# WILL LEAVE ON VENTURA

## Many Prominent Australians Take Passage on Oceanic Steamship Company's Liner

## Sailing Postponed Until To-Morrow Night on Account of the Mails Being Late

## Mariposa's Midwinter Trip to Summerland Proving Attractive to Seekers of Rest

Owing to the late arrival at New York of the British-Australian mails the Oceanic Steamship Company's liner Ventura, Captain Hayward, scheduled to sail for the Antipodes this afternoon, will not get away until 8 o'clock to-morrow evening. The time lost in waiting will be made up on the journey across the Pacific and the Ventura's schedule will be in tune again by the time she reaches the first colonial port.

This making up of time lost by the other fellow is an old story with the Ventura and her sisters, Sonoma and Sierra. Since the days when the Alameda and Mariposa carried the mail between here and the Antipodes with the regularity of clockwork, the burden of maintaining the service between England and Australia has fallen heaviest on the Oceanic Company's liners. Notwithstanding the fact that the run from here to Australia is the longest stage on the mail route, the San Francisco-Sydney service has long been pointed out as the nearest thing to perfection in the line of mail transportation. The Ventura and her sisters not only have kept faithfully to their schedules in all kinds of weather, but have done it when handicapped by delays at this end caused by tardy Atlantic liners and slower overland trains. The service contributed by these three boats is accepted all over the world as the standard of perfection in mail carrying and the one line which never causes the postal authorities a moment's worry.

Many prominent Australians will sail from here on the Ventura, which will carry a full complement of through passengers. Among the passengers will be: Mr. and Mrs. Margery of Adelaide; Dr. and Mrs. H. T. J. Thacker of Christchurch, New Zealand; G. H. Bosch of the firm of Bosch, Barfell, & Co. of Sydney; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scarlett of Melbourne and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clarkson of Canterbury, New Zealand.

Commander C. B. T. Moore of the navy travels on the liner to Tutuila, where Commander Moore will be Military Governor. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Moore. Dr. jur Shunjimiyao of the Japanese customs service will be a passenger on the Ventura to Sydney.

### To Summerland in Midwinter.

The liner Mariposa, Captain Lawless, which is due to-morrow from Tahiti, will sail again for the South Sea port on December 31. Many people are taking advantage of this trip for a midwinter rest from the social whirl and when the Mariposa leaves for summerland it will be with a jolly crowd in her comfortable cabins. In addition to the society people seeking rest in ideal form E. W. Darling, the Stanford student, whose ideas of dress have a number of times conflicted with the Police Department's notion of conventional attire, will be a passenger. Darling calls himself "the nature man" and goes to Tahiti in search of a spot where he can bask in the tropic sunshine as lightly clad as he likes. He tried it in Honolulu, but found that the police of the island port had the same narrow prejudice against unconventional attire that made the San Francisco bluecoats objectionable. He hopes to find in Tahiti a place where Mrs. Grundy has not usurped the throne of mother nature and where nature men can be true to their undraped ideals.

### Marion Chilcott Sails.

The Matson Navigation Company's ship Marion Chilcott, which was towed to Monterey by the tug Dauntless, sailed yesterday morning from Monterey for Honolulu with a cargo of fuel oil.

### The Overdue List.

There was no change yesterday in the overdue list. The Edith Mary is quoted at 70 per cent and the Brier Holme at 80 per cent.

### Alameda Sails From Honolulu.

The Oceanic Steamship Company's liner Alameda, Captain Dowdell, sailed from Honolulu at 9 o'clock yesterday morning for this port.

### Water Front Notes.

The Kosmos liner Anubis, from Hamburg, left Mazatlan on Tuesday for this port.

The steamship Enterprise sailed yesterday for Hilo.

The British ship St. Mirren, which arrived here February 5, cleared yesterday for Guam.

The Pacific Mail Company's liner Korea arrived yesterday at Yokohama.

## NEWS OF THE OCEAN.

### Matters of Interest to Mariners and Shipping Merchants.

The bark Annie Johnson will load general cargo here for Honolulu and not for the Orient, as erroneously reported.

### To Sail in Ballast.

The French bark Joinville will proceed in ballast to New Caledonia.

## SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.

Wednesday, December 21.

Stmr Newsboy, Lee, 36 hours from Crescent City.

Stmr Aurelia, Erickson, 64 hours from Columbia River.

Stmr Santa Barbara, Zaddart, 34 hours from San Pedro.

Stmr Samoa, Madsen, 16 hours from Caspar; bound south; put in to land passengers.

Stmr Celia, Reinertsen, 18 hours from Albion.

CLEARED.

Wednesday, December 21.

Stmr Queen, Cousins, Victoria, etc; Pacific Coast Steamship Company.

Stmr Coronn, Gielow, Eureka; Pacific Coast Steamship Company.

Stmr State of California, Thomas, San Diego and way ports; Pacific Coast Steamship Company.

