

PORT OF PORTLAND TO BUY MORE LAND

FOR \$200 A SITE ON WHICH TO ERECT A POWERHOUSE WILL BE PURCHASED—LAND AND BUILDING TO COST \$2,000—MORE ABOUT HARBOR LINES.

By a motion yesterday afternoon, the Port of Portland commission decided to purchase additional land, adjoining the drydock site, on which to build a power house. Two lots valued at \$100 apiece were thought sufficient for the purpose.

Had the ground in question not been purchased, the commission would have been forced to drive piling on which to erect the building, as no land site was available. It was estimated that the cost of such a structure would amount to \$7,950, hence the decision to purchase the lots.

The annual tax levy was fixed at 1 1/4 mills on the general funds and 1 1/2 mills on the drydock fund. The usual monthly bills were allowed.

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, Dec. 11.—Arrived at 6 a. m. and left up at 11.—Steamer Columbia from San Francisco.

Arrived at 8:30 a. m.—Steamer Stanley Dollar from San Francisco.

Arrived at 10 a. m.—Steamer Vosburg from Tillamook.

Astoria, Dec. 11.—Condition of the bar at 3 a. m., moderate; wind east; weather cloudy.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Arrived—Schooner A. F. Coats from Columbia River.

Astoria, Dec. 10.—Sailed at 1:40 p. m.—Schooner North Bend for San Francisco.

Arrived—Steamer Elmore from Tillamook.

Arrived at 3 p. m.—Schooner Mabel Gale from San Francisco.

Arrived at 5 a. m. and sailed at 4 p. m.—Steamer Aberdeen for San Francisco.

Astoria, Dec. 11.—George W. Elder passed Point Reyes at 11 a. m. for Portland.

Astoria, Dec. 11.—Barkentine Echo sighted off lightship at 11 a. m.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 11.—The barkentine Addenda arrived down at 1 p. m. this afternoon.

CABLE REPAIRED.

The government cable from Ft. Stevens to Ft. Colburn has been repaired and the local weather bureau is again receiving good service with points at the mouth of the river. The cable was cut and otherwise badly damaged on November 30 by the schooner Howe dragging her anchor during a storm.

Since that date until the repairs were completed to the cable yesterday, the weather bureau has had very little communication with that section.

LIBELED FOR \$10,000.

The steamers Dode and Billingham, which collided with the steamer Flyer on Sunday, have been libeled in the United States court at Seattle for \$10,000. The collision occurred on the run between Tacoma and Seattle. The Flyer belongs to the Columbia River & Puget Sound Navigation company.

VESSELS BUILT IN NOVEMBER.

The bureau of navigation reports 99 vessels of 43,711 gross tons were built in the United States and officially numbered during November. Of these, 45 of 3,591 tons were sail and 41 of 32,120 tons were steam. The largest was the Pacific mail steamer Mongolia, 13,635 tons, built at Camden, N. J.

SHIP RELEASED ON BOND.

Balfour, Guthrie & Co. yesterday filed suit in the U. S. court against the Italian ship Nifra, to collect \$4,845 for damages to a cement cargo. The ship was released on \$10,000 bond. The owner of the ship is W. Joseph Moresca.

CAPTAIN RESIGNS.

E. Sullivan has resigned his position as captain of the steamer Hassalo in order to go into business for himself at Heppner. Captain Turner, formerly of the steamer T. J. Potter, has succeeded him on the Hassalo.

"STOCKING ROOM" FOR POLICE COURT

A "stocking room" is likely to be added to the accommodations of the municipal court. A "stocking room" is the newest improvement adopted by the eastern banks. It is for the convenience of women depositors who wish to avoid embarrassment in making change. The need for the improvement in the municipal court became apparent when Mrs. Peter Hobart, arrested under the name of Mrs. R. Strange, was fined \$10 for pelting her husband with brick-throwing in their home at First and Burnside streets.

Hobart testified that his wife demanded money of him. She had been drinking, he said, so he refused her. Upon this she attacked him.

"Well, if you want her, you can pay \$10 to get her out," said Judge Hogue. "Keep her," replied Mr. Hobart curtly and the spectators grinned.

"Much obliged, judge," said Mrs. Hobart.

