

Pacific Coast Steamship Company

For San Francisco

The company's elegant steamships Queen, Walla Walla, and Unatilla leave Seattle 8 a. m. via Port Townsend and Victoria, March 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, April 4, 9, 14, 19, 24, 29, May 4, and every fifth day thereafter. Leave

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FOR ALASKA

The elegant steamships Cottage City, City of Topeka and Al-Ki leave Seattle 9 a. m. March 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, April 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, May 5, and every fifth day thereafter.

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ANTS' EGGS BY THE TON.

Russian Peasants Collect Pupae for Fish and Birds.

An ant does not weigh much. In fact, 500 will not turn the scale at a single ounce avoirdupois. Naturally, ants' eggs are a good deal lighter; and these, even when they have turned to the little white grub called by naturalists pupae, still weigh far less than full grown warrior or working ants.

And yet you can buy of Mr. Green in Covent Garden market a whole quart of ants' eggs, or rather pupae, for three shillings.

They come over from the continent through German agents, dozens of sacks at a time, and each sack weighs a hundredweight.

In some of the big forests in the south of Russia, where the soil is light and sandy, you can in summer hardly walk six steps without opening a little brown mound which swarms as it scatters with myriads of busy workers, who rush to rescue the eggs and larvae and repair the damage.

The peasants trade on the known anxiety of the workers for their charges. The ants' egg collector never attempts to pick up the eggs one by one. He waits for a sunny day, and then, before wrecking the nest, lays a number of thick, heavy twigs in a small pile near by. Then he kicks open the nest.

The working ants know well that a very short exposure to the full heat of the sun will kill life in all the eggs and pupae, so, picking them up, they rush desperately to the nearest shelter. This is, of course, the pile of twigs.

Meanwhile the collector is doing the same thing to other nests, and when he has finished and come back to the first, he finds a neat little pile of his spoil beneath the twigs, which he sweeps neatly into a stiff paper bag.

A smart man working eight hours during a hot day can collect from five to seven quarts of eggs, which he sells to the agent who comes after them at stated intervals to collect.

The eggs when first collected are naturally mixed with rubbish of all kinds, bits of wood, dead leaves and dust. They are spread on great sheets and picked over by hand by girls. This picking is most tedious, and takes almost as long as the original collecting.

They are the best food obtainable for goldfish and other inhabitants of small aquariums. Then they are useful for canaries and other cage birds, being generally mixed with soft food.

There is a great opening for the enterprising individual in Central Africa, where the termites build a nest 12 feet and 18 feet high. Also in Northern Australia, where ants are equally common.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following real estate transfers were filed in the auditor's office yesterday: Robert A. Wilson and Helen Wilson, 111, bk 28, l. q. c. \$1.

J. R. Kinnear and Rebecca Kinnear to Melvin J. Dickson, 112 by 312, lot 11 bk 297, lot 19 bk 275, lot 11 bk 343, lot 13, bk 343, lot 13 bk 342, lot 13 bk 342, q. c. \$1.

A. W. Dexter and Emma A. Dexter to Elizabeth Marion Taylor, lot 12 bk 13, Denny Heights addition, Thomas A. Boyle and Alice Boyle to James F. McKelroy, 1150, lot 11 bk 72, Gilman park, q. c. \$1.

James T. McKelroy to W. H. Vernon, lot 11 bk 72, q. c. Gilman park, \$500.

W. H. Moyer, sheriff, to George Souder, lots 1 and 2 bk 1, Burke's First addition, \$490.

Mutual Loan and Building association, to George R. Fisher, \$1000, lot 12 bk 11 Fairview Homestead association addition, also lots 4, 5 and 6 bk 2 in Crown addition.

Henry Burke to Arthur Murphy, lots 1 and 2 bk 61 of Woodlawn park addition, \$599.

C. T. Conover and Mary L. Conover to First National bank, q. c. to ne 1/4 of sec 34 sec. 20 in tp. 25 n. of range 4 e. of W. M., \$25.

J. M. Hernes and Alice Hernes to C. Slaughter, \$600, lots 24 and 25 of Hernes' addition.

Emma, Kate and Harry A. Kole to Albert J. Bultz, lot 13 bk 23 of Denny & Hoyt's addition, \$8.

Mary Campbell and Margaret A. Campbell to Ed. H. James, lots 11 and 12 bk 2 of Renton addition, \$51.

