Additional Sporting News

Automobile Dealers Report Sales

Rainy Weather Does Not Stop Enthusiasts From Purchasing Motor Cars

By R. R. PHommedieu

In spite of the heavy rain yesterday some of the automobile dealers along the row reported sales. In many cases these sales were made to persons who have visited the salesrooms just to look at the cars. This is encouraging to businessmen other than those interested in the automobile trade, for it is an indication that the stringency in the money market is passing. There were reported yesterday also a number of sales where the buyers' names were withheld because only deposits were made, as the 1908 cars were not on hand to be delivered.

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J. S. Conwell of the Auto vehicle company received word yesterday from J. A. Nickrent and E. E. Mason that they had reached Santa Maria on their tour of investigation of the coast roads in the Tourist car. They reported that they found considerable mud up to that point. It will take at least 10 days of dry weather before they can attempt to break the record.

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C. S. Howard, local agent for the Buick, reports the sale of a 22 horsepower two cylinder Buick touring car to John Douglas of this city.

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J. H. Leggett of Oroville made the run down to this city from his home in his Studebaker, and, coming along leisurely, accomplished the trip in three days. He says that the roads are for the greater part of the way badly cut up and very wet, but on the northern part of the trip they were found to have good bottom. Leggett will start back for Oroville in his Studebaker tomorrow.

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E. P. Brinegar of the Pioneer automobile company said yesterday that several large cars were en route from the eastern factories. A model F 70 horsepower Thomas touring car left for the San Francisco house yesterday. Three model D X Thomas 60's are due Wednesday, coming by express. The Thomas forty factory telegraphed that a carload, consisting of two runabouts and one touring car, left there Monday. A carload of model M Oldsmobiles will arrive in a short time, as they left the factory Saturday.

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The Mobile carriage company reports the sale and delivery of the second 1908 40 horsepower four cylinder Pierce Great Arrow touring car to E. B. Waterman. The company received word yesterday that the 1908 little six cylinder Pierce Great Arrow had passed Ogden on Monday and was due to arrive here very soon.

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President William H. Hotchkiss of the American automobile association announces the appointment of the new technical board which was authorized at the annual meeting of the board of directors as follows:

N. H. Van Sicklen, chairman; David Boecroft, Chicago, Ill.; H. O. Smith, Indianapolis, Ind.; Edgar Apperson, Kokomo, Ind.; Walter C. Baker, Cleveland, O.; Henry Souther, Hartford, Conn.; S. M. Colburn, Minneapolis, Minn.; E. R. Thomas, Buffalo, N. Y.; Clarence E. Whitney, Hartford, Conn.; E. T. Birdsall, Rochester, N. Y.; Angus Sinclair, Newark, N. J.; J. C. Kerrison, Boston, Mass.; Henry Ford, Detroit, Mich.; H. M. Rowe, Baltimore, Md.; A. C. Newby, Indianapolis, Ind.; A. L. Riker, Bridgeport, Conn.; Roy F. Brigton, St. Louis, Mo.

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Homer Boushey reported yesterday that he had just received a telegram from the Pope-Hartford factory to the effect that six touring cars and three runabouts had left for the coast. These, with the three cars due tomorrow, will make one of the largest shipments of 1908 cars sent west so far this season. It is also a record for the Pope factories, for it is the first time since the automobile game started that they have been able to get cars to San Francisco so early.

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The Boyer motor car company will move into its new and permanent quarters at 406 Golden Gate avenue today if the weather permits. The spacious salesroom has been finished and will show to advantage the late models of the Franklin and Royal Tourist cars.

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Fred Linz of the Maxwell-Briscoe Pacific company reports the sale of Maxwell runabouts to Dr. N. B. Morrison of San Mateo and to J. B. Kelly of Portland.

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That the students of the Polytechnic high school are greatly interested in the automobile was demonstrated yesterday, when Retail Sales Manager H. B. Rector of the White company paid them a visit. Rector took out to the school a 20 horsepower model "L" White steamer and showed the boys the inner workings thoroughly. He explained to them the workings of the steam car and talked of the progress made by the White year after year.

SUPERVISORS TO ADDRESS THE REAL ESTATE BOARD

D'Ancona and Payot Will Discuss the Public Improvements Now Being Carried On

Supervisors A. A. D'Ancona and Henry Payot are to speak at the regular meeting of the San Francisco real estate board, which will be held at the rooms of the California Promotion committee, Union square, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The two supervisors will tell the members of the real estate board of the work being done by the public improvements committee.

The members of the San Francisco real estate board are booming the plan of the proposed consolidation, and a paper on the proposed Greater San Francisco has been prepared by C. E. Edwords for the benefit of the members of the real estate board.

