

## RESPONSIBILITY IS PLACED

**POLICE COMMISSION OF ASTORIA DISPATCHES A SUGGESTIVE COMMUNICATION TO COMMON COUNCIL.**

The police commission of the City of Astoria met in special convention yesterday morning to consider the annual report of Police Chief Charles Gammal, in detail. There were present Judge Chas. H. Page, and Commissioner Martin Foard, Commissioner T. H. Laurin, being ill and not in attendance.

The commission reviewed the particulars of Chief Gammal's statement and recommendations, and the substance of its conclusions and findings are aptly set forth in the following communication sent direct to the office of Auditor Olof Anderson yesterday afternoon:

"To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Astoria, Oregon.

"Gentlemen—We have the honor to hand you herewith the annual report of the chief of police of your city, filed in this office January 21, 1907, for your careful consideration. We concur in the recommendations contained in said report, but we deem it inadvisable at this time, owing to the high taxes likely to be levied on property in this city, for all purposes, for the year, except we earnestly recommend that the pay of each police officer, commencing February 1st or before, at your discretion, be increased \$15 each month, for the reason, it will be seen, that the police department is more than self-supporting and the collections made are considerable revenue to the city; especially so if it is the intention of the city council to continue allowing the town to remain open as during the previous year. We further state that in our opinion it is an open question whether or not an open town should be continued against the ordinances of the city and the laws of the State of Oregon, and if your honorable body shall see fit to inform the board in that respect our earnest efforts will be to carry out your instructions. Very respectfully,

"CHAS. H. PAGE.  
"MARTIN FOARD."

"N. B.—Mr. Laurin sick and absent from town."

### COMMITTEE MISSING.

Men Sent to Europe for Earthquake Insurance are Successful.

BERLIN, Jan. 22.—The members of the San Francisco committee that came to the continent to secure payment of insurance on losses sustained in the San Francisco earthquake having in the main accomplished their purpose, are about to leave for England.

The most difficult accomplishment of the committee was compromising with the Austrian Insurance Company of the Phoenix Vienna and the Trans-Atlantic Fire Insurance Company of Hamburg. It is understood the Phoenix Company agreed to settle its San Francisco policies at not far from their face value and that the Trans-Atlantic Company has also agreed to a basis.

After the Hamburg court on January 11 decided a test case against the North German Fire Insurance Company, the committee offered to compromise at higher terms than this company was willing to pay and as a result further litigation will be necessary.

The Rhine and Moslen Company of Strausburg, which operated with a strong earthquake clause is making a stiff fight against a settlement. Other German companies have agreed to settlements satisfactory to the committee.

### FROM THE ANTILLES.

**Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Benefits a City Councilman at Kingston, Jamaica.**

Mr. W. O'Reilly Fogarty, who is a member of the City Council at Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, writes as follows: "One bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had good effect on a cough that was giving me trouble and I think I should have been more quickly relieved if I had continued the remedy. That it was beneficial and quick in relieving me there is no doubt and it is my intention to obtain another bottle." For sale by Frank Hart, and leading druggists.

### SUNDAY TRAVEL TO PORTLAND

Increases and \$2.50 Round Trip Rate via A. & C. R. R. is Popular.

Travel from this city to Portland on Sunday at the low round trip rate of \$2.50 is on the increase and many enjoy that day in the metropolis each week. This rate will be continued throughout the winter and the volume of travel toward Portland every Sunday would indicate that the public appreciates it. 11-8-17

