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### OLYMPIA WILL SAIL TODAY, BUT WHITHER

**Clears for Japan, and Yet Rumor Says Her Cargo is for Russians.**

**CARRIES A VALUABLE CARGO OF OREGON OATS**

**It is Said That There is No Army Anywhere Near Her Reported Destination.**

Early this morning the American steamship Olympia will sail for the east. She cleared at the custom house yesterday, with 148,547 bushels of oats valued at \$49,722 for Moki, Japan, for orders. It is generally presumed that she will make an attempt to deliver the cargo to the Russian army, it was supplied by Kari, Gifford & Co., and Balfour, Guthrie & Co.

The Olympia has been an enigma ever since her arrival from the Sound. Many of the shippers appear positive that she will proceed to Vladivostok, if not captured by the Japanese fleet.

Portland Japanese have been keeping a close watch on the steamer, and it is supposed that long ago they have cabled their countrymen their suspicions regarding her intentions. Her clearance and sailing dates have probably been forwarded, with all other data bearing upon the matter.

Officers of the vessel stated that the oats were for the Japanese army, but those who have been keeping a close touch with proceedings for the past few days have arrived at conclusions of their own. The question is asked, why is the steamer clearing for Moki for orders if it is the intention to deliver the oats to the army of the mikado? It is explained that no soldiers or horses are within many miles of that port, if the steamer is going to the Japanese government it is claimed that it would be taken to some other part of the country.

Two other steamers will be sent to Portland next month, and it is definitely known that they have been chartered to load for Vladivostok. They are the British steamships Stanley Dollar and Wyfield. It is not yet known just what sort of cargo they will take, but it probably consists of grain and beef. If the Olympia should be captured, it is possible that the cargoes of the other steamers will be canceled; should the Olympia be captured, the cargoes of the other steamers will be dispatched upon the perilous voyage.

### ARAGONIA IN RIVER.

**The Oriental Line, Two Days Overdue, Will Come Into Port This Morning.**

The oriental liner Aragonia is expected to reach port shortly after daylight this morning. She sailed from Yokohama for Portland on December 27, and is two days overdue. It is surmised that she met rough weather during the voyage. Upon reaching port the steamer will moor at the Montgomery dock, where her freight for eastern shipment will be discharged. She has a full cargo of far-eastern products, consisting of maiting tea, rice, Chinese groceries, curries, gunnies, etc., measuring in the neighborhood of 7,500 tons. Much of it is consigned to local merchants.

All of the Aragonia's space has been engaged for the outward trip. Among other freight she will carry one of the heaviest tobacco consignments ever sent to the orient from the Pacific coast. It will consist of 727 hogheads, 78 cars having been required to bring them from the eastern states. Nearly all of the wood was grown in Virginia and North Carolina, and will be sent to Japanese importers. Another big shipment of southern product will go out on the steamer. This is cotton, and it is made up of 4,000 bales. The balance of the cargo will consist of Oregon flour, excepting a miscellaneous assortment of

### INSPECTING STEAMERS.

**Rear Admiral Kempf Coming to See That Law is Complied With.**

Rear Admiral Kempf, acting under instructions from the department of commerce and labor, is expected to arrive in the city in a few days to make an inspection of the steamboats plying in local waters. He is now at San Francisco, where he has been engaged in similar work for the past six weeks. To ascertain if all of the vessels on the Pacific coast are properly equipped for saving life in case of accident is one of the chief reasons that the special inspector is now making a tour of the various districts. It is said that the steamboats plying on the Willamette and Columbia rivers are better equipped than are the craft in any other part of the United States, and consequently the admiral's men are not looking forward with fear and trembling to the coming visit of the distinguished gentleman from Washington, D. C.