REFORMS IN BASEBALL

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Several important reforms in baseball may result from the meeting of the National League of Baseball Clubs held here today. One is the abolition of the present system of so called double header games frequently planned to draw large crowds. Some of the league members are opposed to games of this kind, on the ground that they are unsportsmanlike. President Pulliam recommended that the sale of liquids in bottles and the sale of liquor in the grandstands be prohibited, and declared that double header games and seven inning contests should be done away with.

CARNEGIE GIVES MORE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. — Andrew Carnegie has added $2,000,000 to the $10,000,000 endowment fund of the Carnegie institute. Announcement of the fact was made at a dinner tonight at the New Willard of the board of trustees of the institute, to which had been invited a number of scientists and men prominent in public affairs.

Irish Athletes Will Meet on Field

Football and Hurling to Make Up Sunday Program at Recreation Park

Sunday will be a day of Irish sports at Recreation park, in which a great number of athletes will take part in the name of charity. The principal events will be football and hurling, at both of which games the young athletes are experts.

In the hurling events the services of the Sarsfields have been volunteered by President James F. Conway and Captain James J. Lynch, while President Michael J. Ryan and Captain Tim Murray have volunteered the Young Irelands. Michael J. Ryan will referee the match.

The football match will be between the Emeralds and the Irish Americans. The teams will be made up of the following players:

Emeralds—J. J. Barry, T. Lane, J. Clifford, J. Conway, ———Houlighan, P. Hagherty, L. Long, J. Sugrue, M. Cullotty, P. McGuire, P. Stapleton, J. Hurley, M. Shaughnessy, T. Lowe, J. Crosbie, D. Creedon and J. Benton.

Irish Americans—D. McMahon, N. Finn, J. Lynch, R. Sullivan, J. O'Brien, P. Murphy, R. Spring, D. Lyons, P. Griffin, J. McGurrin, T. Collins, J. O'Donnell, T. McCarthy, M. O'Rourke, D. O'Neil, T. Culligan, Murphy and Hurley.

The games will be commenced at 2 o'clock and the general admission will be 25 cents.

The boys of the Columbia Park club will give a public exhibition in the Auditorium tonight. One hundred and twenty will take part. There will be music by the senior band of 24 pieces under the direction of Conrad Horst. Two pyramid teams will be seen in athletic groupings and there will be classes in wand and dumbbell exercises under the direction of George Schlitter. There will be races at various distances for boys under 12 years, from 12 to 14 and over 14. There will be relay races in each class. The prizes will be gold, silver and bronze medals.

MISSION WANTS LOWER FIRE INSURANCE RATES

Five Cent Theaters Criticized for Showing Improper Pictures

Exorbitant insurance rates and an auxiliary water supply for fire protection were the main topics discussed at the meeting of the Mission promotion association last night in Rolph's hall, Twenty-fifth and Guerrero streets. Members of the association expressed some indignation because the projected plans for the high pressure water system from Twin Peaks are so arranged that the entire district south of Twentieth street would not receive a drop of water from that source.

The association is preparing to make an attempt to have the insurance rates of the district lowered. At present the Mission has 2,000,000 gallons more water supply than before the fire, and yet, members affirmed, the insurance rates ranged from 100 to 900 per cent higher than before the quake. They will prepare data showing the ample fire protection, which will be communicated to the board of fire underwriters.

J. W. McGuire severely arraigned the 5 cent theaters doing business in the Mission.

"Many of the moving pictures they show should not be seen by children," he said.

He gave as example the pictures that portray drunken men and the like.

McGuire told the association that he had interviewed a number of saloon men in the Mission and a majority of them were willing to close their saloons at 12 o'clock at night if all were compelled to do so.

TIDAL WAVE WRECKS STAGE; CARRIES TRAVELERS TO SEA

Thirteen Adults and Baby Have Miraculous Escape in Unusual Accident

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

PORTLAND, Dec. 10.—Fourteen passengers had a narrow escape from death and several were injured yesterday in a most unusual accident on the Drain-Marshfield stage line on the ocean beach near Marshfield. The stagecoach was lost in a tidal wave and the passengers after being carried 100 feet out to sea were washed back to shore and all were saved.

Without warning an immense wall of water engulfed the stage while it was being driven along the wet sand two miles from Marshfield between the surf and the seawall. The wave came so quickly that there was no escape. Ten men passengers were carried seaward and three women and a child were pinioned under the wrecked stage.

S. Witkowski, a San Francisco traveling man, was among the passengers and is laid up at Marshfield hotel.

ALDERMEN READY TO PUT AHEARN BACK IF OUSTED

Fight of Hughes Against Borough President Met by Plea for Injunction

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The refusal of John F. Ahearn to submit passively to removal upon charges from the office of borough president of Manhattan by Governor Hughes has brought about an interesting situation.

Today counsel for Ahearn secured temporary injunctions restraining the county clerk from filing the governor's order of removal and the mayor from presiding at a meeting of the aldermen for the election of a successor to Ahearn. Should Ahearn's court action fail and he be removed the board of aldermen, it was confidently declared in Tammany circles to day, will immediately re-elect him borough president.

