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OCEAN, BAR, BAY, DOCK AND RIVER

Once again the unfortunate steamer Hassalo furnishes a chronicle of disaster. This time the tale comes from Megler, the eastern terminal of the Ilwaco Railroad, on the Washington shore, where the steamer attempted to land yesterday morning and staved in her port guard and smashed her housing in great fashion, doing damage that will foot up into hundreds of dollars. The current caught her as she swung in on the turn, and jammed her with tremendous force against the piling of the dock. Luckily no one was injured, and her people were at once transferred to the steamer Nahcotta and brought to this city, the Hassalo following after it was ascertained that she was not so badly crippled as to preclude her getting into deep water, her hull being quite free from injury. She will be sent to the drydock at once.

The steamer Lurline was on the dot yesterday evening, from up river and among other things in the way of cargo, she brought down two beautiful specimens of Guernsey cattle, a young heifer and a bull calf, consigned to Mrs. W. S. Kinney. The handsome creatures were in splendid condition, sleek, smooth, bright-eyed and altogether alive. They were met by the manager of the Kinney farm and at once transported to their new quarters. When the Lurline went back at 7 o'clock she had the following named people on her register: J. B. Stanier, J. M. Cunningham, Henry Fleckenstein Jr., Miss E. B. Walker and Mrs. G. J. Sleigh.

The steamer South Bay finished loading at the Hammond Mills yesterday and cleared for San Francisco, with half a million feet of lumber for a cargo.

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MANY CAUSES GIVEN FOR REACTION

PORTLAND CORRESPONDENT SEES TROUBLESOME TIMES FOR THAT CITY.

Editor Astorian:—Having always entertained a friendly feeling for Astoria with an abiding conviction that eventually she would work out her own salvation and Portland is not the paradise it has been pictured, at least so far as prosperity is concerned, I desire to make a few statements through your paper which may be of interest and throw some light on the supposed boom in real estate in Portland. While this city is the natural commercial center for the Willamette Valley I do not so consider it as applying to Eastern Oregon, Washington or Idaho. What is a disturbing factor in Portland today, is the persistency in which the heavy grain shippers of the eastern section of this coast are working for a sea coast terminal at the mouth of the Columbia. It is an admitted fact

A large German steamship, black hulled, with two short masts, is reported off the Columbia river lightship, and conjecture is rife as to whether it is an oil tank ship or some tramp due in Columbian waters.

The steamship Buckman was off Heceta Head at 8:15 o'clock yesterday morning, bound to Seattle from San Francisco, and expected to arrive there at 5 o'clock this evening.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon the steamship Rose City is due to depart for the Golden Gate from the O. R. & N. piers here.

The steamer Argo is due in this port this morning from Tillamook waters, bound for the metropolis.

The steamer Daisy Freeman is on the due list, hailing from San Francisco, for another load of lumber out of the Columbia.

The steamer Nome City is expected to arrive in this port today, or early tomorrow morning, from the Bay City, with a general cargo.

The steamer Yosemite is among the vessels due down the river this morning, en route to the coast of California.

The fine oil tank steamship Roma entered port yesterday afternoon, from the California coast, and went on up the river, under pilotage of Capt. Tom Crang.

A New Train de Luxe.
The Canadian Pacific has placed its commission its service de Luxe between Portland and St. Paul. This train will run solid between St. Paul and Portland, making the run in two days and 13 hours. It is the finest equipped train in the West. For rates and full particulars, apply to James Finlayson, agent, 377 Commercial street, Astoria.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will not be responsible for any labor or material furnished, nor for any liens on account of furnishing the same, on any of the buildings or property owned by me in the City of Astoria, unless the same is ordered and contracted for directly by me.
E. M. BAKER.
Astoria, Or., May 3, 1909.

