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CHARTER RATES ARE IMPROVING

Several Good Offers Are Rejected.

Owners of Gleney Spurn an Offer of 20 Shillings to Go to Cape Town.

Indications of the past day or two show that charter rates are picking up somewhat. The ruling rate for the past few weeks from Portland and the Sound to South Africa has been a trifle over 15 shillings. Yesterday the owners of the British ship Gleney, which is lying at Seattle, refused an offer of 20 shillings to take a cargo to Cape Town. To Sydney, Australia, the rate has been about 15 shillings, but the owners of the Gleney are asking 16. On Tuesday, however, they refused an offer of 17 shillings.

MAY COMBINE.
The French vessels en route to the North Pacific ports are about all engaged, and this is believed to be the principal reason for the improvement in the charter market. When the bounty-fed Frenchmen are out of the way, the outlook will be much better for the British and German owners. More vessels will be needed here yet to move the grain crop, and by combining their interests they can raise the price to what they think it ought to be. Whether they will do so, or not, remains to be seen. Some of the exporters are of the opinion that such a procedure would be impracticable, as the owners would fail to hang together. They contend that the owners would jump at the first good rate offered, and competition would soon become so keen that the combine would break. The Normia mentioned as having refused 17 shillings for the full cargo to Portland the latter part of this month. She is coming from Hamburg with a cargo consigned to Meyer, Wilson & Co.

OSAKA EXHIBIT COLLECTIONS

Board of Trade Must Raise \$800 and Has Collected but \$187.50.

Despite the recent disavowal in the Portland Board of Trade, the collections to the Osaka exhibit are coming in slowly but surely, and it is expected that the \$800 will be forthcoming when the time comes for the money to be turned over to the Fair Committee. At the present time President Beach has charge of the collections, and he is doing the collecting. The sum to be collected by the various organizations are: Chamber of Commerce \$800, Board of Trade \$800, and Manufacturers' Association \$800. When questioned about this Osaka exhibit fund, James M. Moore, ex-secretary of the Board of Trade, said to a Journal representative: "I know nothing about it. There is but one man who has assumed charge of it, and no one else seems to know anything about it. Mr. Beach, I suppose, may be said to be in charge of it, and Mr. Hays is doing the collecting." It is understood that the other commercial organizations of Portland—the Chamber of Commerce and the Manufacturers' Association—have already collected their quota and their money is waiting to be turned over to the committee when the Board of Trade has completed its collections. The sum to be collected by the various organizations are: Chamber of Commerce \$800, Board of Trade \$800, and Manufacturers' Association \$800.

O'CONNOR'S ANNIVERSARY.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 22.—Special religious and other services were held today in St. Patrick's Cathedral in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of Bishop J. J. O'Connor. The participants included a large number of laymen of the Newark diocese, together with prelates and priests of prominence from New York, Trenton, Philadelphia and other places.

CITY BRIEFS

If city subscribers fail to secure their paper they will confer a favor if they will call up Main 800 and enter their complaints.

Football Football!
All Oregon.
Multnomah Club.
Xmas Day, 2:30 p. m.
Multnomah Field.
Tickets for sale at Aldridge Pharmacy, Reams cigar store, 1111 First street, and Leary & Kaskay Cigar store, Sixth and Morrison streets.

The Fourth street pavement is about completed. This will prove of great satisfaction to the railroad men employed on the Corvallis division of the Southern Pacific, who were compelled to use greater care in passing up Fourth street during the course of reconstruction or account of the laborers at work on the track.

Mrs. Abraham Waldman, whose death occurred last Thursday, was buried yesterday in Beth Israel cemetery. Dr. S. S. Wise conducted the funeral services. Mrs. Waldman was 83 years of age.

An East Side Englishman has received a big plum pudding from his old home across the water. He thought when he first saw the package that it was a bag of lead, but when he opened it he found the pudding was nearly 11.

A small fire broke out in the tailor shop of R. Lippman at 171 First street at 4:30 Saturday evening. The blaze was the result of an over-heating iron used for the purpose of heating iron. An alarm was turned in from box No. 12, at First and Morrison street, and before the fire department arrived the blaze had happily gained a headway. After a half hour's fight the blaze was extinguished. The hallways and up stairs rooms were badly smoked and the woodwork of the tailor shop was severely damaged.

The management of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society are making an effort to secure Christmas gifts for the children. Toys, suits or anything of the nature will be appreciated, and the friends of the society are asked to contribute. Superintendent Gardner can be notified by telephone, East 5, and the presents will be promptly called for. Forty-three children are at the "receiving home," ranging from 2 to 16 years of age. Among them are two large boys, 16 years old, whom the management are desirous of placing to work in a hotel, restaurant or as delivery clerk.

