

# VERACIOUS MATE HAS QUEER TALES OF SEVEN SEAS

Of Locusts From the Sahara, of a Pirate Falcon, of Stars and Stripes Sea Serpent, Singeth He.

Of locusts knee deep on the decks and locusts used for fuel for two days following, runs the strange tale of First Mate Blythe Spicer of the British steamer *Saint Ronald*, which arrived last night with general cargo from Antwerp and Leith by way of Honolulu and San Francisco.

Spicer, who is said to be a direct descendant of Baron Munchausen, also tells the tale of a falcon that came aboard and was trained to do many things, and of a monstrous sea serpent seen just before the steamer reached Honolulu.

The *Saint Ronald*, which is in on the new Balfour-Guthrie line of steamships from Europe, arrived at the North Bank dock last night from San Francisco, will discharge about 800 tons of general freight and will proceed to Vancouver with the remainder.

Locusts Look Like Land Ahead.

In the 17,000 miles covered by the *Saint Ronald* between Leith and Hono-

lulu, by way of the Straits of Magellan, the steamer made but two stops, one at Las Palmas and the other at Montevideo for coal. Three days after leaving the former place the lookout in the crow's nest called out that he made out land ahead, according to Spicer, and Spicer's mate, that was at 7 o'clock in the morning and as soon as his attention was called to it the mate says that he saw a black object ahead that somewhat resembled land.

He sent word to Captain Shrine, but before the captain could reach the deck the mate had disappeared. Spicer, who had been given to get them down with them," said Spicer, "and had it not been that the mate was seen when they would have been even with the bulwarks. The craft trembled under the added load.

"The locusts rained down upon the deck and before the vessel could plow through the cloud the decks were thick with them," said Spicer, "and had it not been that the mate was seen when they would have been even with the bulwarks. The craft trembled under the added load.

Thrifty Scot Cries, "Good Fuel."

"Orders had been given to get them aboard as quickly as possible," continued the mate, "when Chief Engineer Patterson, a Scotchman, noted for his thrift, told the captain they would make good fuel, and all hands were set to shoveling the locusts into the furnace. The crew worked at this for two days, during which time the vessel steamed with the pest on the saying in coal being estimated at about 30 tons, which rather compensated for the damage they did. They got into the cabin and out of about a dozen fine palms which were there only the pots remained.

"They were a boon to some hens kept in a coop on the after deck, too, and were the means of our having fresh eggs after that."

The next day, said the mate, a great falcon came aboard and perched in the crosstrees, and when night came one of the men climbed up and flashed a light in its eyes, blinding the bird so that the quartermaster was able to slip a bag over its head. It was afterward hooded and trained to do many things. "Chasing flying fish was his favorite

occupation," said the mate, "and when the steamer was down in the vicinity of the Straits of Magellan he kept the officer's mess well supplied. At Montevideo he was unhooded and flew aboard a German steamer, where he made away with two pigeons and brought them aboard. He eventually started out to bring in an albatross, however, and after alighting on the back of the bird he flapped his starboard wing as though to say good bye and disappeared toward the south.

"From that time on the voyage was uneventful," continued Mate Spicer, "until the *Saint Ronald* was two days steaming distance from Honolulu, when we sighted a sea serpent which had reared up out of the water. It had stripes on its chest, its body was spotted and on its tail, but a small portion of which could be seen, were beautiful stars, so from the combination of stars and stripes we concluded that it was an American serpent.

"Raising its huge spotted body 25 feet above the water, the magnificent monster gazed at the passing steamer and the terrified crew, and with what appeared to be a wink of its eye, plunged beneath the surface. As a result of this sight six of the sailors deserted when we arrived at Honolulu."

This ended the tales of the voracious mate.

TRAMP HAS ROUGH TRIP

**Saint Ronald Arrives From Bay City With General Cargo.**

Heavy weather was encountered on the way up from San Francisco by the British steamer *Saint Ronald*, Captain C. Shrine, which arrived last night to discharge 800 tons of general European cargo for Balfour, Guthrie & Co. The tramp fought strong southeast winds and a heavy swell all the way, and when she arrived off the mouth of the river Saturday night she was unable to get a pilot, according to the officers, and had to remain out from 8 o'clock in the evening until 7 o'clock the next morning, although a dozen blue lights were set off to attract a pilot.

Several logs, which are said to be a menace to navigation, were encountered by the steamer off Northwest Seal Rocks, and it is expected that they will be reported to the United States hydrographic office.

