

# TAKES PLACE OF MISSING CRAFT

## British Steamer Bessie Dollar Arrives Here From Guaymas.

### WILL LOAD WHEAT, FLOUR AND LUMBER

#### Second Steamer to Arrive Here This Week in Ballast From Mexican Port to Carry Away Products of Field and Forest.

The British steamer Bessie Dollar will be in the harbor this evening to load a full cargo of flour, wheat and lumber for Japan under charter to Mitsui & Co. The steamer will go to the elevator dock to begin loading.

The Bessie Dollar was secured to take the place of the Japanese steamer Goto Maru which left Hakodate, Japan, about 30 days ago for this port via San Francisco and failed to show up. The presumption is that the big tramp went down in the wake of the terrible storms that have played such havoc this winter with shipping on the entire Pacific, and she will probably never be heard from again.

The Bessie Dollar comes here from Guaymas, Mexico, in ballast. She will depart with about 5,000 tons, the lion's share of which will be flour. She is the first steamer to be dispatched by Mitsui & Co. this winter, although in recent years that firm has been sending from four to six cargoes of breadstuffs from there to the orient each winter. The company's local manager says wheat and flour prices have been too high for liberal purchases in his country beyond the usual quantities demanded by the oriental liner.

The British steamer Saint Hugo which arrived here Tuesday afternoon from Guaymas to load wheat for Europe will shift to Columbia dock No. 2 this afternoon to begin loading. She will get away before the end of the month, and hence swell the exports with about 200,000 bushels. The oriental liner Arabia is expected to get away by the end of this week with about 10,000 barrels of flour. She shifts to the same dock this afternoon after having taken on board most of the flour at the mills.

#### ROSE CITY READY.

#### Fine Steamer Will Soon Be Seen in Portland.

From San Francisco comes the report today that the Harriman Portland-San Francisco liner, Rose City has been completed and is now ready to proceed north on her maiden voyage any time. She was towed Tuesday from the Union Iron works to pier 42 to receive the finishing touches.

The Rose City was formerly the army transport Lawton, and was bought by General Manager R. P. Schwerin for a sum said to have been \$55,000—expressly for the Portland-San Francisco line.

Twice that amount of money, it is reported, has been expended in transforming the vessel into a modern passenger and cargo steamer suitable for the trade, and the Rose City is now an unusually attractive liner. Wireless equipment has been installed.

The Rose City, whose date of departure is not yet fixed, is to be commanded by Captain Kidston, formerly of the Indiana.

#### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

#### Missing Buoys and Marks Have Been Replaced.

Captain P. J. Weirich, commander U. S. X, inspector of the 13th Light-house district, has issued the following notice to mariners:

Cook Bay entrance, pages 44 and 47.—Cook Bay outside buoy, a first-class spar, marked "K" in black, reported out of position January 20, will be replaced as soon as practicable.

Columbia River, pages 54, 55, 57 and 58.—Mount Coffin channel buoy 2, Cottonwood island shoal buoy 1, and Rinder Crossing buoy 6, each a first-class spar, were replaced.

Government Island buoy 1, Ough Reef buoy 3, Fashion Reef buoy 2, Hood River Reef buoy 8, each a second-class spar, reported missing January 14, will be replaced as soon as practicable.

Willamette river, pages 64 and 70.—Nigger Tom Island buoy 1, a first-class spar, heretofore reported adrift, was replaced January 20.

Stevens Point buoy 2, a first-class spar, reported missing January 30, will be replaced as soon as practicable.

Coast of Washington, pages 73 and 79.—Swiftsure buoy 1, a first-class spar, marked "S. B.," reported missing January 18, will be replaced as soon as practicable.

#### FLEET OF ICEBERGS.

#### Ship Walden Abbey Passed Strange Sight Near Cape Horn.

Coming here from Newcastle-on-Tyne, the British ship Walden Abbey ran close to a fleet of icebergs in the vicinity of the Polar branch hydrographer on the evening of September 15 at 8 o'clock. Icebergs were sighted to windward, one of them being at least 300 feet in length. Another large fleet of icebergs was sighted a week later.

Captain Campbell has made a report of the matter to John McNulty, in charge of the local branch hydrographer's office, and the information will be of benefit in getting up literature for the instruction of navigators.

Captain Campbell also reports that

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but for the use of fish oil his vessel would have foundered when rounding Cape Horn. The waves ran fearfully high and for 15 days they were prevented from swamping the vessel by pumping a tiny stream of oil to trickle over the side. Gradually the oil spread so that the vessel was surrounded by the oily sheet for a distance of several miles. Captain Campbell says two gallons of fish oil were used each day.

#### HIGH WIND FELT HERE.

#### Gale of Brief Duration Sweeps Along Coast.

A strong gale swept the mouth of the Columbia last night and for a while it was felt in Portland. On the hills and back of the city a bit it blew hard enough to cause trees to groan and totter and it was not pleasant to have to buck it in exposed places.