KNOWLAND TO FORCE ISSUE ON MERRILL APPOINTMENT

Going to White House to Compel President to Show How Wheeler Stands

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Representative Knowland, supported by Senator Perkins, will go to the White House tomorrow to see the president regarding Postmaster Merrill of Berkeley. Both of the California senators say they will support Knowland if he insists that Merrill shall not be confirmed, but they are advising him to bow to the inevitable.

They think if the president will assure the delegation that Benjamin Ide Wheeler's influence ended with Merrill's appointment Knowland can afford to waive the matter. Knowland, however, is disposed to make the Merrill case a showdown and to demand his withdrawal in favor of a third party.

TWELVE MILLIONS FOR CALIFORNIA FRUITMEN

Deciduous Shipments Increase 1,150 Cars Over Last Season

GRAPES IN THE LEAD

Better Demand and Higher Prices Add to Profits of Orchardists

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.—California's deciduous fruit season, just closed, has been one of the best in the history of that great industry.

Shipments outside the state, principally east, brought gross returns of $12,000,000 to growers, according to Alden Anderson, president of the California fruit distributors' association, which handles most of the green crops. Shipments increased 1,150 cars over last year, when 6,305 were dispatches east for early trade. Better demand, higher prices, finer fruit and more of it contributed to success.

Shipments brought an average of $2,000 a car. Several of cherries, of which 98 cars went forward, brought $5,000 each. Grapes led in quantity with 3,455 cars, mostly from southern California.

Pears were next, 1,039 cars; plums and prunes, 1,039 cars; apples, 1,034 cars, nearly all from the Watsonville district; peaches, 600 cars; apricots, 71 cars; persimmons, loquats, pomegranates, figs, berries and miscellaneous, 17 cars.

REPUBLICANS TRIUMPH IN BOSTON ELECTION

Independence League Encompasses Defeat of the Democratic Ticket

BOSTON, Dec. 10.—In the closest and hardest fought election which Boston has known in many years the city went Republican today by 2,000 votes. Postmaster George A. Hibbard, republican, defeated Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, democrat, who was a candidate for re-election.

The revised returns show the following vote cast for the mayoralty candidates: John A. Coulthurst, independence league, 15,871; Fitzgerald, democrat, 35,054; Hibbard, republican, 38,067.

The city voted to license saloons by a majority somewhat smaller than in previous years.

Two features contributed notably to the return of a republican mayor after six years of democratic administration, one being the heavy vote given to the independence league candidate by democrats and the other the thorough investigation made by a finance commission into the affairs at the city hall, in which evidence has been brought forth alleging irregularities in the purchase department and in the granting of contracts, through which, it was claimed, the city had lost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

As against today's gain of Worcester, Lynn and Woburn and that of Haverhill last week, the temperance workers have only the loss of Chelsea in today's balloting and of Fitchburg last Wednesday. The changes in Lynn, Haverhill and Worcester are regarded by the temperance advocates as the greatest victories in this state since the local option law has been in effect. Local campaigns of unusual strength against liquor selling have been the immediate causes of the revolution.

LAUCK NAMES BOARD TO REVISE MILITARY LAWS

Will Offer Amendments to Conform Statutes With Federal Regulations

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 10.—Adjutant General J. B. Lauck appointed a board of officers today to revise the state laws governing the national guard of California so as to conform with the federal military laws.

The board is authorized to propose such other amendments to existing laws as may be deemed necessary.

The board will meet at the call of the president and will forward its report to the adjutant general not later than October 31, 1908. The laws as revised by the board will be arranged in the form of a bill for submission to the legislature at the next session. The officers to form the board are Col. Thomas Wilhelm, assistant inspector general; Col. H. I. Seymour, Second infantry; Captain G. W. Bauer, commanding naval militia of California; Col. D. A. Smith, Fifth infantry; Lieut. Col. S. M. Saltmarsh, Seventh infantry.

DEATH OF EXPLORER'S WIFE BRINGS SADNESS

Five Children Motherless and Dr. Nansen's Plans Shattered

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 10.—The death of Eva Nansen, wife of Dr. Nansen, the Arctic explorer and diplomat, which occurred last night, is especially sad in view of the plan recently formed by herself and her husband whereby Dr. Nansen was to resign the post of Norwegian minister in London and return to Norway to pass the remaining years of his life with his family.

Dr. Nansen is on his way home, but he cannot arrive until tomorrow. He received the news of his bereavement while on a train. Five children are left motherless in the home, which was one of the happiest in Norway. It is now thought probable that Dr. Nansen will be induced to remain in London.

MILWAUKEE SAILS NORTH

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 10.—The cruiser Milwaukee sailed at 11 o'clock today for Mare island navy yard with the St. Louis preceding her yesterday. Both vessels missed their regular fall overhauling two months ago and that they will now have. It is expected that both will be back with the rest of the squadron for the dedication of the Bennington monument, which has finally been fixed for January 7 next.

