

## TOWN TOPICS

### THE GREAT FAT TURKES

**Employees of Regulator Line With Families Have Holiday and Feast at Company's Expense**

SINGLE MEN FIND NOTHING BUT WORK

They Are Needed to Man the River Craft and Threaten to Visit the Marriage License Office En Masse Before Another Holiday.

Fifty married men in the employ of the Regulator line are eating turkey today at the expense of the company, each of them having been presented with the finest bird that could be procured in the market. The boats are being operated by the employees who have no families. All of these latter threaten to get married before another Christmas occurs, so that they may also get a full holiday at home as well as a turkey.

All of the boats of the Shaver Transportation company's fleet got in early last night and are tied up at their docks this morning. These are the Samuel Dixon, No Wonder and M. P. Henderson and not a sign of life could be seen on them this morning, as the officers and members of the crews are at home. Jacob Kamm was given a handsome Christmas present yesterday afternoon by the officers of the boats and agents in his employ. It consists of a loving-cup of solid silver, engraved on it are the following words:

"A token of esteem to Jacob Kamm from the employees of the Vancouver and Lewis River Transportation company, December 23, 1906."

Mr. Kamm said this morning that he appreciates very deeply the kindness of the donors. The majority of them have been in his employ from 10 to 20 years. There is not a man in the harbor at which any work is being done. Some of the sailors are ashore and others are spending the day on board, being accorded the privilege of going and coming to suit the whims of their fancy. This afternoon the big international boat race will be pulled off and is being looked forward to with a great deal of interest. It is probable that fully a dozen crews will take part in the contest, representing at least five different countries. The race can be witnessed with advantage from the hotel. Many spectators will go down to that point on the steamer Undine.

**FLEES WITH BOAT.**

Officer of Fox Takes Craft From Custody of the Watchman and Misses It.

When the watchman was gossiping with the dock employes Saturday, instead of keeping watch on board the steamer Fox, which had been ordered tied up until a certain alleged debt had been paid, John Reed, the owner of the vessel, got on the craft and sailed away. He took her to Rainier and then came back to Portland. When asked about his escapade this morning the captain said:

"The fox will not be brought back to Portland, I mean take her to the upper Columbia river and place her in commission. I took her away just in order to save paying the watchman \$4 a day for doing nothing. Any lawyer who understands his business will readily admit that I was justified in my action. A few people in Portland are trying to persecute me. As soon as I had taken the boat to Rainier, I knew I was safe. I know she would be all right I returned to Portland. That I have not been arrested since my return is sufficient proof that I have not done anything wrong."

Captain Reed would not say at what point he had left his boat, but others who were down the river yesterday saw her at Rainier. The skipper is very indignant over his arrest last Friday and threatens a lawsuit.

**ALONG THE WATERFRONT.**

In tow of the Ocklaha the schooners Beulah and Forest Home will reach port this afternoon from the mouth of the Lewis. They will load lumber for California ports.

The steamer Altona will go out on the Lewis river this afternoon in place of the Altona, which will be laid up for a few days to have her shaft repaired.

The fleet in the harbor was increased this morning by the arrival of the French bark Asie from Hobart, Tasmania. She dropped anchor in the stream below the Albina ferry line. The Asie has been on the voyage for more than three months. She was here about four years ago and still long be remembered by local mariners from the fact that she turned turtle in the harbor and was badly damaged.

Late this afternoon the steamer Senator will arrive from San Francisco, having reached Astoria this morning. She gained considerable notoriety on her last trip down the coast by plowing through the heaviest seas that have occurred this season.

**MARINE NOTES.**

Astoria, Dec. 25.—Condition of the bar at 8 a. m. obscured; wind south, 10-15 m.; weather foggy, with rain.

Arrived at 9 a. m. and left up at 10:40 a. m., steamer Senator, from San Francisco. Arrived down at 10:15 a. m. British bark Owens. Left up at 12:30 p. m., schooners Forest Home and Beulah.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Arrived at 11 noon, steamer Costa Rica, from Portland. Arrived at midnight, steamer Northland and Redondo, from Portland.