At noon today car No. 112 of the City & Suburban line, just leaving the Yamhill street switch to make its regular run to St. Johns, came into collision with a delivery wagon, the property of the Union Meat Company. The delivery was a one-horse vehicle and one of the shafts penetrated and remained fixed in the rear end of the car. Fortunately the horse was quite gentle and the car was brought to a stop in time to prevent any great damage. A meat saw was brought from the Palace Market, in front of which the accident occurred, and the shaft was sawed in two. While the driver of the delivery wagon was repairing the damages by means of a strap the car continued its way with the splintered end of the shaft still protruding from the rear.

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PERSONALS.
L. H. Taffe is in Portland from Celilo. A. M. Baker, Jr., is at the Portland from Seattle. Jesse A. Barker is in this city from Salt Lake, Utah. D. C. Wiley, a Seattle resident, is at the Perkins. E. O. McCoy is today visiting Portland from The Dalles. J. S. King, a San Francisco politician, is in Portland today. R. C. Dunn of San Francisco is registered at the Hotel Portland. C. B. Wade, a prominent resident of Pendleton, is at the Imperial. T. W. Potter of the Chemawa Indian School is in the city today. F. B. Waite, a cattle grower of Roseburg, is registered at the Perkins. H. Y. Blackman of Astoria, Able Blackman, is in the city from Portland. A. S. Bennett, an attorney of The Dalles, is registered at the Imperial. E. G. Kelly, a prominent mining man from the Greenhorn District, is in this city. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Sanburn of Astoria are spending a few days in the city. H. E. Armstrong, prominently known at Cathlamet, Wash., is in this city today. Miss Ora Bailey will spend the holiday with friends at La Grande, leaving tonight.

L. J. Falk, one of the most prominent business men of Boise, is stopping at the Perkins. Richard Smith, well known in Spokane and throughout Northwestern Washington, is in this city, stopping at the Portland. W. C. H. Pohl of Astoria was in the city Saturday. Mr. Pohl came up to accompany his daughter, Miss May, who is attending the Mary's Academy, home for the holidays. Gordon Craig, son of General Passenger Agent A. L. Craig of the O. R. & N. Company, is expected home this evening from St. Paul, where he is attending the university. He will spend his Christmas vacation in Portland with friends and relatives. Mr. Craig is actively identified as one of the leading members of the Greek letter fraternities.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.
The Rev. C. C. Bruce, of the Seamen's Institute, returned Friday evening from a week's visit with friends at Lyle, Wash. During his absence the interior of the institute building underwent a great change. All the rooms have been given a general overhauling and they have been refitted with additional furniture. Between \$200 and \$300 have been expended in making improvements. Preparations are under way to observe the merry Christmas season, and next week is looked forward to by the faculty and guests with joyful anticipations.

The Journal Dishes.
Subscribers to the Journal, old or new, are entitled to a set of The Journal's dishes under the contracts made with them and who desire the dishes before Christmas can call at The Journal office and secure them, as delivery to the homes is rather slow, and such a large number of subscribers cannot be served within so short a time. The Journal business office will be open until 11 o'clock at night for the accommodation of those who cannot come for the dishes in the day time.

COFFMAN'S XMAS CANDIES.
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LEGISLATORS TO BE ASKED
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However, at the last meeting of the Sellwood Board of Trade, the ferry committee was instructed to go ahead and do all in its power to further the project. The committee from the Sellwood Board of Trade consists of J. M. Nickum, A. N. Willis, Edward Curtis, W. E. Pittinger, E. B. Madden and President Donagh. The committee appointed all the South Portland organizations will work in harmony with the board from the opposite side of the river.

ANOTHER ALBINA FERRY.
The Albina Improvement Association has decided that since that section of the city is growing so rapidly for the limited transportation facilities now there connecting it with the West Side, they will also petition the Legislature to grant them a ferry. The claim is made that the present steamer, the W. S. Mason, is too small to handle the fast increasing traffic for points beyond the river. A committee has been appointed for the purpose of letting the Multnomah delegation know their wants and a communication has been sent to the Central Albina Board requesting their co-operation. If the ferry is secured, it is the intention to have a landing at the foot of Russell street.

NEW MORRISON STREET BRIDGE.
Central East Portland is not to be behind in asking for favors from the Legislature, and the East Side Improvement Association, through its bridge committee, has already prepared a petition to the Legislature asking that a steel bridge be constructed from the foot of Morrison street in place of the wooden structure there at present. According to prominent members of the association, it will be but a very short time before the present bridge will have to be closed. If that is done, new Central East Portland will be without proper communication with the West Side. The petition asks that a bridge similar to the one at Burnside street be constructed.