Stmr Enterprise, Younggren, Hilo; J D Spreckels & Bros Co.

Br ship St Mirren, Mackhart, Guam; E C Evans.

Fr bark Brenn, Bertet, Adelaide; F Henry.

SAILED.

Wednesday, December 21.

Stmr Vanguard, Odland, Eureka.

Stmr Coos Bay, Nicolson, San Pedro and way ports.

Stmr Czarina, Johnson, Coos Bay.

Stmr Queen, Cousins, Victoria, etc.

Stmr Samoa, Madsen, Caspar.

Stmr Corona, Gielow, Eureka.

Stmr Alcatraz, Olsen, Point Arena.

Stmr Enterprise, Younggren, Hilo.

Stmr Brunswick, Ellefsen, Fort Bragg.

Fr bark General Faidherbe, Christien, Sydney.

Fr bark Guethary, Thoumire, Queenstown.

Schr Sansalito, Dahloff, Grays Harbor.

Schr Henry Wilson, Johnson, Grays Harbor.

Schr John A, Olsen, Eureka.

SPOKEN.

Dec 17—Off Castle Island, stmr Advance, from New York, for Colon.

TELEGRAPHIC.

POINT LOBOS, Dec 21, 10 p m—Weather foggy; wind NW; velocity four miles per hour.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

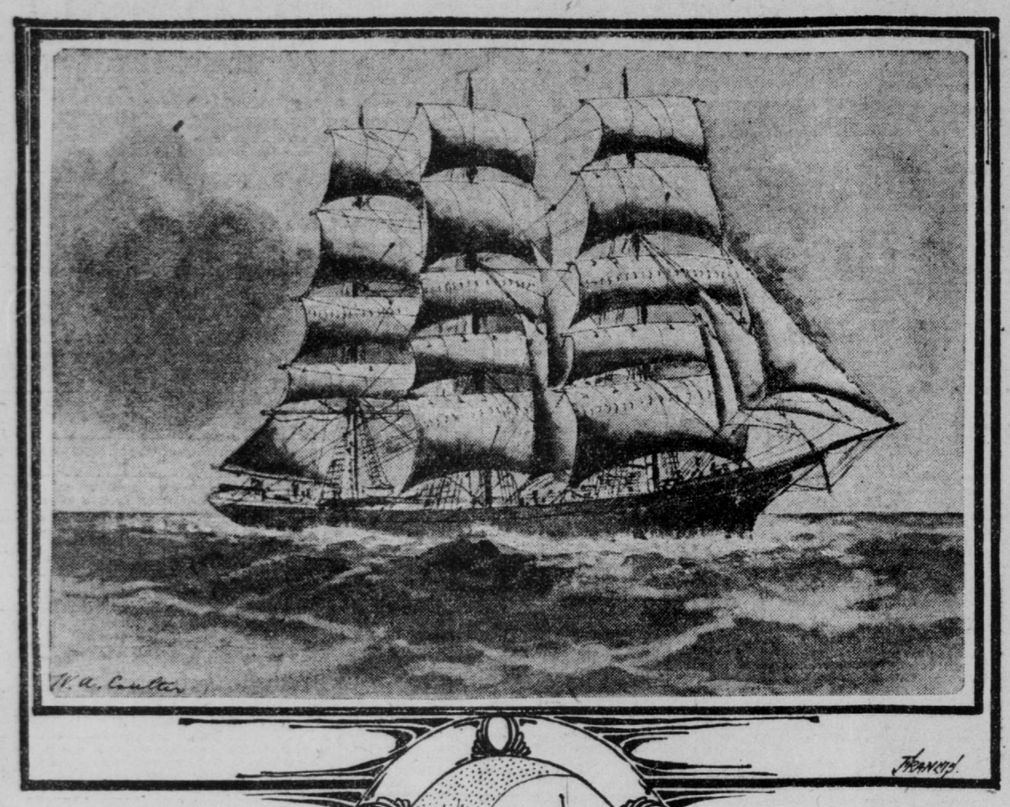
ABERDEEN—Arrived Dec 20—Stmr Newburg, hence Dec 16; stmr Aberdeen, hence Dec 16.

SEATTLE—Arrived Dec 20—U S stmr Burnside, from Alaska.

Sailed Dec 21—Stmr Geo Loomis, for San Francisco.

SANTA BARBARA—Sailed Dec 21—Stmr Bonita, for San Francisco.

Sailed Dec 21—Stmr Santa Rosa, for San Francisco.



OIL CARRIER MARION CHILCOTT, WHICH SAILED YESTERDAY FROM MONTEREY FOR HONOLULU.

COOS BAY—Arrived Dec 20—Stmr Breakwater, hence Dec 19.

Sailed Dec 21—Stmr Alliance, for Astoria.

ASTORIA—Arrived Dec 20—Stmr F A Kilburn, hence Dec 17, via Coos Bay and Eureka. Dec 21—Stmr Bee, hence Dec 18.

