

BAR, BAY AND RIVER

teamship G. W. Elder Arrives in from California.

BIG PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED

Oil Tankers Thick in the Port Sunday—Virginia Down and Ready for Sea—Columbia and Costa Rica Pass Here.

T. Shute has returned from his visit to his father's ship, the Galena, and is quite sanguine of her release from the sands, as soon as fair weather sets in. She has made some water and it will take time and trouble to locate the source of entry and proper manipulation. This will be done in due course, however, and ad interim it is presumed the owners will lay plans and make preparations for the successful off-shore haul.

The oil tank steamer Asuncion came The steamship Geo. W. Elder reached the Columbia bar at 9 o'clock on Sunday night last, from the California Coast, but could not make it in, until good daylight yesterday morning. She berthed at the Callender pier for the better part of the day, taking on 100 tons of shooks, a carload of staves and barrels and half a million shingles. She left up at 3 p. m. and will be down again on Thursday.

The Costa Rica left out for San Francisco on Sunday last, with a good manifest of California freight and the following passengers from this city: Frank Buehman, Gustave Tevelas and Walter Cuyler.

The steamer Alliance came down on Sunday from Portland and left out for Coos Bay. She will go no further south on this voyage and will double back as quickly as possible.

The Undine did her schedule stunt between Astoria and Portland yesterday. She left up last evening at 7, on the dot, with a good grip of business above and below stairs.

The schooner Virginia came down from the Inman-Poulsen mills at Portland, on Sunday, and will get the earliest dispatch for sea and San Francisco.

The steamship Columbia came in from San Francisco on Sunday and after a brief stay at the O. R. & N. pier, went on to Portland.

The huge oil-tanker Porter was another of the oleaginous fleet to leave out on Sunday for Port Harford, Cal.

The steamer Johan Poulsen made a Sunday get-away for San Francisco, lumber laden out of Portland.

down from Portland on Sunday last, and went to sea and California, without delay.

Notice to Mariners.

Oregon—Columbia River, pages 55 and 57: Channel Starboard Side Buoy, 6, a red first-class spar, found missing January 29, was replaced the same day.

Channel East Side Buoy, 8, a red, first-class nun, found missing January 29, was replaced the same day.

Washington—Puget Sound, page 78: Duwamish Head Bell Buoy, red, reported adrift February 15, will be replaced as soon as practicable.

THE PIONEER HERD.

Splendid Importation of Rare and Valuable Live-Stock for Clatsop.

Among the best things done for Clatsop county and the northwest by way of introducing new and available resources among the industries, was accomplished yesterday when the pioneer herd of fine, full-blooded, registered Dutch Belted cattle were delivered here to O. I. Peterson, for his farm and dairies on the Lewis & Clark river.

There are five heifers and one splendid bull, and are recent importations. Mr. Peterson secured them from their importers in Pennsylvania, the cows from the noted barns of G. J. Gibbs, in New Jersey, and the bull from the stock meadows of the Glen Hazel farm, near Warren, Pennsylvania, belonging to Miss DuBoise. The bull carries the Japanese title of "Oyama," and he fits the title in size, at that. But it's a case of prime goods in small packages, for

this stock is said to be incomparable in point of dairy products. Mr. Peterson will have the herd on exhibition at the State Fair this fall, and in the meantime they will be carefully nurtured on his fine farm south of the city.

IN ASTORIA'S INTEREST.

Group of Live Citizens at the State Capital Lobbying Against Bill.

At the behest of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, the following named gentlemen are now hard at work in Salem, doing all that may be done to butt the "Port of Columbia" act off the legislative track: County Judge C. J. Trenchard, Mayor Herman Wise, Judge F. J. Taylor, Samuel Elmore, C. G. Palmberg, R. M. Leathers, J. T. Ross and Frank J. Carney.

The bill came up for hearing at 2 o'clock yesterday, but went over until this morning's session for final treatment. No detail of the work these men are doing has reached the city, but it may be taken for granted that they will do all any capable, honest citizens shall be permitted to do, in such an over-borne situation as the Multnomah delegation and its raffle of boosters has thrust upon the senate and house in this connection.

It goes without saying that the men who deliberately vote for this invasion of the rights of Clatsop will know just how seriously they are acting if the Astoria leaders have been given a chance to make things manifest up there.

SUICIDE AT SVENSEN YESTERDAY

MRS. ROSE PFUND SACRIFICES HER OWN LIFE BY HANGING—NO CAUSE ASSIGNED—INQUEST TODAY—MOTHER OF TEN.

