

PACKED IN THE ICE FLOE.

Experience on Board the Steamer Portland while Drifting to the Arctic Ocean.

Mrs. N. P. Olson, who is visiting friends in Tillamook City from San Francisco, and whose husband was on board the steamer Portland, which was caught in the ice and drifted to the Arctic Ocean for two months, sends the following interesting letter and a number of pictures of his experiences:

I will make a futile attempt to describe our various experiences on our trip from Unalakleet to destination Nome on board the steamer Portland. Our tickets did not call for a passage to the Arctic Ocean. However, we got there, willingly or not. It's to Captain Lindquist we owe our lives and for our safe landing in Nome. He is a great captain and the Portland is a very superior ship. Our stay in Unalakleet was short, only a day, but very pleasant. We visited the quarts mine there, of great interest to us, being the first I have seen. Was introduced to the best people on the island, among others the Russian Priest and the school madam.

These two good people took us around. We visited the Russian Church with the quaint ancient decoration, also the school, sat on the benches with the children, sang songs and listened to the instructions from the charming teacher. Several of the ladies tried to induce the Captain to hold the vessel over until the following morning, that we might get better acquainted, but he would not yield. Two days out from Unalakleet we sighted the first ice, and in a few hours we were in the thick of it. The steamer seemed to go through the ice like a veritable ice goer through water with little noise except the churning sound of the propeller forcing the ship into heavy contact with the ice, at times with ice many feet thick, the captain guiding her from the crow's nest, built on top of the forecastle to afford a better field of observation. We at times rushed ahead full speed against the ice to force opening, and the contact often left the ship shivering from bow to stern—a mighty good ship the Portland.

When finally every lead was blocked to us we made fast to the ice and drifted with it at the rate of a mile an hour northward. The weather at this time was clear and nice, but very cold, several nights in succession down to zero. Nothing but ice as far as eye could reach, from 10-12 feet above water and probably 100 feet below, in all manner of fantastic forms and shapes, presenting all colors, from an indigo to an almost white as if reflecting in the sun's rays with splendor blinding to the naked eye.

We valiantly looked for openings ahead. Heavy fog would be mistaken for land. On the 11th we sighted the Jennie, off St. Lawrence Island, also stuck in the ice. This made us feel better, for misery likes company. The captain let us off on an ice floe for exercise and we went right around like a lot of monkeys, snowballing, wrestling and baptizing one another, took snapshots and had a good time while it lasted. In the meanwhile we drifted steadily north. The 14th, 15th and 16th was very cold, with whirling snow. We felt the tremendous force of the ice pack. The ship was ripped and tattered about like a toy while the ice piled clear up to her railing. We were lucky to escape. Donkey engines were worked all the time to keep from freezing.

On the 27th we passed King's Island. There was quite a stir among the betting element who was going to get to Nome first of the three boats. We are now very beyond Nome. On the eve of June 1st we witnessed one of the most magnificent panoramas that any being has ever beheld. The weather had been cloudy for several days, nothing but ice to be seen. Suddenly the fog raised. The sun set only a little below the horizon, leaving a fiery wake as it disappeared. To our astonishment and pleasure, 50 miles of beautiful coast scenery, landmarks as far up as Kong Peak were revealed to us. Diamede Islands, Prince of Wales' Cape, with East Cape on the Siberian side in the far distance. Along the base of the mountains appeared a heavy wall of fog. Above the vapors towered the sawtooth-like mountain peaks clad in the garb of winter. The effect of the sunrise upon this creation completely surpasses your most vivid dreams of scenery and leaves you with a sensation of delight.

All this time we were carried through the Straits faster than ever by strong prevalent currents, unable to move. It was here we saw the mirage of the steamer Nome City way up in the sky, upside down. Changing every minute to all kinds of imaginary forms. Crossing the Arctic Circle we all thought we felt the bump. It's the assertion from all whaling captains that you never escape it.

Pardon my attempt to describe the gorgeous display of his majesty, the midnight sun. The lingering of the sun on the edge of the horizon, with its distribution of colors on the corrugated skies above the ice beneath, illuminating the entire heavens, and at night reflected by the twinkling rays of the moon and stars into brilliant luminous tints. I can't convey but a faint notion of the gorgeous surrounding interests. Enormous herds and schools of walrus, with mothers nursing and training the young calves, their howls resembling the howling of cattle at a long distance, the creature, however, in all its ugliness represents a noble appearance. T seals were so thick at times when I came to open spaces of water, that almost surrounded the ship, they seem to be very curious and approached us close to reconnoitre. Eider ducks—must have been by the hundreds thousands, ice fields as far as we can see were black with them. We at had visitors from shore, although near 100 miles from it we heard warm greetings from the spring larks. Seven of them at the time, perhaps on the way north, also plannigan on seven occasions.