Sailed Dec 21—Stmr Whittier and bktn Fullerton, for San Francisco.

BELLINGHAM—Arrived Dec 21—Stmr Shasta, hence Dec 17.

MUKILTEO—Sailed Dec 21—Stmr Robert Dollar, for San Pedro.

TATOOSH—Passed in Dec 21—Stmr Jeanie, hence Dec 17 for Seattle.

PORT GAMBLE—Arrived Dec 21—Br ship Clan Graham, hence Nov 30.

MONTEREY—Sailed Dec 21—Ship Marion Chilcott, for Honolulu.

FORT BRAGG—Sailed Dec 21—Stmr National City, for San Francisco.

EUREKA—Sailed Dec 21—Stmrs Noyo, Pomona, Fulton, Phoenix and Eureka and schr Eva, for San Francisco.

GRAYS HARBOR Dec 21—Following is list of bar-bound vessels here: Stmrs, Chehalis, Centralia, Prentiss, Homer; schrs, John A Campbell, Sailor Boy, Transit, Chas R Wilson; bktn Gardiner City; schr Chas E Falk, for San Francisco; U S stmr Heather, for Puget Sound; schr Wm Witzemann, for Redondo; schr Ottilie Fjord, for Santa Barbara; schr Laura Madsen, for Guaymas; schr W J Patterson, for Valparaiso; schrs Nokomis and Argus, for San Pedro.

SAN DIEGO—Sailed Dec 21—Schr Dora Bluhm, for Eureka.

SAN PEDRO—Arrived Dec 20—Bktn Skagit, from Port Ludlow; stmr Marshfield, from Hardy Creek. Dec 21—Stmr Coquille River, from Crescent City; stmr Jas S Higgins, hence Dec 19; stmr Scotia, from Bowens Landing; stmr Santa Monica, hence Dec 19.

Sailed Dec 21—Bark Haydn Brown, for Columbia River; stmr Coquille River, for San Diego.

PORT BLAKELEY—Sailed Dec 21—Schr Wm Bowden, for Port Hadlock; Br ship Port Caledonia, for Port Gamble.

PORT HARFORD—Sailed Dec 21, midnight—Stmr Bonita, for San Francisco.

IFLAND PORTS.

KAANAPALI—Arrived Dec 17—Schr Aloha, from Seattle.

HONOLULU—Sailed Dec 21—Stmr Alameda, for San Francisco.

EASTERN PORTS.

NEW YORK—Arrived Dec 21—Br stmr Seguranca, from Colon.

Sailed Dec 20—Stmr City of Washington, for Colon.

BOSTON—Arrived Dec 20—Br stmr Border Knight, from Calcutta.

FOREIGN PORTS.

YOKOHAMA—Arrived Dec 16—Ger stmr Nicomedia, from Portland. Dec 20—Br stmr Deucalion, from Tacoma.

ADEN—Arrived Dec 20—Br stmr Indrapura, from New York.

HARWICH—Arrived Dec 19—Fr bark Marie Molinos, hence July 29.

HONGKONG—Arrived Dec 20—Br stmr Empress of China, from Vancouver.

IQUIQUE—Arrived Nov 24—Br ship Celtic Chief, from Callao.

LONDON—Arrived Dec 20—Br ship Norwood, from Manila.

FERNANDO DE NORONHA—Passed off Dec 3—Ger stmr Serapis, from Hamburg, for San Francisco.

DUNGENESS—Passed Dec 20—Br ship Barcore, from Shields, for San Francisco.

ST LUCIA—Sailed Dec 14—Br stmr South Australia, for Baltimore.

MAZATLAN—Sailed Dec 20—Ger stmr Aunbis, for San Francisco.

CORONEL—Arrived Dec 17—Ger stmr Denderah, from Hamburg, for San Francisco.

YOKOHAMA—Arrived Dec 21—Stmr Korea, hence Dec 3.

VALPARAISO—Arrived Dec 21—U S stmr New York, hence Sept 17; U S stmr Bennington, hence Oct 27; U S stmr Marblehead, hence Oct 17.

ANTWERP—In port Dec 6—Br ship Sutley, for San Francisco.

PER OCEAN STEAMERS.

NEW YORK—Arrived, Dec 21—Stmr Perugia, from Naples; stmr Kroonland, from Antwerp; stmr Menominee, from London.

Sailed Dec 21—Stmr Bovic, for Liverpool; stmr Rotterdam, for Rotterdam; stmr Majestic, for Liverpool; stmr United States, for Christiansand and Copenhagen.

LIVERPOOL—Sailed Dec 21—Stmr Siberian, for Halifax; stmr Cedric, for New York.

ANTWERP—Sailed Dec 21—Stmr Lancastrian, for Boston.

NAPLES—Sailed Dec 21—Stmr Prinz Adelbert, for New York; stmr Canopic, from Genoa and Palermo, for Boston.

Arrived Dec 21—Stmr Italia, from New York.

