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OCEAN, BAR, BAY, DOCK AND RIVER

Light vessels Nos. 88 and 93, the new craft which recently arrived from the Atlantic Coast, will be sent out to their stations April 20. Captain Charles F. Pond just having reached a decision in the matter. No. 88 will take up her position off the mouth of the Columbia River in place of No. 50, the old lightship, which will be brought to the inside, and No. 93 will be stationed at Swiftsure Bank. Captain Brander, of 67, will be transferred to the command of No. 92, the relief light vessel. Mate Clyde Cagle has been appointed as master of No. 67. Captain Olson, of No. 50, has been transferred to No. 93. Mate Rasmussen, of 50, will become master of 88. Second Mate Ledbetter, of the tender Columbine, has been promoted to first mate of the Heather. Third Mate Dakin, of the tender Armeria, will go second mate of the Columbia. The Armeria has been dispatched to Willapa Bay to overhaul and replace buoys which had gone adrift. The Heather is transferring officers to lightships Nos. 50 and 67 and distributing stores and mail. In Coos Bay a beacon has been erected at Utter Rock, and provisions are made for establishing a light on Glasgow wharf. These lights will be in operation in the near future.

Coming within three days of breaking the world's record for the passage of a sailing vessel between the Columbia River and a European port, and making a showing for quick voyages that has not been equaled in the past 18 years, the French bark Gael, Captain Savary, passed Dungeness, within sight of Queenstown, yesterday after having been out but 91 days, according to a message which has been received by the Merchants' Exchange.

There is but one quicker sailing passage on record, and that was made by the British bark Caitloch, in 89 days, 25 years ago. Seven years later the British bark Mackrihanish completed the same voyage in 91 days, which has stood undisputed as the second best until now, when the Gael has succeeded in equalling it. The remarkable feat of the Frenchman may be better appreciated when it is explained that from 50 to 100 sailing vessels have been going from the Columbia River to Europe every season during the past quarter of a century.

The steamer Argo will not leave Portland until Tuesday, for Tillamook.

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The Lurline came down yesterday at 4 o'clock p. m., which is getting to be a custom of hers. She brought down about 30 passengers, among whom were Edward Joseph, from Altoona, and little Miss Alice Stryker, of Tacoma who came over from Tacoma to meet her father, Steward James Stryker, of the Lurline, and take a ride with him up and down the river. "Jimmie" was as proud as two or three fathers and both were enjoying things immensely. When the Lurline went up last evening at 7, she had on board J. G. Alger, and Miss A. Smith, as Portland passengers. The lines of the Lurline were hardly fast to the dock yesterday before there was a fire call, for practice and there were a lively few moments on board.

The schooner Lottie Bennett arrived down on the bar of the Ocklahama yesterday morning early from Westport, where she loaded at the mills of the Westport Lumber Company, and got away about two hours before the fire which destroyed that plant, broke out. She went to sea almost on the instant the tug Wallula picking her up as the Ocklahama dropped her.

Captain Charles F. Pond, commanding the 13th Lighthouse District, is expected in this port today, and it is presumed that he will give orders, while here for the new service of the lightships Nos. 88 and 93, for the Columbia bar and the Swiftsure Banks, relieving Nos. 50 and 67, now on duty.

Letters were received at the office of British Vice-Consul E. M. Cherry yesterday from Captain Gloud, of the Herzogin Sophie Charlotte, the German training ship, that left here last Fall, arriving at Port Phillips Heads, 54 days out from the mouth of the Columbia, a pretty quick trip.

The steamer Yosemite came down the river at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and docked at the Callender. She took about a dozen passengers on at the dock and left out immediately. Most of her passengers came down on the noon train to meet her here.

Word has been received in this city that the French bark Gael, made the run from the mouth of the Columbia river to the Irish coast, in just 92 days, thus matching the best records extant in this behalf.

The dandy Columbine, Captain Richardson on the bridge, will depart at 6 o'clock this morning for a four-day cruise to Port Angeles and New Dungeness, with supplies, etc.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore arrived down from the metropolis early yesterday morning, under command of Captain Schroeder, and will sail for Tillamook Bay points this morning, with a good passenger list and plenty of merchandise in her hold.

The steamer J. Marhoffer came down the river yesterday, and went to sea at once, bound for the Golden Gate, with a big cargo of lumber.

The steamship Senator was among the early getaways from this port yesterday, leaving out for the Bay City with plenty of business on all decks.

The steamer Olympic loaded with lumber, arrived down the river yesterday morning, and went directly to sea, on her way to San Francisco.

The steamer Eureka was among the getaways from this port yesterday, leaving out yesterday morning, for her namesake port in California.

The steamer Shoshone, laden with 520,000 feet of Astoria lumber, departed over the bar yesterday, San Francisco bound.

The steamer R. D. Inman is due in from San Francisco tomorrow or Tuesday, and will load lumber out from Knapton, for the return voyage.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TOMORROW NIGHT

AN IMPORTANT CHANGE IN
THE CONSTITUTION WILL
BE SUGGESTED.

At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow night a resolution will be offered by Manager Whyte for an amendment of the constitution of the organization, with the purpose in view of placing all the executive authority of the Chamber in the hands of a committee of nine men. This committee of nine men would for all practical purpose constitute the Chamber of Commerce, for if the amendment is carried it will mean that the methods of conducting the business of the organization as heretofore carried on will be done away with. The committee of nine would appoint the president, manager, and other officers, from its own membership and would carry on the business of the Chamber.