One morning a lonely Polar bear passed us on an ice floe, giving us a horrible howl and an inquiring look he drifted by. He will have the day own time to ever reach land again solid ice.

We drifted north as far as Cape Horn, in which neighborhood we moined for some days making contrif efforts to relieve ourselves from pack. Finally, on the 27th of June, ice seemed to ease up and we were able to way up alongside of Jennie. We were all happy to meet somebody. We here got the news of the street car strike being settled in San Francisco.

Every body on board of her were in good health and spirit. It did not take us long now to get out. The Portland proving herself to be far superior in breaking the ice; in fact, it had not been for the Portland it's doubtful if the Jennie would ever get out.

After being imprisoned in the ice for nearly two months, it felt good to get into open water with full speed ahead.

We arrived in Nome at 2 o'clock this morning, July 2nd. The trip on board ship has been most pleasant and agreeable. The customary mock trials with breach of promise cases were vigorously prosecuted. It was many days before "Laying Solitaire" became the craze of the ship, "bughouse game as it was termed," until finally the bughouse society was formed. Also other societies and clubs were organized—one Owl Club, in which the duty of the members were to remain in session between 1 and 6 o'clock in the morning. The ladies amused themselves by skipping rope, throwing bean bag and fishing when weather would permit.

At first everybody was very generous about whiskey, cigars, cigarettes and tobacco and playing cards, but lately it got to be so you couldn't leave go of a box of matches without somebody dividing with you, or pass a package of cigarettes but everybody would grab one or more. If you asked somebody to cut your cards while playing they are apt to grab the deck and begin another game with it.

We had two spiritualists, mediums, aboard. They kept us in touch with the outside world all the time. Another fellow called the human waltz, he use to take a swim around the ice floes whenever we had water enough around us to permit him. He stated that the water was so cold that he couldn't tell weather it was boiling hot or freezing.

All in all it was a trip eventful and enjoyable, if it had not been for the loss of valuable time, we might have called it a pleasure trip.

Hayes' Appeal is Overruled.

OREGON CITY, July 19.—Commissioner Hermann has overruled the appeal of Charles E. Hayes from the decision of the local Land Office in 39 of the famous Tillamook County land contests. Hayes took the contest against Bertha B. Martin as a test, and if he appeals from the decision of the commissioner to the secretary of the interior, which is probable, and the secretary sustains the commissioner, which is also probable, Hayes will have lost every one of the 39 cases dismissed. In this event G. O. Nolan, now a junior contestant, will become the main contestant in these cases, and the only recourse Hayes will have will be to file new contests, in which case he will become a junior contestant to Nolan and to William Law, who has filed junior contests against many of the claimants.

Photographs Wanted.

The Lewis and Clark Exposition Company will have need for a large number of photographs to illustrate publications on the Pacific Northwest which will be issued to advertise the 1905 Fair. Donations of views of landscape, cities, mountains, farms, growing crops, forests, mines, fisheries, river scenery, seaside resorts, etc., suitable for the half tone process, will be appreciated by the company. Photographers, professional and amateur who desire to make donations should address their pictures to Henry D. Reed, Secretary of the 1905 Fair, 246 Washington Street, Portland, Oregon. The subject of the views should be indorsed on the back of the photographs, also the name of the photographer, so that no mistake will be made. Credit will be given to the photographer in all cases where use is made of his pictures. Photographs are desired from every section of Oregon. None except those that will make good reproductions are wanted.

Commissioners' Court.

The board of county commissioners held a meeting on Monday, when the following business was transacted: Assessor J. S. Stephens applied for an extension of time to complete the assessment roll for the year 1902, and was granted until the 1st of October in which to complete the roll.

The board rejected the bid of Nolan & Sappington to construct a bridge across the slough near the residence of J. W. Max, well; the board also rejected the bid of Nolan & Sappington for clearing logs and brush from the Jenkins road, because it considered the bids too high for the amount of work to be performed.

In the matter of the claim of Clara E. Keller, for rebate of fees in divorce case, it was rejected. The official bond of G. M. Watkins as road supervisor of district No. 9 was approved. Marion Walling was allowed \$8 for caring for Charley Sanford.

The county clerk was instructed to advertise for bids to paint the Big Nestucca and Trask bridges.

Real Estate Transfers.

John and Ella Maloney to Lula E. Maloney, tract in section 19, tp. 4 S, R. 9 W.
C. & E. Thayer, et. al. to A. W. Fox, 10.25 acres.