COPENHAGEN—Arrived Dec 21—Stmr Hellgolav, from New York.

LONDON—Arrived Dec 21—Stmr Minnehaha, from New York.

QUEENSTOWN—Arrived Dec 21—Stmr Oceanic, from New York.

### Memoranda.

NEW YORK—Arrived Dec 21—Br stmr Hindustan, from Yokohama, and reports had rough seas, which swept tarpaulins off No. 3 hatch and caused damage about decks.

### Sun, Moon and Tide.

United States Coast and Geodetic Survey—Time and Height of High and Low Waters at Fort Point, entrance to San Francisco Bay. Published by official authority of the Superintendent.

NOTE—The high and low waters occur at the city front (Mission-street wharf) about 25 minutes later than at Fort Point; the height of tide is the same at both places.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22.

Sun rises .....7:22
Sun sets .....4:55
Moon rises (full).....0:00 p. m.

| Dec. | Time L W | Ft. | Time H W | Ft. | Time L W | Ft. | Time H W | Ft. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 | 4:21 | 2.8 | 10:25 | 5.9 | 5:27 | —0.8 | ..... | ..... |
| | H W | | L W | | H W | | L W | |
| 23 | 0:37 | 4.5 | 5:05 | 2.9 | 11:05 | 5.8 | 6:08 | —0.9 |

NOTE—In the above exposition of the tides the early morning tides are given in the left hand column and the successive tides of the day in the order of occurrence as to time; the fourth time column gives the last tide of the day, except when there are but three tides, as sometimes occurs. The heights given are in addition to the soundings of the United States Coast Survey Charts, except when a minus (—) sign precedes the height, and then the number given is subtracted from the depth given by the charts. The plane of reference is the mean of the lower low waters.

### Time Ball.

Branch Hydrographic Office, U. S. N., Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco, Cal., December 21, 1904.

The Time Ball on the tower of the Ferry building was dropped exactly at noon to-day—i. e., at noon of the 120th meridian, or at 8 p. m. Greenwich time. J. C. BURNETT, Lieutenant, U. S. N., in charge.

NEW TREASURY RULING.—R. B. Armstrong, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, has instructed the customs authorities to treat merchandise belonging to the officers and crew of foreign vessels as the baggage of passengers, requiring declarations as in the case of passengers.

### Weather Report.

(120th Meridian, Pacific Time.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21—5 p. m.

The following maximum and minimum temperatures are reported for the previous day:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cincinnati | 42-22 | Philadelphia | 34-28 |
| Boston | 36-26 | Washington | 40-30 |
| Jacksonville | 56-48 | New York | 36-26 |
| St. Louis | 44-28 | Pittsburg | 38-24 |
| Chicago | 32-14 | Honolulu, H. I. | 76-72 |
| New Orleans | 64-44 | | |

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The following are the seasonal rainfalls to date as compared with those of the same date last season and the rainfall in the last twenty-four hours:

| Stations— | Last 24 hours. | This Season. | Last Season. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Eureka | .12 | 11.69 | 17.34 |
| Red Bluff | T. | 11.51 | 11.82 |
| Sacramento | T. | 7.90 | 4.44 |
| San Francisco | .00 | 9.00 | 6.02 |
| Fresno | .00 | 5.07 | .90 |
| Independence | .00 | .45 | .42 |
| San Luis Obispo | .00 | 4.75 | .82 |
| Los Angeles | .00 | 1.48 | .43 |
| San Diego | .00 | .23 | .42 |

THE COAST RECORD.

| STATIONS. | Barometer. | Maximum Temperature | Minimum Temperature | Direction of wind. | State of weather. | Precipitation. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baker | 29.74 | 40 | 30 | NW | Rain | .01 |
| Carson | 29.68 | 58 | 16 | W | Cloudy | .00 |
| Crescent | 29.72 | 44 | .. | SW | Pt. Cldy | .50 |
| Eureka | 29.98 | 48 | 40 | NE | Cloudy | .12 |
| Fresno | 29.80 | 52 | 30 | NW | Cloudy | .00 |
| Flagstaff | 29.92 | 50 | 16 | W | Cloudy | .00 |
| Independence | 29.74 | 54 | 28 | SE | Cloudy | .00 |
| Los Angeles | 29.82 | 68 | 48 | S | Cloudy | .00 |
| Mt. Tamalpais | 29.85 | 53 | 48 | NW | Fog | .00 |
| North Head | 29.86 | 44 | 42 | W | Cloudy | .18 |
| Phoenix | 29.84 | 70 | 40 | E | Cloudy | .00 |
| Pocatello | 29.74 | 46 | 24 | W | Cloudy | .00 |
| Pt. Reyes Lt. | 29.78 | 56 | 47 | NW | Cloudy | .00 |
| Portland | 29.86 | 52 | 44 | W | Cloudy | .12 |
| Red Bluff | 29.84 | 44 | 38 | S | Cloudy | T. |
| Roseburg | 29.94 | 46 | 44 | SW | Cloudy | .22 |
| Sacramento | 29.86 | 42 | 38 | SE | Rain | T. |
| Salt Lake | 29.76 | 56 | 28 | NW | Cloudy | .00 |
| San Francisco | 29.88 | 48 | 38 | SE | Cloudy | .00 |
| SE. Farallon | 29.8[illegible] | 62 | 49 | NW | Rain | T. |
| S. L. Obispo | 29.82 | 70 | 42 | S | Cloudy | .00 |
| San Diego | 29.82 | 66 | 54 | S | Cloudy | .00 |
| Seattle | 29.78 | 46 | 34 | SE | Pt. Cldy | .26 |
| Spokane | 29.74 | 38 | 24 | S | Cloudy | T. |
| Walla Walla | 29.76 | 48 | 34 | S | Cloudy | .01 |
| Winnemucca | 29.72 | 44 | 28 | NE | Cloudy | .00 |
| Yuma | 29.82 | 70 | 42 | NE | Pt. Cldy | .60 |

