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**SPAR, DECK AND BUGY ORDERS ARE PLACED
ABOUT ASTORIA FOR BIG CHANGE**

ARMERIA AND COLUMBINE REACH PORT—FORMER OUT FOR ALASKA ON WEDNESDAY—CEMENT SHIP ARRIVES

Captain John C. Reed, of the tug Wallula has returned from Portland, whither he took his vessel the first of the week for a general overhauling. He says it is suffocatingly hot at the metropolis and that Astoria is a paradise in comparison. Captain Reed intimates that the Portland influence is all for the placing of the government dredge Chinook on the Columbia bar to expedite the work of the jetty, and he believes that pressure enough may be brought to bear to have Major McIndoe, of the federal engineering department heartily second Colonel Roessler's recommendation in this behalf. The captain will remain here until the Wallula is again ready for bar duty.

The Armeria, flagship of the light-house fleet of tenders, arrived in this her home port, at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, with Captain William F. Gregory on the bridge. She has been over in the Sound country undergoing repair and it now in fine "fix." She is under orders to sail on Wednesday next for Nome, and all the Alaskan stations, with supplies and will probably be gone a couple of months. She looks very handsome, but Astoria would like to see her a bit oftener than she has, of late.

The dandy Columbine, Captain Charles Richardson of the same fleet, crossed in at noon yesterday, after an absence of 60 days on the Sound, under repair, and she is as spick and span as a new yacht. She stopped outside long enough to coal the Columbia bar light ship. This brings the entire squadron back to home waters, the Heather having arrived some days ago.

Ed Donnelly, wharfinger for the Kamm line, left up on the Lurline last evening, presumably for Clatskanie, but those who know say he has gone on to Portland where a certain very attractive person dwells and in whom Ed has a decidedly "fatherly" interest. Mr. Donnelly's bluffs don't work as smoothly as they used to!

The State of California came down the river at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and docked at the O. R. & N. for an hour, with over 200 passengers on board. She took on 40 tons of case goods here and left down and out at 5 o'clock.

Captain Tom Latham left out at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon in command of the motor launch Lady Marie, bound for Yaquina Bay and hoped to enter that port this evening sometime. He will return home by rail.

The French bark Eugenie Fautrel, Captain Lehue, 79 days out from Hobart, with cement, for Kerr, Gifford & Co., at Portland, crossed in yesterday and is now in the lower bay. All well, and the voyage entirely uneventful.

Another of the huge Benson sea-rafts came down the river yesterday and is moored to dolphins in the lower bay, awaiting the arrival of the tug Dauntless, which will tow the monster to the Benson mills at San Diego. It contained 5,000,000 feet.

PACIFIC STATES TELEPHONE COMPANY TO PUT IN FULL MODERN EQUIPMENT AT ASTORIA BY JAN. 1, 1909.

Manager J. Andrew Brunold, of the Astoria branch of the Pacific States Telephone Company is, perhaps, the happiest man in the city; for, after weeks of annoyance and turmoil incident to the recent campaign for a new and distinctive deal in telephone service, in which he has manfully supported his company in the face of a deliberate, yet justifiable, series of reproachful and arbitrary attacks upon its ancient system and archaic service, he has received a wire from Division Superintendent J. W. Gilkyson, of Oregon, now in California conferring with his superiors, saying, that he (Gilkyson) will start north immediately, and that he brings with him, full plans and specifications for the new office building of his company to be erected on its Exchange street site at once; that he is under orders to perfect the work of re-wiring already commenced and largely completed; that all subscribers' phones are to be changed for up-to-date instruments, and finally, that a new, modern, common-battery switchboard will be installed here and the entire scheme of renovation and re-equipment will be completed and ready for use and service by the first day of January, 1909; and that ample authority has been given for the prosecution of these improvements, within that time.

This is excellent news; the news that Astoria should have had two years ago. But, all the same, it is good, and every eye in this city will be on the lookout for the initial signs of the new departure, and will hail each succeeding step of the work gladly and give due credit for it as it transpires. But every gap, all laches and delay, will be noted, as well; and the Astorians will not put up with any too much of it, either. They will be only too glad to see the company make good, and it is strictly up to the P. S. T. people.

The news is worth a great deal to all concerned, not the least of whom is the Pacific States Telephone Company.

The Spencer came down on spot schedule yesterday and among her passengers were the Messis Elmore, and Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Prael, of this city.

The steamer Alliance is due down early this morning bound for Coos Bay. She will leave the Callender dock at 4 o'clock.

The steamer F. S. Loop finished loading lumber at Knappton yesterday and went to the lower harbor, bound out for San Francisco.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore got away for Tillamook at dawn yesterday, with a big freight manifest and a fair list of passengers.

The motor schooner Condor went over the bar at 6 a. m. yesterday, bound for the down Oregon coast.

Theo. Kruse Catering Co. to L. G. Pfunder, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 2, second addition to Gearhart Park; \$1000.

Theo. Kruse Catering Co. to Isabella Hewett Warrens, lot 8, block 3, Kruse's First Addition to Gearhart Park; \$300.

