

GERMAN VESSEL REACHES HARBOR

Bark Nauarchos Comes to Anchor with a General Cargo from Hamburg After a Passage of 115 Days.

An Uneventful Voyage the Entire Distance, Is Reported—Long Delay at Mouth of the Columbia River.

One of the largest sailing vessels of recent date to come up the Columbia River is the German bark Nauarchos, which reached the Portland harbor last evening at 5 o'clock.

Through a misunderstanding Captain Rowell, her skipper, came almost getting into an entanglement with custom house officials, because he failed to take clearance papers at Astoria. The matter was amicably arranged this morning and he will escape paying a heavy fine. The captain cleared himself of all blame by the following explanation which he made to Custom Collector Patterson of this port:

He had been delayed at the mouth of the river almost three weeks lightening cargo and waiting for a channel to be cut through Willow Bar. This work was completed on Tuesday, and he made hasty preparations to leave up the river. The anchors were fouled and all was hustle and bustle on board. C. J. Trenchard, agent for the firm of Meyer, Wilson & Co., to whom the cargo is consigned, was present, and at the request of the captain he promised to attend to the matter of clearing the ship at Astoria. He did so, but failed to include in his list the freight which had been lightened onto a barge. This oversight is what gave rise to the report that a gross irregularity had been committed.

The Nauarchos came from Hamburg with general cargo, and has the honor of making one of the quickest passages of the season, covering the distance in 115 days. She sailed on April 7 and reached the mouth of the Columbia River on August 4. Other vessels, among which was the British ship Patrick, left Hamburg for the Pacific Coast a week before the Nauarchos sailed, and they have not yet arrived.

Free of Incidents.

The entire voyage is reported to have been uneventful, the sea being smooth as glass. Coming around the Horn the elements were never more favorable, and the captain says the trip at that point could easily have been made in a washbowl. Good time was made coming up the Coast and not the unlooked-for delay being experienced at the mouth of the river the ship would have been here a fortnight ago. After lightening she drew 22½ feet of water, but she had no difficulty in making the run up the river. It is now believed that lightening was unnecessary.

The Nauarchos has a net registered tonnage of 2,796, but has a carrying capacity of nearly 5,000 tons. She is 100 feet in length and has a 45-ton beam. Her cargo is as follows: 22,500 barrels of cement, 450 tons of coke, 45 tons of iron and 42 tons of crushed stone, making a total of about 4,552 tons. She will begin discharging cargo at the Greenview Dock as soon as a berth is made vacant for her.

The vessel is chartered for October wheat, loading for Balfour, Guthrie & Co., the rate being 25s.

CHARTER RATES ARE BELOW ALL PRECEDENT

Portland Firm Engages British Ship at 15s 9d for U. K.

Meyer, Wilson & Co. of this city have chartered the British ship Matterhorn, now lying at San Francisco, to load new wheat for the United Kingdom at 15s 9d, the lowest rate accepted in years by either a British or German vessel owner. The Matterhorn was at Portland last winter, and carried a cargo of grain to Australia. From New Zealand she took a cargo of coal to Honolulu, and recently arrived at San Francisco.

A French ship is reported to have been chartered the other day at San Francisco at 14s, but for a French vessel this is not considered remarkable. Some of them have been known to accept as low as 12s, the government subsidy making it possible for them to cut the rates. Nearly 100 colliers are en route to the Bay City from New Zealand, and upon their arrival exporters are expecting such fierce competition that rates will drop below all precedent. In anticipation of this the foreign ships which intended to come to San Francisco in search of business have been ordered by their owners to proceed to the West Coast of South America, and secure nitrate cargoes: The Killmalle, the Dechmont and the Thordale. They had recently reached Honolulu from Australia with coal. The nitrate business is reported to be better than usual this year, and much more profitable to vessel owners than bothering with wheat cargoes at the present rates.

The British ship Kilmeny was also engaged at San Francisco the other day to carry barley to the United Kingdom at 15s 6d.

Sailors Scared.

Cooks and sailors seem to be scarce in Portland. Captain Helchist of the schooner Mabel Gale is short both a cook and mate, and several of the other coasters are light handed. At this season of the year it is a difficult matter for the captains to keep a full complement of men aboard. They are paid off at every port of destination, and usually they walk ashore refusing to sign for the return voyage. It is only the sailors on the American bottoms who enjoy this privilege.

On foreign ships sailors are compelled to make the round trip before their wages are paid them. In many instances, however, they desert and lose their wages.

MARINE NOTES

While on his way from San Francisco to Roche Harbor a fire broke out in the hold of the brig W. G. Irwin and a portion of her cargo was thrown overboard. The vessel returned to the Bay City in a badly damaged condition.

In a few days the fourth portion of the sectional drydock under construction at Vancouver will be ready to be launched. It will be late in the fall, however, before the dock is placed in position and equipped with machinery.

The schooner Prosper is expected to start up the river from Astoria today. She is under charter to Balfour, Guthrie & Co. to load lumber for Manila, and will take out about \$5,000 freight.