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND GENERAL FORECAST.

The pressure has fallen rapidly over Nevada and Utah. Rain has fallen in California from San Francisco northward and conditions are more favorable for showers.

The following high winds are reported: North Head, 36 miles, northwest; Eureka, 26 miles, northeast; Point Reyes, 60 miles, northwest; Farallon, 36 miles, northwest; Mount Tamalpais, 50 miles, northwest.

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours, ending midnight, December 22:

California, north of Tehachapi—Showers on Thursday; fresh south winds.

California, south of Tehachapi—Showers on Thursday; fresh southerly winds.

Nevada—Light rain or snow Thursday; cooler.

San Francisco and vicinity—Cloudy, unsettled weather Thursday, with showers; southerly winds changing to westerly.

Los Angeles and vicinity—Showers Thursday; fresh southerly winds.

Sacramento—Showers Thursday; southerly winds.

Fresno—Cloudy Thursday, probably showers; northerly winds.

A. G. McADIE, District Forecaster.

### Movements of Steamers.

TO ARRIVE.

| Steamer. | From. | Due. |
|---|---|---|
| Elizabeth | Coquille River | Dec. 22 |
| Chico | Coquille River | Dec. 22 |
| Eureka | Humboldt | Dec. 22 |
| Pomona | Humboldt | Dec. 22 |
| Santa Rosa | San Diego & Way Pts. | Dec. 22 |
| Point Arena | Mendocino & Pt. Arena | Dec. 22 |
| City Puebla | Puget Sound Ports | Dec. 22 |
| Bonita | Newport & Way Ports | Dec. 22 |
| Centralia | Grays Harbor | Dec. 23 |
| Neko | Hamburg & Way Pts. | Dec. 23 |
| San Jose | New York via Ancon | Dec. 23 |
| North Fork | Humboldt | Dec. 23 |
| Mariposa | Tahiti | Dec. 23 |
| Argo | Eel River Ports | Dec. 23 |
| Chehalis | Grays Harbor | Dec. 23 |
| Norwood | Seattle | Dec. 23 |
| Sequoia | San Pedro | Dec. 23 |
| Homer | Grays Harbor | Dec. 24 |
| Breakwater | Coos Bay | Dec. 24 |
| Iaqua | Portland & Astoria | Dec. 24 |
| Northland | San Pedro | Dec. 24 |
| G. W. Elder | Portland & Astoria | Dec. 25 |
| G. Lindauer | Grays Harbor | Dec. 25 |
| Anubis | Hamburg & Way Ports | Dec. 25 |
| Corona | Humboldt | Dec. 25 |
| Arcata | Coos Bay | Dec. 25 |
| Del Norte | Crescent City | Dec. 26 |
| Newburg | Grays Harbor | Dec. 26 |
| State of Cal. | San Diego & Way Pts. | Dec. 26 |
| Coos Bay | San Pedro & Way Pts. | Dec. 26 |
| Czarina | Coos Bay | Dec. 26 |
| S. Monica | San Pedro | Dec. 27 |
| Tottenham | Oyster Harbor | Dec. 27 |
| Curacao | Mexican Ports | Dec. 27 |
| Alameda | Honolulu | Dec. 27 |
| Umatilla | Puget Sound Ports | Dec. 27 |
| Nebraskan | Seattle | Dec. 27 |
| Pomo | Point Arena & Albion | Dec. 27 |
| Arctic | Humboldt | Dec. 27 |
| G. Dollar | Grays Harbor | Dec. 28 |
| City Para | New York via Ancon | Dec. 28 |
| F. Kilburn | Portland & Coos Bay | Dec. 28 |
| Rainier | Seattle & Bellingham | Dec. 28 |
| Coronado | Grays Harbor | Dec. 29 |
| Columbia | Portland & Astoria | Dec. 30 |
| China | China & Japan | Dec. 31 |
| Jeanie | Seattle & Tacoma | Dec. 31 |
| Queen | Puget Sound Ports | Jan. 1 |

