Local News Briefs

Mrs. Cannaday Coming—Mrs. E. D. Cannady, negro attorney from Portland, will give an address tonight at the Mill street Methodist church. The program will begin at 7:30. Mrs. Charles Maxwell will sing preceding the address. Mrs. Cannady will also address the Willamette university student body at the regular chapel program this morning, and at noon will speak to the Willamette Wesleyans.

Janitors Ill—L. P. Bennett, fireman at the senior high school, has been ill the past two days and unable to attend to his duties. S. P. Wheelwright, janitor at the high school, became ill while at work Tuesday and will probably be laid off for several days. During the cold weather an extra janitor, a Mr. Booker, has been engaged at the high school and with the extra man on and the weather moderating, no substitutes will be required.

Board Meeting Postponed—Press of business affairs for various members of the Salem school board was responsible for postponement of the regular meeting from Tuesday night to later in the week. It is possible a quorum will be able to convene tonight.

J. Clark Joins Army—James Clark, 925 North Church street, enlisted in the army Monday and has gone to Portland from where he will leave Thursday for Riverside, Calif., to begin study at the United States army flying field. He came to Salem six months ago from his home in Blackfoot, Idaho.

Union Elects—J. P. Price was elected president of Local 280, inside wiremen, I. B. E. W., Monday night. Others elected were D. Twilliger, vice president; L. L. Robinson, financial secretary; H. J. Walrath, recording secretary; E. L. Welch, treasurer; and R. Martin, trustee for three years.

Phalanx Club Meets—Members of the Phalanx fraternity, an organization of the young men's division of the Y. M. C. A., met in the association building Tuesday night. Harold Lottis, president led the discussion of current events.

Adopts Budget—Officers and teachers of the Presbyterian Sunday school decided Monday night to adopt a budget system for the handling of financial matters of the school. A waffle supper was served by the officers.

Teacher's Mother Dies—Miss Mabel Arthur, teacher in the Salem high school, was summoned to her home in Portland Tuesday morning, called by the death of her mother. Mrs. Arthur had been ill since last November, passing away early Tuesday morning.

Visits in Salem—Mrs. Glendora M. Blakely, director of the bureau of public health nursing and the bureau of child hygiene with the state board of health, was a visitor at the Marion county child health demonstration Tuesday.

Yarnell Goes Home—Earl Yarnell returned to his home on North 16th street Tuesday afternoon, having recovered from an operation for appendicitis which he underwent at the Salem General hospital two weeks ago.

Travel Agent Here—Eugene Schrader, traveling passenger agent for the Dollar Line with headquarters in Portland was in Salem Tuesday and made a fraternal call upon K. B. Kugel of the Salem Travel Agency.

Poles Removed—Two power line poles have been taken from the corners at Marion and Liberty streets. Cables attached to the First Baptist church suspend the arc light over the street intersection.

Clinic at Keizer—Dr. Edward Lee Russell of the county child health demonstration will conduct a clinic both at the school and health center in Keizer for that community and Hayesville this Wednesday.

Immunization Clinic—Immunization clinics will be held at Keizer, Clear Lake, Mission Bottom Waconda and Buena Crest districts Wednesday, with Dr. Vernon A. Douglas of the health demonstration in charge.

County Health Unit to Meet—The county health unit committee will meet Wednesday noon at the Spa at 12 o'clock. J. C. Siegmund is chairman of the unit health committee.

Janitor Returning — J. W. Brock, janitor at the Englewood school who has been confined to his home with illness for a week, will return to his duties at the school house Wednesday morning.

Tucker to Eugene—Earl Tucker, salesman with the firm of Bechtel and Sears, will return Wednesday afternoon from a two-day business trip to Eugene. Mrs. Tucker accompanied him south.

Senator's Wife Ill—Mrs. L. L. Mann, wife of Senator Mann of Umatilla county, is confined to their apartments at 145 North 14th street with an attack of the influenza.

Dentist in Portland—Dr. Floyd I. Utter, local dentist, is attending a series of lectures in Portland and will return to his office Friday.

Here from Halfway—Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Goves of Halfway, eastern Oregon, where he owns a large sheep ranch, are in Salem, guests at the Marion.

From Island City—Mrs. Ed Riddle is in Salem from Island City, a guest at the New Salem hotel.