Shipping News and Gossip of the Water Front

Crowded With Passengers Korea Sails With Freight and $1,700,000 in Treasure

There was nothing suggestive of hard times about the Pacific Mail liner Korea when that big steamship sailed yesterday for the orient with 1,186 persons on board, 8,500 tons of cargo and treasure valued at $701,068. Of this treasure, destined for Hongkong and Shanghai, $8,000 was in United States gold. The balance was in silver bars. The cargo was the largest carried from this port since the days of the Russo-Japanese war.

The liner carried 200 cabin passengers, the majority of them traveling for pleasure. In the European steerage were 35 passengers. Of Asiatics the Korea carried 527 Chinese and 158 Japanese. Of the Asiatic passengers 101 are going home under orders of deportation. Most of the Chinese will pass the Chinese new year in the celestial kingdom, and of these the majority will return to the land of opportunity and high wages in a few months.

On the liner's forward deck was a small herd of blooded cattle for Japan. The late arrival of these cattle caused about half an hour's delay in the steamer's departure. The Korea carried passengers and freight to its full capacity. To have taken more steerage passengers would have meant a reduction in the amount of freight and vice versa. Of freight and passengers the company officials said yesterday more had been offered than could be accommodated. The Korea's passengers included:

Honolulu—Miss F. O. Anderson, Mrs. W. H. Babbitt, Fritz D. Bolle, H. G. Boswell, Mrs. J. F. Bowler, J. O. Carter, Mrs. J. O. Carter, Miss A. Margaret Dietz, A. Dreier, Mrs. Dreier, J. W. Duckworth, C. B. Dugan, Mrs. Dugan, Mrs. Sarah Duncan, Miss Elizabeth Dutot, R. R. Elgin, A. G. Faneuf, Mrs. Louisa Garvin, L. R. Gay, Mrs. J. S. Gay, Mrs. G. D. Gear, J. A. Gilman, M. S. Grinbaum, Mrs. Grinbaum and maid, Mrs. S. D. Heapy, Leon Honigsberger, Miss Mayme Jordan, Prince Kawananakoa, Princess Kawananakoa and maid, Takeki Kuwabara, Robert Lewers, E. Madden, Mrs. Madden and two children, Miss Ella McInerney, Miss Cordelia McKenzie, C. A. Moore, Mrs. Moore, A. H. Omstead, Mrs. Omsted, Miss Theo. H. Omsted, Dr. R. C. L. Perkins, Mrs. E. W. Peterson, Ernest Peterson, F. A. Potter, Mrs. Potter, W. H. Redway, Mrs. Redway, Mrs. H. S. Robinson, S. Robinson, A. F. Robinson, S. A. Robinson, L. B. Rowe, Miss Adelina Santos, Horace V. Scott, Mrs. Scott, E. M. Scoville, Mrs. Scoville, Charles P. Shepard, Mrs. Shepard, Mrs. E. S. Shepherd, Miss Marjorie Shepherd, P. A. Swift, Mrs. Swift, Miss E. Thompson, F. L. Waldron, Mrs. W. E. Wall, two children and maid, G. R. Warren, W. L. Warren, Miss A. H. Waterhouse, Mrs. M. Welker, Gerrit P. Wilder, Mrs. Wilder, Miss Helen Wilder, H. S. Wood, S. Yagashita.

Yokohama—H. Bethell, Emmons Clarke, Mrs. A. L. Craig, Mrs. W. C. Gibbs, Miss Harriet Gibbs, Leland Harrison, T. Ito, W. L. Keane, Mrs. W. L. Keane, W. E. Ketcham, Miss Freda Leach, Rev. John McKim, K. Mogi, Mrs. K. Mogi, Mr. W. P. Neeson, S. Ohki, H. O'Kura, Miss B. R. Radford, Sir Clifton Robinson, Lady Clifton Robinson, Clifton Robinson Jr., N. Sato, Miss C. E. Wherry.

Kobe—Rev. James J. Chapman, Mrs. Chapman, Miss Claudia Chapman, Master Dennis Chapman, Miss Mary Scott, Edwin H. Tuska, H. M. Tuska.

Nagasaki—William Armstrong.

Shanghai—Miss Mary E. Burns, J. M. Dickson, Mrs. F. B. Hamilton, Miss Rose Hart, Miss Dorothy Hart, Wellington Hart, Virgil Hart, Dr. O. F. Hill, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. R. S. Idy, Miss Maria Marschal, Rev. F. E. Meigs, Miss S. E. Munn, D. Pegorini, Mrs. Pegorini, Hector Prud'homme, Mrs. Prud'homme, Miss Nora Prud'homme, Hector Prud'homme Jr., Howard Stearns.