Yesterday at noon the Coroner's office in this city was notified by wire of the death, by suicide, of Mrs. Rose Pfunder, wife of John Pfunder, at Svensen.

Coroner W. C. A. Pohl left for the scene of the unhappy tragedy on the 6:10 train last evening and found the tale to be unhappily too true. It seems that Mr. Pfunder had left home at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, for Knappa-ton, on a business trip, and returned during the afternoon, but could find no trace of his wife. The baby was asleep on the bed and he sat down to await the coming of his wife, who, he supposed, had gone to visit a neighbor, but her protracted absence spurred him to make a search for her, and he found the wretched woman hanging by the neck, and dead, in a small outhouse on the premises.

The authorities were at once notified and the body was left in its dismal plight under the arrival of Coroner Pohl, as indicated above. That officer will return to Svensen this morning and will probably hold an inquest during the forenoon.

It has been known for some time that Mrs. Pfunder has been mentally unbalanced and the rash act is generally attributed to some hallucination of the hour. She was the mother of ten children, all living, nine of them been in the Svensen school when the dreadful act was committed at their home. The Pfunds are quite well to do and thoroughly respected far and wide in their neighborhood, and the father and children have the sincerest sympathy of the entire colony up there. Mrs. Pfunder was in her forty-eighth year.

Notice of the funeral will be announced later.

BEGIN GREAT TOWER.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Several thousand persons braved the discomforts of the season to witness the setting of the first steel above ground of the Great Arife Globe tower which is being erected on a plot 300 feet square fronting on Surf Avenue, Coney Island. The ceremonies conducted at the base of the great tower building, which is to loom up 700 feet above the sands were simple, consisting of brief addresses by Samuel M. Friede, President, and Edwin A. Langin, vice-president of the Friede Globe Tower Company and music by the Friede Globe Tower band of 40 pieces.

ETNA ERUPTION FEARED.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—Dispatches from Taormina report that smoke is issuing from the lower and upper craters of Mount Etna and that eruption is feared.

COUNCIL IN SESSION

Ordinance Limiting Oil Tanks to 5,000 Gallons Repealed.

OTHER ROUTINE BUSINESS

Salaries of Engineers and Drivers of Fire Department Fixed—Large List of Bills Allowed and Warrants Ordered Drawn.

The Common Council of the city of Astoria met in regular session last night. Councilman W. E. Logan filled the chair in the absence of Mayor Wise. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The petition of Silas Carruthers for the removal of penalties for non payment of assessments against land owned by him was read and referred to the committee on streets and public ways.

A remonstrance against the acceptance of the improvement of 11th street from Franklin avenue to Harrison avenue was read and referred to the same committee.

A communication from C. J. Curtis regarding his contract with the city for printing and declaring his intention to furnish new bondsmen and continue the service in a satisfactory manner was read and referred to the committee on ways and means and the city attorney.

The report of the committee on health and police, favoring the granting of a wholesale liquor license to the H. Weinhard Company and retail liquor licenses to Johnson & Engstrom and Aug. Danielson was accepted.

A petition for the improvement of Franklin avenue from Seventeenth to 32nd street was ordered placed on file, as the improvement would be of little benefit.

The communication of the Women's Club regarding the placing of signs on telegraph poles was ordered placed on file.

A communication from the superintendent of streets reporting that 135 yards of crushed rock are needed for repairs of various macadamized streets was read and referred to the committee on streets and public ways with power to act.

The report of the committee on streets and public ways as to streets to be improved during the present year was read and filed for future reference.

The report of City Attorney C. H. Abercrombie, recommending that the assessments against school district No. 1 be canceled and that hereafter assessments against school districts, the city of Astoria, or the United States government hereafter be satisfied by allowing the city auditor to draw warrants on the city treasury for the amount was read and adopted.

Five petitions for the repeal of the ordinance prohibiting oil tanks of more than 5,000 gallons within the city limits were placed on file.

The report of the Board of Equalization recommending the confirmation of assessment rolls numbers 143 and 144 was accepted.

An ordinance fixing the salary of the engineer of the fire department at \$90 a month and the drivers at \$80 was read the first and second times.

An ordinance, canceling the assessments against school district No. 1 and embodying the recommendations of the city attorney's report was read the third time, under suspension of the rules, and passed.

An ordinance appropriating certain sums of money from the general fund for general purposes during the year was read the first time.

A resolution accepting the improvement of Eleventh street from Franklin avenue to Harrison avenue was laid over until next meeting because of the protest which had been filed against such acceptance.

