

WILL CARRY BIG FIR CARGO

Miltonburn to Take Two Million Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Feet.

ONE OF LARGEST CARGOES TAKEN BY SAILING SHIP

Ordinary Square-Rigger Does Not Load More Than a Million and a Half—Chartered for the United Kingdom.

Balfour, Guthrie & Co. will load the British ship Miltonburn, which arrived last night from Santa Rosalia, with one of the largest lumber cargoes ever taken out of Portland by a sailing vessel. It will amount to almost as great a quantity as is carried by the big tramp steamships which have been built to engage in that particular line of trade. The ordinary-sized lumber cargo for a square-rigger does not comprise more than 1,500,000 feet.

The Miltonburn is in command of Captain Benson, who reports that the passage up the coast from Santa Rosalia was uneventful. She was 28 days completing the trip and had to remain off the bar the entire period, a week waiting for favorable weather. The vessel is anchored in the stream, but will shift alongside of a dock in a day or two to discharge her ballast. She is under charter to go to the United Kingdom.

Accompanying the Miltonburn up the river last night was the British ship St. Mungo, Captain Buchanan, which came from Guyanas in ballast after a passage of 36 days. She is under charter to the Northwest Warehousemen's Association, which took the latter part of the week. She will be sent to Queenstown or Falmouth for orders. Two more ships have reached Astoria and probably will leave up this afternoon.

CONTEST IS CLOSE.

Portland May Lead as Wheat Shipping Port at End of Calendar Year.

Honors as a wheat shipping center for the calendar year which ends December 31, 1905, apparently will be about evenly distributed among Portland, Puget sound and Galveston. Statistics just compiled by the department of commerce and labor show that on December 1st the sound districts comprising the combined shipments from Tacoma and Seattle was slightly at the head of the column, having exported 2,497,866 bushels for the 12 months. Portland comes next with a shipment of 2,220,232 bushels and Galveston third with 2,190,000.

So far in December Portland has made a splendid showing, having dispatched a number of big cargoes, and it is believed that she stands a fine show to win. Before the first of the year half a dozen sailing vessels and several steamers will clear with part cargoes of wheat for foreign ports.

At the end of October Portland was in the lead. Although 3,026 bushels of wheat was exported from here during November the sound made even a better showing by sending 1,478,300 bushels across the seas in November. San Francisco shipping only 288 bushels.

In the exports of flour for the past 11 months New York is at the head of the list with a shipment of 2,313,226 barrels, as against 1,630,888 barrels sent from the sound and 816,081 from Portland.

TO SELL TOLEDO.

United States Court Issues Decree for Sale of Well-Known Steamer.

A decree for the sale of the steamer Toledo, which formed a pillar between Portland and Grays Harbor, was issued this morning in the United States court. The craft belongs to Pay brothers of Eureka. She is practically new. For the last three months she has been lying idle at the foot of Jefferson street. The sale is set for December 28.

COAL FROM COOS.

Steamer Alliance Brings First Cargo of This Season.

Fifty tons of coal were among the shipments brought from Coos Bay on the steamer Alliance which arrived yesterday from Eureka and way ports. This is the first shipment of coal from the Coos Bay mines this season, nearly all being sent to San Francisco. Lumber and shingles formed the remainder of the Alliance's cargo. The steamer is scheduled to sail on the return trip tomorrow night.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

A reward of \$50 has been offered for the capture of Hsu On, a Chinese stoker, who escaped late Saturday night from the British steamship Croydon. Hsu On was the second Chinaman to get ashore this season without complying with the immigration laws.

While assisting in the work of loading the oriental liner Arabic yesterday, Martin Hale, a longshoreman, was struck on the head by a sack of flour and seriously injured. He was working in the hold when the flour bounced out of the chute and fell on him.

The Simpson Lumber company has chartered the schooner Churchill to load lumber at Portland for Manila. She has a carrying capacity of 900,000 feet.

For the second time in the past three months the steamer Bailey Gatzert has been placed on the drydock for repairs. After the holes which were made by her striking on a rock the other day have been patched up, she will be back on the run between here and The Dalles.

Captain O. W. Hosford and Frank J. Smith are making a trip up the Columbia and Snake rivers on the Mountain Gem. It is said that Captain Hosford may put a boat in service up that way.

The American ship C. F. Sargent has been moved to an anchorage at the foot of East Oak street, where the repairs will be completed.

The afternoon the steamship Arabia will move to the Alaska dock, where the balance of the freight brought from the Orient will be discharged.

It is planned to move the British ship Eskasoni this afternoon from the Pine street to the Oregon & California dock.

With the usual amount of cargo the steamer Costa Rica arrived last night from San Francisco. She is scheduled to sail tomorrow night.

The steamer Argyll sailed in ballast yesterday for Port Harford.

