned session last night. Messrs. J. E. Higgins, J. W. Welch and G. Holmes were present, the first named occupying the chair.

The resignation of Professor J. W. Kestler, principal of the Olney school, was read and accepted.

The report of Accountant J. P. Clark was read and his report and recommendations as to change in the method of keeping the books of the body were adopted. The committee on supplies was authorized to procure the supplies necessary to put the recommendation into effect. The proposed changes have been discussed for some time and will facilitate the keeping of accounts.

Bills were allowed to the extent of \$689.89, apportioned as follows:	
Postal Telegraph Company.....	\$ 2.70
A. Asp .....	5.59
Ross, Higgins & Co.....	3.30
E. A. Higgins & Co.....	7.20
Poard & Stokes .....	3.10
Prael-Elgner Co.....	14.25
A. Dunbar .....	.70
Bee Hive .....	.91
Fisher Bros. Co. ....	1.80
B. F. Allen & Son.....	19.94
W. M. Smith .....	418.10
Northwest Furniture Co.....	95.85
J. A. Montgomery .....	26.24
Birch & Jacobson.....	101.20
Geo. P. Clark.....	109.09

**LA GRIPPE AND PNEUMONIA.**

Foley's Honey and Tar cures la grippe coughs and prevents pneumonia. Refuse any but the genuine in the yellow package. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

**DONE BY DEED.**

United States to Jessie Mead, 89 acres, Section 25-7-9.....	160
Same to May T. Leland, 160 acres Section 33-5-3.....	151
Same to Marina A. Larson, 151 acres Section 29-4-9.....	290
A. M. Smith and wife to Wm. Stoddard, lots 14, 15, 16 block 60, New Astoria .....	290
Wm. Stoddard to Soren Hansen, lots 14, 15, and 16, block 60, New Astoria .....	19

**PROPER AMENITIES.**

Foraker Finds It Possible to Befriend an Old Opponent.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Politicians in Washington are interested in a story coming from Ohio that illustrates how party leaders who fight each other bitterly in political campaigns are moved to do a good turn for their opponents, and that the influence of women in American politics has not yet ceased to be an important factor.

During the political career of Governor Campbell, Mrs. Campbell was credited with being one of his surest advisers, and it would look as if her daughter had inherited an insight into the methods of how to do things political. Governor Campbell was very popular when a member of the House, and is kindly remembered by many of his former associates in the House, who, having more stable districts, have been able to hold on to their places here in Washington. It was a pleasure to Senator Foraker to assist in getting a berth for his old opponent, for those familiar with Ohio politics will recall the fact that while Foraker as a candidate for governor defeated Campbell, it was Campbell who finally unhorsed Foraker and retired him for the gubernatorial office, Foraker yielding to the importunities of unwise friends to become a candidate for a third term.

**CASTRO DYING.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The Tribune says a cable dispatch was received in this city yesterday from a high gov-

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ernment official in Caracas, saying that the condition of President Castro of Venezuela had assumed a more alarming phase and that he was expected to die within 24 hours. The message was dated February 4, Monday.

**WILL PROBE TRUST.**

Grand Jury Will Examine American School Furniture Company.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—The Tribune to-day says: Federal investigation of the American School Furniture Company, re-organized nearly a year ago as the American Seating Company, is to be undertaken by the grand jury now in session in Chicago. Fully 100 witnesses have been summoned from all parts of the United States, and it is understood the campaign will be waged along the lines followed by the government in the Standard Oil and beef trust cases.

Morning Astorian, 60 cents per month, delivered by carrier.

**Simington Dry Goods Co.**

**Laces and Embroideries.**

Elegant, New, Complete stock Laces and Embroideries just arrived for the early spring business. A look at our windows will convince you we are headquarters for these goods. We save you 25 to 40 per cent on Lace and Embroidery, having placed our order many months ago before the rise in price.

**Novelty Silk Waist Patterns**

Just received by express, a few Silk Waist Patterns—the latest novelties of the season. Dots, Plaids, and stripes, to sell at \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50 pattern.

**New Neckwear.**

TURNOVERS, LACE COLLARS, TAB COLLARS, ALL KINDS OF COLLARS  
Everyone new and they cost you but 15c and 25c.