TO SAIL.

| Steamer. | Destination. | Sails. | Pier. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **December 22.** | | |
| San Pedro | Humboldt | 2 pm | Pier 2 |
| Elizabeth | Coquille River | 5 pm | Pier 20 |
| Redondo | Portland & Way | 5 pm | Pier 2 |
| Pomo | Pt. Arena & Albion | 6 pm | Pier 2 |
| State of Cal | San Diego & Way | 9 am | Pier 11 |
| S. Barbara | Grays Harbor | 4 pm | Pier 2 |
| | **December 23.** | | |
| Centralia | Los Angeles Ports | 10 am | Pier 10 |
| Columbia | Astoria & Portland | 11 am | Pier 24 |
| Ventura | Sydney & Way Pts. | 8 pm | Pier 7 |
| Sequoia | Willapa Harbor | 12 m | Pier 20 |
| Chehalis | Los Angeles Ports | 4 pm | Pier 2 |
| Norwood | Los Angeles Ports | 4 pm | Pier 2 |
| | **December 24.** | | |
| Point Arena | Point Arena | 4 pm | Pier 2 |
| City Peking | China & Japan | 12 m | Pier 40 |
| Aurelia | Astoria & Portland | 4 pm | Pier 27 |
| Eureka | Humboldt | 9 am | Pier 13 |
| Pomona | Humboldt | 1:30 p | Pier 9 |
| Montara | Seattle direct | 4 pm | Pier 9 |
| Northland | Astoria & Portland | 5 pm | Pier 27 |
| | **December 25.** | | |
| S. Rosa | San Diego & Way | 9 am | Pier 11 |
| | **December 26.** | | |
| Bonita | Newport & Way | 9 am | Pier 11 |
| City Puebla | Puget Sound Ports | 11 am | Pier 9 |
| Breakwater | Coos Bay direct | 5 pm | Pier 8 |
| Argo | Eel River Ports | 4 pm | Pier 2 |
| | **December 27.** | | |
| S. Monica | Grays Harbor | 10 am | Pier 2 |
| Corona | Humboldt | 1:30 p | Pier 9 |
| N. Fork | Humboldt | 9 am | Pier 20 |
| Arcata | Coos Bay direct | 12 m | Pier 13 |
| | **December 28.** | | |
| Homer | Grays Harbor | 1 pm | Pier 2 |
| Arctic | Humboldt | 4 pm | Pier 2 |
| Mongolia | China & Japan | 1 pm | Pier 40 |
| G. W. Elder | Astoria & Portland | 11 am | Pier 24 |
| | **December 29.** | | |
| Newburg | Grays Harbor | 4 pm | Pier 10 |
| G. Lindauer | Grays Harbor | 6 pm | Pier 2 |
| Coos Bay | San Pedro & Way | 9 am | Pier 11 |
| | **December 30.** | | |
| Alaskan | New York direct | ..... | Pier — |
| | **December 31.** | | |
| Mariposa | Tahiti direct | 11 am | Pier 7 |
| Umatilla | Puget Sound Ports | 11 am | Pier 9 |
| Alameda | Honolulu | 11 am | Pier 7 |
| San Jose | N. Y. via Ancon | 12 m | Pier 40 |
| F. Kilburn | Portland & Way | 4 pm | Pier 27 |
| Rainier | Seattle & Blingham | 4 pm | Pier 10 |

FROM SEATTLE.

| Steamer. | Destination. | Sails. |
|---|---|---|
| Ramona | Skagway & Way Ports. | Dec. 28 |
| Farallon | Skagway & Way Ports. | Dec. 30 |
| Cottage City | Skagway & Way Ports. | Dec. 31 |
| Santa Ana | Seldovia & Way Ports. | Jan. 1 |

### City Must Pay Debts.

Judge Hebbard yesterday declared from the bench that he could never understand why individuals should be required to pay their debts and the city and county evade them. Therefore he decided that the city and county should pay $2200 to twenty-one men who were employed as extras in Tax Collector Smith's office during the month of May. The suit was brought by James A. Code, who, with eighteen others, was employed as an extra clerk in the office at a salary of $100 a month, and at the same time an acting cashier and acting searcher were employed at $150. The city admitted that the men had been regularly employed, but pleaded that the $36,000 appropriated for extra help in the tax office had been previously expended.

## THREE BATTERIES OF FIELD ARTILLERY FOR MANILA

### Captain Hayden, Now Stationed at Presidio, Will Be Among the Number of Those Departing.

The transport Thomas, which sails from this port Saturday, December 31, for Manila, will carry, besides the big detail of recruits destined for the islands, three batteries of field artillery.

These will comprise the Fifth Battery, under command of Captain J. L. Hayden, now stationed at the Presidio; the Twenty-sixth Battery, under command of Captain H. L. Hawthorne, now stationed at Vancouver Barracks, Wash., and the Twenty-eighth Battery, under command of Captain E. F. McGlachlin Jr., now stationed at Fort Leavenworth.

