

BAR, BAY AND RIVER

Independent Ticket Office for Coast Steamers.

FIFTEEN VESSELS GO OUT

Arragonia and Elleric Get Away for China and Japan—String of Coasters Cross the Bar for California—Busy Day for Tugs and Pilots.

The following, taken from yesterday's Oregonian, is confirmatory of what the Astorian said on Thursday morning about the matter:

Quarters are being fitted up on Third street for the Independent Steamship Ticket & Freight Company and Agent Harry Young expects to move in Monday morning.

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FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

The French bark Michelet was among the get-aways from the lower harbor, yesterday morning.

The steamer Whittier went to sea and San Francisco yesterday.

The steamer Cascades got out for San Francisco yesterday morning.

The big trans-Pacific liner Aragonia went out yesterday, China bound, with an immense cargo of grain stuffs.

The steamship Elleric, for Japan and China, went to sea yesterday, after ten days' detention at the bar.

The steamer Northland took her big load of lumber seaward over the bar yesterday, bound for San Francisco.

The steamer George Loomis was one of the dispersing fleet yesterday, headed for San Francisco.

The steamer Despatch arrived down last night and will leave out for San Francisco this morning.

The steamer Alliance arrived down from Portland late last night and will get away for Eureka and Coos Bay points this morning.

The British ship Rhythewood, with her big cargo of lumber, went to sea yesterday morning, China bound.

The steamer Nome City arrived in from San Francisco yesterday morning and left up for Portland at once.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore was among the coast liners to go out yesterday morning; she was Tillamook bound.

The Harold Dollar succeeded in lighting out for the Bay City yesterday morning, along with the rest of the bar bounds.

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The steamship Senator crossed in yesterday morning from the Golden Gate and went on to the metropolis after a brief stay at the O. R. & N. piers. She

will return down on Tuesday morning next at an early hour.

The British ship Argus, with Captain Matthews on board as pilot, entered at the custom house here yesterday morning. She is from Moloubo, in ballast and had an uneventful trip of sixty-five days. Captain Hunter in command.

The barkentine Aurora and the schooner W. F. Jewett are in port, loaded outward, and the barkentine Portland is due down at any hour. This comprises the outward bound sailing fleet at present in this port.

The following passengers arrived in the city yesterday morning via the steamer Jordan, from up-river points: Mr. and Mrs. J. Irving, from Cathlamet; Mrs. Lee Strauss, Mrs. James Nelson, Mrs. A. H. Merrill, Mrs. D. B. Lamont, G. W. Strom, Henry Newell, all from Skamokawa.

The steamer Laurine was late in getting down last night, and left for Portland at 10:30 o'clock, with the following people on her register: E. R. Budd, Frank Evans, E. C. Landingham, G. B. Pettigrew, C. A. Humphrey, John Lindke, J. F. Norgood, John Agon.

There was a general scattering to the "four winds of Heaven" among the bar-bound vessels here, yesterday morning; the day was clear and beautiful; the tides were ample; the bar was as smooth as a "limpid lake"; the tugs and pilots in prime readiness, as they always are, and the procession to sea began early, and never quit until high noon, and as it touched "meridian height" the last of fourteen craft passed out the heads, and never a "fisherman" from the Oregonian office to pilot them out, either, strange as it may seem.

Notice to Mariners. California—Suisun Bay—Seal Island beacon No. 4—Corrected position—Referring to Notice to Mariners No. 50 (2046) of 1905, further notice is given that the corrected position of Seal Island beacon No. 3 is on the following bearings:

- Roe Island lighthouse, N. 75 deg. 30 min. E true (N.E. by E. 1-8 E. mag). Middle Point light, S. 78 deg. E. true (E. 1-2 N. mag.). Baypoint wharf, outer end, S. 33 deg. E. true (S.E. 1-2 E. mag.). Point Edith light, S. 60 deg. W. true (S.W. 1-4 S. mag.).

PIPE-ORGAN RECITAL.

Given By Professor Goodrich in This City Next Week.

Professor Goodrich, of Portland, will give a grand pipe-organ recital on next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, at the First Lutheran church, under the auspices of the Dorcas Society of that church, with the following numbers programmed for the occasion. He will be most ably assisted by Miss Maja Fredrickson, violinist:

- 1—Tocatta in G.....T. Dubois Prof. Goodrich. 2—Bacchante (4th Coertto) Sterndale-Bennett Prof. Goodrich. 3—Short Pieces: (a) The Curfew.....Mackenzie (b) By the Sea (by request) Schubert (c) Forget-Me-Not.....Maebeth Prof. Goodrich. 4—Violin solo, "Romanze".....I. Spohr Miss Maja Fredrickson 5—Funeral March and Hymn of Seraphs.....Gullmant Prof. Goodrich. 6—Prelude to "Lohengrin".....Wagner Prof. Goodrich. 7—Short Pieces: (a) Angulus.....Massenet (b) L'ange gardien.....Gounod (c) Longing.....Yungmann Prof. Goodrich. 8—Violin solo, "Aria".....Bach Miss Maja Fredrickson. 9—Serenade to the Madonna.....Berlioz Prof. Goodrich. 10—Grand March, "Schiller".....Meyerbeer Prof. Goodrich.

