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OCEAN, BAR, BAY, DOCK AND RIVER

A Portland-Astoria-Tillamook freight rate war is on. "Go away from home to hear the news" is an axiom well justified in this instance.

"Freight rates to Tillamook bay ports have been cut to \$3 a ton. The rate war between the operators of the steamships Sue H. Elmore and Argo is on in earnest and the former steamship will accept cargo for transportation to Tillamook at one-half of the rate formerly charged.

"Rates to Tillamook have been \$6 a ton and practically all the business from Portland was handled by the Sue H. Elmore and the gasoline schooners Evis and Gerald C., all the property of Samuel Elmore. In the early part of December the steamship Argo was placed on the run and contracts were signed up for a continuous service and a \$5 rate. Immediately after the announcement was made that the Argo would go on the run Elmore sent his boat to Portland and cut the rate to meet that of the Argo. He has since cut the rate to \$3 a ton.

"Harry Young, representing the steamship Argo, announced yesterday afternoon that the Argo would not meet the rates of the Elmore, but that the vessel would continue on the run, as his company had contracted for enough business at \$5 to keep the vessel busy and had agreed with the merchants of Tillamook to give that territory a regular service between Portland and Tillamook."

The Sue H. Elmore will not leave Portland for Tillamook until Monday morning next.

La Tour d'Avvergne, a French bark, recently arriving from Hamburg, via Hobart, Tasmania, was

chartered by Kerr, Gifford & Co. Thursday to transport a cargo of wheat from the Columbia River to the United Kingdom at a private rate, which is believed to be a less figure than any other grain-carrier has been secured at during the season. This is the first charter to be effected since the owners decided to suspend the rule, temporarily, making it imperative for no sailing vessel controlled by the combine to be placed in the grain trade from this coast at less than 27s 6d.

The steamer Lurline was doing business at the old stand last night and plenty of it. She went up the river at 7 o'clock with the following people on board: Mrs. Harry Blanchard and child, who were making the New Year's run with the popular purser, Harry Blanchard; H. R. Magoon, J. E. Somers, N. T. Darrington, J. S. Wallingford, and T. D. Upton.

Captain Donald Kennedy, of San Francisco, is visiting friends in Portland. Captain Kennedy is master of steamers on the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers. He is on his first trip to the Columbia River and is very well impressed with the steamboating on this river. Captain Kennedy will visit Puget Sound while on his vacation.

Word was received at the Merchants' Exchange at Portland, yesterday, that the steamship Homer bound from San Francisco to Portland, had landed three stowaways at Drake's bay. The spot where the men were put ashore is about 22 miles north of San Francisco and is just south of Point Reyes.

The steamship Rose City arrived down at the O. R. & N. piers shortly after midnight, and went to sea and San Francisco at daylight.

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LAST MEETING OF THE ASTORIA HIGH SCHOOL 9 O. A. C. BEAVERS 7

THEIR FINAL SESSION TO BE AT NOON ON MONDAY AT THE CITY HALL.

WALTER KECK'S FINE PLAYING ONE OF FEATURES OF THE INTERESTING GAME

The last meeting of the old council will be held at noon on Monday, and the members of the new council will also be in attendance at the same hour. Mayor Wise will call the old council to order, and after the roll-call the Mayor will probably have some final words of farewell or a message, in accordance with the practice of his predecessors in the office. The final act of the old council probably will be to appoint a committee on credentials, whose duty it will be to look into the credentials of those who have been elected and present themselves to take up their office.

The question of the contested election for the council in the First ward, between Mr. Carney, who holds the certificate of election, and Mr. Karinen will presumably be one of the very first things the new council will act upon. Whether there will be a contest demanded in the second ward also, as between Mr. Kaboth and Mr. Schmidt, seems not to have been definitely settled, though Mr. Schmidt has persistently stated that he would not demand a recount. Several members of the Republican city committee have been just as persistent in their desire for a recount, and many citizens have expressed a desire that the matter be cleared up. It is also said that a recount could probably be had even though not asked for by a party personally aggrieved by the count made by the judges and clerks of the election. "We have been given to understand," said one member of the city committee, "that one of the judges is said to have counted six votes for Mr. Kaboth that should have gone to Mr. Schmidt."

CHURCHES SUNDAY

Memorial Lutheran. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 a. m., theme, "A New Year of Opportunities." Evening service at 7:30, theme, "Simeon and His 'Nunc Dimittis.'" A cordial invitation is extended to the public to worship with us.