Dundee Man Here—J. J. Patton of Dundee is a business visitor in Salem.

May Undertake Survey—The Marion County Principal's association may undertake a reading survey of all the children in one grade in the county schools, R. W. Tavenner, chairman of the committee, reports. Should the plan be adopted, it will be to test the reading abilities of the students. The committee will make its report on feasibility of adoption at the county local teachers' institute in Silverton the coming Saturday.

Allen's Make Visit—Mr. and Mrs. Jay Allen of Paris, France, visited friends in this city Tuesday. Mr. Allen is a member of the staff of the Paris edition of the Herald-Tribune. His wife, formerly, Miss Ruth Austin, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Austin of Woodburn for the past two months. The Allens leave next week on their return trip to Europe.

Attending Merchants' Meet—B. E. Sisson, manager of Miller's, is in Corvallis this week attending the annual convention of the Oregon Retailers' association. S. E. Keith, advertising manager of Miller's, with B. C. Lieuallen, window decorator, went there Tuesday to listen to a discussion on advertising.

Easons' in City—Mr. and Mrs. David Eason of McMinnville were in Salem Tuesday evening to visit friends. Mr. Eason is resident engineer in charge of maintenance of a large part of the valley highway system. The Easons were former residents of Salem.

Todd in Portland—George H. Todd, of the Vibbert and Todd electrical store, was in Portland on business Tuesday.

Going to Dallas—Louis Bechtel of the realty firm of Bechtel and Sears will make a business trip to Dallas Wednesday morning.

Bruce Dennis Here—Bruce Dennis, Klamath Falls publisher, arrived in Salem Tuesday to remain for a short time.

Court House Closed—The Marion county court house was closed all day Tuesday in observance of Lincoln's birthday.

FIND IT HERE

"Used Piano Bargains"—
131 High street.

Furniture Upholsterer—
And repairing Giese-Powers Furniture Co.

Dollar Dinner—
Every night 5:30 to 8 at the Marion hotel.

Beautiful Satin Heart Boxes—
Filled with fresh candies for her Valentine. The Gray Belle.

Eat at O'Leary's—
Where good food is served.

Easy Terms "Used Pianos"—
131 High street.

Luke Johnson—
Radio Repairing with Vibbert and Todd. Telephone 2112 or 133J.

Large Stock "Used Pianos"—
131 High street.

Baby Chicks—
A few odds and ends, heavy breeds at 10 cents each today. Phone 133F2, Lee's Hatchery.

Our Valentine Heart Boxes—
Are going fast. Better get yours today. The Gray Belle.

Blanket Special —
One-half the retail price. 6 lbs. double greys, $3.00; 5 & 6 lbs. double medium grey, $4.00; 6 lbs. double light greys, $5.00; 3½ and 4 lbs. single, $2.50. Also light plaids reduced. Thos. Kay Woolen Mill Co.

Boys' and Girls' Heavy Sport—
Sweaters in white and colors. Caps to match. Miller's.

Boxing Salem Armory Arena—
Wed. Feb. 13. Ted Fox vs. Young Sam Langford ten three minute rounds—snappy preliminaries, 28 rounds of boxing.

Baby Chicks—
A few odds and ends, heavy breeds at 10 cents each today. Phone 133F2, Lee's Hatchery.

Old Time Dance—
Crystal Garden. Every Wed. and Sat. night.

Dr. W. A. Johnson—
1001—First National Bank Bldg., is attending special classes in Portland this week. He will be back in his office Friday.

Valentine Day—Remember Her—
With flowers. Olson Florist.

Thomas Bros. Band—Mellow—
Moon. Every Wed. and Sat.

Blanket Sale—One-Half Retail—
Price. 6 lbs. dark grey, $3 per pair.—5 and 6 lbs., medium grey $4 per pair; 6 lbs. light grey, $5 per pair. 3½ and 4 lbs. singles $2.50. All light plaid blankets reduced. Thos. Kay Woolen Mills company.

Salem Income Property—
For sale at a bargain. Hudkins & Sanford, Inc. Miller Store Bldg.

McGregor Knitted Sport Wear—
At Miller's. New arrivals.

Baby Chicks—
A few odds and ends, heavy breeds at 10 cents each today. Phone 133F2, Lee's Hatchery.

