

**BOATS UNLACED FOR THE DOCTORS**  
Spencer, Potter, Gatzert and Undine Will Carry Delegates and All Try to Arrive First.

**FRIDAY EXCURSION TO BONNEVILLE THE TIME**  
Each Captain Confident He Will Win and Waterfront Experts Foretell Fast Voyage.

Four of Portland's crack river steamers, the T. J. Potter, Charles R. Spencer, Bailey Gatzert and Undine, have been chartered to carry the members of the American Medical Association to Bonneville and return on Friday. It is estimated that more than 2,000 people will take passage on them.

The steamers will leave the Ash street docks at 9 o'clock in the morning and they will probably reach Portland on the return trip at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The passenger accommodations on each of the vessels are: T. J. Potter, 600; Charles R. Spencer, 550; Bailey Gatzert, 550; and Undine, 525. As there has always been a dispute among the respective owners as to which is the fastest craft it is said that when they leave the dock for the run down the Willamette and up the Columbia the several captains will be instructed to do their best to settle the much mooted question.

**KEHANI RECHRISTENED.**  
Steamer Is Being Rebuilt and Repainted—Will Be Called the Ottawa.

The steamer Kehani, owned by the Oregon Round Lumber company, will soon be rechristened the Ottawa. Before the new name can be applied to her, however, it is necessary for the craft to be practically rebuilt in order to comply with the provisions of a navigation law. Mechanics are now busy converting her into a new boat. Her hull is also being painted a dark green color. It is said that it is being given this color with the expectation that it will not show the dirt so soon. The river is full of oil since the boats began burning liquid fuel, and it has been the means of a thick scum forming on the surface of the water. The hulls of the boats are soon darkened by coming in contact with it.

**LEONA IS STRENGTHENED.**  
La Center Steamer Has New Timber Guards Fitted at Supple Tarda.

To strengthen her guards by placing new timbers under them the steamer Leona, operated by La Center Transportation company, spent the greater part of yesterday afternoon at the Supple shipyards. The work was completed so that she was able to leave down in the evening for points on the Lewis river.

**Observation Boat Started.**  
Beginning tomorrow morning the yacht-launch Princess May will make three daily trips of 10 miles each, run up the Willamette nearly to Ross and, down the river to a point near the Portland flouring mill. She will be known as an "observation car."

**MUNYON'S WITCH HAZEL SOAP**  
Makes the skin soft as velvet. Improves any complexion. Best soap made. Cures most skin eruptions.

**ALONG THE WATERFRONT.**  
Captain F. Bosworth of Portland, Maine, George Taylor and a number of other Portland people went down to St. Johns this morning to inspect the drydock. Robert McIntosh, superintendent of the drydock, accompanied them and will show the visitors how the structure is manipulated.

In tow of the Oklahomas, the British bark Thistle and schooner Alvina left this morning from Astoria and will arrive late tonight. The Thistle is bringing about 1,200 tons of general cargo from England.

Laden with lumber, the schooner Endeavor will leave down tomorrow morning bound for San Pedro. This afternoon the German ship Niobe will complete her lumber cargo for the United Kingdom and will move out into the stream. She will leave for the sea about Saturday.

To complete her lumber cargo the British steamship Sandhurst will move from the Inman-Poulsen mill this afternoon to the Victoria, dolphing, where there is a greater depth of water. It is thought she will be able to finish Saturday; she will have on board nearly 3,500,000 feet of Oregon fir, which will be carried to Taku Bay.

**GALE LEFT ITS MARK.**  
Falls of Dee Damaged So That Estimates Regarding Are Needed.

Advices from the merchants' exchange this morning state that the British ship Falls of Dee, which was forced to put into Montevideo recently, badly damaged, will have to remain there 27 days undergoing repairs. It is estimated that the cost of this work will be \$2,000.

While bound from Hamburg for Portland the vessel encountered a terrific gale off Cape Horn and was forced to put back up the coast. Cablegrams received by "Wharton & Co." confirm the fact that a part of the rigging was carried away and the freight badly damaged. She will not reach here until late in the week. Her cargo was made up of cement.

**MARINE NOTES.**  
Astoria, July 12.—Left up at 3 a. m. British bark Thistle. Arrived down at 5:30 a. m. and sailed at 11:10 a. m. steamer P. A. Kilburn, for San Francisco and coast ports. Left up at 3 a. m. steamer Eureka, for Astoria.

**Many Ships Load Lumber.**  
Local shippers received word this morning that for the week ending June 24 the following ships were chartered to load lumber on Puget sound for foreign ports: Balicullah, for the west coast; Melanope, for Sydney; Landakona, for Delagoa Bay; Rosamond, for Sydney; Don, for the United Kingdom; Neenah, for the west coast; and Sandhouse, for Melbourne, Eureka, from Portland. Sailed during the night, steamer Cascade, for Portland.

**Leaves Gamecock on Beach.**  
Without having the Gamecock in tow, as it was expected she would have, the steamer Maria returned last night from the Cowitz. But the Gamecock is beached and it is said that temporary repairs have been made to her. The vessel was sunk a couple of weeks ago while she was going up the Clallam river after night by striking a snag. Had she not had other work the Maria would have remained another day or two, making an effort to get the damaged steamer out into deep water.