OPEN THE COLUMBIA CLEAR THROUGH

TIMELY AND PERTINENT LETTER FROM A THOUGHTFUL CITIZEN UPON A THEME WORTHY OF THOUGHT.

The following communication contains some "meaty" suggestions and is written in a broad spirit. It contains the essential points of real State-wide development so far as the treatment of the Columbia river and its great valley is concerned and is from the pen of one of Astoria's best informed (though somewhat modest) citizens:

July 25, 1908.

Editor Astorian:
The General Government has, we are informed by reliable authority, expended \$1,800,000.00 on the channel of the Columbia and Willamette rivers below Portland. The expenditure has not put one dollar into the pockets of the producers of the northwest. The same authority informs us that the United States engineer recently in charge of this district has recommended that Congress appropriate \$200,000 annually, to be used in dredging the river channel below Portland. Of course this \$200,000 per annum, if appropriated, will be charged up to the opening of the Columbia, and will reduce other appropriations by just that amount. Supposing this \$200,000 were to be used in removing obstructions at Celilo and The Dalles would not the producers of the interior receive greater benefit therefrom than if it is used in dredging out a river already navigable? Supposing the \$1,800,000 already expended by the government in dredging the lower river had been used in opening the upper river to navigation; would not all Oregon, as well as the entire Inland Empire, have profited to a greater extent thereby than they have profited by its expenditure on the lower river, which has been navigable at all times?

Owing to the fact that the Columbia at The Dalles has been unnavigable, the railroads have had the fixing of rates on products from east of the Cascade Mountains, and have made the rates, as usual in such cases, all the products would bear. The O. R. & N. Company has charged as much for hauling products down the Columbia pass, on a water grade, to Portland, as has been charged by other roads for hauling across the Cascade mountains, over high grades, greater distances, to Puget Sound. If the Columbia river was opened to navigation there would be a change in this respect, and the producers would get some of the benefits to which they are entitled by virtue of living in a country that nature has favored. This they have never enjoyed, and it is time that they should.

There are two things of prime importance to the northwest country:— 1. Deep water at the mouth of the Columbia, and 2, opening of the Columbia to inland navigation, throughout its entire length. When these are accomplished, and not until then, will the producers of the country reap the reward to which they are entitled.

THE HAGER THEATRE'S NEW POLICY.

The Hager Theatre which has been playing stock for the past five weeks will change its policy commencing next Monday. Manager Hager announces that he will present the latest moving pictures and illustrated songs. Moving pictures have become the favorite amusement and Manager Hager has concluded to follow suit of many other theatres throughout the country, he being the exclusive member of the International Film Service Association for Astoria and Clatsop county. Manager Hager will show pictures which no one else can get until after they have been shown at The Hager Theatre, as they will be shipped direct from the manufacturers to him, which will enable him to show them before anyone else in the city. There will be a matinee every day at 2.30, and from 7.30 to 10.30 o'clock. Any seat in the house will be 10c, at which price the house should be filled at all times.

If you will make inquiry it will be a revelation to you how many succumb to kidney or bladder troubles in one form or another. If the patient is not beyond medical aid, Foley's Kidney Cure will cure. It never disappoints. T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

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ASHTON COMPANY TO CLOSE DOWN

SUMMER STOCK HAS NOT PROVEN A DECIDED SUCCESS—MANAGER HAGAR TO PRESENT MOVING PICTURES

After five weeks of a more or less successful venture at the Hager Theatre the Ashton Stock Company will close down after the drop of the curtain on the play tonight. The company has done excellent work and the players have made many friends among the theatre goers of Astoria, but the season seems to have demonstrated pretty well that summer stock plays will hardly pay in Astoria, especially when there are two companies here at the same time. Mr. Ashton, it is understood, will go to the beach for a well earned rest, as he has hardly had a day's vacation in a year or more, and other of the company will also pass a short time listening to the tales that the sea waves tell.

Mr. Hager, proprietor of the playhouse, will not close it down, however, but will start in at once with a moving picture show of a first class kind. He avers that he will be able to show pictures of the very highest kind and to present them while they are yet new in the state, having the exclusive agency for his series of pictures in this community.

Meantime the Astoria theatre, where the Georgia Harper company has the boards, still remains open and that excellent company is presenting some good plays. It is probable now with but one company presenting stock that the Harper Company may be able to secure houses more in keeping with the size of the town and the character of the company. Both the Ashton and Harper aggregations have been worthy of far more worthy support than they have been receiving, it would appear.

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The Commercial.

One of the coziest and most popular resorts in the city is the Commercial. A new billiard room, a pleasant

sitting room and handsome fixtures all go to make an agreeable meeting place for gentlemen, there to discuss the topics of the day, play a game of billiards and enjoy the fine refreshments served there. The best of goods are only handled, and this fact being so well known, a large business is done at the Commercial, on Commercial street, near Eleventh.

The Palace Restaurant.

Any phase of hunger can be daintily gratified at any hour of the day or night at the Palace Restaurant. The kitchen and dining room service are of the positive best. Private dining rooms for ladies. One call inspires regular custom. Try it. Commercial street, opposite Page building.

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The Clean Man.

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