B. P. O. Elks and Ladies—
Dance Saturday, Feb. 16.

Valentine Day—Remember Her—
With flowers. Olson florist.

Guaranteed Shed Dry Wood—
Coal. Prompt delivery Tel. 13.

MAIL CARRIERS TO GET REFUND

Senate Passes Bill Authorizing Return of Gas Tax Paid

The bill authorizing refund of gasoline taxes paid by rural mail carriers, introduced by Senator Upton and reported out favorably by the senate roads and highways committee, was passed by the senate Tuesday with nine dissenting votes.

Senator Upton explained that the bill affects only those rural free mail carriers who are in the regular employ of the federal government, and does not permit refunds to operators of star routes and to persons who have contracts with the government for carrying mail. He said these carriers receive nominal compensation and are compelled to pay the gasoline tax out of their salaries.

"These rural mail carriers are denied the privilege of maintaining a lobby," said Senator Upton, "and must depend on the generosity of the legislature for any legislation they may desire."

Precedent Feared

Senator Carsner said the passage of the bill would establish a dangerous precedent, and might open the doors to other tax refunds.

Senator Dunne called attention of the senators to a letter he recently received from Portland in which the truck drivers indicated that they would seek similar refunds of the gasoline tax. He said these trucks were operated exclusively in the city of Portland and do not use either the county or state highways.

Senator Ed Bailey declared that the rural free mail carriers receive only four cents per mile for the use of their automobiles which is not sufficient to cover the gasoline tax.

"These men are unable to charge the gsaoline tax to the government," said Bailey, "and as a result are compelled to pay it out of their salaries. It is only fair that they should receive some relief."

Danger is Scouted

Senator Strayer made it plain that he did not fear any unwise precedent as the result of passing this bill.

"A slight change in the federal law," said Senator Strayer, "would place these mail carriers in the same class as government officials and exempt them from the payment of the gasoline tax."

The senate also passed a bill authorizing the Multnomah county commissioners to take over the fairgrounds at Gresham.

Senator Bennett explained that the plant was mortgaged, and that it was up to Multnomah county to take over the grounds in order to avoid financial loss. He said the obligations aggregated approximately $40,000. The plant is now owned by the Multnomah county fair association and recently was appraised at $150,000.

Senator Joe Dunne said the county would be able to pay off the obligations and obtain a valuable piece of property.

Bill Is Postponed

A bill by the Multnomah county delegation providing for two additional circuit judges in the fourth judicial district was laid on the table pendng consideration of a measure relating to circuit court fees in Multnomah county. Senator Joe Bailey explained that these were companion bills and should be considered at the same time.

The senate passed a bill introduced by the committee on livestock relating to the inspection of cattle and horses to be shipped or driven out of the state. This bill was said to have received the indorsement of virtually all of the cattle and horse raisers' associations.

The senate was in session less than an hour this morning. Most of the afternoon was given over to a joint session with the house in connection with the observance of Lincoln's birthday. A dozen or more senate committee meetings followed the afternoon recess.

EIGHT NEW BILLS IN SENATE ON TUESDAY

Eight new bills introduced in the senate Tuesday follow:

S. B. 159, by Jones—Relating to practice of chiropody.

S. B. 160, by J. O. Bailey—Relating to license fees on motor vehicles.

S. B. 161, by Hall, Dunne, et al—Relating to registration of motor vehicles of non-resident owners.

S. B. 162, by roads and highways committee — Relating to rules of the road in connection with operation of motor vehicles.

S. B. 163, by Multnomah county delegation—Relating to the clerk and his deputies of district courts in counties of more than 100,000 population.

S. B. 164, by Mulnomah delegation—Relating to appointment and compensation of probate clerks, directors of mothers pensions and special agents in probate departments of circuit court in counties having population of more than 100,000.