**Yacht Thistle Leaves.**  
At 3 o'clock this morning the steam yacht Thistle left down the river, bound for Victoria. Lord Dunsmuir and party that came here on the boat more than a week ago went home overland last night.

**Excursion Rates to Newport.**  
The Southern Pacific company has placed on sale at all Portland offices round trip tickets to Newport at rate of \$5, limited to October 15, 1906, and for \$3 Saturday to Monday tickets. Ample hotel accommodations at reasonable rates are provided at this popular resort.

**PLANNING TO REDUCE IRISH IN PARLIAMENT**  
(Journal Special Service.)  
London, July 12.—The government proposal for a redistribution of seats in the house of commons provides one member for every 45,000 of population, thereby abolishing the constituency having populations under that figure. The effect will be a gain of 17 seats in England, four seats in Scotland, one seat to Wales and a loss of 22 seats to Ireland. On a strict basis of population Ireland has now 43 members more than she is entitled to, and the redistribution scheme is regarded as being in the nature of a compromise. It will be fiercely opposed by Home Rulers and Liberals.

**RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS WANT CIVIL SERVICE**  
(Journal Special Service.)  
Milwaukee, Wis., July 12.—A movement to have the railway mail service placed with the general postoffice system under civil service rules was endorsed today by division No. 10, National Association of Railroad Postal Clerks, in annual session here. The association also adopted a resolution favoring the making of steel mail cars a part of the government requirements of the service, as numerous wrecks have shown the dangers to which the railway postal employees are subjected in wooden cars.

**PITIFUL PLEA BY MURDERER LAUTH**  
Man Sentenced to Be Hanged Tomorrow Realizes His Fate for the First Time.

**NO REGRET EXPRESSED BY SLAYER OF WOMAN**  
Asks Trial Judge McBride That He Incline Commutation of Sentence.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Oregon City, July 12.—Judge Thomas McBride of the circuit court has received a long and pitiful letter from George Lauth, who will be hanged at Salem tomorrow, for the murder of Mrs. Lenora B. Williams in Oregon City. For the first time since the crime was committed Lauth seems to have awakened to the situation. Heretofore he has always seemed indifferent to his fate. However, it is noticeable that neither in this letter to Judge McBride nor at any other time, has he ever expressed the slightest regret for his crime.

**OKLAHOMA DECLARES FOR SINGLE STATEHOOD**  
(Journal Special Service.)  
Oklahoma City, Okla., July 12.—There was a gratifying attendance today at the opening of the single statehood convention, representative men being present from all parts of Indian Territory and Oklahoma. The convention will memorialize congress to relieve Oklahoma and Indian Territory from any alliance with New Mexico and Arizona as proposed in the Hampton bill, and which it is believed will prevail in the new bill which will be introduced when congress convenes this fall.

**RARE SHAKESPEARE FIND IS OFFERED FOR SALE**  
(Journal Special Service.)  
London, July 12.—The announcement that the Shakespeare quarto of "Richard III." recently discovered in a little village in Buckinghamshire, was to be put up for sale attracted a great crowd of book collectors and dealers to Sotheby's today. It is expected that the work will be knocked down for not less than \$5,000 or \$6,000, and the prediction is made that it will ultimately find its way to America. The book is of particular interest to Americans, for the reason that it contains in five places the autograph of William Penn, the admiral, and father of the founder of Pennsylvania.

**SINGER RETIRES AFTER FORTY YEARS ON STAGE**  
(Journal Special Service.)  
London, July 12.—Covent Garden was well filled this afternoon on the occasion of the benefit performance for Miss Eastmester, the well-known singer, who, after a professional career of 40 years, has retired from the opera. The benefit was arranged by Mme. Melba, who had the cordial assistance of the Duchess of Portland, the Duchess of Sutherland, Sir Ernest Cassel, Mr. Alfred Rothschild, Mrs. Adair and other prominent society folk.

**NEW LINES OF PANAMAS**  
This morning we received 25 dozen Panamas—making the fourth shipment this season. The values that have been obtained by this great clothing house are seventy-five per cent better than those offered a year ago at the same prices.  
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**QUARTER MILLENNIAL OBSERVED IN GROTON**  
(Journal Special Service.)  
Groton, Mass., July 12.—Groton's quarter-millennial celebration, for which preparations have been in progress for nearly a year, took place today and it proved a red-letter day in the history of the old town. The literary exercises took place this morning in the First Parish church, the historical address being delivered by the Hon. Samuel A. Green of Boston. Afterwards dinner was served in a large tent and there were speeches by several prominent citizens and sons of Groton.

**ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 12.—**The annual meeting of the supreme rulers of the Fraternal Mystic Circle began here today with headquarters at the Grand Atlantic hotel. The reports of Supreme Mystic Ruler F. H. Duckwitz of Philadelphia and of the other officers show that the order now has a membership aggregating 15,000, and that the benevolence disbursed since its organization approach \$2,000,000.

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