BANK CLEARINGS FOR THE WEEK

Show Marked Increase Over Last Year—Balances Almost Double.

The business of the Portland Clearing House for the past week shows a marked increase over the same last year. In fact, the general banking business in this city this year far surpasses any previous year. There is but one reason that can be assigned for this, and that is the increase in general trade activity in Portland. Business has never been better since the pioneer days and all markets have a tendency to keep up prices on nearly all commodities.

It is always a reasonable conclusion that whenever bank clearings show a marked increase, it is due to the general prosperity of the mercantile establishments of a locality. The balances, also, are to be considered as probably the main factor of prosperity of the business and the past week's balances in this city show an increase of almost twice the amount over the same week last year. The bank clearings for the past week show an increase of more than \$100,000 over the same week last year.

The Clearing House exchanges and balances for the past week are as follows:

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Monday	\$112,240.62	\$42,696.94
Tuesday	\$112,845.23	\$121,161.65
Wednesday	\$142,850.35	\$110,468.35
Thursday	\$601,509.03	\$77,752.26
Friday	\$607,963.39	\$122,118.38
Saturday	\$76,726.30	\$22,025.11

Total for week ending Dec. 20, 1902, \$3,476,960.01 \$626,211.08
Corresponding week, 1901, 2,771,724.53 308,817.11

MAY TAKE STREET RAILWAYS

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The adumbrated providing for the taking over of the transportation lines by the city of Chicago for special consideration at the hands of the city council tonight. The bill provides a new method for assuming the financial obligation through the establishment of a special fund into which the receipts from operation of the lines may be placed, and by the execution of a mortgage, or deed of trust, to a 20-year franchise as security for the payment of the certificates. In case the council approves the bill it will be placed before the state legislature without delay. Powerful influences are already at work to defeat the measure and the action of the council is awaited with keenest interest.

Just think of it! But two short days before Christmas, and probably you have not yet received your gifts yet. It is in the jewelry line, there is no better nor safer place than at the reliable Heitkemper store. We have everything for everybody and at prices that will bring them within reach of all. We have some beautiful sterling silver novelties, watches for ladies or gentlemen, diamond rings, silver-plated tea sets, butter dishes, scarf pins, lockets, men's chains, cigarette chains, etc. We are open in the evening, so if you can't come during the day come in the evening.

FOOTBALL! FOOTBALL!
All Oregon.
vs.
Multnomah. Xmas, 2:30.
Coffman's Xmas Candies.

Olds, Wortman & King

This Week's Doll Sale

Big Handsome Beauties for only 99c. Perfect in feature and proportion, finest mould French Bisque heads, full jointed, composition bodies, most modern wigs, blue or brown eyes. Dolls that will bring unutterable joy to the little, or big girl who is so fortunate to receive one. These are our best \$1.65 values that we sell this week for only 99c.

DOLL BEDS
Special Bargains
Steel frames with mattress, pillows and covers complete. Prices 25c to \$1.00 each.

ALBUMS
KODAK ALBUMS, scrap albums, photograph albums, and photograph albums, all sizes and kinds, in most modern decorations and small prices, on first floor.

OUR TOY FLOOR
Makes little eyes dance and fills the children's minds with bright dreams and glad anticipations. Old Santa is so exceedingly busy he can only say a few words about his great collection of toys for the children of Portland. His greatest concern is that not one shall be overlooked on this joyful occasion. Here are a few things of special note.

PLAY TABLES with folding legs so as to be easily put out of the way when not wanted. Prices 25c to \$1.00.
BUILDING and ALPHABET BLOCKS in great variety. Prices 10c to \$2.25.
DOLL HAMMOCKS, 25c to 50c each.
DOLL SWING, 25c to 75c each.
BOY'S TOOL CHESTS, a present that all boys like, 50c to \$7.50.
TABLE CAQUET, per set, 25c to \$1.25.
GRACE HOPS or KING TOSS, special values, per set 15c.

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GRAINHANDLERS MAY WALK OUT
Eppinger & Co. Have Not Signed Agreement.

Promised, But Fail to Go Any Further—Union Weary of Dilly-Dallying.

Unless Eppinger & Co., the operators of the Irving dock, sign the agreement of the Grainhandlers' Union within the next 24 hours, the probabilities are there will be a walkout of the men whom the firm employs.

All of the other shipping firms in the city have signed the agreement, and a promise was made by Eppinger & Co. to do so, but up to today they have persistently refused to sign their element to the document, according to officials of the union. Every time they have been approached relative to the matter some sort of excuse was offered for not signing, and delay has followed delay until the union's stock of patience has about become exhausted.