### PRISONER IN ELEVATOR.

**Captain Weaver of the Olympia Spends Anxious Half Hour.**

If Captain Weaver, master of the American steamship Olympia, should be captured by the Japanese, prison life will not be new to him. He was a prisoner in a Japanese prison in this city yesterday afternoon for about half an hour. The skipper got in the elevator to go to the second floor of the building to clear his ship for the orient. There was a new man in the cage at the time who did not know how to operate the machinery. The captain was carried to a point about half way between the third and fourth floors, and the elevator stopped. It could not be made to go up or down for fully 20 minutes. Finally it was got on a level with the third floor, and Weaver stepped out and walked down stairs rather than take any further chances of losing his liberty for another half hour.

### CHILEAN TONNAGE TAX.

**Very Heavy Dues Charged That Will Affect Shipping in New Form.**

In a letter from Valparaiso, Captain Campbell of the British ship Kinross states that an extra tax on shipping visiting Chile has been in force since the latter part of July, the new rate being 45 cents Chilean gold per register ton for light dues, which, added to the 10 cents previously in force for hospital dues, makes a total of 55 cents Chilean per ton.

The Kinross had to pay about \$74 sterling at Valparaiso as a result of this increase, and will have to pay an equal amount at a nitrate port, having been at one port in 1902 and being chartered to load at another in 1903. This increased tax will in all probability affect the freight rate to Chile.

### ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

**Owing to the icy condition of the dock the work of loading the British ship Fairport with lumber at the North Pacific mill was suspended yesterday afternoon.** It is expected that the vessel will be ready to sail by January 22.

Steamer Columbia arrived last night from San Francisco with a cargo of general merchandise. The officers report a fine trip.

Steamer Aberdeen will not go to Gray's

### MARINE NOTES.

**Astoria, Jan. 14.—Arrived in at 8 a. m. and left up at 11 a. m. steamer Columbia from San Francisco.**

Arrived at 12:25 p. m. and left up at 4 p. m. steamer Alliance from Coos bay and Eureka.

Arrived at 1:15 p. m. German steamship Aragonia from Hongkong and way ports.

Arrived down at 3 p. m. and sailed at 4:25 p. m. steamship Argyle for San Francisco.

Arrived at 5 p. m. smooth, wind east, weather cloudy.

Outside at 5 p. m. 4-masted schooner. Left up at 5:10 p. m. steamship Aragonia.

Arrived down at 5:30, schooner Luxon.

### POSTAL BUSINESS GROWS RAPIDLY

**Money Orders Show Increase of About Forty Per Cent Over Previous Year.**

**FIGURES PLAINLY SHOW DEVELOPMENT OF CITY**

Portland's postal banking business made an enormous increase during the year 1902.

Over and above the regular postal revenue upon which the office is rated—stamp sales and box rental—there was handled in the local postoffice \$7,274,352.70 in the last 12 months. The same business for the year 1903 was but \$5,410,900, showing an increase of about 40 per cent for 1904.

### MONTANA'S BOTANICAL EXHIBIT WINS MEDAL

**(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)**

Bozeman, Mont., Jan. 14.—Word has just been received in Bozeman that the botanical collection prepared by Prof. W. Blankenship of the agricultural college for the St. Louis exposition has been awarded a gold medal. The collections were prepared under the authority of the world's fair commission. It was reported to represent the flora of Montana and included some 800 specimens. The collection will be forwarded to the Portland exposition and will eventually become the property of the state historical society to be the nucleus of a great state herbarium.

### PUTTING IT STRONG.

**But Doesn't It Look Reasonable?**

This may read as though we were putting it a little strong, because it is generally thought by the majority of people that Dyspepsia in its chronic form is incurable or practically so. But we have long since shown that Dyspepsia is curable, not in its such a difficult matter as it first appears.

The trouble with Dyspepsia is that they are continually dieting, starving themselves or eating the opposite of what is needed. They are continually eating the wrong things, and the result will be that the food will be digested in the stomach in a wholly inactive. To illustrate our meaning plainly, if you take 1,000 grains of meat, eggs or ordinary food and place it in a temperature of 35 degrees and put with it one of Stewart's Dyspepsia Tablets it will digest the meat or eggs almost as perfectly as if the meat was uncooked within the stomach.