Special assessment number 143 to cover the expense of repairing McClure drain on 9th street was passed under suspension of the rules.

Assessment number 144 to cover the expense of constructing a sewer on 37th street from Duane to Commercial was also passed under suspension of the rules.

An ordinance appropriating \$262 of the general fund for the construction of a sewer on 37th street from Commercial to Duane was passed.

An ordinance repealing ordinance No. 3321, prohibiting oil tanks of more than 5,000 gallons capacity within the city limits provoked the first debate

of the evening. The supporters of the bill urged that the one oil tank of the Standard Oil Company would be far less dangerous than a large number of small tanks scattered among the canneries along the water front; that the insurance rates on adjacent properties do not show that the tanks constitute a menace; that the introduction of oil fuel would turn large quantities of slab wood from the canneries, etc., into the general market; that if the Standard Oil Company were forced to withdraw this tank the consumer would have to pay more; and that the company would spend \$5,000 for a retaining wall around their property if a 5-years' lease were given them as assurance that they would not be forced to move. The opponents of the measure did not favor the forcing of the company from the field, but desired satisfactory assurance that the property of the Standard Co. should not be a menace to the community. The ordinance for the repeal of ordinance No. 3321 was finally passed.

A resolution for the construction of an 8-inch sewer on 14th street was adopted.

The question of the new engine house was brought up and excited considerable discussion. It was shown that the estimates had steadily grown from \$1,600 to \$15,000, and a protest was made by a number of councilmen against the expense. Upon a motion the matter was referred to the chairmen of all the committees and the mayor.

The meeting then adjourned.

The following bills were approved:

Morse Department store	1.00
Andrew Asp	27.10
S. Elmore	60.00
Foard & Stokes Hardware Co.	6.40
A. Hawk	5.35
Prael-Eigener Co.	2.00
Sherman Transfer Co.	.50
Schofield & Mattson Co.	.90
Astoria Electric Co.	10.80
Eastern Pain Ct.	.40
Lee Gramms	9.50
Prael-Eigener Transfer Co.	8.00
Chas. Hellbern	60.00
Foard & Stokes Hardware Co.	6.50
H. H. Zapp	195.00
W. T. Schofield & Co.	52.16
W. T. Schofield & Co.	50.50
W. T. Schofield & Co.	50.23
A. V. Allen	1.25
C. W. Holmes	12.00
John Swenson	1.50
Chas. Rogers	4.30
Reliance Electric Co.	9.70
Fisher Bros.	7.90
Claim of O. Anderson, postage stamps	5.00
Astoria Box Co., rent of rooms for elections	10.00
John Swenson, sundry supplies	8.80
J. A. Higgins & Co., sundry supplies	14.65
Herald Pub. Co., printing	41.75
Herald, printing	25.75
Herald, printing	5.50
Herald, printing	1.40
Herald, printing	5.50
Herald, printing	5.50
Herald, printing	1.60
Herald, printing	1.44
Herald, printing	4.50
John Corner, hauling drunk to jail	.50
R. M. Gatlin, supplies	.35
Astoria Lumber Co., lumber for street repairs	4.83
Prael-Eigener, hauling for street department	16.75
Lee Grams, hauling for street department	3.00
Fisher Bros. Co., sundries street department	3.20
City Lumber & Box Co., lumber	17.00
Board of street assessors, McClure drain repair assessment	10.00
J. C. Clinton, McClure drain repair certificate of ownership	11.00
F. S. Cornelius, McClure drain tax value of property	2.45
Lee Gramms	1.50
Troy Laundry	.15
Hildebrand & Gor	12.30
S. Elmore & Co.	1.20
Busch & Jacobson	125.80

YOUNG WOMAN EMBEZZLER.

Custodian of Church Funds Uses Thirteen Hundred Dollars.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Bloomington, Ill., says the members of the second Christian Church yesterday contributed \$1,900 to cover the shortage of \$1,300 in the accounts of Helen Dixon the young woman custodian of the funds.

Miss Dixon, who was indicted by the grand jury on Saturday for embezzlement, forgery and larceny, took \$1,300 which had been raised for the purchase of the new church organ.

Born—A ten-pound baby girl was born to the wife of County Assessor Thos. S. Cornelius, at their home on the Young's river road yesterday evening.

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

Spring Announcement!



We wish to announce the arrival of some of our advance SPRING GOODS. As usual, we are just a little ahead of the rest. It is this "get-ahead" spirit that makes the wheels of this Store go round.

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P. A. Stokes, "Uncommon Clothes."

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