"This program," says Prof. Goodrich, "is one of the best I have ever given anywhere and ought to be a treat to my Astoria friends."

Tickets are 50 cents; children 25 cents. Tickets for sale by members of the Dorcas Society or at Griffins and Svenson's book stores.

MRS. JEPSON DIES.

On February 1st, 1906, the wife of H. Vesper, died at their family residence near Vesper, Oregon, having suffered from consumption. Mrs. Jepson was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carr, now residing at Fishhawk, Ore., she was born in Kiel, Germany, February 26, 1878.

She was a most worthy wife and loving mother and leaves a husband and two small children to mourn her loss.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 3.—The Tennent Shoe Company's directors announce that liabilities exceed assets by \$374,000 and that creditors will not receive more than 40 cents on the dollar.

OPERA HOUSE BLAZE

Fisher's Cozy Theatre—Gutted in Morning Fire.

ONLY WALLS ARE STANDING

Loss is Complete—No Insurance on \$70,000 Play House—The Roscian Opera Troupe Suffers Serious Deprivation—Cause Not Determined.

This city was startled at daybreak yesterday morning by an alarm of fire involving Fisher's opera house, from which an audience of nearly a thousand had passed but a few short hours before. Just how the conflagration started will probably never be known with any certainty, though there are various, and many plausible, theories extant about it; but whatever the cause, the one dismal fact remains, patent, and convincing, that the theater is a total wreck, only the walls standing to mark its site. The loss is in the neighborhood of \$11,000 without insurance to cover a dollar of it.

The fire was first noted by Mr. Nurnburg, the milkman who was just starting upon his morning rounds among his customers, and he rushed to the Palace restaurant to turn in the alarm, and not getting central from that point, ran to the telephone station and passed the word to the operator, who, at once sent in a message to Fire Chief Foster, but, it is alleged, did not send word to the three fire stations throughout the city as is the rule under such conditions. The explanation given in this behalf is, that the operator was overwhelmed with calls from every direction about the time and being alone in the office could not attend to the extraordinary volume of business thrust upon him, which is entirely reasonable, but does not wholly excuse the company from contributory blame in the premises.

As soon as he could, Chief Foster had the whole force out, and its response at the first summons that reached it was prompt enough in all ways, and the work

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Everything That's Good to Eat CAN BE FOUND HERE. We carry a full line of fancy canned and fresh fruit and vegetables. Fancy naval oranges. Price from 10c to 50c per doz. Telephone us and your order will have the same particular attention as if you called in person. ASTORIAGROCERY Phone Main 681 523 Commercial St. MORE COMFORT THAN EVER. On Sunday, December 17th, the Denver & Rio Grande railroad will inaugurate a daily line of standard and tourist sleeping cars between Denver and Los Angeles in connection with the new Clark road. Both cars will leave Denver daily at 9:30 a. m., and arrive at Salt Lake City at 1:35 p. m., the next day. At this point the cars will be held over until midnight, thus allowing through passengers the privilege of a stop-over of ten hours and a half in Salt Lake City. Eastbound, these cars will leave Los Angeles at 8 p. m., and arrive at Salt Lake City at 6:30 a. m., second morning where they will remain over until 3:00 p. m., thence to Denver where they will arrive at 4:20 the following afternoon. This stop-over at Salt Lake City of the regular line of sleeping cars promises to be an attractive feature for transcontinental travelers. "THE MILWAUKEE" "Pioneer Limited," St. Paul to Chicago; "Overland Limited," Omaha to Chicago; "Southwest Limited," Kansas City to Chicago. No train in the service of any railroad in the world equals in equipment that of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. They own and operate their own sleeping and dining cars and give their patrons an excellence of service not obtainable elsewhere. Berths in their sleepers are longer, higher and wider than in similar cars on any other line. They protect their rails by the Block System. H. S. Rove, General Agent, 134 Third street, Portland, Ore. Lyons, in the valley of Rhone in France, is the largest silk manufacturing center in the world, producing annually about \$80,000,000 worth.