The stomach may be ever so weak yet these tablets will perform the work of digestion and the body and brain will be properly nourished and at the same time a radical, lasting cure of Dyspepsia will be made because the much abused stomach will be given, to some extent, a much needed rest. Your druggist will tell you that of all the many remedies advertised to cure Dyspepsia none of them have given so complete and general satisfaction as Stewart's Dyspepsia Tablets, and not least in importance in these hard times is the fact that they are also the cheapest and give the most good for the least money.

### MATTER MAY HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED

**Investigating Committees Appear to Have Forgotten That They Were Appointed.**

**STUFFED PAYROLLS WERE TO BE EXAMINED**

**So Were Purchases of Supplies and the Care of City Property.**

Many questions are asked regarding the two council committees on investigation, one appointed to make an inquiry into the alleged stuffing of payrolls of the city engineer's office, and the other to investigate the purchasing of supplies and the care of city property. But little has been heard of their work and the people are showing anxiety as to what they are doing.

Neither committee has held any meetings. Since the resignation of City Engineer W. C. Elliott, against whom the inquiries were to be directed, the councilmen have apparently lost all interest in the investigations.

Soon after the committees were appointed, City Auditor Devlin was asked to furnish such evidence as he was able to furnish which would facilitate the work of the committees. He gathered the information at his disposal and turned it over to the committees.

Since receiving the information the committee to investigate the payrolls of the engineering department has done nothing. A. F. Fiegel, the chairman, says he has not had time to proceed with the inquiry but declares that he intends calling the committee together soon to go over the information.

There is an inclination on the part of several members of the council to push this investigation, as they do not feel very kindly toward A. M. Shannon, who was Elliott's chief office clerk, because Shannon challenged Councilman C. E. Rumelin's veracity during a quarrel over the payrolls between Shannon and Rumelin and Devlin. Shannon was credited with making statements admitting the stuffing of the payrolls, which he denied.

Mr. Rumelin has stated that he will demand the probing of the accusations made against the city engineer's department, in which Shannon is said to be implicated.

The committee to investigate the purchase of supplies and the care of city property has done but little. The members realize they have a large job on their hands. In order to go thoroughly into the purchase of supplies of the present city administration it will take a clerk six months to collect necessary information, according to Councilman Zimmerman, who is chairman of the committee.

Mr. Zimmerman states the committee has looked into the purchase of feed for the fire department and the street cleaning department and has found that the city has no cause for complaint. He claims that hay and grain of good quality are purchased as cheaply as they can be secured in Portland. He says he will investigate the purchase of hose for the fire department, after which the committee will report to the council. The property of the city is receiving good care, he says.

### SEATTLE'S WIRELESS STATION IS WORKING

**(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)**

Seattle, Jan. 14.—The first wireless telegraph station to be established in Seattle is in successful operation today and messages have been sent from this city to Port Townsend. The first message to be sent from Seattle to Port Townsend was dispatched by Collector Ide of the United States customs house and was of a personal nature.

The system is controlled by the Pacific Wireless Telegraph company and already stations are in working order at Port Townsend, Fort Casey, Friday Harbor, on San Juan Island and on board the revenue cutter Grant. It is planned by the company to extend the system to Alaska, Siberia and the orient. A station will be established at Cape Seal, near Flatley, from which an attempt will be made to dash messages to Dutch Harbor, a distance of 1,643 miles.

### SNOW DOESN'T STOP CARS.

**Snow had no perceptible influence whatever on the speed of the big Portland Heights electric motors.**

The present fall of snow is the first test of this character that has been given the heights line since it was opened, and Manager Fuller of the Portland Council dated station yesterday that the running time of the cars on this line had been better than before the snow fell. This means that such snow as falls here will have no effect on the interest of the hill climbers.