Captain Hasford's gasoline launch, take no other

OREGON ACTRESS STARS THIS YEAR



MISS CATHERINE COUNTESS.
In the character of "Gloria Quayle."

Miss Catherine Countess, a delightful woman, a successful actress and an Oregonian, is now rehearsing "The Christian," which is to be produced under the management of George L. Baker. With such players in the lead as Catherine Countess and Anna Lee Willard it cannot but be a success.

This is one of the most ambitious theatrical productions ever conceived in the Northwest.

Miss Countess has already played the leading role in "The Christian" in a manner that elicited the warmest praise from the critics. As "Gloria Quayle," she made a tremendous hit and her starring tour further confirmed her in popular favor.

Personally, Miss Countess retains the same charming manner in private life that gives such a magnetism to her stage efforts. She is stopping at the Portland and graciously expressed her pleasure at the prospect of the coming season.

"I love the part I am to play," she said, "and think 'The Christian' as a whole is one of the best stage productions

now being built at the Portland shipyards, will be put in commission next month between Vancouver and Washington. It will be used exclusively for carrying passengers.

The steamer Alliance of the California & Oregon Coast Steamship Company will leave San Francisco for Portland this afternoon with general cargo.

The schooner W. F. Gamm arrived this morning in tow of the Hereules. She will load lumber at the Immanuel Paulsen mill.

The British ship Blythwood started loading lumber this morning at the North Pacific mill.

The Agnes Oswald will complete her lumber cargo for South Africa tomorrow. Other lumber carriers about loaded are the Wilson, the David Evans, the Mabel Gale and the Endeavor.

The J. H. Qunaman is taking on piling at the Victor dock.

Back Again.

From Philadelphia Press.

Towne—A man writes a post the other day, and he sent it to the "Hilcut Magazine."

Brown—Yes; I know.

Towne—He's just crazy to see it appear.

Brown—He was crazy when he saw it appear this morning—in his mail.

Kingdom Gould, son of George Gould, aged 16, has passed with high marks the examinations for entrance to the School of Mines, Columbia University, and will begin his studies there in October. Four years will be consumed in the technical course which young Gould has elected. The boy studied so hard last winter that his health was impaired.

In Cairo the proportion of blind people to the population is one in every 20 inhabitants.

A HARD STRUGGLE

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Mrs. Painter, wife of J. W. Painter, expressman, living at 310 East Seventh street, says: "I have had more or less kidney trouble all my life. When quite a young girl I had a severe spell of sickness, and all who knew me thought I was going to die. I finally recovered, but ever after my kidneys bothered me and I have suffered at times terribly. I could no more lie on my left side than I could fly, and could not stoop to pick anything off the floor without working myself up gradually by placing my hands on my hips. In addition to this there were headaches, dizziness and trouble with the kidney secretions, for all of which I doctored and used more than one remedy said to be a sure cure for such annoyances. Nothing brought me relief compared with that received from Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at the Laue-Davis Drug Company's store, corner of Yamhill and Third streets. The results stand that remedy as one fully up to representations made for it."

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TWO TOWNS FIGHT FOR COUNTY SEAT

Legal War Begun Between Union and La Grande Each Claiming to Be the Capital of an Eastern Oregon County.

The Former Now Holds the Honor and the Courthouse Is Located There—Argument Before a Portland Judge.

What will probably be one of the most bitter legal fights for the possession of a county seat that has ever taken place in Oregon was begun yesterday before Circuit Judge Alfred F. Sears, Jr., of Portland, sitting at Union for Judge Eakin, of the Eighth District, this morning. The fight involves the claims of the principal two cities of Union County—Union and La Grande. Union has been the seat ever since the county was created. La Grande has been aspiring to the honor for years, basing its claim upon a larger population and better railroad facilities. Union's chief reason for the retention of the seat is that the county buildings is located there and a change would necessitate the construction of a new courthouse.

Previous Struggles.

Attempts to change the county seat have been made in past years. Twice they were threatened by bringing the matter before the Legislature, but neither time was such action taken. At the last session, however, the cases of both Union and Columbia Counties were taken up, and it was decided to refer the question to the voters. November 4 is the day named for the election. A short time ago the County Clerk began to make preparations for the publication of notices of the election, and a temporary injunction restraining him from taking any such action was applied for and granted by Circuit Judge Eakin. A motion to make the order permanent was also allowed, and it was upon this motion that the arguments were begun this morning.

Judge Eakin, who is a resident of Union, declined to hear the argument on the ground that he might be accused of being prejudiced in favor of his home city. Several other Eastern Oregon judges, who have held court in Union at different times, did not wish to sit in the case, and so Judge Eakin invited Judge Sears of this city to try the case. Judge Sears was about to leave on his vacation when he received the invitation, but as the matter was urgent he decided to go to Union, and he left for that town last night.

Lawyers who are acquainted with the situation in Union County say that no matter which way the court decides the question, an appeal to the Supreme Court will be taken.

