

LARGE CARGO OF REDWOOD ON LOOP TO GO OFFSHORE

Steam Schooner Brings 270,000 Feet to Go to Shanghai and Cape Town on Outbound Craft.

Laden with a valuable cargo of redwood from San Francisco, the steamer P. S. Loop, belonging to the Loop Lumber company, will arrive at the Inman-Poulsen mills today.

WILL CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS.

Steamer Kansas City Decorated—Serve Christmas Dinner at Sea.

Preparations have been made to give the passengers on the steamer Kansas City a regular Christmas dinner tomorrow.

POULSEN MUST BE REPAIRED.

Schooner Strikes Bar Off Eureka and Will Be Drydocked.

Injury caused by striking on the bar as she was crossing out from Eureka last year will be the cause of the steamer Johnson Poulsen going into the drydock at an early date.

MORE LUMBER FOR SHANGHAI.

Dollar Due Here Jan. 4 to Load 3,500,000 Feet.

Bringing 100 tons of pig iron, the steamer M. S. Dollar, of the Robert Dollar line of steamships, is due in the Columbia river January 4 from San Francisco.

NEW OBSERVER AT ASTORIA.

Patric Gilmore Will Have Charge of Instruments.

Records of weather which have heretofore been kept at Astoria by the manager of the Western Union Telegraph company have been turned over to the Irving club, and in the future they will be kept under the personal charge of Patric Gilmore, manager of the club.

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, Dec. 24.—Arrived down at Tongue Point during the night, steamer Johann Poulsen, sailed at 4 a. m., steamer Golden Gate for Tillamook, and steamer Cascade, for San Francisco.

Arrived at 4 and left up at 5 a. m., steamer Eureka, from Eureka, Dec. 24.—Sailed at 10 last night, steamer Coaster, for Columbia river.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The British ship Kelburn, which arrived at Linton December 19, from Santa Rosalia, reports having been for two weeks off the mouth of the Columbia river, during which heavy gales were encountered which carried away a number of sails, foremast, back stay chains and strained several stanchions in the hull. She may have to go on drydock for survey.

Wireless from Watson.

Steamship Watson, Wireless, via Marshallfield and North Head, Dec. 23, 9 p. m.—Off Cape Perpetua; strong southeasterly winds, choppy sea, rain squalls; barometer, 9.83.

SAYS MARRIAGE IS LARGELY CIVIL RITE

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 24.—That the increase in divorce need not necessarily mean an increase in immorality, that the influence of occupations upon the divorce rate is greatly overestimated in the popular mind, and that the question of divorce has been a vital one in all countries, where the separation of state and church has been agitated, are statements made by Professor Walter F. Willcox, the well known authority on statistics and sociology.

"I feel entirely justified," he said, "in stating that an increase in divorce does not necessarily mean a lowering of the moral standards. Take Italy, for example, which has no divorce, and the United States, which has a very high divorce rate. I would venture to say, although I have no facts to prove it, that family morality is on at least as high a plane in the United States."

"Is marriage regarded as so much of a religious rite as of old?" "I should say that within a generation there has been a decrease in the authority ascribed to the words of the Bible about marriage and divorce. People have come to look at it more as civil and social union than religious."

"Every country which has separated church from state has had to consider the question of marriage and divorce. The state realized that an institution so vitally affecting itself through property, legitimacy of children and other ways, was one which could not be left to the church alone to regulate."

"All western Europe today, with the exception of Spain and Italy, has, as a corollary of the separation of church and state, allowed divorce. In Italy it is each year a vital issue."

The British steamer Knight of St. George will finish her cargo Monday, and will leave down the river at daylight Tuesday. Her cargo consists of flour and lumber for Chinese and Japanese ports.

With a cargo of lumber for California ports, the steam schooner Shoehorn will leave down the river at daylight Monday. She will leave for the sea Monday morning, in tow of the Oklahama. She is being dispatched by Kerr, Gifford & Co. to the United Kingdom.

The British bark Gulf Stream will begin loading at Inman-Poulsen's mill about the first of the week. She is under charter to Balfour, Guthrie & Co., and will take out 1,000,000 feet of lumber to Cape Town.

Carrying 50 tons of general freight for New York and 250 tons of grain for will sail tonight for the Bay City. She will pick up 100 tons of salmon at Astoria for New York on her way down.

The steamer Alliance, which sails tomorrow night for Coos Bay, has a contract to carry rails and other material for the new street railway to be built between Marshallfield and North Head.

She will have some large sticks put into her keel, two of them being 16 inches by 22 inches and 66 feet long, and two others which will be put in will be 18 inches by 22 inches, with a length of 84 feet. It is probable that another steamer will be chartered to carry lumber between this port and San Francisco pending the repairs to the Poulsen.

Following the M. S. Dollar, the Besale Dollar will come here from China, by way of San Francisco, about January 14. She will also load lumber for Chinese ports, as the Dollar people have contracts to furnish a large amount of Oregon fir to lumber dealers in that country.

The change has been made through the interest taken in the matter by John E. Gratke of the Astoria Budget, as he thought that more time could be devoted to the use of the instruments by the Irving club than formerly.

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