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The steamship Riverside, Captain John Ransalius, entered port yesterday for the first time in her new charter service with the American Steamship Company, as a coast tender to that fleet. She went on to the metropolis for her initial cargo. She is of 995 tons net register, and is a Moran-built boat, of steel, and well equipped. Her schedule has not yet been announced. She carries no passengers.

The Breakwater came down the river yesterday morning and went almost directly to sea after reaching here. She had lost a couple of trips owing to her recent accident off Brookfield, when she twisted her rudder post so as to make her helpless.

The steamship Geo. W. Elder left San Francisco at 1 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday for this port and is due to arrive in sometime this afternoon or evening. She is out a trip, also, owing to the repairs lately put upon her at Portland.

The announcement that the steamer Spencer was to come back on the Astoria run during the coming summer is exploded by the declaration that the little flyer will work up stream this season, with The Dalles as her eastern terminus.

The steamship Senator is due down tonight from Portland, bound for San Francisco, and will leave the O. R. & N. pier at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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WATERMAN'S

WHY COMMERCE LEAVES COLUMBIA RIVER

ABLE ARTICLE IN THE SUBJECT BY MR. JOHN H. WHYTE.

So extraordinary has been the loss of commerce to the Columbia river of late years that an analysis of the matter is timely, and the following article upon the subject, prepared by Mr. Whyte of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, is well worthy of study.

Is it not well for all Oregon to understand that the commerce of the Columbia River is falling far behind that of Puget Sound and to know the reason why?

If the entire state understood that a remedy could be applied, would not every business and patriotic reason seem to indicate that it would be? It does not seem reasonable that any but an affirmative reply could satisfy this interrogative.

During the calendar year of 1908, the Columbia River exported 13,042,063 bushels of wheat and 685,044 barrels of flour, equalling a total of 16,124,761 bushels of wheat, while the Sound exported 11,917,682 bushels of wheat and 1,500,000 barrels of flour, equalling a total of 18,697,682 bushels of wheat. The Sound did a bigger business than the river in the principal agricultural product by 2,554,491 bushels.

At a superficial glance it might seem that this is merely a logical result of the comparative size of the States of Oregon and Washington, remembering that the former raised 28,000,000 and the latter, 12,000,000 bushels. But careful study reveals that all of the wheat grown in Washington as well as that grown in Oregon can be brought down the water level railroad on the Columbia, but when taken to the Sound must be drawn up hill over the mountains. The statistics indicate that most of the wheat is transported over the mountains, two locomotives being employed to pull a short train of one third the number of cars that one locomotive would pull on the Columbia River rails. As all the wheat in both states is grown in the basin of the river it would seem that it would be the natural right of the river transportation facilities to handle not only the major portion but all of it.

The poor commercial showing for the Columbia River indicated by wheat is made all the worse by presenting the total import and export figures for the calendar year of 1908 for both the Sound and the River.

The total imports and exports for the Sound amounted to \$55,000,000 while the total imports and exports for the River were only \$18,750,000, or only one third of those of the Sound. Yet very recently the River carried on practically all of the import and export business of the North west.

The cause of Oregon's commercial delinquency seems plain to me and the remedy easy.

The cause is the bar at the mouth of the Columbia which prevents big ships entering as they may enter the Sound.

The remedy is to deepen the channel through the bar so that big ships may enter.

The remedy is easy and the ill can be thoroughly cured within three years.

We have been building jetties at the mouth of the river 24 years, since 1884, that is we have been playing at building jetties, but the depth of water across the bar is actually five feet less than it was 13 years ago, in 1895. The depth was then 31 feet. Now it is only 26 feet.

During this period of 24 years' play the British government has deepened South African harbors where only 600 ton schooners could enter to a depth sufficient to permit the entrance of 15,000 ton ships; Brazil has spent \$50,000,000 making Rio Janeiro one of the best harbors of the world; Chile has spent \$20,000,000 on the harbor of Valparaiso and China \$40,000,000 on the harbor of Shanghai.

On a recent day this news showed only one vessel of 3000 tons, the Taku Maru bound for the river, while there were 14 vessels from 3000 to 6195 tons

on their way to the Sound, not counting the Minnesota, 13,323 net tons.

The ten largest vessels for the Columbia River averaged 2260 tons, while the ten largest vessels for Puget Sound averaged 5935 tons and the ten largest for San Francisco averaged 6075 tons.

The biggest vessels of the world, so leading authorities state, will be put in service on the Pacific Ocean. On the Atlantic there is the Mauritania of 31,938 tons, the Oceania of 17,000 and the Deutschland of 16,000 tons while the Olympia is now being built 840 feet long, 100 feet broad with 374 draft and 50,000 tons displacement.

There is from 70 to 80 feet of water or the first ten miles up the river's mouth.

The bar is narrow and might be dredged out to a depth of 35 feet even without the help of any jetty.

The pilots will tell you that they improvised a narrow drag about twenty-five years ago and added about eight feet to the depth of the channel in eight weeks' time.