S. B. 165, by Joe Dunne—Designating certain streets to be state highways.

S. B. 166, by Billingsley—Relating to salaries and compensation of county officers in Harney county.

H. B. 478, by Mr. Peters, making steelheads game fish in all waters of the state.

H. B. 479, by Peters, regulating taking of steelhead fish from waters of state.

H. B. 480, by Peters, excluding steelhead from classification as salmon.

H. B. 481, by Norton, creating office of county tax collector, embracing all counties of less than 100,000 population.

West Salem News

By LOU THOMPSON — Phone 417-W

Mrs. E. Williams gave a surprise birthday party last Friday evening, honoring her son Harry. The evening was spent playing "500." Another of the features was the big birthday cake, brilliantly illuminated, which centered the supper table. Covers were laid for the nine participating in the evening's merriment. They were: Miss Bernice Sloper, Miss Margaret Binshadler, Miss Grace Williams, Miss Merle Mathis, Miss Viola Miyardy, Miss Ferne Miller, Darrl Bradford, Leon Williams and the guest of honor.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Haken of Portland were all day guests on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Haken's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Peterson, on Second avenue. Mr. Haken is one of the musicians at the Pantages theatre.

Mrs. G. C. Goodlow of Dallas was a visitor Friday and Saturday at the home of her sister, Mrs. S. L. Burk of the Riverside Auto park.

The Community club will meet on the fourth Monday of this month at the Ford Memorial church community hall. A program will be given by Mr. Edwards and his family and Arthur Darman. The Rev. Mr. Groves will superintend the musical part of the evening's entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Fox and Mr. and Mrs. P. Schlith of Salem motored to McMinnville on Sunday to visit with friends, returning that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Burk of the Riverside auto park have as their house guest Mrs. Keezel of Corvallis. Mrs. Keezel motored down Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. R. Pugsley.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bahlburg of Salem were guests on Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Fox.

Dinner and Talk-Fest for Lads of 79 Summers Plan Of W. T. Rigdon for Friday

Invitations have been sent to approximately 100 octogenarians living in the Salem district to attend a get-together Friday noon as the guests of W. T. Rigdon. An organization of the old-timers will be arranged before the luncheon. A good-fellow meeting is planned with all formality banned from the program.

"Attainment of more than 79 birthdays is the only requirement for an invitation," commented Mr. Rigdon. "I want to get the old bunch together for a visit of old times. A few talks by some of the fellows but no speeches and much visiting will be the only events on the program."

Organization Unique

An organization of octogenarians in Salem will be the only one of its kind, Mr. Rigdon believes. He desires to expand the society to include all the old-timers of the northwest.

Invitations to the luncheon have been sent to the following men:

D. S. Adams, J. D. Anderson, W. A. Alderman, H. P. Anderson, Sol Barnes, J. A. Baker, O. F. Barr, A. J. Basey, John Boyce, Thos. Bowers, Giles Baldwin, Henry Bell, J. M. Bigler, H. P. Carnahan, W. M. Crum, A. M. Clough, Rich Cary, N. W. Clark, James Campbell, T. J. Cress, A. F. Dennison, E. Elliott, A. W. Fisher, Wm. Fowler, B. F. Forbes, Henry P. Freeland, R. B. Fleming, M. Gamble, A. W. Gwinn, Cass Gibson, J. C. Gregory.

W. H. Hobson, Thos. Holt, Thos. Harris, R. C. Halley, E. W. Hazzard, L. L. Holcomb, Wm. Hubbard, Jack Hunter, A. P. Higgins, I. W. Harris, M. L. Jones, T. B. Jones, H. R. Johnson, G. F. Kurtz, W. C. Kantner, Z. T. Keyes, E. Y. Lansing, J. W. LaBare, L. W. Leath, Abner Lewis, David Looney, Norris Looney, E. M. Law, H. S. Mathews, Jesse Macy, H. Mitchel, Thos. McBride, Alex Moisan, C. B. Moores, H. D. Nelson, Eno Presnall, Charles Parker, Pinat Earl Race, Ezra Robinson, B. F. Ramp, J. E. Robinson, Thos. Remington, F. Rollo, W. Riedese, Dan Rogers, W. T. Rigdon, M. J. Raymond, J. E. Rosman.

Gideon Stoltz, H. Steuernegel, C. H. Smith, J. N. Smith, Phil Stewart, C. B. Stone, John Stillman, Will Taylor, Marion Taylor, W. C. Tillson, Ed Thatcher, A. P. Vanslike, L. J. Vibbert, C. A. Wallace, D. H. Wilson, D. M. Wilson, C. E. Whitney, Wm. Wright, Robert Witzel, David Wagner, D. A. White and James Witzel.