Hongkong—Miss A. G. Bartlett, G. F. Bennighoff, Miss Julia F. Bennighoff, Miss A. Julia Bennighoff, James Cooper Clark, Mrs. A. Clark, Edward Courtney, R. T. Cowles, Mrs. Cowles and infant, H. T. Crenshaw, Andrew B. Cresap, Arthur Crowell, F. C. Donnison, Miss Mabel Evans, Josh B. Floyd, Mrs. J. B. Floyd, Dr. F. J. Fluno, Mrs. Fluno, Miss L. E. Fluno, Miss M. A. Fluno, Commander Henry C. Gearing, A. L. Giacomini, John S. Gillis, Charles T. Hicks, Mrs. Laura A. E. Huffman, Miss L. C. Huffman, Miss E. M. Huffman, Miss G. E. Huffman, C. A. Ingerson, Mrs. Ingerson, George Innes, Nick Kaminski, Mrs. L. F. B. Kelsey, Mrs. A. E. Kirby, Mrs. S. Lagrave, Mrs. M. C. E. Mayers, Dr. G. W. McKean, Mrs. H. Millard, J. B. Miller, W. F. Montavon, Miss Sarah E. Osgood, Edward A. Pugh, J. O. Sanderson, Daniel M. Searcy, A. E. Shannon, A. J. de Souza, Mrs. Alberta Stickney, P. F. van Deusen, W. A. Walsh, Mrs. Walsh, Fred P. Warren, E. L. Webster, Mrs. Webster, Joseph L. Whelan, S. Wolff, Edward Zuellig.

Join at Honolulu—L. Caravaniez, John R. Watson.

Bar Is Still Breaking

Another southwester turned itself loose yesterday and caused more or less commotion about the harbor. The bar was breaking heavily all day, and several vessels that started for sea postponed their departure after taking a look at the combers that rolled across the Golden gate. The liner Korea was among the storm detained outward bounders. The collier Titania arrived off the port Monday night, but lay at anchor near the lightship until yesterday morning.

The steamer Whitesboro returned on account of its being too rough at Point Arena to load cargo. The schooner Forester, bound for Eagle harbor, put back on account of the high wind and breaking bar.

A raft of piles broke from a boom at the foot of Mason street and was scattered all over the bay. Launches picked up many of the derelict logs and towed them to the boom.

The storm kicked up quite a sea on the bay, made the ferry boats roll and kept the coal lighters alongside the cruiser California straining at their lines. In spite of the rain, however, and the fact that the lighters were bobbing up and down like corks the bluejackets carried on their work of coaling the big warship, and by tomorrow morning the California will be ready to start for Magdalena bay.

Busy Times for Pacific Mail

When the Pacific Mail liner Peru sails Saturday for Panama and way ports the Harriman steamship officials at this port will have equipped and dispatched to sea nine liners within two weeks. Marine Superintendent William Chisholm meanwhile is in a state of perpetual motion and Port Steward J. R. Harry is developing into a higher mathematician and a pedestrian of note. The steamers have been scattered all the way from Pacific street wharf, where the Peru is loading, to pier 44, from which the Korea sailed yesterday. The steamers that have gone and will go to sea within the two weeks are: Korea, Newport, Peru, Aztec, Rose City, Algoa, Mackinaw, Indiana and City of Para. The Aztec will sail Thursday for a five months' coffee trip along the Central American coast. The Mackinaw, chartered for four months, also for the coffee trade, will dock today and will sail Saturday. The Peru also will sail Saturday.

Captains Hold Annual Revel

The masters of the Alaska packers' association's salmon ships held their annual banquet and ball last Saturday evening in Encinal hall, Alameda. A banquet was served at midnight, and after the feast dancing was resumed until 6 o'clock Sunday morning, when the mariners and their friends sat down to a substantial breakfast before going home.

Vile Names His Defense

Charged with assaulting M. J. Madsen, captain of the steam schooner Samoa, Second Mate Fred Lyons came before the inspectors of hulls and boilers yesterday to show reason why his license should not be revoked. His testimony was that the captain had called him vile names September 11. Captain Madsen said that both of his eyes had been blackened and that he received a severe beating from Lyons. The trouble took place in Caspar bay. The case was taken under advisement by Inspectors Bolles and Bulger.

Warning to Mariners

The hydrographic office issued a notice to mariners yesterday warning them that the wreck of the burned power schooner Sotoyome is anchored between the whistling buoy and the bell buoy, off the Humboldt bar.

Water Front Notes

The Watson Navigation company's steamer Hilonian, which arrived yesterday, six days 21 hours from Honolulu, was in company for two days with the tank steamer W. S. Porter, bound here from the island port.

Word was received from Eureka yesterday that beacon 6, below the railroad wharf, had collapsed.

Receipts of lumber yesterday by sea amounted to 1,950,000 feet.

The British steamer Hughenden, from New York, which grounded October 18 in the straits of Magellan, has arrived at Valparaiso. It is not known what damage the vessel sustained.