Wm. Voigt and Mina Voigt to A. Hedden, \$3500, lot 6 bk 10, Bell and Denny's plat.

Thomas Boyd and Catherine Boyd to John Hansen, lots 2, 4, 5 and 6 of bk 25, and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of bk 22, Riverside addition.

Sophia Brewster and James Brewster to William Ardery, 1 1/2 lot 11 bk 23, 14 and 23 in Replat of blocks 1, 2, 6, 7, 13, 14 and 23 in North Seattle.

Another Slice for Russia.

LONDON, March 25.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says: It is asserted here that negotiations are almost concluded by which the treaty port New Chwang, province of Liao Tung, on the river Liao, near the Gulf of Pechili, will become a Russian possession, Russia undertaking in return to support China in resisting the demands of Italy.

LIGHTS FOR ALASKA SHIPS

Action to be Taken by the Light House Board.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The lighthouse board recently secured an appropriation from congress of \$100,000 for the construction of a large and powerful seagoing tender for the thirteenth lighthouse district, but the money, as in all provisions of the bill, will not be available until the first day of next July.

The board, in making a recommendation for an appropriation for the new tender, brought forward a number of facts to show the necessity for the new ship, among them were the following statement: "The large immigration to the Klondike region, and the immense quantity of tonnage which has previously passed through the hazardous waters of the inside passages of Southeastern Alaska, such as Peril straits and Wrangel straits, on their way to and from Tatiya inlet, the losses of vessels which have occurred for lack of proper buoys in those dangerous waters, where currents and tides are so swift and powerful, makes it necessary that additional buoys should be placed. There are now 53 buoys in Alaskan waters, all and, indeed, more than the one tender of the whole district, the Manzanita, can properly handle in the one trip a year she is able to make to Alaska. Before more new buoys can be placed there, with a prospect of giving them proper attention, a fit tender should be provided for the purpose. Now the buoys are languishing and during the early trips of the Manzanita into the waters. With another tender in the service they could be replaced soon after they had been displaced. The immense and growing Klondike trade by the outside and inside passages seems to make this imperative.

The commerce which goes to Behring sea must pass through the Aleutian islands by way of Unalaska island. This passage is full of peril from hidden rocks, swift and strong currents and dense fog. Hence it should be carefully and thoroughly buoyed, and the buoys should be replaced when they are carried away. It is equally necessary that the practicable mouths of the Yukon river and the approaches of St. Michael island, the nearest harbor to the Yukon, should be well buoyed, and that these buoys should be properly attended. A strong seagoing tender, stationed at some central point of the inside waters of Southeastern Alaska, could attend to the buoys in those waters, and could make sufficiently frequent trips through the Aleutian islands and to St. Michael island to keep the buoys marking the outside waters in order."

A BOON TO FEMINITY.

The Parasol as it Appears in Its Present Glory.

The parasol is a boon! Best of all, it is woman's own. Mankind is debarred. It is a woman's stronghold, serving in a thousand ways. She may trace unsavory swigs. She may close by it a short pipe, say perhaps two inches long, to which a rubber tube may be attached for a table lamp or a gas stove.

The stopcock of this short pipe may be turned, showing that in turning the cock of the bracket to extinguish the light, Mr. Breck had evidently allowed his hand to casually rub against the other, and had thus unconsciously turned on the gas and gone to bed to sleep.

"Well, when he comes, tell him I am engaged."

HONEYMOON IN A DESERT

The honeymoon of Mr. and Mrs. Neville Lytton, the grandson of Bulwer-Lytton, and the granddaughter of Lord Byron, was celebrated at Cairo in the most picturesque manner.

They were met by a picturesque body of Arab horsemen and Bedouins of camel, under the leadership of the oldest and most distinguished sheik. The tribes in all the villages around were decorated. The felahs made every demonstration of rejoicing and good will, while the dusky women and children were all adorned in honor of the white bride, the laughter of their benefactors. In the evening a whole flock of sheep was roasted to provide a feast for the people.

TROUBLES OF CITIZENS.

New suits filed in the superior court yesterday were as follows: West Seattle and Improvement company vs. Malcolm Smith and wife, foreclosure.

J. W. Puffer vs. Rebecca Isaacs and Simon Isaacs, et al., foreclosure; L. Diller vs. W. J. Moore, to collect bond bill.

L. E. Nelson vs. Frank E. Sims, to collect on a past due note.

California Saw Works vs. John T. Wheatman, to enjoy defendant's debt on the name of Washington Saw Works.

