

OCEAN, BAR, BAY, DOCK AND RIVER

The Breakwater arrived in yesterday morning 46 hours behind her schedule from Coos Bay, having been bar-bound there during the recent severe sou'easter. She brought in one of the heaviest salmon cargoes, she has yet landed here, there being something over 5000 cases, which she discharged at the O. R. & N. piers. She had a light passenger list, and went on to Portland, whence she will make every effort to get back on her usual unflinching schedule.

The steamer Lurline was on-time last evening and went away to Portland at 7 o'clock with a goodly passenger list, on which appeared the names of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Alger, of Altoona; Mrs. J. C. Kennedy, of Skamokawa; and J. N. Foster.

The British steamship Tweeddale was spoken off the Golden Gate on Monday and ordered to this port and Portland for cargo, and is due to arrive in today, unless she shall go to Nanaimo for coal first. She will probably take wheat to Europe. It is not known here yet who she goes to.

The American schooner Samar, with a big load of lumber from the Inman-Poulsen yards at Portland, has arrived down and is in the city channel awaiting sea-despatch, for Capetown, South Africa, and will probably go out this morning.

The new steam schooner Sibyl Marston arrived down yesterday from Portland and cleared from this port for San Francisco, with her initial cargo of lumber out of the Columbia river. She carries 1,100,000 feet.

The steamer Roanoke docked here at the Callender pier yesterday afternoon, with a big passenger list from the California coast, and with a cargo of general merchandise. She went on to Portland after a short stay here.

The steamer Cascades, with 520,000 feet of good Rainier lumber, has cleared hence for the Bay City, and will likely get over the bar this morning.

The steamer Argo, now in Portland taking her initial cargo for Tillamook Bay points, is due down at almost any hour.

The big steamships Uganda, wheat laden for Europe, and the Admiral Borresen with lumber for the orient, are still in the lower harbor waiting for a feasible bar.

The steamer South Bay has arrived in from the Bay City and gone on to the metropolis for her customary load of lumber.

NEW PHONE RATES ARE SATISFACTORY

TWO-PARTY RESIDENCE CONNECTION PROMISES TO BE ATTRACTIVE

Announcement was made last evening of the rates that the Pacific States Company is to charge for its new telephone service. The new rates will go into effect when the new instruments, etc., are all in, which may be about one month after the cut-over is made onto the new switchboard in the building on Duane street which will be done about January 1. Following is a list of the new schedule, and it appears to be quite satisfactory:

Phones, Per Month	
Individual business, \$3.00.	
Two-party business, \$2.50.	
Individual residence, \$2.00.	
Two-party residence, \$1.75.	
Four-party residence, \$1.50.	



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A. G. SPEXARTH

In each instance the subscriber is given choice of wall or portable phone. It will be seen that there will be a continuation of the party lines, but not of the vexatious kind. The two-party phones will be virtually like the single lines, inasmuch as the bell will sound only in the place wanted. The four-party line will not be "pushed" by the company, but the two-party phone is expected to prove very popular, and with the silent bells it ought to be very satisfactory. Of course the individual residence phone is only \$2 a month, and in comparison with other cities that rate is satisfactory.

While the new rates seem to be as cheap as could be expected, the best of the whole matter is that the new service is likely to be of the finest. The new service will be of the central energy kind, and everything will be modern. Two crews are at work in completing the work of installing the apparatus in the new building, one working at night and one in the

PROPER PLACE TO TRADE

Oregon Dressed Spring Chickens	18c, 20c
Oregon fowls	16c
Beef to boil	5c to 8c
Prime Rib Roast Beef	10c, 12c
Tenderloin flat-bone and sirloin steaks	10c
Government Inspected Kettle	
Rendered Lard, 5-lb. pails	70c
Small Pig Hams	17c
Best Breakfast Bacon	17c
Veal Roast	8c, 10c, 12c and 15c
Fine Shoulder Roast of Pork	10c, 12c
Mutton Roast	8c, 10c, 12c and 15c
Beef Pot Roasts	6c, 7c, 8c
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FILES ELECTION EXPENSES AND ALSO EXPRESSES AN OPINION OF THE LAW.

Under the provisions of the Corrupt Practice act the various candidates for office at the recent election will have to file a list of their election expenses. The first one filed was that of C. J. Curtis, elected to the common council from the second ward, and Mr. Curtis wrote and deposited in characteristic Curtisian manner following:

"Hon. Olof Anderson, Auditor and Police Judge,

"Dear Sir:—Under and pursuant to the provisions of what is called the 'Corrupt Practice Act' one of the most damnable outrages ever perpetrated upon American citizenship, and adopted under the twin relics of barbarism known as the 'Initiative and Referendum' born in sin and fostered in iniquity by W. S. U'Ren, promoter of crank legislation, I herewith submit my report of the expenses incurred by me during the municipal campaign including the election of December 9, 1908:

"To printing 500 circulations, \$3.00; to postage, \$2.00; total, \$5.00.

"I, C. J. Curtis, being first duly sworn, depose and say, the foregoing itemized statement of campaign expenses is true, and the same were necessarily incurred by me in said campaign.

"C. J. CURTIS."

While in the city auditor's office yesterday Mr. Tee, re-elected to the spect. Mr. Tee thought his total expenditure might amount to about 25 cents. Mr. Tee stated emphatically that this did not represent the price of two drinks. Mr. Curtis also, evidently, did not spend any money at all for drinks or cigars.

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ONE MILL TAX IS A FORTUNE.

The Kansas State Legislature will face a most difficult situation this winter because the state valuation is so immense. Kansas has available for taxable purposes about \$2,250,000,000. This means that one mill tax will yield the State \$2,250,000. One-tenth of a mill means \$225,000.

When the Legislature assembles there will be the usual calls for legitimate expenses, but the rate will be so low that every department will ask an increase and the plea will be: "Why, the hundredth part of a mill will yield all the increase we ask."

It may seem absurd to make the comparison, but the solons this winter will be in the position of a poor man who has suddenly inherited a vast fortune, and the first feeling will be necessary for strict economy has passed.

With this condition confronting them it will require more real statesmanship to keep appropriations within bounds than if the old tax regimes were in force.

The State does not own a dollar of this two and a quarter billion as every cent of it belongs to citizens or corporations, and the Legislature has no more right to be unduly liberal with the revenue than if the state were in debt and had to issue bonds to pay the bills.

This subject is the more important, because this will be the first Legislature to meet with so much money in sight, and its course will make a precedent for all future ones.—Wichita Beacon.

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