That is the system under which the Portland and other Chambers are carried on, especially in large cities, and the plan may meet with favor here.

The proposed amendment reads as follows:

"To amend Section I of Article IV of the Constitution of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce so as to enlarge the executive committee and making the article which now reads:

"The officers of this Chamber shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and an executive committee of three, and such other committees as the Chamber may from time to time determine."

"So as to read as follows:

"The officers of this Chamber shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer and executive committee of nine members, and such other committees as the Chamber may from time to time determine. The president shall appoint immediately after his election, on March 22, 1909, the nine members of this executive committee. At the first meeting of this executive committee, it shall be determined which three of its members shall serve one year, which three two years, and which three three years. At the annual meeting to be held on the second Monday evening in March, 1910, at 7:30 o'clock, the Chamber shall elect three members of the executive committee and at every annual meeting thereafter the Chamber shall elect three members of the executive committee. Immediately hereafter this committee shall meet and organize, electing a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer for the Chamber, said officers being members of said executive committee. The executive committee shall hold regular meetings and shall transact all the business of the Chamber. All parts of the constitution in conflict herewith are hereby repealed."

The schooner Mable Gale, now 45 days out from Molendo, Peru, is looked for here at an early day. When she arrives she will go to Knapton. She left here on the 26th of September last.

The oil tank steamer Washtenaw arrived down the river last night and went to sea and the California coast without any delay here.

The steamer Coaster, lumber laden for San Pedro, via San Francisco, also came down the river last night and passed over the bar at once.

The steamer Alliance will depart from the Callender dock at an early hour this morning for Marshfield.

The steamship Breakwater is due in from the Coos waters this morning.

The oil tank steamship Roma is due down the river this morning and will go directly to sea, bound for the coast of California.

The British steamship Yeddo is due down the river today, en route to San Francisco and Australia. She will carry the mails out from the Golden Gate.

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JAPAN MAKES INTERESTING STATEMENT

SHIPS ON ACTIVE LIST INCLUDE THIRTEEN BATTLESHIPS.

TOKIO, March 6.—Speaking of the naval section of the Budget, as returned by the committee, Baron Saito gave the following interesting statement of actual conditions and prospects of the navy. Ships now on the active list include 13 battleships, 12 armored cruisers, 43 other cruisers, 59 destroyers, 69 torpedo craft, total 196. Two battleships and two cruisers are in course of construction and two battleships three armored cruisers, one second-class cruiser and two submarines, are projected.

SUNDAY'S ASSAILANT INSANE.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 6.—At midnight tonight the jury returned a verdict finding Sherman Potts of Lovington, Ill., insane, who a week ago assaulted Evangelist Billy Sunday with a buggy whip while Sunday was upon the tabernacle platform before a crowd of people praying. Potts has a hallucination that he is commissioned by God to chastise certain persons of whose religious methods he disapproves.

COMMISSION NAMED.

Will Visit Liberia and Investigate the Existing Conditions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6.—Appropriations amounting to \$20,000 were provided during the closing hours of congress for expenses of a commission composed of Robert C. Ogden, Jacob H. Hollander and Booker T. Washington, designated by the state department to investigate the conditions in Liberia. This action, which met with the approval of the British government, resulted from a visit to this country last year of several of the officials from Liberia and it is not believed they have any further significance than to assist the African republic to better its financial conditions.

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BOWLING RECORD BROKEN.

PITTSBURG, March 6.—The world's record for five men teams was broken here tonight by Lipman, Ward, Semones, Barch and Wolf of Chicago, rolling up a score of 2962, beating the former record by 35 points.

EVADE CUSTOMS DUTIES.

Uncle Sam Said to Have Lost Thousands on Tapestries.

CHICAGO, March 6.—Investigation of what is believed to be a huge evasion of the customs laws in the shipment of Oriental rugs, tapestries, etc., to the United States, has been taken up by District Attorney Sims on information received today, concerning a seizure of a consignment owned by Vital Bengaut, a New York importer. The goods were entered at the custom house at a valuation of \$2500. An appeal has been taken from the official appraisement

of \$7000. One dealer in art goods ventured the opinion that the rugs and tapestries might be worth \$100,000.

A MANUFACTURED CLIMATE.

The gardeners of Paris get their products on the market weeks before the regular season for them. This forcing of nature is described by Ernest Poole in "Success Magazine." The secret is simply this: The French maraichers have manufactured a climate to suit them. As one observer has said, "They have moved the climate of Monte Carlo up to the suburbs of Paris."

Some new prodigy of modern science, this? Not at all. Only enormous expense in money and in time. The gardens, whenever possible, are placed on land with a slope to the south, and are well protected by walls on the north and east, walls built to reflect light as well as to give protection from the northeast winds.

The ground is practically covered with glass, not as in a greenhouse, but by glass frames in the open, "three-light frames of uniform size, twelve feet by four and a half; and also by glass bells. These, too, are of a uniform size, about the shape of a chapel bell, a little less than seven inches in diameter and from fourteen to fifteen inches high. The French call them cloches. You may often see over a thousand frames and over ten thousand glass bells in one two-acre plot in the suburbs of Paris.

A more recent innovation is the employment of hot-water pipes run under the soil, making of the earth a veritable steam-heated hotel, with this essential difference, that the hotel-keeper here is desperately eager, not to keep his guests, but to persuade them to leave on the earliest possible day.

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