The "Grain of Truth."

From Chicago Record-Herald.

"Pa, what's a grain of truth?"

"It is generally the thing that keeps all the women in the neighborhood saying: 'Well, I declare! I never would have thought it!'"

"You don't say?"

"I never did believe she was as innocent as she tried to make out!" and I feel sorry for her children!"

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OREGON LEADS ALL STATES IN THE UNION

Big Boom in Homeseekers' Business During the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1903, Makes the Record.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Oregon heads the list for land sales and entries by homeseekers of any state in the Union for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903. North Dakota was first last year, and now stands second, but is led by Oregon by more than \$200,000. Oregon contributed to the treasury \$2,015,835 and North Dakota \$1,319,835. Washington and Idaho also did a

REFUND FRITZ' LICENSE MONEY

Way Is Now Clear for the Chief of Police to Close Up the Saloon in the North End Immediately.

If Charges Against the Senate Bar Concerning Nutt Robbery Are True the License Will Be Revoked.

According to the terms of the ordinance passed yesterday by the City Council, John G. Fritz, proprietor of the Favorite Saloon at Fourth and Couch streets in the North End, was today returned the unexpended sum of his liquor license. It amounted to \$47.50. This, it is believed, will avoid any further legal complications when the police are instructed to close up the place immediately.

These instructions, however, will probably not be delivered to the police until tomorrow, or until Fritz has had time to receive the amount of refund and give an acknowledgment therefor. What he thinks about this move on the part of the officials is known only to himself; he discreetly refrains from expressing his sentiments.

The status of the suit in the courts, which Fritz endeavors to have the Council's action nullified, whether that is possible or not, is unchanged. The majority of those familiar with his contentions say that the courts, under the questions involved, have no jurisdiction to turn down the Council's action; that the issue is one which the municipality has the right to settle under its charter without any interference from the judiciary.

In this connection the liquor license committee yesterday reported to the City Council, asking that a copy of F. Nutt's communication charging that he had been robbed in the Senate Saloon,

be sent to Chief of Police Hunt requesting him to take such action as was found necessary. If the charges are true, as alleged, it is likely that the license for the place will be revoked.

No official notice of the refunding of the amount due Fritz following the revocation of his license had been received by Chief of Police Hunt late this afternoon. He will take no steps towards closing his saloon until such notice has been sent him.

WOMAN ROUTS A HIGHWAYMAN

Mrs. McKinney, Former Police Matron, Hits Him with a Clock—Her Husband Swings a Box.

A woman who used a clock as a weapon pum a highwayman to flight last night. A few minutes later the same robber held up and robbed a pedestrian who was on his way home.

The attempted robbery occurred at 11:30 o'clock last night. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McKinney were on their way home from their store. As they neared their residence, 392 East Taylor, a man stepped from the shadow of a tree and thrusting a revolver under Mrs. McKinney's nose said gruffly:

"Hands up."

Instead of fainting or screaming Mrs. McKinney, who was formerly police matron, struck the robber in the face with a clock which she was carrying. Not to be outdone, Mr. McKinney, who had an apple box with him, followed the first blow with a second, the box proving an efficacious weapon.

The robber ran down Taylor street. Twenty minutes later George B. Whitney, of 386 East Madison street, was confronted by a robber at Second and East Hawthorne streets. The fellow slipped up behind Whitney and told him to hold up his hands.

Thinking it a joke Mr. Whitney replied with a trivial remark, when the robber struck him a severe blow on the back of the head with the butt end of his revolver. This stunned Whitney and

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the highwayman searched his clothes. He found \$5 and two watches. The robber ran south on Third street.

Whitney's wound bled freely and he was sent to the police station where a surgeon dressed the injury. However, he was able to leave for a trip this morning. Mr. Whitney is employed by the Wallace & Corcoran Company.

Mrs. McKinney gives an excellent description of the thug, as she took a good look at him when he held his revolver under her nose. She says he is a mere boy, apparently not over 20 years old, of medium height and of very slim build. Mr. Whitney's description corroborates this and there is no doubt the police think that the same man figured in both episodes. In both instances he wore a white handkerchief over the lower part of his face.

"I was not at all afraid," said Mrs. McKinney. "Why should I be? I never saw the man yet that I was afraid of. Anyhow of what has a man more fear than an angry woman?"

BUSINESS IS BUSINESS

"The fact is," he said, ignoring in his earnestness the dainty hand that lay within his reach, "that life, in its ultimate aspects, is merely a matter of business. The laws of business govern all our actions."

"Do you think," she asked timidly, "that business has anything to do with love?"

"I know it," he replied, "all kinds of love—love in its first, intermediate and last aspects. All the details of married life are a matter of business, in the last analysis. Proposals, engagements, kissing, sentimental nothings, honey-moons, domestic humdrum—no matter what it is—are all governed by the laws of business."

She moved her hand a trifle nearer, so that he could not avoid it.

"Then, George," she murmured, "if this is really so, why don't you get down to business?"

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