COAST SHIPPING NEWS

Items of Interest to Mariners of the Pacific

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10.—The City of Panama arrived this morning from San Francisco and the Geo. W. Elder last night from San Pedro and way ports. The American bark Acme shifted to the mills of the Portland lumber company this afternoon to load lumber for New York. The contract for repairs to its rigging has been let to Anderson & Crowe. The big American tramp steamer Valdivia arrived at noon today and went to the North Pacific lumber company's mills to receive cargo for the orient, under charter to the Pacific Export lumber company. The oriental liner Numantia cleared today for Hongkong, via Yokohama, with a cargo valued at $244,185.50. The cargo includes 60,246 barrels of flour, value $216,884, and machinery and general freight, value $26,288. That the towboat service at the mouth of the Columbia river is becoming wretched again is the complaint made by several shipmasters, among those who have arrived here during the past several weeks. In some instances the ships have been kept outside for more than a week.

SAN PEDRO, Dec. 10.—The schooner Muriel, Captain Wikander, was delayed in order to make necessary repairs to the rigging, but sailed this afternoon in ballast for Tacoma.

The steamship F. A. Kilburn, Captain Macleilan, cleared tonight for San Francisco and way ports with a good freight and passenger list. The schooner Ariel, Captain Spicer, is out two days from Bellingham with a full cargo of lumber, consigned to wholesalers at Redondo. The steam schooner Samoa, Captain Madsen, is due tomorrow from Caspar, via San Francisco, with passengers and a full cargo of lumber. The steam schooner Olympia, Captain Hansen, arrived this morning out six days from Bellingham, bringing 850,000 feet of lumber, consigned to the E. K. Wood lumber company. The steamship Roanoke, Captain Dunham, is due tomorrow from Portland, via Eureka and San Francisco. The steam schooner Santa Barbara, Captain Zaddart, will finish discharging a lumber cargo tonight and is scheduled to clear tomorrow for Olympia. The steam schooner Fair Oaks, Captain Peterson, will clear tomorrow for Grays Harbor.

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 10.—The steamer Costa Rica, Captain Mason, arrived today from San Francisco with freight and pasengers. The steamer Craigvar arrived today from San Francisco. The British steamer Strathford arrived today from San Francisco. The steamer Johan Poulsen, Captain Merriam, arrived today to load lumber for return. The British steamer Elgin arived today from Equimalt. Bert Williams, a sailor from the British steamship Auchencraig, which recently left this port with a cargo of grain for Europe, died at the hospital here today of rheumatic fever. The man had signed on the vessel at Portland and been on board but eight days when it was found necessary to take him to the hospital. He was a native of London, 25 years old, and nothing was known of him by the captain of the steamship. He will be buried at the expense of the British government.

Army Transports

The Burnside is at Seattle.

The Buford left Honolulu November 20 for Manila.

The Crook sailed November 20 from Honolulu for Manila.

The Kilpatrick is at Newport News, Va.

The Dix arrived at Seattle November 20 from Manila.

The Logan is in port, undergoing repairs.

The Meade is at Newport News, Va.

The Ingalls is at Newport News, Va.

The Sherman, homeward bound, left Honolulu December 8.

The Sheridan is at Mare island, undergoing repairs.

The Warren arrived September 14 at Manila.

The Thomas sailed December 5 for Manila.

The Overdue List

American ship Arthur Sewall, out 252 days from Philadelphia, for Seattle, 90 per cent.

American ship Adolph Obrig, out 245 days from New York, for San Francisco, 80 per cent.

British ship Alacrita, out 129 days from Delagoa bay, for Hongkong, 10 per cent.

German bark Vydilia, out 223 days from San Juan del Sur, for Falmouth, 10 per cent.

Italian ship Pollagrina O., out 132 days from Newcastle, Aus., for Antofagasta, 80 per cent.

Tonnage Engagements

The French bark Touraine is chartered for barley from here to Europe and the British bark Invernell, at Honolulu, is engaged for lumber from Puget sound to the United Kingdom or continent at 65s. The latter was chartered in England prior to arrival.

Shipments by the Governor

The steamer Governor sailed on Sunday for Victoria with cargo consigned to various British American cities, valued at $20,883 and including the following: 69,075 lbs and 20 cs dried fruit, 16,345 lbs and 340 cs raisins, 42,000 lbs beans, 11,496 lbs coffee, 224 pkgs fresh fruits, 20 pkgs vegetables, 515 gals wine, 33 pkgs salted fish, 2,530 lbs and 20 cks nuts, 1,401 lbs salt, 572 lbs chocolate, 20 cs canned goods, 2 cs honey, 300 tins matches, 1 pkg machinery, 2 bbls oil, 24 rolls leather, 12 pkgs furnace, 34 pkgs dry goods, 1,415 lbs alum, 12 kegs powder, 21 pkgs roofing material, 3,923 lbs seeds, 267 lbs leaf tobacco.

