

MARITIME MESSAGES

Fish Warden Van Dusen Places Contracts for New Launch.

IMPORTANT CUSTOMS ORDERED

British Steamship Quito Arrives in From Muji—Elder Gets Away For The California Coast—Costa Rica Among Yesterday's ..Get-Aways.

The schooner Susie M. Plummer is due down the river today, lumber cargoed for the Bay City.

The schooner Abbie, lumber laden for San Francisco, is due down from Portland some time today.

The American steamer Lansing entered this port yesterday evening and is at anchor in the lower bay.

The Columbine went to sea yesterday morning bound for Yaquina Bay, with supplies and spars, for use at that station.

The steamer Alliance will be ready for sea and Coos Bay on Wednesday morning next, according to reports from Portland.

Captain Emken, of the River Pilot's Association is getting a lot of channel spurs in the Columbia River, between this city and Eureka, Oregon.

The schooner Berwick left out for the California coast yesterday afternoon, with all the merchandise she is permitted to carry.

The steamer Lansing that entered port yesterday evening carries 30,000 barrels of crude oil for fuel, and will discharge part of it at the Union tanks in this city and the balance will go to the metropolis.

The steamship Geo. W. Elder arrived down from Portland at 7 a. m., yesterday, and left out for the California coast exactly at 8 o'clock. She took as passengers from here, Max Mase, for Pedro, and Ben McKittuck, for Eureka.

The Costa Rica came down yesterday morning and docked at the O. R. & N. pier, where she took on a lot of phosphates for San Francisco, besides two passengers, hence, John Brante, and Mrs. W. A. Brown, both for the Bay City.

The British ship Quito, Captain Shortem, twenty-two days from Moji, went under custom house inspection yesterday morning, having entered port late on Wednesday night. Her master reports foul weather for the first half of the voyage and very pleas-

ant times for the balance of the trip. She left up for the metropolis yesterday afternoon, but at departure Captain Shortem did not know what he would take out, nor where he would take it.

Collector of Customs C. W. Carnahan, of this port, is just in receipt of two important orders from Supervising Inspector General George Ohler, of the Department of Commerce, under date of February 27th and 28th, last; one rescinding the decision of the Treasury Department prohibiting the carriage of calcium carbide or carbide of calcium and the stuff is not permitted under certain restrictions as to quantities and the character of the packages, and the exclusion of air and water, etc.; the other requiring the immediate re-inspection of all excursion and ferry vessels carrying large numbers of passengers. They are both worth looking into by shippers and captains interested.

Acting for the State of Oregon and the Fish Commissioners Board, State Fish Warden H. G. Van Dusen, yesterday, entered into a contract with R. M. Leathers, the marine builder, of this city, for the immediate construction of a fisheries patrol launch, at a cost of \$1,810. The vessel is to be 32 feet over all, 8 foot beam, and to draw 30 inches; she is to have detachable housing, that can be removed in summer and utilized in bad weather and will be staunch, swift and powerful. She will be equipped with one of the new Troyer 3 cylinder 15 horse power gas engines, for which a contract was let yesterday by Warden Van Dusen, to the Astoria Iron Works. The boat is to be ready for delivery on the 15th of June, next. The new boat is counted upon by the authorities to make a good record for the office, and, incidentally, herself, in the abatement of a number of fishing evils in this district.

DONE BY DEED.

R. E. Mathewson to L. O. Swetland, 80 acres, Sec. 31-3-6 W.	power of attorney
State of Oregon to H. A. Salzer, 320 acres, Sec. 28-5-8-W.		\$400
H. S. Batton et al. to Rosa B. Eckenberger, 50 by 100 feet, Block A, Ocean Grove		50
J. L. Johnson to Maria L. Johnson, lots 3-4 block 92, McClures Astoria		1
James Finlayson to Sarah Johnson, lots 5-6 block 9 Dement's Addition		9
M. J. Gallagher, et. ux., to G. L. Colwell, 89 acres Sec. 15-7-9-W.		\$250
Elk Creek and Cannon Beach Land Co. to E. Bushong, Block 13 Elk Creek Park		1
E. Z. Ferguson and wife to Nehalem Investment Co., S. E. 1-4 Sec. 26-5-7 W.		500
Lucy A. Palmer to Crossett Lumber Co., 120, acres, Sec. 32 8-7 W.		100

THE COMMISSIONERS GET BUSY

DESPATCH A LOT OF IMPORTANT MATTERS IN THE COURSE OF AN EIGHT HOUR SESSION AND MORE TO COME.