If all of these were placed before all of the leading business men of the state so that they could understand them, what would be the result? Would they not then all be of one opinion?

Would it be very difficult for us to work up an organized movement towards securing a \$10,000,000 appropriation to actually deepen the mouth of the river?

Would not every member of the legislature if they really understood the facts, take an active part in curing an evil that strikes at the very heart of Oregon?

Is it not the matter of sufficient importance even to call a special session of the legislature?

Would not the legislature memorialize Congress on this subject? If Congress will not give us immediate help is this not a matter of sufficient importance to justify the state in helping itself?

JOHN H. WHYTE.

DRINK PLENTY OF WATER

ALSO GIVES A PRESCRIPTION—RELIEVING STOMACH TROUBLES, KIDNEYS AND BLADDER AND RHEUMATISM

"The people here do not drink enough water to keep healthy," exclaimed a well-known authority, "The numerous cases of kidney and bladder diseases and rheumatism are mainly due to the fact that the drinking of water nature's greatest medicine has been neglected.

Stop loading your system with medicines and cure-alls; but get on the water wagon. If you are really sick, why, of course, take the proper medicines—plain common vegetable treatment, which will not shatter the nerves or ruin the stomach."

To cure Rheumatism you must make the kidneys do their work; they are the filters of the blood. They must be made to strain out of the blood, the waste matter and acids that cause rheumatism; the urine must be neutralized so it will no longer be a source of irritation to the bladder, and, most of all, you must keep these acids from forming in the stomach. This is the cause of stomachic trouble, and poor digestion. For these conditions you can do no better than take the following prescription: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Mix by shaking well in bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime, but don't forget the water. Drink plenty and often.

This valuable information and simple prescription should be posted up in each household and used at the first sign of an attack of rheumatism, backache or urinary trouble, no matter how slight.

SUBSTITUTES FOR WIFE.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 4.—Adolph Melzer, a manufacturer of this city, said to be a millionaire, has inserted an "ad" in the local paper as follows: "During the month of February every person who has not the means to provide sufficient food for his horse or mule can obtain feed from me free of cost. All persons must bring recommendation from some well known citizen."

Melzer is a lover of animals and during the holidays fed hundreds of horses belonging to the needy. He says: "I am a bachelor and have no wife to make my home cheery. But I have dogs in my house and horses in my stable and they take the place of a wife."

EIGHTH GRADE PUPILS IN PROGRAM

PUBLIC EXERCISES IN BAKERONIAN THEATRE THIS AFTERNOON.

Graduation exercises of the Eighth grades will be held at the Bakeronian theatre this afternoon at 2 o'clock and parents and others interested in the schools are cordially invited to be present. An excellent program has been arranged for the occasion.

The list of those who have completed the eighth grade studies and are now advanced into the first year of the High School is as follows:

- Taylor School—Mary Jackson, Mary Hendrickson, William Pouttu, William Berry, Henry Heikka.
- McClure School—Tony Antonich, Christal Bussing, Ethel Butt, Archie Cann, Wallace Eakin, Albert Gragg, Lloyd Hammarstrom, Henry Jeldness, Ruddy Kinkella, Felix Heinonen, Thomas Mooers, Martin Nelson, Minnie Noe, Helen Pain, Grace Rarick, Frank Rohr, Karl Sanders, May Spexarth, Tong Sing, Quong Sing, Stephen Vranson, Agnes Vost, Mary Ward.
- Adair School—Fred Brach, Elizabeth Malagamba, Astor Maata, Selma Riswick, Harold Birch, Kornellie Bue, Anna Jackson, Willie Wilson, Ida Anderson.

Following is the program for this afternoon:

- Girls chorus, "Wandering in the Maytime," 8-B class, Adair School; essay, "Booker T. Washington," Christal Bussing; essay, "Mary A. Livermore," Selma Riswick; essay, "Growth of Education," Mary Jackson; piano duet, "La Princesa," Kornellie Bue and Kate Brunstad; essay, "Our Navy," Thomas Mooers; essay, "Our Forests," Ida Anderson; essay, "Money," Ethel Butt; vocal solo, "Thou Art Like Unto a Lovely Flower," Miss Laurie McCann; essay, "Abraham Lincoln," Martin Nelson; essay, "Basketball," Kornellie Bue; essay, "West Point," Agnes Vost; violin solo, selected, Miss Sundquist; essay, "Athletic & Education," Wallace Eakin; address to class, Rev. Wm. S. Gilbert; presentation of diploma, J. W. Welch of the School Board; chorus (a) Daffodils, (b) Indian Song, room 3, Taylor School.

ITS PRESENT STANDING.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—The Postal Savings Bank League, which is advocating the passage of postal Savings Bank Bill now before Congress, has received assurances from members of the House and Senate which led to the conviction that the bill, as amended, would be passed, if it was reported from the committee and a vote taken.

Among the Senators who have written to the League are Lodge of Mass; Borah of Idaho; Frye of Maine; Long and Curtis of Kansas; Perkins of California; LaFollette of Wisconsin; and Burkett of Nebraska. All favor the bill.

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