**Where to Dine.**

Best Christmas Dinner. Popular prices complete. 238 Washington street, Strause's Restaurant.

**Milwaukee Country Club.**

Eastern and Seattle races. Take Bellwood and Oregon City cars at First and Alder.

**Sons of Revolution.**

The Oregon society of the Sons of the American Revolution are arranging for a banquet on January 17 in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin. While the Sons assume the responsibility, they propose to invite all the admirers of the great philosopher and patriot to join with them in a patriotic symposium. A number of first-class postprandial orators have been secured to enliven the occasion.

## THE GREAT HALEKULA HOUSE OF THE SUN, ON MANA. THIS IS ONE OF THE MANY DIFFERENT SIGHTS THE JOURNAL PARTY WILL SEE.



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## DRUNKEN BRAWL COOLIE LABOR IS COUNCIL INQUIRY IS SERIOUS NOT WANTED TOMORROW

**John Delino Stabbed Six Times and May Die—Guilty Man. Still at Liberty.**

**Dr. Titzer Returns From Immigration Conference and Says Certain City Hall Patriots Would Rather Drop It but Don't See How.**

**HAPPINESS OF SEASON IS SOMEWHAT MARRED Had Been Hoped Civil Service Force Was Concluded, but One More Act Will Be Played Tomorrow—After Bruin.**

Dr. Titzer returns from an immigration conference held in New York, where he represented the laboring men of the coast. He reports that the immigration of Chinese coolies is being seriously considered by the United States government. He says that the immigration of Chinese coolies is being seriously considered by the United States government. He says that the immigration of Chinese coolies is being seriously considered by the United States government.

**CELL DOORS OPENED FOR MANY OFFENDERS**

Twenty-three city prisoners were released from custody this morning. Their offenses were forgiven and they were permitted to go. They were released from custody this morning. Their offenses were forgiven and they were permitted to go.

## COUNCILMAN LINE FOR HIGH TAX

**Despite Protest of Many Citizens, Mayor and Assessor, Big Burden is Probable.**

**LANE'S VETO MAY DEFEAT EXTRAVAGANCE**

**There May Not Be Enough Aldermen in Favor of Five and a Half Mill Levy to Pass It Over the Veto.**

Indications point to a victory in the city council tomorrow afternoon for the adherents of a high tax for 1908, in spite of the recommendations of Mayor Lane and County Assessor Siger and the protest of the taxpayers of the city. At least six voters are pledged to support the minority report of the ways and means committee, recommending a 5.5-mill levy, against five votes for the majority report, recommending a 4.5-mill levy. This will leave four doubtful votes to be divided between the two factions, and it has been said that the majority of these will be cast for a 5.5-mill levy.

**HEBREWS CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF LIGHTS**

Jewish congregations of Portland celebrated Chanukkah, or the feast of lights, last night in their temples. Appropriate exercises were rendered by the children. One of the most striking features of the ceremonies was the kindling of the lights.

**Marquam Grand Theatre**

A MERRY XMAS TO ALL. TWO PERFORMANCES TODAY.

Matinee 2:15 o'clock.	Tonight 8:15 o'clock.
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**Belasco Theatre**

RELAECO & MAYER. PROPS. 14th and Wash. Sts. E. L. Sackett, Res. Mgr.

**Christmas Matinee Today**

TONIGHT—ALL WEEK.

**"Blue Jeans"**

JOSEPH ARTHUR'S GREAT DRAMA.

**Lyric Theatre**

"THE HOUSE OF SUCCESS"

A Sensational Drama in Four Acts.

**"All For Gold"**

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MILTON W. SEAMAN, Manager.

**SPECIAL MATINEE TODAY 2:15**

Tonight—All week.  
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### STAR

**THEATRE**

Week of Dec. 28, 29, 30, 31. Prices—Night, 20c to 75c; mats, 15c to 50c.

### PANTAGES FOURTH & STARK

**GREAT CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS.**

Fine Astoria, supported by Theo. Glucks and the company.

**Lyric Theatre**

**"All For Gold"**