The county court yesterday was a particularly busy body and despatched a large grist of affairs, not the least of which, was to hold a conference with the attorneys heretofore named by the court in the matter of contesting the validity of the notorious Port of Columbia law. Messrs. G. C. Fulton, F. J. Taylor and J. F. Hamilton met the court, in session yesterday morning and considered the subject pro and con for sometime, and it is said that each of these gentlemen will file with the court, in due course, a written opinion on the legal status of the law, and from these findings the court will determine its further proceedings in the premise. In this behalf an order was made directing County Clerk Clinton to address a letter of inquiry to Hon. County Court of Columbia county, as to the attitude of that body on the question, and to ascertain whether Columbia will join in the movement to oust the law in the courts of the State. This step was, no doubt, taken by the Clatsop officials, in line of the unquestioned statement made here yesterday by people who know Representative Cornell of Columbia had acted on his own initiative alone that they are talking about, that throughout the entire pendency of the nefarious bill in the legislature, and that the general run of citizens in Columbia are as bitterly opposed to the measure as any of the people here. The result of their inquiry will be awaited here with immense interest.

The court received and opened bids for the building of the Elk Creek road, from A. W. Duncan, in the sum of \$1,150, which was considered altogether too high, and was rejected on that score. Bids were also received for the improvement of Road No. 92, from P. A. Larsen in the sum of \$484.50, and L. E. Wilson, at \$494; and the former bid was accepted, and the contract awarded to Mr. Larsen for the completion of the job, and a bond required in the sum of \$200, for the faithful performance of the work.

The petition for a road filed by Thomas Bush, et al., to run from Svensen to the ship channel at Knappa, was read, and withdrawn for the present upon the request of Attorney J. A. Eakin.

The February report of Road Master John Frye was read in open court and in all things approved and ordered to the files.

The application of S. A. Adair and E. R. McFarland, for a street railway franchise from the northern end of

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the Young's Bay Bridge to the Town of Warrenton, over certain of the county roads, was received, read, and taken under advisement.

The application of Mrs. Dora Badlet, preferred through Attorney J. A. Eakin, for a deed of correction, to cure the title of certain lands in Clatsop county, was read and considered by the court and granted forthwith.

The petition of John Lundberg, et al., for a county road, was continued until the 18th of March, for cause.

In conformity with the agreement existing for the sale and purchase of the county saw mill between the court and Mystrom & Bond, for the sum of \$1,250, was ordered to be closed and Commissioner John Frye was deputed to make the transfer and collect the residue of the money due the county in the premise, and report in due course.

In the matter of the tide boxes called for on the road passing the W. J. Ingalls place in the Lewis & Clark district, it was deemed the more economical plan to raise the road in question rather than install the new tide boxes in the dykes, and an order was made instructing the county surveyor to place the grade stakes at least two feet higher in the lower places, and make the true grade on the road from the Ingalls' hill to the Ritts' hill, and report his action.

The matter of the bids for the purchase of lumber for the county was carried over to the adjourned term of the court.

The report of the viewers on the road petitioned for by James Boyle, et al., was read a second time, and there being no objections thereto, the road was declared a county road, and ordered to be improved as such, and opened to travel.

The court desiring to make a call for bids in the matter of the improvement of Road No. 59, Commissioner Frye was directed to instruct Road Master Bartoldus in the premises, and to report later.

The clerk was directed to notify Road Supervisor T. P. Johnston, of Road No. 77, in the matter of improvements near Vesper to post notices asking for bids for the improvement prayed for, according to profile and the stakes he may set as to distances, such bids to be filed with the court, sealed, by the 2nd of April next.

The petition of William Christianson for permission to construct a logging road across the county road, near Knappa, was granted and petitioners ordered to file a general indemnity bond in the premises; and a similar order was made in behalf of the Sorrenson Logging Company.

The county clerk was directed to notify Mrs. Anna Leeper to abate a nuisance in the shape of a cow barn maintained on her place and complained of by the Tongue Point Lumbering Company.

The court then adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning.

SOCIALISTS LOSE GROUND.

LONDON, March 7.—Forty-nine reformers and twenty-nine progressive Socialists were elected from the county council of Somersetshire Monday. Apparently Socialism is having a setback, for the party has lost in the municipal elections of Middlesex and North Wales. In the latter district the Conservatives captured 36 seats.