The *Saint Ronald* sailed November 22 from Antwerp for Leith, where she completed her cargo and sailed from there December 1 for Honolulu. She had 8000 tons of general freight and discharged 2500 tons at the Hawaiian port, the same amount at San Francisco, and she will discharge between 800 and 1000 tons here, and the remainder going to Vancouver.

This is the first voyage of the *Saint Ronald* to this coast, the steamer having been built only 12 months ago. She is owned by Rankin & Gilmore of Liverpool, and is one of the most completely equipped tramps that has been in port. She is now fitted with telephones from the crew's nest to the bridge, and also from that point to the engine room. It is stated that a wireless outfit will soon be installed on the steamer to make her more up to date.

ALLIANCE CROSSES 8 BARS

Expressions of satisfaction are being made by officials of the North Pacific Steamship company over the fine trip being made by the steamer *Alliance* which, when she arrives in tonight, will have crossed eight bars in the last six days. She sailed from here last Tuesday night, calling at Coos Bay and Eureka, and on her return trip sailed from the latter port Saturday, reaching Coos Bay yesterday. She has passengers and general freight and will sail from here again Wednesday night.

THREE MASTER SIGHTED

Outside the Columbia river bar a three-master craft was reported to the Merchants Exchange this morning and it is supposed that she is either the

German ship *Wilhelmine*, which is out 17 days today from San Pedro, or the British bark *Invermay*, out 67 days today from Junin on the west coast. The *Wilhelmine* is coming with cargo from Antwerp for Henry Lund & Co., and the *Invermay* is ballast to load wheat for Hind, Ralph & Co.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT

Carrying passengers and freight the steamer *Rose City*, Captain Mason, will sail this afternoon for San Francisco. She will have about 250 passengers and 1200 tons of freight.

Having had her wheel, which she cast off, replaced with a new one, the quartermaster department steamer *Major Guy Howard* will be lowered from the Oregon drydock this afternoon.

When she arrived last night from San Diego, San Pedro and San Francisco the steamer *Roanoke*, Captain Poulson had 68 passengers and 600 tons of general freight.

With general freight the Norwegian steamer *Hercules* arrived this morning at San Francisco from Yokohama, and after discharging a part of the cargo there will come here to finish.

A. E. Beals, district weather forecaster, will leave this afternoon for The Dalles to make some changes in the river gauge there and to appoint a successor to Elver Observer Brooks, who has resigned.

Carrying 70 passengers and 200 tons of coal, besides some miscellaneous freight, the steamer *Breakwater*, Captain Macgregor, arrived yesterday from Coos Bay.

The Port of Portland towboat *Ocklaha* went down to Astoria last night to bring the schooner *Alvena* up to Goble, where she will load lumber for California.

Laden with 40 tons of miscellaneous freight, fish and cheese, the steamer *Sue H. Elmore*, Captain Schrader, arrived last night from Tillamook. She also had 20 passengers.

There being no wheat for the *Elfrida* at Montgomery dock No. 2, she is idle today and the *Celtic Glen* is the only

wheat vessel in port that is loading. She is at the Irving dock.

Arriving from Vancouver this morning the British tramp steamer *Queen Alexandra* left up at 10:30 o'clock this morning and will go direct to the Inman-Poulson mills, where she will load about 3,500,000 feet of lumber for Shanghai and Taku bar for the Pacific Export Lumber Co.

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, Feb. 6.—Arrived at 7:15 and left up at 10:30 a. m.—British steamer *Queen Alexandra*, from Tacoma. Left up at 2 a. m.—Schooner *Alvena*.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—Sailed at midnight—Steamer *Geo. W. Elder*, for San Diego. Arrived at 1 a. m.—Steamer *Hercules*, from Hongkong and way ports. Arrived at 6 a. m.—Steamers *General Hubbard* and *Yosemite*, from San Pedro.

Astoria, Feb. 5.—Sailed at 8:30 a. m.—Steamer *Falcon*, for San Francisco. Arrived at 9 and left up at 9:30 a. m.—Steamer *Breakwater*, from Coos Bay. Arrived and left up at 11 a. m.—Steamer *Elmore*, from Tillamook. Arrived at 10 and left up at 11:30 a. m.—Steamer *Roanoke*, from San Diego and way ports. Arrived at 10:30 a. m. and left up at 12:30 p. m.—British steamer *St. Ronald*, from Antwerp via San Francisco. Arrived at 1 p. m.—Schooner *Alvena*, from San Francisco. Arrived at 4 and left up at 5:30 p. m.—Steamer *Roma*, from Port San Luis. Sailed at 5 p. m.—Steamer *Nome City*, at 5:30 p. m.—Steamers *Casco* and *Tamapaia*, for San Francisco.

