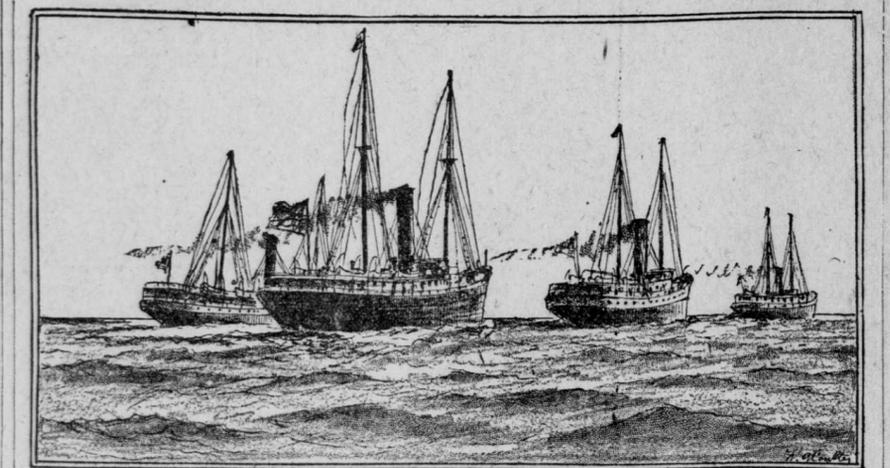


FLEET OF STEAMSHIPS IS READY TO LEAVE FOR NOME GOLDFIELDS

Ruth Will Get Away Next Tuesday, and Will Be Followed by the Valencia, John D. Kimball, Portland and Connaught in Quick Succession—Will Touch at Seattle to Receive Passengers



VESSELS IN READINESS FOR THE RUSH TO NOME. THE RUTH WILL SAIL NEXT TUESDAY AND THE VALENCIA TWO DAYS LATER, WHILE THE JOHN S. KIMBALL WILL LEAVE NEXT SATURDAY WEEK FOR POINTS NORTH OF ST. MICHAEL.

The exodus of gold hunters for the Nome and Golofin fields will begin next Tuesday with the departure of the steamship Ruth. The following Friday the Valencia will get away and on Saturday, May 25, the John S. Kimball, Portland and Connaught will follow.

The ex-transport Valencia will go out with every berth taken. Among those who will sail on her are W. H. Black, N. S. Vestal, H. P. Squires, A. Harris, E. L. David, W. Smith, W. H. Mann, D. B. Libby and son, George Bunker, W. Bunker and M. Estey. All the first cabin and nearly all the second is taken.

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The communication from Directors Doyle, Wilson and Olney of the San Francisco Iron Works, for an appropriation of \$520 per annum for the maintenance of the library was referred to the board without recommendation.

George Berger, one of the crew of the transport Samoa, met with a peculiar accident last Tuesday night. Before going ashore he had a revolver in his pocket and then, through some unexplained cause, the weapon went off.

The freight transport Samoa will not sail until tomorrow at noon. A quantity of freight has been held to take it. The British ship Downer Hill is still flying her bunting in honor of President McKinley.

The German ship Osorno cleared yesterday for Queenstown for orders with 55,285 cts wheat valued at \$25,200 and 21,000 lbs lumber as cargo valued at \$215.

The Kosmos liner. The Kosmos liner steamer Denderah sailed Tuesday for Hamburg via Central and South America with a general cargo valued at \$54,845.

Notice to Mariners. Notice is hereby given of the following changes in the aids to navigation in this district, which affect the 'List of Beacons and Lightships' of the Coast, 1897.

Shipping Intelligence. Arrived. Stmr Geo W Elder, Randall, 16 hours from Portland, via Astoria, Wednesday, May 15.

Shipping Intelligence. To Sail. Rainer, Seattle, N. What, 2 pm Pier 2. Humboldt, 9 am Pier 3.

Shipping Intelligence. To Arrive. Santa Barbara, Humboldt, May 16. Crescent City, Santa Rosa, May 16.

Shipping Intelligence. Sun, Moon and Tide. United States Coast and Geodetic Survey. The third time column gives the last tide of the day, except when there are but three tides.

Shipping Intelligence. Island Ports. Honolulu—Arrived May 6—Bark C D Bryant, from San Francisco.

Shipping Intelligence. Foreign Ports. Antwerp—Arrived May 15—Strm ship Palmeg, from Tacoma.

Shipping Intelligence. Time Ball. The time ball on the tower of the new ferry building was dropped at exactly noon to-day.

DELEGATES MEET ABOUT FLOWERS

Instructive Papers Read Before the Floral Congress.

Dr. David Starr Jordan to Be One of Eminent Speakers.

The second day's proceedings of the Pacific States Floral Congress, now in session at the Academy of Sciences Building, were highly interesting and well attended.

The convention adjourned at the close of the evening session until 9:30 this morning. There will be but two sessions to-day, a morning and an afternoon, after which the delegates will attend the floral exhibition in the ferry building.

Wall Must Be Made Safe. The Board of Public Works yesterday notified E. J. Baldwin to place in a safe condition the west wall of the Baldwin annex.

Advertisements. Mires Rootbeer. To refresh the body, a book to rest the mind—that's contentment.

Advertisements. Railway Travel. California Northwestern R. Co. Lessee. San Francisco and North Pacific Railway Company.

Advertisements. Santa Fe Trains—Daily. Leave Market-Street Ferry Depot. Local Daily, Limited Daily, Overland Daily, Local Daily.

Advertisements. North Pacific Coast Railroad. Via Sausalito Ferry. From San Francisco to Mill Valley and San Rafael.

Advertisements. Mount Tamalpais Railway. Via Sausalito Ferry—Foot of Market St. 9:30 A. M. TRIP ABANDONED MAY 16.

Advertisements. Dr. Gibbon's Dispensary. 629 Kearny St. Established in 1854 for the treatment of Private Diseases, Last Method, Doubly or Triply Guaranteed.

Advertisement for Ivory Soap. GOOD judge must have both experience and learning. A housekeeper should be a good judge for she too must have experience and learning or she may think that the soaps made to look like Ivory Soap are just as good.

Violators of Game Laws Caught. Deputies Hugh Walters and L. N. Kercheval of the State Board of Fish Commissioners report two recent arrests of persons guilty of violating the game laws.

Advertisement for California Limited. Just a little better than any other train—a little better service—a more homelike feeling on the California Limited.

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