

TO CARRY WHEAT AND MIXED CARGO

Balfour, Guthrie & Co. Charter Ship Albert Rickmers.

TAKES PART CARGO AT SAN FRANCISCO

Vessel Has Been Idle at This Port for Several Weeks—Second Carrier Engaged During Week for Wheat and Miscellaneous Freight.

Another spot ship was chartered this morning, so there remain now but five disengaged sailing vessels available for grain, in Portland harbor and on the Columbia river. The vessel chartered is the German ship Albert Rickmers, which arrived here June 21 from Hamburg with a cargo of cement. She is at present lying idle at Oceanic dock.

With the charter of the Albert Rickmers, the disengaged fleet in the river dwindles down to five vessels—the British ships Leyland Brothers, Donna Francesca, Brodick Castle and Aberfoyle and the Norwegian ship Asgerd. The Donna Francesca is still at Astoria, where she has been lying since March 26 when she arrived in ballast from Valparaiso a few days too late to save a profitable charter for old crop wheat.

THOUGHT HE SAW GHOST

West Indian Sailor Deserts Ship for Strange Reason.

Charles Mackay, a West Indian, has deserted the British ship Aberfoyle because he believes he has been haunted. At least that is what his shipmates say. Mackay, having upon several occasions told them of being haunted when going about the vessel on dark nights.

RIVER STEAMERS FOR FAIR

Several Craft Will Probably Go to Puget Sound Next Year.

It is believed that not a few boats now operating out of this port on the Willamette and Columbia rivers will be sent around to Puget sound next year to participate in the harvest of the salmon. It had unreservedly been during the life of the exposition.

GRAVEL FOR FOUNDATIONS

Columbia Digger Company Sends First Load to Swift Plant.

Work on the construction of the foundation for the immense Swift packing plant on the peninsula practically begun in that the first load of gravel for the concrete was delivered there yesterday by the steamer Poloma of the Columbia Digger company.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

Table with columns for ship names, destinations, and dates. Includes entries for Astoria, Oct. 14, and San Francisco, Oct. 14.

Advertisement for Carter's Little Liver Pills, featuring a cartoon character and text describing the benefits for various ailments.

a long time, it being said that the owner of the vessel had a party on board to appreciate her on these waters. The telephone is the fastest boat belonging to this port, and has a capacity for about 650 passengers.

HOMER SHOWS SPEED

Makes Run From Golden Gate in Three and a Half Days.

With a full cargo of freight and 17 passengers the steamer Homer, Captain Dorr, arrived here at 7 o'clock this morning from San Francisco. Aided by the southeasterly wind she brought up in the river 24 hours ahead of her schedule and after run of three and a half days from the Golden Gate. It is believed to be the fastest trip ever made by the Homer.

FIRE ON BOARD STEAMER

Captain Saves Vessel by Beaching When Flames Shoot Upward.

Seattle, Oct. 14.—The steamer Utopia of the Island Navigation company, en route from Bellingham and due here this morning at 8 o'clock, caught fire this morning at 10 o'clock. The fire started in the galley and spread so fast that passengers sitting near the galley barely escaped with their lives. The fire alarm was sounded and the crew assisted by the passengers who hastily scrambled out of the hold. The fire was extinguished and the vessel was beached.

CONCERT A SUCCESS

Seaman's Friend Society Gives Pleading Tuesday Evening Program.

The first Tuesday evening concert of the season at the Portland Seaman's Friend society was given last night by Miss Della Bradley, and if all the season's concerts are as high order as the one last evening the sailors coming here this winter are to be well entertained. Taking part in the concert were: Miss Watkins, Miss Josie Stipa, Miss Bradley, Miss Della Bradley, Miss Della Bradley, Miss Della Bradley.

STEAMER NAVADAN SIGHTED

Should Be at Columbia Dock Early Tomorrow Morning.

The American-Hawaiian liner Navadan will be in the local harbor tomorrow morning from Salina Cruz via San Diego. She was sighted off the entrance to the Columbia river shortly before noon today.

TWO LIBEL SUITS AT LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Oct. 14.—Preparations are being made by City Prosecutor Lee Woolwine and Edwin T. Earl, publisher of The Express to answer charges of libel made by Mayor A. C. Harper in suits asking for \$125,000 damages, filed late yesterday afternoon.

FOREST GROVE POLITICS

Forest Grove, Or., Oct. 14.—Hon. W. H. Thompson of Seattle will give a political address in Masonic hall this evening.

GRAIN SAMPLES SENT ABROAD

Twelve sample sacks each of every kind of grain shipped from this port were forwarded to the Liverpool & London Corn Exchange, the Liverpool Corn Trade association and the London Corn Trade association by the grain standard committee of the chamber of commerce today.

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ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

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