

RIVER RATE WAR STILL CONTINUES

BAILEY GATZERT COULD NOT ACCOMMODATE THE CROWDS THIS MORNING THAT WERE DEBIOUS OF MAKING A TRIP UP THE RIVER.

Manager of Line Says He Will Get an Excursion Permit and Then Things Will Be Different—Speedy Spencer Went out on Usual Tour with 200 Passengers Who Preferred Hiding on Her at Additional Cost of 25 Cents.

Interest continues unabated in the cut-rate river war between Portland and The Dalles. At the docks of the opposing companies this morning there were large crowds of people, many of whom were desirous of taking a trip up the scenic Columbia, while others were present in the role of spectators to see the rivals depart.

Fully 20 minutes before the hour of sailing, which was 7 o'clock, arrived, agents of the Bailey Gatzert began turning people away. There were 275 passengers on board, all that the government allows her to carry under ordinary circumstances. Until a day or two ago the company held what is known as an excursion permit, and the limit of time for which it was issued expired while the United States steamboat inspectors were absent from the city. According to officials of the company the permit is to be renewed at once. An excursion permit will allow the steamer to carry almost twice the number that the vessel is permitted to take out at any other time.

"When this is granted," says Manager Symonds of the Regulator line, "we will show the opposition how to do business."

"About how long do you expect the low rate to continue in force" was asked.

"Fight to a Finish."

"At the time the steamboat companies were fighting the Astoria & Columbia River railroad it lasted 22 months," was the evasive reply. "There is bound to be a big travel," he continued, "up the river so long as the rates remain where they are. It is about as cheap for people to travel as to remain at home. Besides they will have the pleasure of making one of the finest trips, so far as scenery is concerned, in the West. As long as this fine weather continues there is no doubt but that our boat will be crowded to her full capacity."

Irrespective of the disparity in the rates the Spencer is giving her opponent a merry chase. Promptly at 7 o'clock she steamed out from her dock with fully 200 passengers, bound for The Dalles and intermediate points. Many of them bought round trip tickets intending to return tomorrow. "Quite a number of them," said the local agent, "went just for the pleasure they will derive from making the trip. We are doing a bigger business than we expected."

"How long will the fight last?" "Ask the Regulator people. They started it and will probably be anxious to end it."

Both steamers left at the same time, but apparently with no intention of engaging in a race. When they disappeared from view of the city, however, it is said that a great change comes over them. Then steam is turned on, the valves opened up and away they speed like greyhounds after a scared wolf.

Steamers Arrive Tonight.

The steamers Robert Dollar and South Portland arrived at Astoria this morning and will reach Portland this evening. The former is bringing a general cargo from San Francisco, and will load lumber at Westport for the return trip. The latter is under charter to Kerr, Gifford & Co. to carry a cargo of wheat and feed for San Francisco. She will take out 1,100 tons and will load at Montgomery dock.

More Government Work.

Next week the small dipper dredge will be put to work by the United States engineers to deepen the channel near Swan Island. A snagboat will also be placed in service to remove the old re-ment at Coon Island, near the mouth of the Willamette. Water has broken a channel back of it and it is no longer in a serviceable condition. It may be replaced with a new one.

Big Log Raft.

An unusually large log raft reached the Inman-Poulsen mill this morning in tow of the Game Cock. It came from Stella, and was fully a quarter of a mile in length. The raft was divided into four sections, each of which was said to contain 400,000 feet of lumber.

Marine Notes.

The steamer Columbia arrived at 10 o'clock last night from San Francisco with a full cargo of vegetables, fruits and general merchandise. She brought about 200 passengers.

Condition of the bar at 8:00 a. m., smooth; wind northwest; weather clear.

Astoria, Sept. 3.—Arrived down at 12:30 and sailed at 2 a. m.—Steamer Despatch for San Francisco.

Arrived at 6 and left up at 8:40 a. m.—Steamer Signal from San Francisco.

Arrived at 7:30 and left up at 10:30 a. m.—Steamer Robert Dollar from San Francisco.

Arrived down at 9 a. m.—Schooner Endeavor.