Coos Bay, Feb. 5.—Sailed—Steamer *Alliance*, for Portland.

Astoria, Feb. 6.—Condition at the mouth of the river at 8 a. m., moderate; wind west 5 miles; weather, cloudy. Tides at Astoria Tuesday—High water: 6:44 a. m., 8.3 feet; 8:33 p. m., 5.6 feet. Low water: 0:10 a. m., 3.3 feet; 1:58 p. m., 0.9 feet.

San Francisco, Feb. 5.—Arrived at 2 a. m. and sailed at midnight—Steamer *Geo. W. Elder*, from Portland for San Diego. Arrived at 2 a. m. and sailed

at 2 p. m.—Steamer *J. B. Stetson*, from Portland for San Pedro. Arrived at 9 p. m.—Steamer *Westerner*, from Columbia river; at midnight, steamer *Johan Poulsen*, from Portland. Sailed at 1 p. m.—Steamer *Beaver*, for Portland; at 2 p. m., steamer *Thomas L. Wand*, for Portland.

Shippers' Forecast.

The United States weather bureau has issued the following:

Shippers' Forecast—Protect shipments as far north as Seattle against temperatures of about 32 degrees; northeast to Spokane, 28 degrees; southeast to Boise, 28 degrees; south to Siskiyou, 24 degrees. Lowest temperature at Portland tonight about 32 degrees.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

Due to Arrive.

Alliance, Eureka, Tillamook, Feb. 6  
Sue H. Elmore, Tillamook, Feb. 7  
Heaver, San Pedro, Feb. 7  
Golden Gate, Tillamook, Feb. 7  
Anvil, Bandon, Feb. 11  
Stanley Dollar, Anson, Feb. 12  
Breakwater, Coos Bay, Feb. 12  
Bear, San Pedro, Feb. 12  
Rose City, San Pedro, Feb. 12

Due to Depart.

Rose City, San Pedro, Feb. 6  
Breakwater, Coos Bay, Feb. 6  
Alliance, Eureka, Feb. 8  
Sue H. Elmore, Tillamook, Feb. 8

Daily River Readings.

| STATION.     | Water | Wind | Clouds | Temp. | Baromet. | Humid. | Direction |
|--------------|-------|------|--------|-------|----------|--------|-----------|
| Lewiston     | 24    | 5.3  | 1.0    | 0     |          |        |           |
| Riparia      | 30    | 5.3  | 0.8    | 0     |          |        |           |
| Umatilla     | 25    | 5.3  | 0.8    | 0     |          |        |           |
| Eugene       | 16    | 6.0  | 0.0    | 40    |          |        |           |
| Harrisburg   | 16    | 6.0  | 0.0    | 40    |          |        |           |
| Albany       | 20    | 6.9  | 0.1    | 44    |          |        |           |
| Salem        | 20    | 6.0  | 0.1    | 08    |          |        |           |
| Willcoyville | 27    | 10.0 | 0.8    | 15    |          |        |           |
| Portland     | 15    | 5.0  | 0      | 15    |          |        |           |

\*Rising; (—) falling.

Free Long-Distance Mail-Order Telephone Service Now Extends to All Parts of Oregon and Washington—Call Mail-Order Dept. Take Lunch Tomorrow in 7th Floor Tea Room—Good Menu—Express Elevator Service—See Airship Display, Rotunda, 4th Floor



## Judging of Booths at Food Fair Tomorrow

TOMORROW'S feature at the Great Pure Food Fair will be the judging of booths by a committee of well-known architects, members of the Portland Architectural Club, as follows: Frank Logan, John M. Hatton, H. Goodwin Beckwith, William P. Dawson, William Flanigan. Prizes will be awarded to the most architecturally perfect booths. This will take place at 2 p. m. The big Military Band Organ will play for you tomorrow. See the monster loaf of bread on exhibit in Monarch Milling Company's booth. See the great cake in the Crescent Company's booth. Attend the great Pure Food Fair tomorrow!