The steamer also had 1 cs saddlery, valued at $382, en route to New Zealand, and 1 cs overalls, valued at $175, for Fiji islands.

The City of Para's Cargo

The steamer City of Para sailed on Saturday for Ancon and way ports with a general merchandise cargo, valued at $91,965, to be distributed as follows: For Mexico, $12,564; Central America, $48,595; Panama, $1,563; New York, $19,581; Colombia, $2,325; Ecuador, $4,951; Chile, $15; Jamaica, $784; Trinidad island, $480; Italy, $107; Germany, $1,000. The following were the principal exports:

To Mexico—1,153 gals and 5 cs wine, 281 gals and 138 cs whisky, 3,411 lbs dried fruit, 550 lbs raisins, 654 lbs spices, 5 cs salmon, 856 lbs nuts, 245 pkgs fresh fruits, 200 lbs garlic, 277 pkgs onions, 315 pkgs potatoes, 114 lbs bread, 302 lbs butter, 262 lbs cheese, 23 pkgs groceries and provisions, 415 lbs meals, 34 cs canned goods, 87 pkgs acid, 120 pcs and 27 bdls iron, 73 pcs steel, 100 cs coal oil, 15,000 lbs bluestone, 22,872 ft lumber, 31 pkgs paints, 54,273 lbs soda, 20,132 lbs tallow, 12 pkgs machinery, 20 kegs nails, 28 pkgs drugs, 2 coils rope.

To Central America—4,338 bbls flour, 1,000 ctls wheat, 28 bales hay, 3,238 lbs beans, 300 lbs peas, 13,831 lbs rice, 55 pkgs bread, 822 lbs and 8 cs meals, 132 cs canned goods, 1,220 lbs raisins, 2,354 lbs dried fruit, 1,581 lbs paste, 1,962 lbs codfish, 885 cs and 1 kit salmon, 696 pkgs potatoes, 124 pkgs onions, 62 pkgs fresh fruits, 3,691 lbs spices, 596 lbs tea, 3,212 gals wine, 50 cs whisky, 5 crts liquors, 22 cs preserved cherries, 17 bdls brooms, 5,000 lbs coal, 22 pkgs dry goods, 1,025 lbs lead, 6 ore cars, 8 car wheels, 66 pkgs paints, 90 kegs and 5 cs white lead, 5 rolls leather, 46,261 ft lumber, 615 cs coal oil, 68 cs 20 tanks and 12 bbls oil, 20 cs turpentine, 40 cs tar, 200 boiler tubes, 302 pkgs paper, 4,478 lbs tallow, 1,395 pkgs naval stores, 2 flasks quicksilver, 20 kegs nails.

To Panama—65 bls flour, 6,100 lbs beans, 6,000 lbs garlic, 200 crts onions, 100 crts potatoes.

To New York—9,385 gals wine, 4,650 lbs rice, 349,684 lbs pig lead, 2,523 lbs old copper, 4,710 lbs old rubber, 10 bbls ink, 10 pkgs electrical goods.

To Colombia—155 bbls flour, 641 lbs beans and lentils, 125 lbs codfish, 4 cs dried fruit, 640 lbs raisins, 7 cs canned goods, 250 gals wine, 20,604 lbs rice, 151 cs salmon, 30 pkgs potatoes, 20 pkgs onions.

To Ecuador—175 bls flour, 70 cs salmon, 8 cs canned fruit, 55 coils rope.

To Jamaica—245 cs salmon.

To Trinidad island—150 cs salmon.

To Germany—10 cs drugs.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

ARRIVED

Tuesday, December 10.

Stmr Chehalis, Kettleson, 30 hours from Ventura.

Stmr Acme, Miller, 36 hours from Eureka.

Stmr Casco, Ahlin, 85 hours from Astoria.

Stmr Coaster, Higgins, 3½ days from Grays Harbor.

Stmr Lansing, Dickson, 21 hours from Port San Luis. Up river direct.

Stmr Hilonian, Johnson, 6 days and 21 hours from Honolulu.

Stmr Samoa, Paulsen, 20 hours from Caspar, bound south; put in to land passengers.

Stmr Whitesboro, Fagerlund, 20 hours from Point Arena.

Stmr Rainier, Lundquist, 92 hours from Bellingham.

Stmr Westport, Johnson, 24 hours from Union landing; too rough to load.

Stmr Eureka, Golightly, —— hours from Seattle.

Stmr Watson, Bartlett, 73 hours from Seattle.

Stmr Hilonian, Johnson, 6 days and 21 hours from Honolulu.

Stmr Senator, Nopander, 75 hours from Portland, via Astoria.

Nor stmr Titania, Kroger, 4 days from Ladysmith.

Power schr Washcalore, Madsen, 3½ days from Coquille river.

CLEARED

Tuesday, December 10.

Stmr Korea, Sandberg, Hongkong; Pacific Mail steamship company.