U.S. to William L. Brooks, E 1/2 of Nw 1/4 and E 1/2 of Sw 1/4, sec. 32, tp. 2 N, R. 8 W.

U.S. to William N. Hayes, lots 3 and 5 and Se 1/4 of Nw 1/4 of W 1/4 of sec. 6, tp. 2 N, R. 8 W.

David Martin to F. R. Beals, und. 1/2 int. in various tracts.

U.S. to Lester Ray, S 1/2 of Se 1/4 and Se 1/4 of Sw 1/4, sec. 22, and Nw 1/4 of Ne 1/4, sec. 27, tp. 4 S R 10 W.

Geo. H. Williams to Pacific States Savings Co., lot 5, 6, 7 and 8, block 24, Pacific add. to Bay City.

Teachers' Examinations.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Tillamook County will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at the court house in Tillamook City, as follows:

FOR STATE PAPERS.
Commencing Wednesday, August 13, at nine o'clock A. M. and continuing until Saturday August 16, at four o'clock.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, algebra, reading, school law.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, book-keeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, psychology.

FOR COUNTY PAPERS.
Commencing Wednesday, August 13, at nine o'clock A. M. and continuing until Friday August 15, at four o'clock.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD GRADE CERTIFICATES.
Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, school law.

Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, physiology, civil government.

PRIMARY CERTIFICATES.
Wednesday—Penmanship orthography, reading, arithmetic.

Thursday—Art of questioning, theory of teaching, methods, physiology.

Dated at Tillamook this 21st day of July, 1902.

G. B. LAMB,
County School Supt.

Communication.

[TO EDITOR OF TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT.]
DEAR SIR,—Promoted by the numerous inquiries, made of me concerning a certain suit which I have filed in the Circuit Court, I asked the privilege of making a few statements to the public through the medium of your paper.

During the month of April I sold to an outside party a ranch near Tillamook City. Title, on examination by an attorney of Tillamook, was pronounced not perfect. The buyer had previously put up his money and made a contract with the seller for the purchase of his property. Of course when the title was pronounced shady the buyer would not accept the property. The man whose property I was selling was not so much to blame for this, but the man who gave him a warranty deed to said tract of land most certainly was the title was lacking in being perfect. The seller has however previous to this sale assured me that the title was all o.k. I was the loser, but here the matter patiently, relying on the promise of the property owner that he would have the title cleared up by the party that sold the land to him and again place it on market with me. This party, however, has ever since showed himself most neglectful in the matter. My patience finally gave out and I ask my seller to make me some slight remuneration for the trouble and expense to which I had been put, by not having been able to make his deal stick after it had been all completed.

I would have considered half of my expenses as a sign of his willingness. In answer, however, I met with a bluff, "If you can do anything go ahead." Well, I went ahead and filed suit for 3 per cent of the selling price of the land in the Circuit Court. There is no fair minded man in the State of Oregon that would not have done just as I did.

All of this explanation would be entirely needless if it were not for several unscrupulous persons who are trying to make capital of this case, deceiving and misleading the public.

Ever since I have been in this prosperous valley of Tillamook it has been my custom to tend to my own business, irrespective of the hissing tongues of others. I have not bowed my neck to the yoke of any dictator, nor shared my commissions with any boss for his good will. I have left my work to recommend my services to the public, and intend to do so in the future. This has drawn upon me the jealousy and hate of those to whom I refuse, and still refuse, to cater.

I hope the public will investigate these matters before they listen to the false and misleading accusations of those who feel it to their advantage to act as my enemies.

Respectfully,
C. BEN RIESLAND.

Pace is Too Rapid.

VIENNA, July 18.—Count Matsunata, the ex minister of Finance of Japan, who recently returned from a month's visit to the United States, said in the correspondence of the Associated Press:

"While I was greatly impressed with the tremendous energy of the Americans and their wonderful commercial development, I fear that the too rapid progress of the United States is likely to experience a serious setback in the near future. The commercial energy of the American is incomparably surpasses anything in Europe. This is undoubtedly one of the principal causes of the economic progress of the United States. I perceive in many directions, where European countries are already affected by American expansion and I think it likely that they will be still more affected in the future. But America's progress has been so exceedingly rapid that I fear some sudden disaster, as in my opinion, too much business has been done on borrowed capital. This coupled with the magnitude of the commercial operations common in the United States, will probably lead to a panic at the first untoward circumstance, such as a bad harvest or similar misfortune. While there are many strong banks in the United States, there are also many weak ones, whose failure will render a crash inevitable. I fear that some of these banks are lending too much money to aid business enterprises."

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