Christian Science. Services in rooms 5 and 6, I. O. O. F. building, corner Tenth and Commercial streets at 11 o'clock. Subject of the lesson sermon, "God." All are invited. Sunday school at the close of the service. The first Wednesday evening in the month at 7:30. Reading room same address, hours from 2 to 5 daily except Sunday.

The steamship Roanoke arrived at the Callender dock about midnight last night, with a big passenger list and a hold full of freight. She got here in time to join in the hullabaloo of the New Year and contributed some of the uproar herself. She left out at 6:30 o'clock in the morning.

The American-Hawaiian steamship Nebraskan arrived down stream early yesterday morning, and proceeded to sea and Puget Sound without any delay here.

The steam schooner Mayfair was among the early arrivals from the lower coast yesterday morning crossing in from San Francisco, and going on up the river with but little delay here.

The Nome City was among the get-aways from this port early yesterday morning, being lumber laden for the Bay City.

The oil tank steamer Argyle entered port yesterday morning from the California coast, and proceeded up stream forthwith.

The steamer F. S. Loop crossed in over the bar at an early hour yesterday morning and went on up the river at once.

The steamer Thomas L. Wand was of the incoming fleet yesterday morning and she too passed up stream.

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High School, 9; Beavers, 7. The Astoria High School football eleven won from the O. A. C. "Beavers" yesterday afternoon by the close score of 9 to 7.

When the game came to an end there was some question as to what the score really was, and both sides left the field with no assurance how the game would go. One touchdown had been secured by the High School team by Upshur catching a punted ball and running across the line with it. Some held that he had no right to do this without the ball having first touched the ground. After the game the umpire and referee looked up the rules with care and both decided that there was no doubt the touchdown should be counted, as it was an on-side play.

From start to finish the game was a fast and interesting one, with many spectacular plays on both sides. Those among the High School boys who expected they were going to run up against a lot of "farmers" found themselves woefully mistaken, and in the end it was merely a little superior skill and team playing that won the game.

But to take Hamlet out of the play would not leave a greater void than to have taken Walter Keck out of the "Beavers." Keck showed himself to be a wonderful player. He towered above all with ease, and it is not at all amiss to say that the game was virtually the Astoria High against Walter Keck, in which Keck came near to winning. Keck is said to be only 18 or 19 years old, and only a little over a year ago had never played football. Now he is one of the star players of the O. A. C. college team, and is known as one of the promising players of the northwest. Yesterday he seemed to combine weight, skill, coolness and head-work, and the way he threw himself into the game was something fine to see. Yet he was not the only good player on his side, for several of the "Beavers" showed up well.

The attendance was fairly good, there being several hundred on the field, and the spectators enjoyed every minute of the playing, as there was something doing all the time. One unfortunate feature was the way some of the spectators were permitted to over-run the field, keeping in the way of the players and shutting off the view of all those who had the decency to stay where they belonged. Captain Parker of the Astoria High, one of the strongest players of the local team, was badly hurt in the early part of the game and had to retire. In the last half Rogers of the Astoria High also hurt his knee cap again, though he managed to stay in the game. None of the others was badly hurt.

The local boys were plainly not in the condition they might have been in, and should have been in, and they lacked the precision and strength that they had showed on Thanksgiving day. It looks as if they have been suffering from a pretty bad case of

First Methodist.

Sermon themes for Sunday, morning: "Christian Progress." Evening, "Man—the Son of Nature, or the Son of God?" This will be the first in a series of Sunday evening sermon lectures on "Great Questions." Especially good music furnished by chorus choir at both services. All seats are free. A cordial welcome to all. C. C. Rarick, minister.

Presbyterian.

Morning worship, 11 a. m., "From Dawn Till Noon." Sabbath school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30; evening worship, 7:30; "Law of Harvest." The church will observe the week of prayer next week. Services will be held each evening except Saturday. All are invited. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

Alderbrook Presbyterian.

11 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m., a sermon for young people; 7:30 p. m., a "New Year" sermon. All are cordially invited to these services. Robert J. Diven, minister.

Baptist.

Rev. F. C. W. Parker, corresponding secretary and general missionary of the Oregon Baptist convention, will preach at the Baptist church at both morning and evening services next Sunday. Everybody is invited to

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over-confidence, and suddenly woke up to find that Keck and his teammates were the real thing. The "Beavers" are composed of Clatsop county boys who are attending the Agricultural college at Corvallis, and that they are able to get as good a team as they have out of the small number to choose from speaks well for the Clatsop delegation.

Mattson did fine work for the "Beavers" also. Upshur also put up a very fine game for the High School team. He was badly smashed around several times but seemed to escape hurt. Last night it was said that a physician had made an examination of Captain Parker's injury and found that he had fractured one of his floating ribs.

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