Arrived at 7 last night.—American bark Harry Morse from Nushagak.

San Francisco, Sept. 3.—Arrived 24, schooner Mabel Gale from Portland.

BEAT DIVORCED WIFE NEARLY TO DEATH

William Beatty, a Ballard Sawdler, Commits Serious Offense at Ballard

—Father Was Too Timid.

(Journal Special Service.)

Ballard, Wash., Sept. 3.—William Beatty, a sawdler employed in a mill here, this morning went to the home of his divorced wife and brutally assaulted her, beating and kicking her into a state of unconsciousness. The woman's father was present, but was too timid to interfere to save his daughter. A warrant has been issued for Beatty, charging him with assault with intent to commit murder. The woman is in a precarious condition.

FIGHT TO A FINISH.

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are therefore out of the jurisdiction of the union. For this reason the six rigs of the Lloyd company were on the street yesterday and today, and each team is driven by a proprietor.

The decision to issue stock to all drivers was reached at a meeting of the stockholders held Tuesday evening. Immediately after the stockholders adjourned, the employees were made acquainted with the proposition and told that if they wished to avail themselves of the opportunity they should take their teams out at 7 o'clock yesterday morning as usual.

Of the six men employed by the company before the strike was inaugurated, five reported to the office for duty, and President John Mayor of the company mounted the sixth truck himself.

The manner in which the drivers were made stockholders in the company was very simple and required no capital whatever. While the company contends that it did not make the offer of stock to any but men of known industry and integrity, the fact remains that the stock was issued on unsecured notes. The company, however, is apparently taking no chances on the venture, for the employe stockholders, according to the agreement, cannot participate in the profits of the concern until the indebtedness for the stock has been paid in full either by deduction from wages or from the accrued profits.

The strike management is greatly discomfited by the Lloyd company's move. They declare that it is a subterfuge to evade the consequences of the strike, and that the men who accepted the stock are "scabs" pure and simple. The company, however, claims that it would as soon trust a driver with \$400 or \$500 worth of stock as with a rig that cost \$1,000 or \$1,200.

Both Claim a Victory.

Seattle, Sept. 3.—Both sides in the teamsters' strike are claiming a victory today. The employers say they will have all their teams running with non-union men within a week. The strikers say that while this may be so, the teams will have nothing to haul, as the union men throughout the country will refuse to handle any material hauled by non-union men, and merchants will do the same in the matter of freight. This, they say, will force the employers to terms. The facts bear out the contention of the teamsters, and it looks as though the bosses will have to compromise the situation or lose the major part of their business. The men are conducting a clean strike and have the sympathy of the general public.

Garnet Will Wait.

Seattle, Sept. 3.—Both streetcar organizations, after an all-night joint session, decided not to strike. A committee of 10, five men from each organization, was appointed to wait on the streetcar officials this afternoon for an answer to the union terms. President Furth of the company says that no matter what the unions decide, he has not had time to take up the situation for two days. The company has enough extra non-union men in town to move every car in case of a strike.

INQUEST TOMORROW

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ing her knowledge of the giving of "strychnine-cured" ham to Martin L. Bowers.

Mrs. McCallum told her story to the police last night.

Mrs. Deedie McCallum, wife of Robert H. McCallum of this city, second vice-president of the United Brotherhood of Leatherworkers on Horse Goods, made a visit to San Francisco last June while her husband was in Kansas City attending the national convention of the brotherhood of which he is a member, and returned to Portland to rejoin Mr. McCallum two weeks ago. Up to a year ago the McCallums resided in San Francisco. They occupied a house on Howard street, and were neighbors of Mrs. Martha Bowers, now under arrest in that city, charged with poisoning her husband, the late Martin L. Bowers. When seen today the McCallums spoke freely about the affairs of the Bowers family, of which both seem to have considerable knowledge.

"I sent my wife on a visit to her relatives in San Francisco when I went East," said Mr. McCallum. "I cautioned her about visiting Mrs. Bowers, as Mrs. Bowers was addicted to 'rushing the can,' and I did not want her to get into that kind of company. Well, you understand how a man would feel under the circumstances, when he was not around to look after her. She got lonely some one evening and called on them, and when Mr. Bowers got poisoned from eating the ham reported to have been dosed with strychnine, and Mrs. Bowers was also complaining, she went again."