Stmr Enterprise, Youngren, Honolulu and Hilo; J. D. Spreckels & Bros. Co.

Stmr Nevadan, Greene, Honolulu; Williams, Dimond & Co.

Stmr Queen, Thomas, San Diego; Pacific Coast steamship company.

Swed bark Medea, Bruse, Eureka; Henry Lund & Co.

SAILED

Tuesday, December 10.

Stmr Enterprise, Youngren, Honolulu and Hilo.

Stmr Bonita, Carey, Monterey.

Stmr Helen P. Drew, Gunderson, Greenwood.

Stmr Eureka, Noren, Eureka.

Stmr North Fork, Nelson, Eureka.

Stmr Whittier, Seaman, San Pedro.

Stmr Nevadan, Greene, Honolulu.

Stmr Samoa, Paulsen, San Pedro.

Stmr James S. Higgins, Eliasen, Fort Bragg.

Stmr Johan Poulson, Nelson, Astoria.

Ship Marion Chilcott, Madeson, Honolulu, via Gaviota, in tow tug Navigator.

Schr Forester, Daerwitz, Eagle harbor.

Schr Santiago, Kelly, Monterey, in tow tug Dauntless.

RETURNED

Tuesday, December 10.

Schr Forester, hence this a. m. for Eagle harbor, on account of strong southwest wind and rough bar.

SPOKEN

Per stmr Chehalis—Dec 10, off lightship, Nor stmr Titania, from Ladysmith, for San Francisco.

TELEGRAPHIC

POINT LOBOS, Dec 10, 10 p. m.—Weather, foggy; wind, northwest; velocity, 16 miles per hour; bar breaking.

DOMESTIC PORTS

ASTORIA—Arrived Dec 10—Stmr Costa Rica, hence Dec 8.

Arrived Dec 10—Br stmr Elgin, from Sitka; Br stmr Strathord, hence Dec 8; Br stmr Craigvar, hence Dec 7; stmr Johan Poulson, hence Dec 7.

PORT TOWNSEND—Passed inward Dec 10—Stmr Buckman, hence Dec 7, for Seattle; stmr Montara, hence Dec 5, for Seattle; Br stmr Fitzclarence, from Victoria; Nor stmr Transit, from Guaymas; stmr Harold Dollar, hence Dec 5, for Mukilteo.

HOQUIAM—Sailed Dec 7—Schr Zampa, for San Francisco; schr Mary E. Foster, for Tatal; schr Andy Mahony, for San Pedro; bark S. C. Allen, for Honolulu. Dec 8—Schr R. W. Bartlett, for San Francisco.

Arrived Dec 7—Stmr G. C. Lindauer, hence Dec 4; schr Henry Wilson, hence Nov 16; schr Alert, from San Pedro.

SEATTLE—Arrived Dec 9—Stmr Alaskan, from Townsend.

Sailed Dec 10—Jap stmr Tosa Maru, for Yokohama.

Arrived Dec 10—Stmr Buckman, hence Dec 7; stmr Olympia, from Katalla.

TACOMA—Arrived Dec 9—Span stmr Minerva, from Townsend.

Sailed Dec 9—Br ship Celtic Chief, Br ship Cumbermere, for United Kingdom.

Arrived Dec 10—Br stmr Fitzclarence, from Victoria.

KETCHIKAN—Sailed Dec 10—Stmr Berthe, for Seattle; stmr City of Seattle, for Seattle.

WRANGELL—Sailed Dec 10—Stmr Humboldt, for Seattle.

TATOOSH—Passed in Dec 10, 8:40 a. m.—Stmr Governor, hence Dec 8, for Puget sound ports.

Passed in Dec 10—Stmr Yosemite, hence Dec 7, for Seattle; Ger stmr Tolosan, hence Dec 7, for Tacoma.

SAN PEDRO—Arrived Dec 9—Stmr Fair Oaks, hence Dec 7; stmr F. A. Kilburn, hence Dec 7. Dec 10—Stmr Olympic, from Bellingham.

Sailed Dec 9—Stmr Jim Butler, for San Francisco; stmr Hoquiam, for San Francisco; stmr Westerner, for San Francisco.

EUREKA—To sail Dec 9—Stmr South Bay, for San Francisco; stmr Ravalli, for San Francisco; stmr Excelsior, for San Francisco.

Arrived Dec 7—Stmr Lakme, from San Pedro; stmr Charles Nelson, hence Dec 5.

CLALLAM BAY—Anchored Dec 10—Schr Annie E. Smale, from Tacoma, for Sydney; schr Ariel, from Bellingham, for San Francisco.

Anchored Dec 10—Br ship Celtic Chief, from Tacoma, for United Kingdom.

FOREIGN PORTS

LIVERPOOL—Arrived Dec 10—Br stmr Antilochus, from Tacoma.

VICTORIA—Arrived Dec 10—Stmr Governor, hence Dec 8.

YOKOHAMA—Arrived Dec 9