OBITUARY

Swartz

James Swartz, 39, died at a Portland hospital Sunday. Survived by his widow, Mrs. Veda M. Swartz and the following brothers and sisters: Simon Swartz, Mrs. Belle Goodrich and Mrs. Grace O'Neill, all of Portland, and Miss Esther and Ralph Swartz, both of Salem. Funeral services Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from Rigdon and Son chapel, under auspices of Elks lodge.

Burford

Mrs. N. J. Burford, 85, died at the home on Salem Heights Tuesday night. Survived by one daughter, Mrs. A. B. Gardner of Long Beach, Calif., and one son, Frank of Salem. Body at Clough-Huston, from which funeral announcements will be made later.

Lange

Remains of Augustus F. Lange, who died in Gold Hill, near Medford, in January, will be received at the Rigdon mortuary today. Further announcements from the mortuary.

Burris

Jennie L. Burris, 57, died early Tuesday morning. Survived by her widower, John H. Burris, and four children: Paul F. Burris of Salem, John H. Burris of Los Angeles, Winston G. Burris of West Salem and Max H. Burris and Miss Lois Burris at home. Funeral services Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Rigdon's mortuary chapel, the Rev. F. C. Taylor officiating. Interment in the Ciyview cemetery.

Beaty

Mrs. Alice Beaty, wife of V. C. Beaty, died Tuesday evening at the home at 920 North Commercial street at the age of 52 years. Survived also by four children, Mrs. Sibbie Christensen of Portland, Mrs. Lillie Hainowski, Joe Beaty and Carl Beaty, all of Salem; her father, John H. Fowler of Wheatland; four brothers: John H. Fowler, G. Ralph Foyler and Clyde Fowler all of Wheatland, and Gus Fowler of Jefferson; and six sisters: Mrs. Amanda Elliott of Salem, Mrs. Jennie Comer of Newberg, Mrs. Sibbie Tandy and Mrs. Rose Rogers of Portland; Mrs. George Jones of Beaver; and Mrs. Norma Biftner of Salem. Funeral arrangements later from Rigdon and Son.

Leverman

February 12, at the family home one mile east of Aumsville, Marie Leverman at the age of 71 years. She is survived by her husband Anton Leverman, two sons, Henry of Portland and Anton of Sublimity, and four daughters, Marie Goebel of Iowa, Anna and Katherine of Portland and Mathilda Bernard of Washington. The remains are in care of the Salem mortuary. Announcement of funeral will be made at a later date.

DEBATES TO BE MANY THIS YEAR

Four Schools Now Booked by Willamette Manager; Contest Monday

Willamette university debaters will have a heavy schedule of debates this spring, according to Jack Routh, debate manager. Contracts have been signed for contests with the state universities of Arizona and Wyoming, University of Southern California and the Oregon Normal school. Several other colleges have requested debates and have sent contracts to be signed, but definite action on them has been temporarily delayed.

The first debate of the season will be held next Monday night with the Oregon Normal school. The questions will be: Resolved, that the plea of temporary insanity, as a defense of crime, should be prohibited by law." Jack Routh and Roy Harland will take the affirmative side of the question, and Charles Campbell and Warren McMinimee will uphold the negative side. The debate will be a dual affair, and the negative teams of both schools will debate away from home. This is the only one of the debates scheduled for February.

Of the four debaters, Roy Harland is the only one who has had previous experience in college debate. He represented Willamette university in several contests last year. Professor Leland Chapain, who is coaching the team, declared that the men were working well on their question, but that the lack of experience would be a real handicap.

'SHOPPING NEWS IS GONE' SAYS MARTIN

Suspension of the Salem Shopping News as managed by R. H. Martin was officially announced Tuesday in a statement issued by Martin, who has taken the agency for the distribution of a food product in the Salem territory. Martin started the Shopping News 18 months ago. His statement follows:

"The Shopping News is always supplementary to newspaper advertising and with the improvements in the Salem papers and with their large coverage. Support for the shopping news is lacking. There are some who are strong for such a publication but they do not support it with advertising."

Help Sought For Multnomah Judge Of Probate Cases

The Multnomah county delegation has introduced a bill providing for the employment of not to exceed three assistants and one special assistant agent in the probate department of the circuit court in Multnomah county. The salary of the special agent shall not exceed $275 a month.