Mrs. McCallum's Story.

"After Bowers came home one even-

ing and found O'Reilly there and became very angry he forbade his wife from having anything more to do with O'Reilly. This was the first time I called. He was doing some phlebotomy at Vallejo and was not expected to come home that night," said Mrs. McCallum. "But she met him on the outside, just the same, and they would go away somewhere and have a good time."

"Do you know that to be a fact?" "Yes, I do," replied Mrs. McCallum. "I'll tell you how I know they met on the outside. When I went down town one evening, who should I meet face to face but O'Reilly and Mrs. Bowers."

Threatened to Take Wife Away.

"After he found out that Mrs. Bowers was associating with O'Reilly, Bowers threw up his job at Vallejo and declared his intention of buying a farm somewhere in the state of Washington. Mrs. Bowers did not like that idea. She didn't want any farm in hers. Bowers was making \$25 to \$28 a week at the time.

"Along about this time visits from her sister, Mrs. Sutton, became more frequent, and after the ham episode they were together more than usual. Mrs. Bowers took her husband out of the hospital, where the doctor had sent him after the ham poisoning, before he was recovered, and brought him home. When Bowers was in bed one day after he was brought home, he said to me: 'I am poisoned; I guess I am done for this time.' I replied that I hoped not, and thought he would recover. I said that in order to encourage the man."

Doesn't Think Bowers Suspected.

"Did he suspect that his wife had poisoned the ham?" "No, I do not think he did," "Was Bowers fond of her?" "Yes, I think he was."

"And he knew at the same time that she was drinking and receiving visits from other men?" "Yes, he knew it, and I think that is the reason he wanted to get her away on a farm."

"She had plenty of money to spend, did she not?" "Yes, she did not lack money."

"Then why did she go out with other men?" Mrs. McCallum hesitated and studied the figures on the carpet a moment. Then she glanced at Mr. McCallum. He did not discourage a reply to the question.

"Well, she went for the fun of it," she replied.

Had Three Thousand Dollars in Bank.

"Did Mrs. Bowers ever tell you how much money they had in the bank?" "They had \$3,000, instead of \$2,500, as the papers said."

"What kind of a man is O'Reilly?" "He is a street-sweeper. I could not see anything in him for a woman to take a fancy to. He is not good-looking; he is what I would call a very common-looking man. Mrs. Bowers also seemed to be fond of her husband all the while."

"Were you acquainted with Mrs. Sutton?" "No, I never met her, although I have seen her."

"She kept a lodging-house on Eddy street, I believe."

O'Reilly in the House of Death.

John F. Scherer, who resides next to the Bowers home on Clementina street, said yesterday in San Francisco that on the morning after the death of Bowers he saw Mrs. Bowers come to her door and look up and down the street. Then she went back into the house, and a moment later O'Reilly came out of the house and ran rapidly around the corner and out of sight.

The San Francisco police continue to be very active in their investigation of the alleged poisoning. The two sisters, since the arrival of their attorney, W. T. Vaughn, from Portland, on his advice refuse to talk further about the case. He says he can prove that Mrs. Sutton never purchased arsenic at the drug store, and is confident of proving that neither Mrs. Bowers nor Mrs. Sutton is guilty of the poisoning of Martin L. Bowers.

Mrs. Elizabeth Byars, the widowed mother of Mrs. Bowers and Mrs. Sutton, is bowed down with grief under the present trouble that has come upon her. She expects to receive no information about the situation in San Francisco until the arrival of Attorney Vaughn. She does not look for him until next Saturday or Sunday.

Portland to O. N. G. Encampment at Gearhart Park and Return, on Saturday, September 5, for \$9.50.

The A. & C. R. R. will sell Saturday special excursion tickets from Portland to Gearhart and Seaside and return for \$2.50, good to return Sunday evening, and season excursion tickets from Portland to same points and return for \$4.00, good for return passage until October 15.