Annie L. Sharp vs. Robt. S. Green and W. S. Harrington, executors, to recover property sold by defendants as executors of the estate of Nellie White; and the plaintiff's will, and for less than its value.

Chio Klondike a Myth.

CARROLLTON, March 25.—The smelter and tools of the alleged gold mine at Malvern are in the hands of the sheriff of Carroll county, who levied on them to satisfy a judgment of \$500 obtained by Meredith & Co., of East Liverpool, against the company recently organized to develop the alleged gold deposits.

It was recently announced that the company would have a capital stock of \$500,000, but so far as known none of the stock has been sold. The strike of gold-bearing quartz has proved to be a myth.

MARTYRS TO CUSTOM

Queer Things We Do by Instinct Rather Than Reason.

Why does a dog walk around in a little circle before lying down? Because his ancestors had to beat a hole in the grass or the snow to make a comfortable nest.

Why does he lay his nose on his paw? Because his ancestors had to keep their noses clear of the dust or snow.

Why does a cat wash herself so

carefully? Because her ancestors had to be clean, or their prey would smell them.

Now, man does exactly the same thing without knowing it—preserves innumerable habits for centuries after they have ceased to have any meaning.

He is accustomed to houses with windows all over. Suppose he puts up a corner house where windows are only needed on the front. Still, he makes imitation windows on the side wall, with lintel, ledge and sill, and in some cases actually paints sashes and curtains inside the frame.

Posts are planted at street corners to keep children off the pavement. Old cannon were often used as being both useful and ornamental—ship's guns sunk to the trunnions, and a round shot lodged in the muzzle to keep out refuse. Look at a corner post now, and you will see that it is shaped and banded like an old gun, and a round ball on top in memory of the round shot in the muzzle.

Look at any iron railing. The posts are shaped like spears, shaft and tip, in memory of some ancient, forgotten usage of weapons. Spears were used for the fencing of hill yards in the tournaments of the middle ages.

On gate posts you will frequently find a stone ball. Who would ever suppose that the balls on the gate posts were the heads of the family?

On the back of a man's coat there are two buttons, because our ancestors needed them as rests for their sword belt.

BOSTON ARTIST SMOTHERED

BOSTON, March 25.—Another death is added to the long list for which illuminating gas is responsible in Boston.

This time the victim is John L. Breck, one of the most talented and promising of the younger generation of American artists.

The sad affair occurred at the St. Botolph club, on Newbury street, where Mr. Breck was occupying a room for a few hours only.

Mr. Breck, who lived and had his studio at Aburadale, remained in Boston to attend a lecture Friday evening, and decided to spend the night at the club.

He had supper with several fellow members about midnight or a little earlier, and about one o'clock left every one good night.

Yesterday forenoon about 9 o'clock the odor of gas was noticed in the house, and when it was traced to his room, he was found dead in bed.

It seems that there is in the room an ordinary wall gas bracket, and close by it a short pipe, say perhaps two inches long, to which a rubber tube may be attached for a table lamp or a gas stove.

The stopcock of this short pipe may be turned, showing that in turning the cock of the bracket to extinguish the light, Mr. Breck had evidently allowed his hand to casually rub against the other, and had thus unconsciously turned on the gas and gone to bed to sleep.

New Use for a Photograph.

"Do let me have your photograph," said a dining hall to a gentleman who had been annoying her with his attentions.

The gentleman was delighted, and in a short time the lady received the picture. She gave it to a servant girl, with the question, "Would you give this girl if he should call?"

The servant replied in the affirmative.

"Well, when he comes, tell him I am engaged."

SOCIAL GOSSIP.

On the surface this week social matters have been quiet, but not so quiet as the week before. A few weddings and parties broke the monotony. Seldom before has Lent seen an undercurrent of gaiety. A few theater parties have been given. Thursday afternoon and evening lovers of music turned out en masse to hear Sousa and his artists.

Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Struve have left for New York. After a brief visit in that city they will sail for Europe to be gone about four months.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Heron, Mrs. C. W. Jackson and Miss Alfred Healy have taken the Meeme house on Summit avenue and Seneca street, for the summer.

The Renton Hill Card club was entertained Wednesday by Mrs. G. M. Stewart at her home on Eighteenth avenue and Madison street.

The Wednesday card club will hold its next meeting in about two weeks at the home of Mrs. E. A. Strout.