Major S. W. Roessler left for San Francisco this morning to attend a meeting of the examining board, of which he is a member. The members of the board will look over the list of

SHORT TALKS ON LIFE INSURANCE

There is probably no subject in which there is so widespread interest at the present time as Life Insurance. Everything concerning this life topic is eagerly read just now—not is it to be wondered at, for the people invested \$278,131,000 in premiums with the American life insurance companies in 1904. These companies have 1,200,441 policies outstanding. It is because of this extensive interest and because we believe there is a keen desire for dependable information on this subject that it has been determined to publish a series of short talks in Life Insurance, of which this is No. 1, and knowing as we do that the better our readers understand the subject the more certain will be their desire for Northwestern Mutual policies.

That the public is taking life insurance in large amounts and with increasing discernment is evidenced by the fact that the Northwestern Mutual has issued \$3,500,000 new insurance during the first 11 months of 1905, which is an increase of \$17,500,000 over the corresponding period of 1904. A large proportion of our applications for new insurance come from men already insured in this company and who are prompted to increase the lines because of satisfaction with former policies.

To illustrate we take a case just at hand: On Saturday last we received an application for \$15,000 from a Portland man. This is the second policy he has taken with us this year. Previous to this he took policies in this company in 1882, 1891, 1900 and 1902, six in all, and all of them still in force.

“We like” will demonstrate why the public is so increasingly placing its confidence in the Northwestern and why “policy-holders are satisfied.” S. T. Lockwood & Son, general agents Northwestern Mutual Life, Concord Building, Portland, Oregon.

United States engineers with the view of promoting those deserving a steam pavior will be inspected at Astoria by United States Inspectors Edwards and Fuller.

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, Dec. 18.—Arrived down at 2 a. m.—Steamer Day Mitchell. Arrived down at 5:30 a. m.—Steamer Senator. Arrived down at 4:45 p. m.—Steamer Argyll. Arrived down at 9:40 a. m.—Schooner Oakland. Left up at noon—French bark Michelet and Russian bark Isabel Brown.

San Pedro, Dec. 18.—Arrived—Schooner Mabel Gale, from Portland.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Arrived at 10 a. m.—Steamer Homer, from Portland.

Astoria, Dec. 17.—Arrived down at 7 a. m. and sailed at 4:15 p. m.—Steamer Aurora, for San Francisco, and South Bay, for San Diego. Sailed at 4:15 p. m.—Steamer Cascade, for San Francisco. Arrived at 8:50 a. m. and left up at 11 a. m.—Steamer Costa Rica, from San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Sailed at 8 a. m.—Steamer Bee, for Portland.

Port Los Angeles, Dec. 18.—Arrived—Schooner F. S. Redfield, from Columbia river.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Steamer Columbus sailed for Portland at 11:30 a. m.—Astoria, Dec. 18.—Condition of the bar at 8 a. m., rough; wind southwest; weather cloudy.

GREAT FALLING OFF IN PETROLEUM PRODUCTION

(Journal Special Service.)

Paris, Dec. 18.—According to statements published by the Commercial Geographical Society of Paris the world's production of petroleum last year was divided as follows: United States, 16,000,000 tons; Russia, 10,000,000; Sumatra, Java and Borneo, 1,000,000; Roumania, 496,000; the East Indies, 404,000; all others, 350,000. Astonishment is felt in regard to Roumania's rapid increase from an insignificant position to one which, if it goes on increasing, will enable it to compete with Russia. The Russian papers are somewhat surprised at the presence of a rival so near their borders. The production of 1904 was more than 3,000,000 tons larger than that of 1903. The yield of 1905, because of the terrible losses in Russia, will hardly reach that of 1903. It would not be surprising if the figures should show it much less than 1904, and perhaps not decide. The effect on the petroleum markets will be felt in many parts of the world, for petroleum has long been regarded even by remote regions as a necessity.

DENIES CHANGE OF VENUE.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Corvallis, Or., Dec. 18.—In the case of the Corvallis clubmen, who petitioned for a change of venue, Judge Harris this morning refused to grant the change and a jury is being empaneled to try the cases in the Benton county court this week. These are the liquor cases that have created considerable attention here of late.

MRS. TARTER IN CHICAGO.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Dec. 18.—Grace Tarter and her son arrived here Sunday and are visiting her sister, Mrs. Shield, in Highland Park.

CALIFORNIA BANKERS' MEET.

(Journal Special Service.) San Jose, Calif., Dec. 18.—The executive council of the State Bankers' association has called the next meeting for Santa Barbara, May 17, 18 and 19.

ARGYLL CALIF POWERS CASE.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Caleb Powers' case has been set for argument January 15.

VERY Cheap Prices China Crockery Dolls Glassware Christmas Holiday Goods COME EARLY See Our Tempting Prices Great American Importing Co. 222 First St. 831 Washington St. Portland.

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ONLY SEVEN DAY LEFT
DON'T MISS IT

A RECORD-BREAKING SALE

This is the store for real bargains because however low our prices may be, quality of the goods is there with it.

