

**SPAR, DECK AND DOCK**

Schooner Alice McDonald Aground on Clatsop Spit.

ROANOKE IN FROM SOUTH

Life-saving Motor Boat a Success—Bankburn Ready for Sea—Steamship Crusader Reaches Port From Guaymas, Mexico.

On Saturday night at about 10 o'clock the fine schooner Alice McDonald, Captain Bender, from San Francisco, after making it in over the Columbia river bar under her own canvas, had the bad luck to go aground on the Clatsop Spit sands about midway between the ocean end of the jetty and the mainland. She is still aground, but is in no immediate danger, and the cold weather is propitious for her so long as it lasts. The life saving crews from Fort Canby and Point Adams went to her assistance at once, but the driving seas made it impossible for them to reach her at the high stage of water then prevailing, but they stood by her for full twenty-four hours. She pounded very heavily on Sunday night and slipped her "shoe" on account of it, the life-savers reporting it high and dry ashore yesterday morning. She lies at a point almost identical with that on which the barkentine Arago grounded and practically on the Grant seining grounds. Captain Stuart of the Canby life saving station was in the city yesterday morning and reports that his crew and that from Adams made an unsuccessful attempt yesterday morning to pass a running line from the McDonald to the bar tug Tatoosh for the purpose of serving a hauling cable, but the sea was too strong for the manœuvre and it had to be abandoned; but the effort was renewed at the noon flood, but was again unsuccessful. However, it is thought all will go well today, and that she will be brought safely back to the channel, and then it is merely a matter of repairing her and loading her outward.

Just as the city bells were heralding the hour of 8 o'clock last evening the fine steamship Roanoke, which crossed in at 4 p. m., cast her lines on the Callender pier, after a fair trip up from San Pedro, San Francisco and Eureka. She had seventy people in her saloon, eighteen of whom were billed for this city, to-wit: Edward Field, Mrs. R. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Poole, Frank Poole, P. Busalanbi, Mr. and Mrs. John Service, George Service, H. Witts, Frank Welch, G. Sanders, Chas. Newman, J. H. Mattoon, Ed Edling, T. J. Crawford, Jack Shephard and G. Tassalanga. The other fifty-two went on to Portland with her later in the night, after she had discharged a big grist of local freight here.

A group of sea captains were talking yesterday morning on one of the city docks, about the grounding of the schooner Alice McDonald, and it was the unanimous opinion that there should be a system of range lights for the lower harbor to aid masters in finding their way to an anchorage after they have entered the harbor un-piloted. They claimed if there had been a set of lights on the Washington and Oregon shores on Saturday night, the McDonald need not have gone ashore; and that the cost of maintaining such a set of lights would be a mere bagatelle in view of the immense advantage and saving it would be to the owners and captains generally.



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The steamer Undine, Captain Larkin, arrived down on good time yesterday afternoon. She brought with her a young man by the name of Burt, who was badly hurt in the Oak Point logging camp railway accident yesterday. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital. The Undine went up the river promptly at 7 o'clock p. m.

The British steamship Crusader in ballast from Guaymas, Mexico, arrived in from sea yesterday afternoon. All were well on board and she had an uneventful trip up the coast from the southern port. She will load lumber at the Northern Pacific mills in Portland for Hakodadi.

There is a \$5,000 consignment of salmon fish oil at the Callender pier awaiting shipment to San Francisco, via the steamship Roanoke on her way to the south. It consists of 250 barrels, and is the product of the De Force Oil Company of this city.

Word was received here yesterday that the mainmast of the British bark Peter Iredale went by the board on Sunday last, and that the break amidships is now six feet wide. She is fast becoming a genuine wreck.

The steamer Lurline was slipped from the ways in Portland yesterday and will be equipped with dynamos

and other essentials, and put back on the Astoria run, some time between this and the 15th of the month.

The splendid French bark Able, from Hobart, November 6, was reported in yesterday afternoon. She is well known here, as one of the finest of the French fleet visiting this port and Portland.

Captain Stuart came up from Fort Canby yesterday with his men and the new motor life-saving boat. He declares the boat works like a charm and the men are very much pleased with her. They came after fuel oil.

The British bark Bankburn came down on Sunday last and went to the lower harbor. She is lumber laden for the West Coast and will make it out to sea as soon as possible.

The three-masted schooner Sailor Boy came down from Rainier on Sunday last, and cleared yesterday for the Bay City with 300,000 feet of lumber.

The launch Leader is doing transport duty in place of the Major Guy Howard, these days. It is said the latter vessel will be out for service in the course of the next ten days.

The steamer Northland came down from Portland yesterday and went directly to sea and San Francisco.

The steamer South Bay went to sea and San Francisco, yesterday morning, lumber laden, from Portland.

Joint Installation—Beaver Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F., and Gateway Rebekah Lodge No. 77, will hold joint installation ceremonies, at I. O. O. F. hall, on Friday evening next, January 4; there will be the usual happy time, capped with pleasant social intercourse and refreshments.

New Year's Service—At the Norwegian and Danish Methodist church at 37th and Duane streets, preaching service will be held on New Year's Day at 8 p. m. On Friday, January 4, an illustrated missionary lecture on Japan, will be given at 8 p. m. Everybody welcome. E. Gerding, pastor.

**"DORA THORNE" LAST NIGHT.**

Bertha M. Clay's Famous Novel Pleases Large Audience at Star.

"Dora Thorne" was produced to a packed house at the Star Theatre last evening, by the popular stock company, "Eckhardt's Ideals." This company have given playgoers of this city two first-class plays last week, but "Dora Thorne" has proven the most popular of all, as was demonstrated by the applause that the performers received during the acts and after each curtain.

Miss Heimlich, the clever little leading lady, played the part of Dora Thorne and was well received throughout the play. Mr. Montgomery as Ronald Earl, was very good; Oliver J. Eckhardt, as Sam Smart, the village poet, furnished the amusement, as usual. The company are exceptionally good and are improving with each performance.

Dora Thorne will be given a matinee, this afternoon. Next attraction, commencing Thursday and with regular matinees Saturday and Sunday, the great border drama success, "The Great Northwest" will be offered.

Fun, Fast and Furious—The new film-string now on at the Waldorf takes the medal for fun and interest. It reveals the history of a French student who leaves a good home for his university and his career there, with all the pranks and scrapes and sins of student-life, faithfully and fully portrayed, including a visit from the old folks, who catch him in one of his maddest whims, and the old father, who has not forgotten his own college days, goes out for a night with his son, and has more experiences before morning than he ever had in his life before. The things the boys do to the professors and others, day and night, would fill a book if written out, but are pictured quickly and clearly to the man who has not time to read books, and wants to see things for himself. He gets his money's worth by taking in this entertainment.

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