Another bill introduced by the Multnomah county delegation increases the salary of the district clerk of Multnomah from $2400 to $3300 a year.

NEW CORPORATION

During the month of January 25 foreign corporations filed application with the state corporation commissioner to transact business in Oregon. Only six applications from foreign corporations were received during January a year ago.

W. W. Rosebraugh Prefers Salem To Sunny South

Los Angeles may have its attractions for some but W. W. Rosebraugh is not included. Home Monday with Mrs. Rosebraugh after a tour through the south the councilman isperfectly satisfied with Salem, cold weather snow and the legislature included.

Rain and floods, plenty of both were found in Los Angeles and the bad feature of the weather was coupled with an unemployment situation markedly severe. Mr. Rosebraugh explained that his viewpoint may have been influenced by his love for the home city but he did return with the conviction that Salem was amply able to satisfy him.

Astoria Students Make Visit Here

Seventy-five members of the class spent Tuesday in Salem in Astoria high school graduating specting the capitol buildings, attending sessions of the legislature and visiting the state institutions.

Mrs. Stevenson, 14 Years Salem Resident, Dead

A former resident of Salem, Mrs. Henry Stevenson, died Thursday evening at her home in Waukegan, Illinois as a result of a long illness occasioned by asthma.

Mrs. Stevenson, for 14 years a resident of Salem until 1927, returned to her former home state of Illinois when her husband obtained a government appointment in Waukegan. When a resident here Mr. Stevenson was game warden of Marion and Polk counties.

Mrs. Glenn Gregg and Dennis Stevenson, both of Salem and Claude Stevenson of Eugene, have children living in this state who survive. Five other children live in Illinois and Mr. Stevenson, survive their mother.

REFORESTING PLAN IS FROWNED UPON

The reforestation bill which passed the house recently, probably will not receive favorable consideration in the senate unless certain amendments suggested at a meeting of the forestry committee here Tuesday night are accepted.

The bill as passed in the house provides for the forestation and reforestation of lands best suited for the growth of forest crops and for an annual forest fee and yield tax in lieu of ad valorem tax. Provision also is made for classification of such lands under the direction of the state forestry department.

At Tuesday's meeting of the committee it virtually was agreed that the county courts should have something to say regarding the lands that should be classified as reforestation lands. Senator Eddy said he was certain that the citizens of Douglas county which is a heavy timbered region would not sanction the bill as passed by the house.

A suggested amendment submitted to the committee provides that no land shall be classified as reforestation land which was valued and assessed for its forest growth on the 1928 tax rolls without approval of the county courts concerned, or until after the timber so valued and assessed has been cut and removed."

Mrs. N. Burford Dies at Age 85

Mrs. N. J. Burford died Tuesday night at the family residence on Salem Heights at the age of 85 years. She was the mother of Mrs. A. B. Gardner of Salem and Long Beach, Calif., and of Frank Burford of Salem. Funeral announcements have not been made, the remains being in care of Clough-Huston, funeral directors.

ELECTRICITY IS SHIP'S FEATURE

K. B. Kugel Enthusiastic Over New Type Vessel; Liner Seen at Frisco

Loaded with enthusiasm over the prospects of electrically driven passenger lines, K. B. Kugel, proprietor of the Salem Travel agency, returned this week from San Francisco where he inspected the new turbo electric liner Virginia, which in addition to being the first liner of this type built for passenger service between Pacific and Atlantic points, is also said to be the largest ship ever built in America.

While its size and the comforts provided for passengers are items of great interest, the new departures in mechanical equipment overshadow all other features of the vessel in Mr. Kugel's opinion. All power used in any part of the ship is supplied by electricity, a thing duplicated only in another vessel of the same company, the California, and in six new battleships and two airplane carriers of the United States navy.

Advantages Many

Advantages of the electric drive include smooth and quiet running, absence of thumping and hum, and flexibility in maneuvering. Each propeller shaft is connected directly to an electric motor, which gives full backing power, no reversing turbines being necessary.

Perfection of this system is generally conceded to mark a new era in the construction of ocean going vessels. The Virginia is one of the Panama Pacific liners, and was built by the International Mercantile Marine company.