The bar was rough this morning, but indications are that it will calm down soon, since the wind has dropped to a velocity of 15 miles an hour.

#### ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The steamer Breakwater left last night for Coos Bay with a large number of passengers and a full cargo of freight. The Alliance will arrive from Coos this evening.

Three sailors and First Mate Davies of the British ship Walden Abbey have had a swim in the Willamette since they arrived here a few days ago. The sailors missed their footing while going back and forth from the ship to the dock, and Mate Davies went overboard when he proceeded to show the youngsters how to climb the side while painting. His illustration was very graphic, so the sailors say, and it nearly ended disastrously.

The cargo of the British ship Claverdon is being lightered and it is expected to have the vessel afloat in a couple of days.

The British steamer St. Exbert leaves Guaymas, Mexico, for this port today, under charter to Balfour, Guthrie & Co. to carry lumber to the orient.

The steam schooner R. D. Inman has left for San Francisco with 800,000 feet of lumber.

The British bark Sussex, which spent two weeks off the entrance to the Straits of Fuca waiting for a tug, has finally reached Seattle, where she is to load lumber.

The British ship Walden Abbey is discharging coal at Centennial dock.

#### MARINE NOTES

Astoria, Jan. 23.—Arrived down at 8:30 a. m., seamer Lansing. Arrived at 8:45 and left up at 11:15 a. m., steamer Alliance from Coos bay. Arrived at 10 a. m., British steamer Bessie Dollar, from Guaymas. Arrived down at 9 a. m., steamer Breakwater and German bark Gertrude. Left up, French bark Pierri Loti.

Coronal, Jan. 23.—Arrived January 20, British steamer Comvo, from Portland.

San Diego, Jan. 23.—Sailed yesterday, British bark Alexander Black, for Portland.

Astoria, Jan. 22.—Arrived at 11:30 a. m., schooner Expansion, from San Pedro. Sailed at 11:40 a. m., barkentine J. M. Griffith, for Redondo. Sailed at

11:50 a. m., British ship Largo Bay, for United Kingdom. Sailed at 1:15 p. m., British ship Rajore, for United Kingdom. Arrived down at 9:30 p. m., barge No. 2.

Port Harford, Jan. 22.—Arrived, steamer Cantania, from Portland.

Antwerp, Jan. 22.—Sailed January 20, British ship Asgard, for Portland.

Astoria, Jan. 23.—Condition of the bar at 8 a. m., rough; wind east, 15 miles; weather cloudy.

Sides at Astoria Today.—High water, 3:35 a. m., 3 feet; 3:40 p. m., 7.0 feet. Low water, 9:52 a. m., 2.7 feet; 9:53 p. m., 1.2 feet.

#### PIANO BUYERS' GREAT CHANCE.

Fine Instruments of Many Well Known Makes Going at Fraction of Real Value in the Big Clearance Sale at Eilers.

It's really astonishing what a comparatively small amount of money will do in the purchase of a piano, organ or piano player at this particular time. Eilers Piano House have seldom held a sale of equal attractiveness. First, the list of instruments included a splendid representation of well-known makes from which to choose, and secondly, the values are certainly beyond precedent.

The offerings included in this big clearance are all slightly used instruments, which have been received from prominent homes in the city and state, in exchange toward makes in the famous "Line of Highest Quality"—beautiful Grand, art styles, genuine Pianolas Pianos, etc. There are also a number of excellent pianos which have been returned from rental purposes, also some that have been used for display in the stores.

There are also a number of instruments embraced in the radical reductions which have been made to move the entire number quickly. There are also a number of piano players of various makes, and organs are also in the list. There are scores of rare values. Many instruments have been sold since Monday morning, but reference to the lists published in Sunday, Monday and Wednesday papers will give some idea of the saving opportunity. Many instruments on hand were not included in previous lists, so that the best way is to come as soon as possible and look the place over. Instruments in which you may be interested, over at once. Sale prices are really based on cash transactions, but if you desire terms, we will arrange to suit your convenience. Every sale covered by the famous Eilers "Money back if Not Satisfied" guarantee. Eilers Piano House, 353 Washington street, corner of Park.

#### SATURDAY LAST DAY.

#### You'll Never Again Have Such a Chance to Save.

Only three more days of the administrator's sale. Goods in every department have been further reduced for these last days. Dress goods, silks, hosiery, underwear, corsets, wash goods, table linens, blankets, lace curtains, women's suits, waists, coats, etc. Share! McAllen & McDonnell, Third and Morrison streets.

Fine shoes at factory cost at J. Osentha's housecleaning sale.

