Commercial Bodies' Committee Has Under Negotiation Also Two Steam Schooners.

KILBURN MIGHT HANDLE PASSENGER BUSINESS

Could Also Take Some Freight-Is but Two Years Old, and Is Fast Boat-Schooner Would Take Care of Bulk of Freight.

The steamship Kilburn and two steam The steamship kilburn and two steams schooners are under negotiation today by the Alaska committee of the Portland commercial bodies. It is said the Kilburn is particularly adapted to the far north trade, as it has speed and is not too large. The Kilburn, it is said, might take care of the passenger business and some freight and the steam schooners handle the heavy freight business.

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them did not note the rig of the vessels and consequently are not in a socition to give the exact number of the deepwater craft. Just a note was made of each vessel which passed through and the length of time the draw had to stand open. It seldom required more than seven minutes for traffic across the bridge to resume after the bell sounded for the draw to be opened.

Excepting foot passengers, all of the travel across the steel bridge next week will be thrown to the Burnside structure. Blds for the repair of, the upper deck of the former will be opened on Saturday. New planking will be laid and the old streetcar rails will be replaced with heavier ones.

It is estimated that fully 160 care will then cross the Burnside street bridge every hour during the day. That will mean three every minute, and the tenders say they are going to have to employ every precaution in order to keep traffic from getting blocked. The team travel there will also be about doubled until the repairs to the bridge have been completed. Some trouble is anticipated in keeping the draws open

CAPITAL CITY COMING.

While there have been a large number of Columbia river boats sent to Puget sound for service, the fleet coming from the north to ply in local waters is rather small. River men say that with the coming of the Capital City, recently purchased by the Regulator line four craft brought from the sound to Portland will comprise the sniire fleet. The others are the Balley Gatzert, Telegraph and Julia, the latter having been out of service for many years.

Thirteen vessels, however, built at Portland have been sent to Scattle and Tacoma and placed in commission. These are the City of Quincy, Multinomah, T. J. Potter, Emma Hayward, Hassale, Mountain Queen, Washington, Fiyer, Grey Hound, Athlon, Reliance, Elizs Anderson and Fleetwood. Some of them, notably the T. J. Potter, Hassale and Emma Hayward, subsequently returned from the north and ran on the Willamette and Columbia rivers. It is also claimed that the speediest boats on the sound were built at Portland. One of them, the Fiyer, holds the record for speed. The Eliza Anderson was wrecked in Alaskas waters during the Klondike rush. She was a side-wheeler.

The Capital City is expected to reach port the first of the week. She is of about the same size as the Telegraph one of the other Puget sound-built boats, which came to Portland last summer.

COLWELL SOLD.

Use in Towing Trade.

Babbidge & Matheson have bought the steamer Colwell from the Miller Sund & Seining company of Astoria and will place her in service towing logs to Portland with the Resolute. She is of about the same size as the latter. Her first trip since changing ownership will be made today to the Lewis river, where she will pick up a log raft and bring it to Portland. Later the owners are expecting to place the Colwell on the upper Columbia, doing a general jobbing trade with the railroad camps. She is equipped with powerful machinery and it is thought that she can easily stem the rapids. Few small boats have been able to get through the rapids below Cascade locks.

Watching the Chicks Hatching. That's what the crowds are doing in front of the Pacific Mail Order company's store today at 205 First street. A Petaluma incubator is again making good its claim to the gold medal awarded it at the Lewis and Clark fair.

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Officers of Vessel Say They Heard Nothing in Hongkong Regarding an Uprising in China Against American Missionaries.

Members of the Chinese crew on the oriental liner Numantia had a narrow the steamer was bound from Portiano to the far east. The big freighter ar-rived this morning at 9:20 o'clock on the return trip and the officers bring a re-

When within about 10 days of roxo-hams one of the fiercest gales that blow began to rage. At about midnight it reached its highest stage. Mammoth seas swept over the deck constantly. One of the waves crashed in all of the windows to the forecastle and the quar-ters of the crew were soon flooded.

TOWS THREE VESSELS.

Three deep water craft are being brought up the river from Astoria by the Harvest Queen. It is the first time that such a feat was ever tried by any of the local tugs. The vessels in tow are the harkentine Koko Head and schooners Annie Campbell and William Bowden. The quartet left Astoria at 8 o'clock and is expected to reach Portland at daylight tomorrow morning.

Shippers are taking a great deal of interest in the event and say that if it should prove successful the innovation is likely to become an every-day occurrence. If three vessels can be towed just as easily as two it means that commerce will be greatly facilitated. It will also be equivalent to the addition of another tug to the fleet which has been rendering the service for years past. There is a moderately strong current at present. So if the trip up stream can be completed without difficulty now it is applained that it can be done at almost any season of the year. It is supposed that the two schooners are made fast to one and the barkentins to the other side of the Queen. With all of them abreast their combined width will reach close to 170 feet, including the intervening space between them.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The 2-year-old daughter of Captain Wicks, master of the American schooner Eric, died at the North Pacific sanitarium yesterday after a brief iliness.

A message to the officials of the Regulator, line states that the steamer Capital City left Tacoms yesterday afternoon for Portland. She will be taken in charge at Neah bay by a tog. If the weather conditions are favorable she is expected to reach here by Sunday.

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Laden with lumber for Manila the British ship Falls of Dee has moved out into the stream and will probably leave for the sea tomorrow.

Advices from the Snake state that the river rose 15 inches at Riparia during the recent rain, now standing at 6.3 feet above the low water mark.

The steamer Alliance is scheduled to sail tonight for Eureka and way ports. She will take out 700 tons of freight and about 50 passengers. Since being overhauled the officers are expecting her to make a fine showing.

Big gangs of longshoremen are employed in the work of loading the steamship liford and ship Miltonburn.

GRAVITY HELPS.

of Men in Unline and Does Work of Men in Unloading Sand.

The power of gravity has been brought into play at the Ankeny street lock and made to do fully as much work as a dozen men in handling sand and graval. A platform has been built

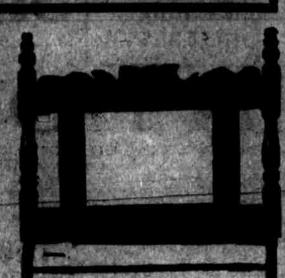
distance of some 15 to 16 feet. At outer edge of this platform sugges car of several tone casacity. On river is a barge of sand and gray shovels operated with hossing manh ery soon fill the car. When it is less the brakes are released and the glides down the incline. When reaches the desired point the brakes set and it is brought to full stop at desired point. A door is epaned front of the ear and muterial is duminto a large receptacle built for it. Until within the last day or two with wheelberrows had to do the w now performed by the car and the of gravitation. It is said that the arrangement works to perfection, are big saving will be effected. The chase been leased by the C. J. Cook of pany, who introduced the innovation

MARINE NOTES.

conspired against all the people in those states, and who yet remain at large. A crime against liberty is far worse than a crime against life. Lafe is useless to a people in chains. Must the words of Patrick Henry be forgotten? Has democracy died and in its travail given birth to an autocracy of wealth?

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