There was a rustle of silk. The judge turned purple and motioned frantically to BAIRD GALT. GALT sprang toward the dock, rushed Mrs. Hobart into an ante room and turned his back. Mrs. Hobart appeared presently with a \$10 gold piece. It was a full minute after she had walked out of court before the judge recovered his composure and recently to order the next case called.

Rome, Dec. 11.—The congregation of the Propaganda met today and chose Father Hartley of Steubenville, Ohio, as bishop of Columbia. It is doubtful if the pope will ratify the appointment.

The "Different" Store. OLDS, WORTMAN & KING. FIFTH AND WASHINGTON STREETS. The Home of Quality and Worth.

The Christmas Work Is In Full Swing

We are exceeding last year's sales records by many thousands of dollars, yet, with our specially improved service we are in nowise taxed and can handle the immense business which our public has accorded us with punctuality and accuracy. In no other Portland store are people so safe and comfortable. This comfort embraces bodily freedom from annoyances and purse protection through the FAIR PRICES that have made this store famous.

WE CLOSE AT SIX O'CLOCK ON SATURDAY as every other day of the working week. We know of no good reason employees who have done a full day's work of an arduous character should be asked to continue their labors into the night, a hardship that is especially severe on the saleswomen whose homes are at some distance from the store; it is also unfair to ask customers to accept the services of overworked employees.

A Regular World's Fair Exhibition of DOLLS IN MILLINERY SALON—SECOND FLOOR. The greatest exposition of new dolls in the city. All the doll family are "at home" this week—thousands of 'em—every conceivable sort of doll that the makers of the world turn out.

IN OUR XMAS SHOE STORE. HOLIDAY SLIPPERS AT CLEARANCE SALE PRICES THIS WEEK. Men's black and tan Juliettes, with soft, flexible soles, full toes and Nullifier styles, usual \$1.75 values, this sale for \$1.35. Men's fancy House Slippers, with flexible soles, kid-lined to toe, all new patterns, patent band and counter, \$2.00 values, for \$1.48.

CORSETS AND PETTICOATS. Direct from the Royal Worcester Corset Factory, another large shipment of "Sapphires" came in. This is the Corset for style, health and comfort. The finest products of the famous Royal Worcester Company—in all sizes.

Special Sale of Holiday China. BUY NOW FOR THE CHRISTMAS TABLES—THIRD FLOOR CHINA SHOP. Single pieces decorated china. Olive Dishes, leaf-shaped, tinted and gold line, 20c; special, each \$1.00. Creamers, assorted, decorated and shapes, 25c; special, each \$1.25.

HOLIDAY HOSIERY (First Floor). For the Christmas trade we have purchased an immense line of Ladies' medium and high-grade Fancy Hosiery. For choosing of choicest designs we advise early selections. LADIES' SILK HOSE—All Silk Black Lace, All Silk Black Embroidered Boots; a beautiful line at \$4.90.

IN THE CHRISTMAS ART SHOP. Burned Leather Goods at very low prices, in pretty and striking designs. Cushion Covers in burned leather, leather applique fringed or nail head fastenings—Regular \$5.50 values at \$4.25; regular \$10.50 values at \$5.50.

Up in Toyland Park. A wonderfully attractive playground for the children and also wonderfully interesting to the grown-ups. It takes you back to childhood's days again to roam about the broad aisles that are surrounded on all sides, almost mountain-high, by thousands of the newest, latest novelties known to Toyland.

Wonderful Values for Book Buyers this Week. Portland's Newest, Best Book Shop, filled with only NEW Books. Annex—First Floor (Dress Goods Annex) 35c Books for 15c.

In the Man's Shop. What to Buy for "Him"—Hints. MEN'S NECKWEAR IN NEWEST SHAPES—Any price you wish to pay, 50c to \$6.50. All the latest patterns. Tecks for those who want a made-up Neckwear.

CHILDREN'S APRONS. Children's new Moffet Apron, made of the finest quality material, in fancy blue and white or red and white; style—similar to a little Mother Hubbard Dress; long sleeves, collar, band in back and large pearl buttons; sizes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 years; regular 60c values at \$4.00.

SPECIAL VALUES IN THINGS NEEDED ABOUT THE HOUSE. A GRAND HOLIDAY SALE THIS WEEK. Note the saving chances here on the Fourth floor, right next to the Toy Shop. Heavy satin piano value, this sale \$7.00. \$11.50 Table Covers, this sale \$6.00.