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\$17.50 SUITS ONE-HALF or \$8.75  
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\$25.00 SUITS ONE-HALF or \$12.50  
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## PEOPLE GOVERNED BY THE RAILROADS

### Governor Chamberlain and F. J. Heney Tell of Roaring Fare in Congress.

Francis J. Heney and Governor George E. Chamberlain were the stellar attractions in the oratorical contest at the retail grocers' banquet at the Hotel Portland last night. The banquet was given by the grocers by the Portland jobbers and was a notable success. The tables were spread in the main dining room of the hotel and when Charles B. Merrick, who presided, rose to introduce the first speaker, he faced fully 300 merchants representing all parts of the state.

Governor Chamberlain talked along the line of what the business men had accomplished in the way of developing the state. He declared that Oregon had been misrepresented in congress for 30 years.

"Your efforts to open the Columbia river through your delegation have been fruitless," he declared. "When your representatives in congress failed to do this, you went to your legislature, and when the work was accomplished your delegation at Washington hastened to lay claim to the credit for what you yourselves had done."

**State Did It.**

"Practically everything that has been done in the way of opening this great waterway has been accomplished through the business men of the state," Governor Chamberlain declared that

the Columbia river should be opened to navigation for 1,200 miles into the interior and he appealed to the business men of Oregon to unite and bring it about.

Francis J. Heney, who was introduced as the "terror to evil-doers," plunged into a merciless philippic against the railroads and their salaried representatives in congress.

"We have been so well satisfied with our form of government," said he, "that we have been content to do without the substance, and for the past 30 years you people of Oregon have had the form of representation, but that is all. With some of your most distinguished representatives on the payroll of the Southern Pacific, while in congress, as was proved by the books brought into court in a case in which I was interested, were the people represented in congress, or were the railroads?"

"What has happened to the millions of acres of the finest timber lands in the world, that used to belong to the people? It has practically all passed into the hands of the railroads and the great lumbering corporations by means of the lien land act, which was passed by the railroad representatives in congress on the pretense of taking care of the poor settler. This land was secured for 30 cents an acre, while it is worth \$20 an acre. We have thrown these vast forests into the laps of a few rich men, thereby shacking this and all future generations. The day will come when the people of Oregon will curse the memory of the man who gave away the forests that belonged to the people."

Mr. Heney declared that the railroads have become a positive menace as a political power. "The sovereign power of taxation now exists in the railroads," said he, "when they charge freight rates in excess of a fair profit. And yet they say that they should not be interfered with. They talk of their property. Why, such property is impressed with the seal of public use, and can never be private property, in the sense that your house and lot is your private property."

"As we have thrown away our timber, coal and oil lands, we are now throwing away our great water power, and yet we boast that we are the most capable of governing ourselves of any people on earth."

When the speaker named President Roosevelt as the one man who dared to put the curb on corporate rapacity he was interrupted by such vociferous cheering that he was forced to stop for a full minute.

Among other speakers was Tom Richardson, manager of the Commercial club, who spoke on "Organization"; S. L. Kline of Corvallis, the newly elected president of the association; Herman Wittenberg, C. F. Swigert, president of the chamber of commerce; Mayor Wise of Astoria and Fletcher Linn, president of the Manufacturers' association.

## REGISTER SHOWS DEMOCRATIC GAIN

Twenty-three more voters registered yesterday than on the day before, and all of the surplus was gained by the Democrats or Independents. The number of Republicans who had their names inscribed on the rolls was 211, the same as the day previous, while the Democratic figures rose from 29 to 47 and the miscellaneous, under which head the Independents and adherents of other parties are grouped, rose from 11 to 16.

The total number of names on the rolls is now 4,502, of whom 2,554 are down as Republicans, 767 as Democrats and 181 in the miscellaneous column.

**Captains Change.**

Astoria, Or., Jan. 23.—Captain Malbert arrived this morning from France and took command of the French bark Pierri Loti, succeeding Captain A. Gicquel, who will return to his home in France.

## WALK, RUN OR TAKE THE CAR

### Never Mind How You Come, but Come in a Hurry, and Take Advantage of the Biggest Talking Machine Values Ever Offered in This Town.

When modern talking machines are offered at retail for less than manufacturer's cost, it is most surely time to buy. The pleasure and entertainment afforded by a talking machine is practically limitless and once installed in the home will prove the most popular feature of home amusement. In the great closing-out sale of the East Side company's stock, regular \$15 machines may be purchased for \$6.40; \$25 kind at \$11.50; \$35 styles at \$16.75, etc. While beautiful record cabinets form a new feature in this stock is a new line in the special sale, with the exception of certain contract goods. Prices are really figured on an open cash basis, but if you prefer to purchase on payments, we will grant a reasonable concession, so that the offer may be taken advantage of by all who would like to own a fine talking machine outfit. Don't overlook the fact that we carry the biggest stock of records, too, and that our new sound proof individual demonstration parlors are the handsomest and most convenient in town.

Make it a point to call at once, for the stock is going fast, and the sale can only last a few days longer, at the most. Store open evenings during sale. Eilers Piano House, 353 Washington street, corner of Park.

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