# The Great February Homefurnishing Sales Continued!

## Great February Furniture Sale

CHOOSE from a mammoth stock of sturdy, dependable Furniture at matchless February Sale economies. Just a hint below:



**\$3.75 Rockers For \$2.69**

AS PICTURED, with handsome, durable leather seats, golden oak or mahogany finish. Best \$3.75 rockers \$2.69

\$3 Rockers at \$2.34  
\$5 Rockers at \$3.89  
\$7 Rockers at \$5.28  
\$11 Rockers at \$9.35  
\$13.50 Rockers \$10.49  
\$18.00 Rockers \$12.98  
\$17.00 Rockers \$11.75  
\$22 Rockers at \$11.98



**\$13.50 Chiffoniers for \$9.98**

FINEST lines of golden oak, birdseye maple and circassian walnut. These are best \$13.50 Chiffoniers priced at \$9.98

\$16.00 Chiffoniers \$12.39  
\$18.00 Chiffoniers \$13.69  
\$20.00 Chiffoniers \$14.34  
\$30.00 Chiffoniers \$21.20  
\$32.00 Chiffoniers \$22.49  
\$29.00 Chiffoniers \$19.98



JUST AS ILLUSTRATED

**\$7.00 Metal Beds on Sale For \$5.25 Each**

FEBRUARY sale of finest Metal Beds, exactly as illustrated, with artistic enamel finish in blue, green, white; all sizes. \$5.25

\$4.50 Metal Beds for \$2.99  
\$4.75 Metal Beds for \$3.74  
\$6.00 Metal Beds for \$4.68  
\$20.00 Metal Beds for \$14.24



**\$1.50 Chairs 98c**

EXTRA special in Dining Chairs with cobbler or cane seats; golden oak finish; best \$1.50 grade at 98c

\$1.75 Dining Chair for \$1.12  
\$2.25 Dining Chair for \$1.62  
\$2.50 Dining Chair for \$1.98  
\$2.75 Dining Chair for \$2.10  
\$5.50 Dining Chair for \$4.49

IN years to come we'll have a hard time surpassing the wonderful selling records rolled up by these great February Homefurnishing Sales today!

All day long every department involved has been thronged with eager, enthusiastic buyers. Many with new homes in construction fitted them out entirely—from Furniture down to the thin, dainty Chinaware and snowy Table Linens. All the sales in full force again tomorrow—be here.

## If Desired, We Will Arrange Easy, Dignified Credit Terms

## Carpets and Rugs at February Sale Prices

First Floor, Main Building Order by Mail.

NOT only homes, but hotels, boarding-houses and users of Floor Coverings in big quantities should take advantage of these great February Sale economies!

All prices continued tomorrow, providing lots are not sold out.

**\$1.35 Velvet Carpet 93c**

Fifteen hundred yards of fine \$1.35 Velvet Carpet in wide selection of beautiful patterns. Rich, high-pile grades, which give splendid wear. Feb. sale, yd. 93c

**\$30 Room Rugs \$19.75**

Twelve handsome patterns in these fine quality Body Brussels Room Size Rugs. Our very best \$27 to \$30 grades, mostly 9x12 ft. sizes. Feb. sale \$19.75

\$18 Wool Rugs, 9x12 feet, for \$12  
\$65 French Wilton Rugs \$42.50  
\$1.35 Axminster Carpet, yard 95c  
\$1.75 Brussels Carpet, yard \$1.35  
\$1.22 Axminster Carpet, yard 89c

**\$2.50 Axminster Rugs \$1.55**

Just five hundred of these small Axminster Rugs, size 27x54-inch, in pretty Oriental and floral designs. The kind which always sell for \$2.50. This sale \$1.55

**To \$40 Wilton Rugs \$24.65**

Finest grades Royal Wilton Rugs, 8.3x10.6 foot size, in dozens of exquisite patterns and colorings. Our regular \$32.00 to \$40.00 Rugs. February sale \$24.65

\$4 Axminster Rugs, 36x72, \$2.98  
70c Heavy Printed Linoleum 45c  
\$10 Ingrain Rugs, 9x12 feet \$7.25  
\$9 to \$12 Small Mohair Rugs \$6.75  
\$2.50 Bissell Carpet Sweepers \$1.95

Remnants Tapestry, Velvet, Body Brussels and Wilton Carpets, Yard 50c to 75c

## Febru'y Picture Sale

**75c Pictures 45c**

THE great February Sale of Pictures embraces a wide variety of pretty subjects, including landscapes, those suitable for dining room, etc. Fancy gilt frames, size 10x12 inches. Best 75c grades on special sale now at 45c

**\$1.50 Pictures 69c**

FRAMED Etchings, 1 1/4-inch mat and 1 1/2-inch walnut-finished frame, \$1.50 pictures, special at 69c

## Short Mouldings 1/2

ALL short lengths of Picture Mouldings in a great variety of kinds and finishes at 1/2 Price exactly

10c Mouldings, sale price, foot 5c  
15c Mouldings, sale price, foot 7 1/2c  
20c Mouldings, sale price, foot 10c  
25c Mouldings, sale price, ft. 12 1/2c  
30c Mouldings, sale price, foot 15c  
45c Mouldings, sale price, ft. 22 1/2c