Mr. Hardwood Morgan has returned from Del Monte, Cal.

Mr. Edward L. Terry will take passage on the Garonne for a trip to Honolulu.

Miss Mollie Phillips gave a tea last night at her home on Lake View avenue.

Mr. Llewellyn, of New York, is visiting in the city.

The Nesika club will give a dance April 6.

A dance will be given in honor of Miss McNaught at the home of Mrs. Nugent on Minor avenue, April 3. Miss McNaught will leave in about two weeks for Spokane, where she will spend the summer months.

Miss Anna L. Shea left Thursday

POWER FOR FACTORIES

Will be Delivered Next October.

EASTERN CAPITALISTS INVEST

Their Money in an Electric Plant to Benefit the Puget Sound Cities.

It is announced that the electric power from the Cedar river to Seattle, Tacoma and intermediate points, will be ready for delivery in this city not later than October. The Seattle Power company has passed into the hands of the Washington Power Transmission company of New Jersey, which has at last settled the matter of getting funds to put the enterprise into shape. The incorporators of the new company are not known here, but they are eastern capitalists.

That the new company means business is demonstrated by the position they have taken in arranging contracts for the enterprise. Bids for 2000 poles have just been made by a number of firms in this vicinity and the east, and it has also been decided to purchase from the General Electric company machinery amounting to \$200,000. Engineers are in the field already, and plans are being finished to go ahead with the work within a few weeks.

How They Signaled.

The captain had not long been married when he was ordered into camp. The long-expected call had come at last. To be sure, the camp was in plain sight of the captain's residence, which was some mitigation of the hardship, but then it was still a separation; and to lighten this terrible condition it was arranged that the bereaved husband and wife should signal to each other often with handkerchiefs.

It was on the second day that the young wife was seated on the porch reading.

"Tell me, Jane, is Arthur still signaling?"

"Yes, ma'am," answered the maid. "Then keep waving your handkerchief. I want to finish this novel."

At the same moment in camp an officer from an adjoining company stepped up to the captain.

"I say, old man," he asked, "why do you keep that man out there all day waving a handkerchief?"

"O, it's merely a bit of signal code practice for him," he answered. "Say, I've got some good stuff inside."

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SCHOOL FOR BLUSHING.

One of the latest novelties of Paris, that city of novelties, is a school where blushing is taught. The classic grace and simplicity of the early years of the century, with the accompanying downcast eyes and simper, are now in vogue again, and maidens who have forgotten how to blush are going to school to learn the primitive art. They say it is easy enough to droop the eyes and affect bashfulness, but to call up a mantling color is as difficult as pulling eyes teeth.

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In addition to this, 44,321 wild cats and dogs were shot. This brings up the total of game and birds and beasts of prey shot in the Transatlantic empire to 1,570,527 head.—Freudenblatt.

JUST A POSSIBILITY.

Railroad Tickets Selling at Bargain Counter Prices.

She was a portly lady with a lot of bundles, and it may be noted at this point that it is almost always the case that the larger a lady is the larger and more numerous are the bundles she carries, and when she entered the railroad station she was puffing so that a drowsy man in the front seat jumped up suddenly, thinking it was the engine of the train he was waiting for. She approached the ticket window and put her bundles in all the available space. They were nice, new store bundles, however, and no objection was made.

"Is the train for Jungleville gone yet?" she inquired.

"No, ma'am," responded the clerk. "How far is it there?"

"About 70 miles, I guess, ma'am," for he was new to that place and was not thoroughly conversant with details.

"What's the price of a ticket?"

"One ninety-eight, ma'am."

"One ninety-eight?" she repeated. "How does that happen?"

"I don't know, ma'am," he replied as he eyed her bundles. "I guess it must be marked down from \$2."

Customer—Why do you charge 40 cents a pound? Why, I can get it anywhere for 20 cents.

Butcher—Not here. Why, it costs me that.—Detroit Free Press.

THE STAR PUBLISHERS contend that this paper is a good advertising medium. If you find out if it is, we will give 25 PER CENT of all jobs of PRINTING brought to our office prior to April 1. PHOTO & FRENCH CO., 101 West Washington, Dexter Horton Bank Building.

for San Francisco, where she will remain a year.

The benefit given Wednesday evening at the Seattle theater for the Police Relief fund was very largely attended. Miss Jane Combs appeared in Dickens' "Black House" and gave a very clever performance.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hastings, of Port Townsend, were in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Wight, of Kodiak, Alaska, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bush during the week.