The Fifth Battery has been stationed at Presidio for the last three years. Captain Hayden and his brother officers are well known and highly esteemed here.

The case of Lieutenant G. S. Richards Jr., which was set for a hearing yesterday at 2 o'clock in the office of the judge advocate, was postponed, as Colonel G. H. Torney, the newly appointed member of the board, could not be present.

General Francis Moore and his aid, Lieutenant Creed F. Cox, made an inspection of the General Hospital at the Presidio yesterday.

Lieutenant General C. Rockwell, Tenth Infantry, will leave early in January for Seattle and after a few days in that city will proceed to his new post at Spokane, where he will assume his duties as battalion quartermaster and commissary.

### Stranger Kills Himself.

A man who gave his name as William Cook engaged lodgings at 741 Howard street last Tuesday night. His body was found yesterday morning lying on the floor of his room with a derringer clutched in his right hand and a bullet wound in the left breast. Thirty-five cents, a penknife, a silver watch and a bank book on the Hibernia Bank in the name of William Cook were found upon his person. Five dollars were to his credit on the book. The decedent was about 30 years old. The body is in the Morgue awaiting identification.

# POWDER TRUST MAKES DENIALS

## Says It Has Not Conspired Nor Threatened to Wreck Peyton Chemical Company

## LOANS LARGE SUMS

## Du Pont Affidavit Shows Advances of Nearly a Half Million for Local Plant

The powder trust had its day in court yesterday with a showing in refutation of the charges of the Peyton Chemical Company and in support of its demand for an inspection of the books before determining whether or not it shall pay a $30,000 assessment upon its shares of Peyton stock. The hearing, before Judge Kerrigan, occupied all of the day. It will be resumed on Friday morning.

At the opening yesterday Attorney E. S. Pillsbury asked for a continuance, which was denied. He said that the California Powder Company, of which he is practically the executive head, had been charged with being a party to a conspiracy to wreck the chemical company, and he wanted an opportunity to deny the charge. The president of the concern, Captain John Birmingham, is now on his way from Washington. Garret McEnerney, attorney for the Du Pont Company in the original litigation, also asked that he be permitted to participate in the final arguments. Both Pillsbury and McEnerney asking for delay pleaded that they had been busy with the Dolbeer case.

A half-dozen counter affidavits for the E. I. Du Pont de Nemours Powder Company were then read to the court, the principal one being that of Pierre S. Du Pont, treasurer and assistant secretary of the big New Jersey corporation. He admitted the company's purchase of stock in the various California powder companies, excepting the Judson Dynamite Company, but said that the purchases had been made in Delaware and that the company had done no business in this State. He denied that there had been any conspiracy to wreck the chemical company, but admitted that a proposition had been made to acquire control of the local corporation, the Du Ponts believing that a change in management would be for the best interests of all the stockholders.

### LOANED LARGE SUMS.

His recital of the financial transactions between W. C. Peyton and T. C. Du Pont, president of the trust, threw an interesting light upon the relations between the companies. He declared that in January, 1901, Peyton represented that $300,000 cash was all that was needed to start the Peyton Chemical Company, and upon his representations the Du Ponts subscribed and paid for $300,000 worth of stock. Du Pont expressed the belief that the remainder of the stock, 3500 shares, was issued to Peyton without payment. Afterward, it is said, Peyton represented that more money was needed, and the Du Ponts loaned him $75,000, and thereafter he borrowed $75,000 more from the Bank of California. In 1902, it is said, Peyton said $45,000 more was needed to complete the works. He got that, and returned for another loan of $60,000, saying that it would not all be needed, as the earnings would be sufficient to meet part of the debt.

When the $60,000 loan was made, it is said, it was agreed that there should be no more demands for money, and the assessment of $10 a share on the Du Ponts' 3000 shares is considered an evasion of that agreement. The explanation of the California Powder Company's breaking of the five-year contract for acids, on which the Peyton Company has sued for $572,000 damages, is given in the statement that the Peyton Company failed for three years to deliver any acid under the contract.

### CHANGE NECESSARY.

Du Pont says that the situation has gone from bad to worse, and it was considered that a change of management was imperative, so it was arranged to transfer part of the Du Pont stock to R. S. Penniman of the California Powder Company, in order that he might inspect the books and get on the board of directors. It is declared that $450,000 of the Du Pont money has been used up in three years, the interest on which would amount to $60,000, and there has been no return in the way of profits.

Other affidavits, chiefly those of F. D. Madison and R. S. Penniman, went into the question of good faith in demanding the transfer of stock and inspection of the books and of the regularity of the litigation. Attorney J. J. Barrett argued the Du Pont side and Judge Allen spoke for the chemical company.