## Reductions on Table and Household Linens

First Floor, New Bldg. Order by Mail

WORTH-WHILE savings on Linens you can rely on! Tablecloths, Towels, Sheets, etc., all included in the great February Homefurnishing Sales! Examples of the economies:

Best \$1.75 All-Linen Satin Table Damask, full 70 ins. wide; just 1500 yards in the lot, on special sale at, yd. \$1.25

35c Linen Huck Towels, size 20x40 ins., special sale only, ea. 25c

Pillow Cases, full 42x36-ins. size, fully bleached and hem'd; special for February Homefurnishing sale, ea. 12c

75c Table Damask, all linen, bleached, 70 ins. wide, special at, yd. 59c

Union Huck Towels, 18x34 in. size; of good, durable quality, special, dozen \$1.25, ea. 12c

Sheets, heavy, seamless, full 81x90 inches; fine, soft finished grade, spe- 75c

Heavy Sheets, full 81x90 inches, durable, wound-thread grade; on special sale at, ea. 65c

Bed Spreads, extra large, crocheted hemmed Spreads, in Marseilles, patterns, sp'l. \$1.50

Bed Spreads, fine crocheted Spreads, with fringe and cut corners, sp'l. \$2.00

Satin Spreads, fine quality, with cut corners, figured, special \$4.50

## February Sale White Austrian Chinaware

Basement, Main Bldg. Order by Mail

DAINTY, transparently thin White Austrian Chinaware at almost half regular price during the Great Homefurnishing Sales!

Body is beautifully finished, plain white with small, neat, embossed pattern on the edges. Note a few of the unusual reductions:

\$1.35 Plates, 5 1/2-inch, doz., on special sale, only 76c  
\$2.00 Plates, 7 1/2-inch, dozen at, special price of \$1.21  
\$2.00 Soup Plates, dozen at the special price of \$1.21  
\$1.40 Fruit Saucers, 5 1/2-inch, special price, dozen 88c  
50c Individual Butter Dishes for only, doz. 40c  
75c Platters, 10-inch 40c  
\$1.25 Platters, 12-inch 63c  
\$1.60 Platters, 14-inch, at the low price of only 83c  
50c Baking Dishes, ea. 35c  
25c Bowls, 5-in. size 18c  
\$4 Bouillon Cups and Saucers, on sale, dozen \$2.79  
\$1.25 Tea Pots, each 79c  
90c Sugar Bowls, each 57c

50c Creamers, special 31c  
60c Celery Trays, each 45c  
\$2.50 Soup Tureens \$1.59  
\$1.60 Covered Vegetable Dish for only, each \$1.03  
\$1 Covered Vegetable Dish for the special price 58c  
90c Sauceboats, spe. 64c  
\$3.50 Cups and Saucers for the special price of \$2.03  
\$3.00 Chocolate Cups and Saucers, low price \$2.03  
\$1.50 Tea Pots at 79c  
\$1.50 Coffee Pot at 79c  
\$1.50 Chocolate Pot at 79c  
\$2.00 Soup Tureen \$1.04  
\$2.50 Soup Tureen \$1.59  
\$1.25 Jug, special only 70c  
\$2.75 Pudding Set \$1.60  
\$1.50 Comports, spe. 82c

## February Sale Draperies, Curtains

Third Floor, Main Bldg. Order by Mail.

IT IS HARD to believe that much could be left after today's strenuous selling, but there are still thousands and thousands of pairs of Curtains and unequalled assortments of Draperies to be had at tremendous savings during great February Homefurnishing Sales. Examples:

**Drapery Fabrics At One-Half**

Large lot of short lengths of Tapestry Upholstery Fabrics in a very large assortment of patterns and colorings; also Damasks, Jutes, Repps, Linens, Velours, etc. All 50 inches wide; \$2.50 to \$10.00. 1/2 Price grades, special

**\$5.00 Portieres For \$3.79**

Nine hundred pairs of handsome Portieres, made of fine figured repp, finished with tapestry borders and wide hem, in green, brown and red. Some are in pretty two-toned effects. Come 50 inches wide and three yards long. Best \$5 grades, special, pair \$3.79

**\$6.50 Lace Curtains, in white or ecru, 2 1/2 yards long. Special, pair \$3.65**

Odd Curtains, including Scrims, Brussels Net, etc., \$2 to \$50 grades, at half

**30c Art Ticking on scores of pretty patterns, specially priced this sale at 15c**

Regular 15c Curtain Swisses for new spring curtains, 36 inches wide, 9c on special sale for the great February Sale at this very low price, yard 9c