TO MEET WEDNESDAY.
The regular meeting of the Grainhandlers' Union occurs Wednesday night, and if the signature of the firm is not obtained by that time it is certain that the subject will form a topic for a warm debate. Many of the members are considerably wrought up at what they term the obstinacy of the firm, and do not hesitate in saying that if a change in the situation does not soon occur they hope a walkout will result.

The committee which has been waiting on the firm has about despaired of bringing it into line, and the meeting of Wednesday night is being looked forward to with considerable impatience. There are between 30 and 40 men regularly employed at the Irving dock.

CIGARMAKERS TO AMALGAMATE

A Movement on Foot to Advertise the Blue Label.

At its last meeting the Cigarmakers' Union elected the following new officers: A. W. Jones, president; H. E. Parsons, vice-president; G. K. Miller, corresponding secretary; H. A. Duke, treasurer; O. Olson, sergeant-at-arms; R. A. Shultz, C. E. Ruff, G. K. Miller, trustees; William

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NO INVASION; ONLY A FAVOR

So Says Harris of Baseball Move.

Will Play the Fastest Ball Because Not Under the National Agreement.

Holding a conference with Col. George B. Lamping, of Seattle, and prominent baseball magnates of Portland, H. Harris and James F. Morley, promoters of the California League as a Northwestern possibility in the baseball world, are at the Hotel Portland today. They may remain several days in this city, attending to the affairs of the new league and getting things into shape for an early meeting at which will be chosen the officers of the association and rules and schedule will be adopted. Mr. Harris said: "I hate to see the newspapers allude to the new league as an invasion of Northwest League territory by the California League. It is nothing of the kind. We of the South are simply giving Portland and Seattle what they asked for. We came here originally in response to overtures that were made more than three months ago by the Portland and Seattle people."

"More than all this—we will have almost no opposition in Portland. We expect war in Seattle and to a certain extent there will be skirmishing here, but it will not amount to anything in this city because all the influential people are with us in the move."

GIVE BETTER BALL.
It is not the plan of the new league to ask favors. This was proven by Mr. Harris' next statement. "We only want a fair field and there is no doubt we have obtained that. We will go before the people on our merits and if we put up better ball than the Northwest League teams we will expect the patronage. There is no doubt we will get it. The people pay their money to see good, clean sport. That is what we intend giving them."

James F. Morley, manager of the Los Angeles team, said the California League was an outlaw organization, and did not

intend attempting to become anything else. In that was its strength. He said: "By being an outlaw league we are players all over the world. We are in the field for the best team that wear baseball clothes, and we get them. Last season proved that the California Baseball League is the fastest minor league in the business. The reason for this is plain. NOT BACK SEATERS."

"We do not have to take a back seat for anyone. If Detroit or Cleveland or New York has a man we want, we go after him. We are not bound by an agreement that because all the good men are signed up with some other league we will content ourselves with playing bum ball. Not a bit of it. We have proved that we can pay salaries that are as good as any offered in the United States, and we will maintain this high salary standard and as a result give the people the finest baseball they have ever seen. Despite the latest outlay we made for players last baseball year our returns have been the best ever, and the prospects are as bright as anyone could wish."

Mr. Lamping, commander of the National Guard of Washington and Auditor of King County, Wash., is president of the Seattle Club. He admitted that a man had been chosen to manage the team to be entered in the new league from that city, but said he was not yet prepared to make known the name of that player. "He has a world-wide reputation," said Mr. Lamping, "but we have not yet got him tied hard and fast, so we have to be cautious."

CAPITOL HEATED WITH WOOD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Because of the scarcity of anthracite coal the National House of Representatives is being heated with common, old-fashioned cordwood. Between seven and eight cords of wood a day are being heaped into the furnaces. It is the first time since the present hall of the House was completed in December, 1857, that anything but coal has been used to heat it.

On the Senate side things are a little better, but the supply of coal is so limited that careful calculations have to be made from day to day as to the amount that can safely be used, the number of elevators that can be run, etc.

POULTRY SHOW AT ALBANY

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 22.—The poultry show which opened here today is pronounced by expert fanciers to be one of the best ever given in Oregon. The display comprises nearly a thousand high-bred chickens, geese, turkeys, ducks and pigeons, together with a choice assortment of rabbits, guinea pigs and other pet stock. The exhibition will continue three days and from present indications the attendance will be of record-breaking proportions.

For suit cases and bags go to the Harris Trunk Co., Morrison, near Second. Coffin's Xmas Candies.

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Desirable Christmas Presents

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Fancy Table Covers, Lace Curtains, Chenille Portieres, Couch Covers, Indian Robes, Oregon Wool Blankets, white and colored; Downyline Comfortables; Stand and Sideboard Cloths, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Sets, Fancy Pillow Tops, Stamped Linens, Fancy Towels and Table Linens.

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