The ladies of Palm Circle No. 66, Women of Woodcraft, gave an entertainment and dance at Rankin Hall last night.

The ladies of the Clonlan club meet Thursday afternoon at the public library.

Mrs. M. P. Benton and daughter, who have been spending several weeks in California, have returned to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McNaught leave today for Spokane, where they will make their future home.

Mrs. George B. Kittinger leaves next week for a three months' visit at San Jose, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lewis, former residents of Seattle, will return next week to make Seattle their future home.

Mrs. Henry Fuhrman, who has been very ill, is convalescent.

Ex-Gov. Black and wife, of Spokane, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Crawford of 1114 Marion street.

Mrs. H. C. Scribbs and son are spending a month at Del Monte, Cal.

Miss Cora Smith, who has been visiting in the East for over a year, will return to the city in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy F. Smith, of 218 Thirtieth avenue, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Nettie Smith, to Mr. Frederick W. Hicks, of this city. The marriage will take place April 15th.

Miss Elva Stockwell, of Inglewood, will visit in the city next week.

"Ingomar" was presented during the week by the Caledonian club at Rankin hall, and the entertainment was a great success.

Miss Etta Stearns gave a surprise party on her parents last night at the family residence on Beacon hill.

The Helneke club gave a musical at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lang during the week.

Mr. Carl Hubbard, of Walla Walla, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson.

Mr. George Berry, of New York city, arrived in the city yesterday and is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. Stewart of Fremont.

SPORT IN AUSTRIAN EMPIRE

Over 1,500,000 Head of Game Shot in Hungary Last Year.

Hungary is considered one of the countries richest in game in the whole of Europe. The statistics of the past year show that there has been no falling off in the supply of game. The following statistics of the game killed is proof of the fact:

In the year 1898 there were shot 3733 red deer, 1356 fallow deer, 10,397 roebucks, 111 chamois, 22 mufons, 4277 wild boars, 418,005 hares, 26,292 rabbits and 1,027 head of game of other categories.

Of feathered game, there were shot 259 woodcocks, 113 moorcocks, 4123 heathcocks, 35 wild turkeys, 80,819 pheasants, 269,077 partridges, 293,619 quails, 25,357 corvids, 483 wild geese, 55,320 wild ducks, 11,980 water hens, 711 bustards, 19,955 wood snipe, 8125 snipe, 18,051 wood pigeons, 8196 fieldfares and 287,196 other birds of various kinds, a total of 1,546,478 head of game.

The list of vermin and beasts of prey is also interesting. This consisted of 143 bears, 1843 badgers, 545 otters, 55 ferrets, 240 weasels, 1398 polecats, 22,576 foxes, 3680 martens, 33,428 weasels and similar vermin, and 22,476 other head of vermin of various kind.

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DENMARK TO COME IN.

The next country to demand a slice of China will be Denmark. Its government has already sent out a feeler to ascertain whether it will be sustained in seeking colonies.

It is believed that both England and Russia have already given King Christian assurances of their support. His connection with the courts of St. Petersburg and St. James is very close, he being the father-in-law of the Prince of Wales and grandfather of the Czar of Russia. Denmark would be of no harm in China and might be of great advantage to both England and Russia, an ally of all the powers if she had a foothold. If it is given a port, however, Belgium, Holland and Austria will at once come in with a demand.

The tube of a 12-inch gun, which is used in some warships, has spiral grooves inside, which cause the shot to revolve at a rate of 75 times per second as it rushes through the air.

BIG HATS IN CHURCH

Local Pastors Give Their Views.

SOME WANT HEADGEAR REMOVED

Action of Eastern Churches Against Women's Hats Attracts Considerable Attention.

The news published in the Star Thursday from Philadelphia concerning the movement on foot in that city and in New York to abolish high hats in the churches, has caused considerable discussion among the ladies of Seattle and has also stirred up the pastors to express their opinions on the subject of the high hats. It will be seen from the interviews given below that some of the reverend gentlemen are in favor of the introduction of a radical reform in the congregations of this city. So far the male members of the congregations have not been heard from, but their opinions will be awaited with interest.

Rev. Lloyd Wants Small Hats. Rev. J. P. D. Lloyd said: "The high hat is one of the most fascinating ornaments worn by well dressed women and one does