

QUANTITIES OF FLOUR STOLEN

How Chinamen Beat the Oriental Liners.

Assisted by a Longshoreman They Were Securing Flour Cheap at the Expense of Shippers.

The Oriental liner Indravelli went out of here 14 sacks of flour short of the number which appeared on her manifest...

SYSTEMATIC ROBBERY. Stealing flour was the method which the Chinese and the one or two longshoremen adopted in order to make some side money...

WATCHED PROCEEDINGS. When the cargo of the Indravelli was being loaded here a few days ago secret services were kept a vigilant watch on every move that was made about the vessel...

THE HOMER ARRIVES. The steamer Homer will arrive up the river today from Astoria. For the past year she has been under charter to the government...

PURCHASED A LAUNCH. Hayes Bros., who are engaged in the fish business at the foot of Washington street, purchased the gasoline launch Rover yesterday from C. Spencer...

MARINE NOTES. A crew of longshoremen went down to Rainier this morning to assist in loading the British bark Adderly, which is taking on a lumber cargo at that place for Australia...

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CITY BRIEFS

WEATHER FORECAST. The storm yesterday of the mouth of the Columbia River divided into two parts, one of which moved east and is now in the mouth of the river...

THE RIVER. The following river readings are reported this morning: Portland, 12.7 feet; Albany, 1.8 feet and Eugene, 11.0 feet.

MINNEAPOLIS. The rate on shingles between St. Paul and Chicago has been reduced by the Burlington to 10 cents, where formerly the rate was 12 cents.

Blocks. Johnson, from 7th to 6th. 6. Sawyer, from 24th to 23rd. 6. Porter, from 1st to Front. 6.

SHOULD BE AMENDED. Eight—The provision of "light-weight" rails should be amended so as to provide for the removal of light-weight T-irons and other rails.

SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. The following streets described in the ordinance upon which old tracks are laid have no service operated upon them...

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MEETING WAS IMPORTANT. Blanket Franchise of City & Suburban.

Council Listens to Arguments and Refers Proposed Ordinance to Street Committee.

Members of the Board of Public Works did not meet with the City Council last night, although the special session was named with the understanding that it would be a joint session of the Council and the Board of Public Works.

REPRESENTATIVE MEN. There were many representative citizens present at the meeting, and these who spoke were J. A. Martin, J. N. Teal, W. L. Boise, L. Goldsmith, C. F. Swigert, Sandersen Reed, R. R. Dunaway and President Paxton and General Manager Fuller of the Portland Railroad Company.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION. Sixteenth—One of the most important questions raised by the proposed ordinance is the length of time for which the right is asked.

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STRANGE DEATH. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—While playing billiards last evening, A. P. Marston, general manager of the Texas Cold Company, fell to the floor and died of poisoning. Death occurred at Pittsburg, Kan. The man was visiting there, and there is every reason to believe that he was murdered. There is no clue to the perpetrator of the crime. So far as known, Mr. Marston had no enemies who would stoop to such means to remove him from their path, and suicide is considered as being out of the question.

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