## DESERTED BY SHIPBUILDER ON DAY OF MARRIAGE

### Nellie Cahill's Reason for Getting Divorce—Author's Wife Given Decree.

Nellie Cahill told Judge Kerrigan yesterday that she had married Edward Cahill, a shipbuilder, at San Mateo on November 29 of last year and that he had deserted her on the same day. He had since refused to accede to her demands for support and upon this showing the court granted her an interlocutory decree of divorce.

Irma B. Bolce, wife of Harold Bolce, magazine writer and holder of a department position in Washington, convinced Judge Kerrigan that she was entitled to a decree of separation from the author on the ground of his habitual intemperance. She testified that he had been addicted to excessive drinking for three years past.

Judge Hunt granted a divorce and the custody of two children to Irene M. L. Floyd, who charged Jefferson Davis Floyd, owner of a restaurant on California street, with cruelty. Other divorces were granted by Judge Kerrigan to Nevada C. Thornton from Clarence W. Thornton, for neglect and desertion; by Judge Hebbard to James H. Euley from Mary E. Euley, cruelty; by Judge Sloss to William Birch from Minnie Birch, cruelty; by Judge Graham to Mary Garrigan from Michael Garrigan, neglect. Suits for divorce were filed by Annie Low Metcalf against Edward B. Metcalf, cruelty; Johanna Hearne against Joseph Hearne, cruelty.

A dismissal of the suit of Bertha Lavinburg against Samuel Lavinburg was filed yesterday. It is evident that the bondholder who, in the wisdom of his seventy years, required his wife to sign an agreement not to sue him for support, has induced her to return to him.

TO HOLD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL—The annual Christmas festival of the Emanuel Evangelical Church, Twelfth and Stevenson streets, will take place this evening. A splendid programme has been arranged. The choir of the Sunday-school will sing several selections. A beautiful representation of "The Ten Virgins" will be given.

# WANT TO PAVE DIRTY STREETS

## Board of Public Works Anxious to Put an End to Disgraceful Conditions

## WOULD SELL THE BONDS

## Orders City Architect to Prepare Plans for Engine-House on 26th Avenue

There is a possibility that the rapidly degenerating streets of San Francisco will at least be repaired to a fractional extent in the near future. The desire of the Board of Public Works and the Board of Supervisors is that some relief be afforded at the earliest opportunity and that at least a portion of the bond issue for the repaving of accepted streets be made available. The Board of Public Works has ordered a resolution prepared that requests that the Board of Supervisors sell bonds in sufficient sum to permit of the paving of principal streets designated in the report of the City Engineer.

A great deal of complaint has been made by property owners of the decadence of the city streets and the failure to sweep them. There is also a failure on the part of the police to enforce the ordinance prohibiting the sweeping of refuse of shops into the gutters. The story is extant that never in the history of the city have the streets been in such a disgraceful condition and that now is the time to take steps to have them properly cleaned and kept free of health-poisoning debris.

The streets that the Board of Works proposes to repave with bituminous rock or asphalt on a concrete foundation are: Market street, from Second to East; Mission street, from Fifth to Ninth; Sixth street, from Market to Howard; Valencia street, from Eighteenth to Twenty-sixth; Sutter street, from Stockton to Larkin; Kearny street, from California to Montgomery avenue; Bush street, from Powell to Taylor; Larkin street, from Hayes to Turk; Van Ness avenue, from Fulton to Geary; Seventh street, from Market to Harrison; Ninth street, from Market to Folsom.

There are many streets in the downtown district proposed to be repaved with basalt blocks on a concrete foundation and with basalt blocks on sand, and these will also be improved, the idea being to stimulate interest in the purchase of the bonds.

It is proposed to deal similarly with the construction of other streets provided for by the bond issue, it being intended to proceed with those for which there exists an immediate necessity.

The board referred to President of Board of Works Schmitz several petitions for permits to sell flowers in the free markets at Kearny and Market streets. Schmitz stated that he would prepare rules governing such permits, among them being one providing for the laying out of a certain space for the market and requiring baskets to be kept three feet apart.

The board decided to bituminize and put sidewalks down on Scott street, between Fulton and Hayes, fronting Alamo square. The appropriation of $2750 is insufficient to improve Hayes street in front of the park.

The contract for repaving Eleventh street, between K and L, was awarded to McHugh & Sheerin.

The City Architect was directed to prepare plans for an engine-house on Twenty-sixth avenue, near Point Lobos. The streets in the vicinity will be improved if there are any funds available.

The plans for a safety station at Market and Powell streets were approved and referred to the Supervisors, as it will cost $1400, and only $750 was appropriated.

The Mutual Gas Company was requested to restore the pavements on Market street which it tore up to lay mains, the San Francisco Company having secured an injunction preventing the continuance of the work.

### Olson Bros.' Failure.

There were no new developments in the Olson Bros.' and the Olson Company's failure yesterday. The creditors have taken charge of the affairs of the firms and it will be several days before an inventory of the stock will be taken. Business was continued yesterday at the stores with which the Olson brothers are associated.


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