Train leaves Union Depot 8 a. m., daily and runs through direct without transfer, arriving at Gearhart 12:30 p. m., and Seaside 12:30 p. m.

Portland-Seaside Saturday afternoon ferry leaves Union Depot every Saturday at 2:30 p. m., reaching Gearhart 6:40 p. m., and Seaside 6:50 p. m., returning Sunday, leaving Seaside 5 p. m., Gearhart 5:10 p. m., and arrives Portland 6:40 p. m.

Tickets on sale 248 Alder street, and Union Depot.

STILL CLOSING THEM OUT

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AMERICA WINS ALL

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The course selected for today is 15 miles to windward and return.

Official Start.

A haze hung over the boats when the starting gun was fired. The official time of the start was: Reliance, 1:01:54; Shamrock, 1:00:20. The wind freshened, although it was a bit unsteady. The Reliance continued to draw away from the Shamrock, and half an hour after the start she was nearly an eighth of a mile in the lead. As on all previous races, the defender held her head higher and slipped along faster than the challenger.

At 2:25 o'clock p. m. the Reliance had a windward position half a mile in the lead and was outpacing and outpointing the Shamrock.

At 2:34 the Reliance was still increasing its lead.

Turns Outer Mark.

Bulletin, 3:00 o'clock: The Reliance turned the outer mark at 3:01, and the Shamrock two minutes later.

Reliance Flying Home.

Bulletin, 3:50: The Reliance is now flying home, with all sails set, about a mile and a half in the lead.

Chicago Man—Let's see. New York is the place you go through on your way to Brooklyn, is it not?

New Yorker—Oh no. New York is the place that goes through you on your way to Brooklyn.—Juda.

HIT BY ROBBERS.

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their way home. Holding the revolver in his hand Schultz noticed a highwayman following him across the Burnside street bridge. As Schultz and Gloss approached Union avenue they saw a second man standing in a shadow. He asked them if they knew of any saloon open in the vicinity, but as he saw the derring-do with which Schultz was armed he asked no more questions. Meanwhile the man in the rear kept following and after the intended victims passed on he joined the second.

Fearing that he would be robbed Gloss accompanied Schultz to the latter's home. When he was about to leave he saw the men waiting for him and so he remained at the Schultz house over night. Schultz lives at 11 East Sixth street north, while Gloss resides at 11 East Third street, south.

Gloss' dwelling was robbed Monday night and a suit of clothes belonging to Charles Gloss stolen but clothing belonging to Robert was not touched. The police were notified of this but did not make it public.

Schultz has been the victim of four attempts at robbery. Mistaking James Morrow for Schultz, Wade and Dalton murdered Morrow and were afterwards hanged for the crime.

Hit with a Sandbag.

With a heavily loaded sandbag John Gibson, a negro, attempted to rob John Heckman, who keeps a second-hand store at 61 Couch street, last night. After an exciting chase, the thief was caught and locked up on a charge of assault with intent to rob.

It was about 9 o'clock that Gibson walked into Heckman's place and ordered a quantity of clothing, a revolver and cartridges. The bill amounted to nearly \$20. Wade Gibson jingled some money in his pocket. Heckman turned to take down a coat. As he did so Gibson dealt him a terrific blow on the head with a sand bag, then snatched up the bundle of clothing on the counter and ran.

Heckman was dazed for only a minute by the blow and he started in pursuit. Standing on the corner he called loudly for help and as Gibson neared Third street he was caught by several passers-by. They held him until Patrolmen Baly and Gibson arrived. Some of the Heckman property was found in his possession, besides eight watch cases.

Detective Snow says that about a year ago Gibson entered Holman Bros' store at Third and Pine streets. While examining a revolver he dashed out and succeeded in making his escape, without paying for the weapon.

Thieves made a rich haul between 9 and 10 o'clock last night when they visited the home of I. J. Thompson, a painter residing at Ockley Green, a suburb of Portland.

During the absence of the family the burglars pried open a side window and at their leisure they ransacked the house. Things were turned topsy-turvy, and after a long search the intruders found \$35 which was hidden. Nothing else was stolen. The matter was reported to the police this morning.

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