

OVERDUE PELICAN

She Left Port on the Same Day of the Year as the Strathveia.

Cutter Bear and All the Pacific Liners Are Keeping a Look-out for Her.

Interest in the welfare of the overdue steamer Pelican, from Tacoma with railway ties for Tientsin, China, is growing more general every day.

The Pelican sailed from the Sound October 12 in command of Captain Grove, formerly first officer of the Northern Pacific liner Victoria, and later master of the Victoria during the absence of Captain Patton, her regular master, on a visit to Europe.

The Pelican was a strong steel ship, and her consignees, the Northern Pacific Steamship Company, think that she has not fendered, but that her wheel has either dropped off, or that her machinery has broken down.

The revenue cutter Bear, which recently sailed from the Sound for the Arctic ocean, was to steam to Behring sea by way of the Aleutian Islands, and was instructed to follow the supposed path of the Pelican until off the point opposite the Aleutians where she would head direct to the northward.

The Strathveia was out 72 days. She sailed from Tacoma with a general cargo for China and Japan for the Northern Pacific Steamship Company.

Ship owners are now having their turn. Discharged ships are sought after at high charter rates, and a few weeks ago, when they were secured for vessels, they thought they were doing remarkably well.

SHIP CHANDLER SUICIDES. Baltimore, Md., Dec. 9.—Granville Lord, senior member of Clark & Co., ship chandler, committed suicide today by shooting himself through the head.

BRIDGE BUILDER KILLED. Rock Island, Ill., Dec. 9.—Edwin C. Nourse, assistant engineer in charge of construction of the new Crescent bridge, was instantly killed by a falling derrick yesterday.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair. Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair. DR. CARR'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

Private Bills to Be Asked For at the Next Session of the House.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint J. Gerhard Thoms, a justice of the peace for the county of Victoria.

The Gazette contains the rules and regulations respecting registrars and of sub-registrars of the Supreme Court.

Application will be made to the legislature by the Thompson River Hydraulic Mining Company for the consolidation of the company's leases, water rights and privileges.

The following extra provincial companies have been registered: The Galena Mines, Ltd., the Granite Creek Mining Co., Ltd., Sunshine, Ltd., the Vancouver and British Columbia General Exploration Company, Ltd., the Cariboo Mining, Milling and Smelting Co., Ltd., and the Hattie Brown Gold Mining Company, Ltd.

WHITE PASS RAILWAY. One of the Three Iron Bridges Now Ready for Shipment.

George Keyes, superintendent for the Bullfinch Company, will shortly leave for Skagway, where he will be in charge of the construction of bridges on the new narrow gauge railway under construction over the White Pass.

ANGLICAN SYNOD. Motion to Allow Women to Become Members of the Vestry.

The closing session of the Anglican synod was taken up with a discussion of the subject of whether women should be allowed to become members of the vestry.

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THE TEES RETURNS

A Very Stormy Trip—Drift Lumber Being Found on the West Coast.

The Steamer Farallon Takes a Large Quantity of Lumber to Skagway.

The steamer Tees arrived from Cape Scott, Quatsino and the other parts of the west coast this morning after a very rough trip.

The steamer Farallon took a large quantity of lumber to Skagway. The vessel was loaded with lumber and other goods.

Captain Walbran, in an official bulletin issued by the department of marine and fisheries, suggests the following direct routes for vessels bound through Chatham Strait northward.

The British ship Senator, which arrived from Calao yesterday, and which is now in the harbor, is a vessel of 1,000 tons.

When the steamer City of Seattle resumes her Alaska run, December 13th, after having been in the drydock at Quartermaster Harbor for extensive repairs.

The steamer Umattila arrived from San Francisco last evening with a cargo of passengers, including several miners who have come northward from the Bay City to connect with the Alaskan steamer.

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FATAL DROWNING.

W. J. Hendrix, of Rock Bay, Drowned off Beacon Hill.

A drowning accident which resulted in the death of W. J. Hendrix, who resides in a cabin in Rock Bay district, took place off Beacon Hill early this afternoon.

Hendrix and a young man were in a small, flat-bottomed rowboat off Beacon Hill, almost opposite the residence of Dr. Milne, when suddenly they were driven by a squall, and while attempting to turn to make the beach, capsized.

DEATH OF MR. STEVES. Old and Respected Resident of Steveston Quits This Life.

Steveston, Dec. 7.—At half-past 2 o'clock this morning Manoh Steves, of Steveston, died after a prolonged illness, aged 69 years.

Mr. Steves was born near Moncton, New Brunswick, on 18th December, 1828. He succeeded his father in the old homestead there, and continued upon it till 1866, when he removed with his family to Chatham, Ontario.

Mr. Steves was a loyal member of the Baptist church all his life, and he was an earnest lover of the truth, a total abstainer from intoxicating drinks, in fact he has been a teetotaler for many years.

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No name on earth, perhaps, is so well known, more peculiarly imitated, or more widely imitated than the word DODD.

THE DANGERS OF CROUP. We may expect to have croup with us shortly and the children as usual may be attacked by a plaster spread.

WITH THE PIONEERS

The Annual Dinner of the Men Who Came to This Province in the Early Days.

Old Timers Congregate and Talk of the Days of Old and the Days of Gold.

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humorously, referring to the work of the house of commons and his work in the house.

Col. Donville, M.P., in reply said he, as did other British Colonists, and with his associates in England would cast his lot in with this province and assist in its development.

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That's Ayer's. The same sarsaparilla as it was made sold by Dr. J. C. Ayer 50 years ago. In the laboratory different. There modern advances lend speed to skill experience. But the sarsaparilla is the same old sarsaparil that made the record—50 years of cures. Why don't we buy it? Well, we're much in condition of the Bishop and raspberry: "Doubtless," said "God might have made better berry. But doubt also, He never did." You don't want the sarsaparil we can't. We are using same old plant that cured Indians and the Spaniards, has not been bettered, since we make sarsaparilla compound out of sarsaparilla plant we see no way of improvement. Of course, if we were making some secret chemical compound we might... But we're making the same old sarsaparilla to cure the same diseases. You can tell it's same old sarsaparilla cause it works the same course. It's the sovereign purifier, and it's Ayer's.

FROM THE CAPITAL

To Amend Royalty Regulation on Hay Expeditions.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 13.—The House of Commons has decided to amend the regulations by exempting necessary for developing a claim year. They will also probably the alternate claim reservation and make the government serve in blocks of ten claims.

THE TAX ON WHISKY. Matter Discussed in the Legislature.

Regina, Dec. 15.—Dr. Brett, in the opposition in the legislature, of the premier regarding the tax on whisky, was imposing a \$2 per gallon on liquor brought into the Yukon and Alaska, and no right to do anything of the kind.

WON'T HAVE MUSIC HALL. Vancouver Council Kills the By-Law.

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—The city council tonight killed the music hall by-law. The aldermen are afraid of the music-hall element in Vancouver and fear that if they support the bill they will lose their chances of election.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. CURE SICK HEAD ACHE. Headache, vertigo, nervousness, indigestion, etc. are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint. Will also correct all disorders of the stomach, the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cure!