### WOULD SAVE STATE VERY LARGE SUM

**C. H. Sholes Offers to Do Legislature's Clerical Work at Great Reduction.**

**WOULD MAKE DIFFERENCE OF MANY THOUSANDS**

**Letters Received From Members Favor Plan, But Point to Opposing Statutes.**

C. H. Sholes, the court reporter and stenographer, has submitted a proposition to save the state of Oregon more than \$10,000 during the session of the legislature. He offered to do all the clerical and stenographic work of the assembly for \$2,250, furnish competent persons, all stationery excepting printed matter, desks and machines and to give personal supervision to carrying out the contract.

Mr. Sholes sent to every member of the legislature a letter in which he made the offer, showing that the cost of clerical work had averaged \$18,729.35 for the past three sessions, and that which state that the clerical hire now in regulated by statute, and that repeal of the law of 1903 would be necessary before his proposition could be accepted.

The offer of Mr. Sholes revives interest in the traditional abuse that has marked the Oregon legislature from the beginning of the state, and which has been exploited by numerous reform members of both houses. The offer is made in good faith, and it is said that acceptance does not hinge upon the question of responsibility on the part of Mr. Sholes, but that in considering it at Salem, members of the legislature have conceded that he is able to make good his promise and could give a bonus to insure it. At this time, it is not known what action will be taken, although probably the plan will be entered that it is too late to accept Mr. Sholes' proposition. The letter sent by him to members of the assembly follows:

"Dear Sir:—The 20th legislative assembly paid for clerk hire \$31,098.45.

"The 21st legislative assembly paid for clerk hire \$16,891.00.

"The 22d legislative assembly paid for clerk hire \$18,198.60.

"Average sum paid at each session, \$18,729.35.

"These amounts do not include stationery or rental of machines, as follows:

"I hereby propose and agree to do all of the clerical work of the legislative committees of the senate and house, throughout the session of 40 days, for the sum of \$2,250, and \$250 for each additional day; that I will employ competent and trustworthy stenographers and typewriter operators, and give their work my constant personal supervision; and will also furnish the necessary stationery (except printed matter), desks and machines, for the proper execution of said work.

"I unhesitatingly declare my ability to carry out to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, the proposition herewith submitted, and in the interest of economy and improved service, I respectfully solicit your support.

"A simple reply from the members is from one of the representatives, as follows:

"Replying to your favor of the 10th inst. I will say a law was passed in 1903 stating the number of clerks that should be hired, and also their compensation and the manner of their appointment. Under this law it would be impossible for us to employ any competent person, although at a salary of \$2,250, as you propose. It would be a great benefit to the state if we could employ a man to do this work at a price so low as you propose."

### BRADY REAPPOINTED BY ROOSEVELT

**U. S. Senate Confirms Nomination of Alaska's Chief Executive to Another Term.**

**(Journal Special Service.)**

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—The senate this afternoon confirmed the nomination of John Green Brady to be governor of Alaska. He was vigorously opposed by many Alaskan interests, but had made a good record, as a clean and able executive, and was reappointed by the president.

Brady was born in New York in 1840, and after being graduated from Yale and the Union Theological seminary established an industrial reform colony for New York slum boys in Texas, but on account of the lack of funds the project was abandoned. He went to Alaska in 1878 as a missionary and later became manager of the Hoke Trading Company. He was appointed governor in 1897, reappointed in 1900 and now has received his third appointment.

### ADAMANT DEWEY AS A CANDIDATE

**From the Saturday Evening Post.**

Admiral Dewey's peace of mind has been greatly disturbed lately by the nuisance of "lightweight automobiles," each carrying 30 or 40 people, which stop in front of his home three times a day in an effort to get a glimpse of the admiral and Mrs. Dewey. It is most annoying than the stare of 40 pairs of eyes is the witticism of the guide, who shouts through the megaphone in a voice that can be heard a block away: "The red house is your right—given by the American people to Admiral Dewey, who destroyed the Spanish fleet in Manila bay and came to Washington to be captured by a lone woman."

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