DOOMED SALE

PRICES CUT TO THE ROOTS
ALL NEW GOODS

ONLY 7 DAYS LEFT OF **F. LIEBER & CO.** THIS DOOMED SALE

MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED	Suits	Overcoats	Suits	Overcoats	Suits	Overcoats	THE ENTIRE STOCK MUST GO
	Worth \$12.50 and \$10 NOW	Worth \$9.50 to \$11.75 NOW	Worth \$15 and \$17.50 NOW	Worth \$14 and \$16 NOW	Worth \$20 and \$30 NOW	Worth \$20 to \$25 NOW	
	\$5.63	\$4.27	\$7.98	\$7.63	\$9.98	\$9.04	
	These Suits we sold for \$12.50 and \$10 and they are big values at that, but our stock must go. Only seven days left of this Doomed Sale. They're yours for	These consist of Blue and Black Kerseys and Thibets. They come in long belt or box coat. Come quick, they will not last long	Silk and satin panel lined. These suits we sold for \$15 and \$17.50 but we are determined to sell out by next Saturday. Come quick, take your pick	Beautiful long fancy Cheviot Overcoats, all wool and nicely lined, biggest bargains on earth; goods must go. Come take a look.	How to describe these would be very hard as there are thousands to pick from, consisting of fancy worsteds, cheviots, imported meltons, Thibets, etc. Come take your pick, but come quick	Well, how is this? We have these in great quantities and they must go. This price will move them. Nobby, up-to-date Overcoats, all the latest style; worth \$20 to \$25. They're yours for	
	\$5.63	\$4.27	\$7.98	\$7.63	\$9.98	\$9.04	

F. LIEBER & CO. OF DENVER, 128 FIFTH STREET

Furnishings	EXTRA SPECIAL ON BIG SPECIALS	\$2 and \$1.50 Pants	\$9.00, \$8.00 AND \$7.50 Boys' O'coats	On Our Second Floor	Small Things
		Extra Special, Men's \$2 Pants. Doomed Price .88¢	Will be sold for 49¢	Will go for \$2.19. These are all wool long and short coats; lots to choose from, all sizes. Come early—Second Floor	Fancy Sox. Doomed Price .1¢
		Extra Special, Men's \$2.50 Pants. Doomed Price \$1.23	These are Ties we bought to sell for \$2 and \$1.50 and they are in beautiful boxes.	\$5.00 SILK VESTS WILL GO FOR \$1.13	Towels. Doomed Price .4¢
		Extra Special, Men's \$2.75 Pants. Doomed Price \$1.43	Make a splendid Xmas gift. Come early—Second Floor	2.00 Solid silver trimmed Silk Suspenders. Doomed Price .48¢	Heavy Wool Sox. Doomed Price .12¢
		Initial Silk Handkerchiefs; regular price 50c. Doomed Price 14¢	Thousands of pairs to select from—all sizes, for the big, short or slim man.	49¢	Working Shirts. Doomed Price .19¢
		Extra Special, Men's \$3.50 Pants. Doomed Price \$1.78	Visit our Second Floor. There are thousands of bargains to select from. Come where the crowds go. Remember the Toys given away free with every 50¢ purchase. Come get some of our Dressed Dolls, Mechanical Toys, Roundabouts and Musical Carts.	11c	Black and Tan Hose. Doomed Price .5¢
		Men's large linen Handkerchiefs; regular 25¢ kind. Doomed Price ... 7¢	Boys' Knee Pants Suits, Reefers and Overcoats, at the choice for \$5.75		Caps, Men's or Boys'. Doomed Price .15¢
		500 Pairs Suspenders; worth 25¢ to \$1. Doomed Price ... 5¢	This offering consists of Norfolk, Double Breasted, Sailor, Blouse, Russian and Three-Piece Suits; Storm and Box Reefers, Long, Short, Box and Russian Overcoats for boys from 2½ to 17 years of age.		Heavy Suspenders. Doomed Price .18¢
			Boys' \$8.80 and \$7.50 Knee Pants Suits, Reefers and Overcoats, at a choice for \$3.95		Sweaters. Doomed Price .38¢
			These include all the styles enumerated above, in the \$8.80 and \$7.50 grades, and in sizes 2½ to 16 years.		
			Boys' \$5 Reefers, Knee Pants Suits and Overcoats, at the choice for \$2.95		
			All the styles known to fashion are included in this offering. In sizes 2½ to 16 years. All of our new famous \$5 grade of Suits, Reefers and Overcoats. Not a single style excepted or reserved.		
			Boys' \$3.50 Reefers, Knee Pants Suits and Overcoats, at the choice for \$1.50		
			The Suits come in both double breasted and Norfolk styles, in sizes 3 to 15.		
			Reefers are made with box and storm collars; sizes 3 to 15.		
			The Overcoats are cut in Russian style, for little lads 2½ to 8 years.		

Suits & Overcoats

Youths' \$16.50 and \$18 Suits and Overcoats, at the choice for \$10.75

This offering includes all the styles in both Suits and Overcoats in vogue. For the younger