CASTORIA
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the cost of transportation for wheat and other products have been excessive owing to the greed of Portland, which has antagonized every section of the state in order to make Portland the supreme shipping port of the Northwest. It is conceded by heavy producers of wool, wheat, lumber and other products that the natural shipping point is nearer the ocean, while the expense of carrying will be greatly reduced, in which event the farmers and producers will receive a proportionate share of the profits instead of being divided up between Portland and the transportation companies, as at present.

It has been claimed, and somewhat justly, that Portland was enjoying a boom. But it only applied to real estate. The plating of thousands of acres of barren land from six to twenty miles from Portland and giving them a high fluting name has caused real estate sharks to spring up like mushrooms and every available room and desk room were immediately rented at a high rental as a rendezvous for entrapping gullible people who had no idea of the value of property but invested their savings on the preposterous statements made by the real estate sharks. Large tracts of land were purchased by a syndicate, surveyed and platted into lots and put on the market. Innumerable smooth fakirs were employed to meet all boats and trains and inveigle them into the dens of the sharks, a sort of "Will you walk into my parlor, said the spider to the fly," excursion trains were run to every section of the state to bring people to purchase wildcat lots. Hundreds of irresponsible agents were sent all through the state to interview the laboring man, clerk and servant girl and induce them to make the first payment, with the possible exception of one or two payments, the purchaser would give the contract and the lot and money would revert to the sharks.

But a change has come over their dreams. The bottom has fallen completely out of the wildcat lots. Promises of macadam streets and cement sidewalks were not fulfilled, and in many instances there is not even a trail through the property. True the companies signed contracts by their president and secretary, and if they failed to make good to the purchaser, they could go out of business and the only evidence the purchaser had of visiting Portland was a worthless contract and an abiding faith that he had been buncoed. Today, many of the shark offices bear the inscription "For Rent," many of the boosters have gone to work in sawmills and others have struck out for pastures new. One of the leading firms who made many contracts with people all over the state, has closed its doors and like a busted bank the patrons have lost every dollar they put in and only have a contract for a deed with no authorized company to execute the deed when final payment is made.

It is stated, and by good authority that the real cause for this slump in the real estate market, is the undoubted realization of Astoria or some coast point being granted common point rates. The question has been so systematically pushed by shippers and producers in Eastern Oregon and Washington and even in Portland, that it is generally admitted that rates will soon be given placing the lower Columbia on the map as the shipping point of the entire northwest country. While I am a resident of Portland I can see the hand writing on the wall and am free to admit that those interested in the movement are certain to see their fondest hopes realized and that within a few months at least, I know of my own knowledge that at least two of the leading shipping houses of Portland are making arrangements to change their base of supplies for shipment from Portland to the point to be designated as the natural shipping point at the mouth of the Columbia.

Another cause assigned for the present business depression there is the fact, that within the past two years taxes have nearly doubled and the end is not in sight. The recent act of the legislature creating the Port of Portland necessitates the expenditure of a large sum of money for equipments and expenses which will be a heavy drain upon the city finances. Propositions are to be submitted to the voters at the June election providing for issuance of bonds aggregating \$2,000,000 for building of bridges and other necessary acquisitions. Surely the taxpayers are sorely burdened with excessive taxation which will no doubt cause a reaction in real estate transfers, as buyers are afraid to invest where taxation amounts almost to confiscation. Every source for increasing the city revenues have been exhausted and the only recourse now is to increase the taxes on the already overburdened people.

Understand, I am not knocking, as

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I have no reason to, but as I stated, I have always born a friendly feeling for Astoria and have many friends there who have written to me about investments in Portland and I have invariably advised them to come and see the property before purchasing as I was convinced that property on a blue print and that on the ground are entirely different, the blue print being misleading. A conservative estimate is, that if all the lots platted within a radius of 20 miles from Portland were occupied one family to the block, Portland would have a population in one year larger than London, and even some of the real estate sharks believe this, at least this is a part of the guff peddled out to purchasers, and the more ignorant the sucker, the more he absorbs of the fakirs hot air. If hot air was music, most of the real estate sharks in Portland would be a whole brass band. Hoping I have not trespassed on your valuable space and hoping for the interests of the entire state, that the fondest hopes of Astoria may soon be realized I remain,
CONSERVATIVE.