## ALONG THE WHARVES

**Alliance Fuels Up and Goes Out to Eureka.**

### ITEMS FROM WARRIOR ROCK

**Steamer Kilburn at St. Helen's Expects to Load from Barges Sent Down from Portland—Potter Goes up River Freightless.**

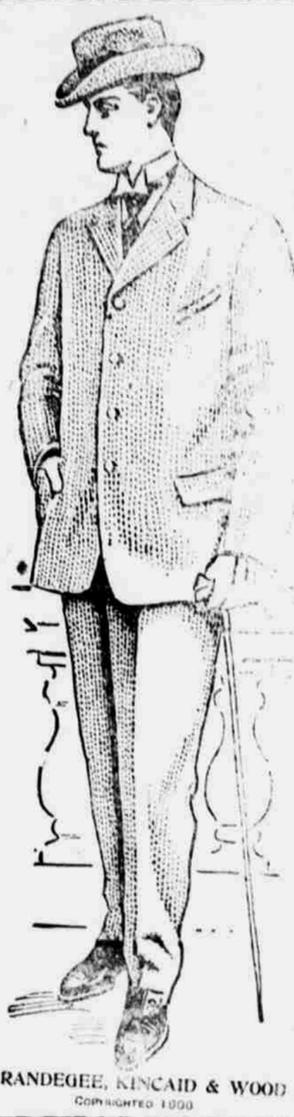
Captain Anderson of the big river steamer T. J. Potter, concluded he would go up stream yesterday, and lit out at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, with the intention of going as far as St. Helen's. It was reported about town after her departure that Captain Anderson had peremptorily refused to carry two funeral parties out of this city, one to Brookfield and the other to Skamokawa, and he was blamed severely for his apparent indifference to the pleas in these instances made by those most deeply interested; but inquiry at the O. R. & N. offices develops the fact that the captain was acting under express orders to bring his steamer to the metropolis without regard to way business of any sort, and his steamer being of a build and size to invite disaster in a situation where a lesser vessel might pass unhampered and uninjured, he not only had to decline to do that service, but left mails here that might otherwise have gone up on his boat. It was simply a matter of getting through to Portland at the earliest possible moment and nothing else. He also felt that the approaches to either of the points indicated might be choked with ice, as they were a few days ago, and the delay in that case would have been increased by the essential necessity of returning to this city with those interested in the care and disposal of the remains.

The Oklahoma arrived at the O. R. & N. dock at a late hour last evening. Her officers tell of a good deal of drift ice in the Columbia, and predict that it will be at least four days before river traffic can be freely resumed. The Aragonia and the Roanoke, both tried to break their way through yesterday, but were forced to put back. From St. Helen's to Walker's Island the drift ice is very heavy, and it is still coming down from the upper Columbia. The Potter got as far as Rainier and was there forced to lay over. It is predicted that she will not get far past St. Helen's. The steamer Beaver was found stuck fast at the mouth of Willamette Slough and the Oklahoma was delayed two hours, setting her free. The Undine came down last night at 10:30 and will leave out again in the morning. The Aragonia will also start out in the morning and will take a steamer up with her.

The steamer Alliance, Captain Kelly, returned from her futile attempt to make the trip to Portland, and docked here yesterday morning, ready to go to sea and Eureka, as per orders from headquarters at San Francisco. She needed oil badly and the arrival in port of the oil barge Roderick Dhu on the tow-lines of the sea tug Dauntless, Captain Jack Darragh, was a significant hint to the master of the Alliance and he was not long in laying his vessel alongside the Dhu and taking on a supply of fuel; after which he went to the Callender pier, blew his passengers, and lit out for the California port, glad to get away from the annoyances incident to the ice jam in the Columbia.

After the steamship Columbia broke from the grip of the Warrior Rock ice gorge on Sunday evening last, the master of the China liner Aragonia took a notion he could buck his way through at the channel point vacated by the former vessel and entered her fissure in the ice. He made all the effort a good seaman could, but the first thing he knew he was imbedded in the ice, and is fast there now, awaiting a thaw or an earthquake or any old disturbance to get his fine ship out of the chilly clutch of the gorge.

The O. R. & N. steamer Oklahoma arrived down from Portland last evening at 8:15, with a big lot of Astoria freight. She came down through the Willamette Slough, and reports things practically unchanged at the ice gorge, but all in hopes of its early dissolution. She leaves up this morning early.



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# STOVES

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