IN SUMMER SNOW.
SULPHUR SPRINGS, Colo., May 7.—The Denver round train on the Denver Northwestern & Pacific Railroad (Moffatt road) which left Steamboat Springs last Friday morning is still snowbound within a 100 feet of snow sheds at Corona. If the blockade is not broken today the mail on the train will be taken by stage to Denver.

THE MOTHER'S PROBLEM

Of Raising Strong, Healthy Girls.
A serious problem which presents itself to every mother with girls to raise, in these days. The exigencies of school life, the hurry and routine of every-day duties, the artificial environment of modern civilization, make it more difficult to raise strong, healthy girls than ever in the history of the world.

Boys raise themselves. Give them room, give them liberty, and they will grow up healthy at least, without much worrying. But the girls present a serious problem.
How many mothers there are who are worrying about their daughters. Nervous, puny girls, with poor, capricious appetites, bloodless, listless, a constant anxiety to the mother. How shall she solve her problem? To whom shall she turn for help? Each case is more or less a study by itself, and cannot be solved by any general rule.
This is the way one mother solved the problem. Mrs. Schopfer, 223 Precourt Ave., St. Louis, Mo., in a letter to Dr. Hartman, says: "My daughter Alice, four years of age, was a puny, sickly, ailing child since she was born. I was always doctoring her. When we commenced to use Peruna she grew strong and well."

Another mother, Mrs. Martha Moss, R. F. D. 5, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, says: "Our little eight-year-old girl had a bad cough, and was in a general run-down condition." She had several doctors, who could give the child no relief, and the mother no encouragement.
Finally, she got a bottle of Peruna and commenced giving it to the child, and it proved to be just what she needed. When she commenced taking Peruna the child had to be carried.
Now the mother says she is playing around all the time.
Her closing words were: "You have done a great deal for her. She is the only girl we have, and it meant lots to us to have her cured."

These are samples of many letters which Dr. Hartman is receiving, coming straight from the hearts of loving mothers. While the different schools of medicine are bickering and differing as to theories and remedies, Peruna goes right steadily on giving permanent relief. After all, it is a cure that the people want. Theories are of little

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE
California Insurance Company

Of San Francisco, in the State of California, on the 31st day of December, 1908, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Amount of capital paid up in cash	Capital	\$400,000.00
Premiums received during the year in cash	Income	\$478,692.26
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year		41,953.62
Income from other sources received during the year		14,271.36
Total income		\$534,917.24
Losses paid during the year	Disbursements	\$139,836.47
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock		30,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year		147,621.15
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year		6,522.77
Amount of all other expenditures		86,098.73
Total expenditures		\$410,079.12
Value of real estate owned	Assets	\$100,000.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned		391,424.50
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.		240,645.00
Cash in banks and on hand		108,445.12
Premiums in course of collection and in transmission		127,838.54
Accrued interest		\$226.81
Bills received (secured)		2025.00
Total admitted assets		\$978,604.97
Gross claims for losses unpaid	Liabilities	\$ 34,968.08
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks		338,030.08
Due for commission and brokerage		8,654.81
All other liabilities (unpaid reinsurance)		8,654.81
Total liabilities		\$381,652.97
Total insurance in force December 31, 1908		\$37,649,846.00

Business In Oregon For The Year.
Total risks written during the year.....\$847,241.00
Gross premiums received during the year.....30,572.08
Premiums returned during the year.....11,422.53
Losses paid during the year.....15,867.78
Losses incurred during the year.....14,465.38
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon, Dec. 31, 1908.....554,052.00

CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMPANY
By W. E. DEAN, President.
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