

LETTER FROM ALASKA.

Editor Lenoir News:—I remember well the first edition of the Lenoir News, and must say that it has progressed nicely under its Editor and if I am not mistaken, the founder of the paper. The News and Topic were certainly welcome visitors to me in the far Northland last summer and I will be glad when the first copies reach me this summer. In writing the News I will describe briefly my second voyage on the Ohio to Alaska and will also give a few dots on the frozen North.

The Ohio sailed on June 1st at 11 a. m., just one year to an hour from the time of its sailing last year. It was followed the same day by the Victoria, Pennsylvania and Umatilla, all carrying full cargoes and a list of three thousand passengers. There was a great crowd assembled on the wharf to see her off as she was the first to sail for Nome. There was a large list of lady passengers that took passage, and many mining men from Butte Montana, and Goldfield Nevada. The first-class rates to Nome on all the boats are \$65, \$75 and \$100, the accommodations on all three rates are the same. The difference in price simply being the difference in location of berths. The first sailing of boats to Nome will carry 6000 passengers and 40,000 tons of freight. Some of the boats will carry very little freight, while others will carry as much as 7000 tons. In all there will be twelve boats on the Seattle and Nome run and three from San Francisco which will make only one trip to Nome. Most of the boats from Seattle will make six trips while others will make only four or five trips. The President and Iroquoise are the two new boats added to the Nome fleet. They both came around the Horn, the President from New York, the latter from the Great Lakes, Chicago. The President is a fine large boat and broke all records from San Francisco to Seattle for fast time. It was billed to sail on the 4th and will carry 750 passengers. It is predicted by many that it will break all former records to Nome for fast time, but at this writing it hasn't yet arrived but is expected this afternoon. The Ohio, Victoria and Umatilla are the only boats yet arrived. The Victoria gained fourteen hours on the Ohio arriving in Nome seven hours ahead of her.

The Ohio had a rough time of it for the last three days getting into heavy ice while the Victoria missed the heaviest of it. There was very little sea sickness. The sun shown nicely most of the way and the passengers seemed to enjoy themselves very much at a chance of getting to promenade upper deck. The sea being calm gave the passengers a chance to see many whales in the North Pacific, which could be seen in all directions spurting water high up. Before arriving at Dutch Harbor, the Captain sighted a dark object three or four miles off, and looking through big glasses he remarked to the boys "A dead whale" so he steered his ship to the whale which was very little out of his way. It was the largest whale I ever saw. Some of the boys said it was half as large as the Ohio and almost as wide, but I would judge that it was about 60 feet long and about 20 feet wide.

On the morning of the 8th day we were in Bering Sea. The air was very chilly, too cold to be on upper deck very long at a time, and it was so foggy that we could not see 100 yards ahead of the ship

so the captain cut down the Ohio to half speed.

On the morning of the 7th day, it was still colder and foggy mist had frozen all over the ship's rigging, so the Captain was now fully aware that he would encounter with heavy ice, so he steered his ship for St Lawrence Island, which is off the coast of Bering Sea, about 200 miles from Nome. His object was for protection in case he had to encounter with heavy ice.

On the morning of the 8th day we were off St. Lawrence Island, about seven miles from shore and also in the heaviest ice that we have been in yet. We could see large icebergs far ahead of us, and large quantities of ice around St. Lawrence that looked to be twenty or thirty feet high. It appeared to me that St. Lawrence Island was headquarters for heavy ice. So now the Captain puts to sea—knowing that he would be tied up in the ice if he didn't. So he puts on a full head of steam and the Ohio plows through the heavy ice all day making slow time. In fact, we were in ice all the way to Nome arriving there at midnight of the 9th day. The Captain made a mistake in sailing for the Island as the ice drifted across Bering Sea with the current of the Yukon River coming in contact with the heavy ice out of the Arctic Regions. Ice broke up in the upper Yukon River on May 10th, and it broke up at St. Michael at the mouth of the Yukon River, on May 25th—the earliest period ever known. Many people thought that she would not encounter with any ice at all as it broke up so early, but it now seems that the ice in place of going through Bering Sea—drifted towards Nome and the Bering Strait, and it will probably be the first of July before it is entirely out.

On arriving at Nome, a small pox flag was hoisted on the Ohio created quite an excitement among the passengers, and everybody was afraid that we would be quarantined. All passengers were examined by the Nome Doctors and pronounced in a healthy condition with the exception of one man who had been sick for several days. All passengers were landed on the beach at 9:00 o'clock on the morning of the 10th. Five-hundred of Nome people stood on the beach to welcome us. The streets of Nome were almost as crowded as they were last year, as a good many people have already come down from Fairbanks and Yukon River points, and besides, 3000 or more spent the winter in Nome. There are eight or ten boats to arrive carrying passengers, and it is predicted now that 10,000 or more people from the outside will visit Nome. Nome people are getting alarmed at the unexpected rush and fear that they can't accommodate the people. There are many sights to be seen in Nome that attracts the attention of the outsider. There is \$5,000,000 in Gold Bullion on display in the Nome banks which is the spring clean-up so far. The spring clean-up is \$2,000,000 short on account of a ninety-day strike among the miners. The miners got \$4.00 a day in winter time and they struck for \$5.00 but haven't gained the strike yet.

The Wild Goose Mining Co. has erected a bank building which is the finest building in Nome, and have on display \$2,000,000 which is their clean-up this spring. This Company will ship \$1,000,000 on the Victoria, and will make an

other shipment on some other boat. The Pioneer, Misure and several other Mining Companies have all made large clean-ups this spring and the out-put of gold is expected to far outreach that of last year. There was several rich strikes made this winter. Gold has been discovered on the 4th Beach line which promises to be the richest of them all, as every beach line gets richer, and people are now beginning to think that the Nome district will be the great mining district for years to come.

Among other sights to be seen in Nome is the great display of fine furs. There are large stores in Nome and furs are hanging up in the stores as thick as leaf tobacco hangs in tobacco barns in North Carolina. Furs are very cheap in Nome and many people buy them by the wholesale. Another sight to be seen is the large Alaska dog. They have as much hair on them as a Rocky Mountain sheep has wool, and are a very smart and peaceful dog—hardly ever see a fight among them. The general value of a dog is about \$50. I knew a mail carrier last summer that owned fourteen dogs and he valued them at \$1000. They are very useful in winter time as they are used in hauling freight and supplies out to the mines. A team of six dogs can draw one ton easy.

A wireless message received from the President this afternoon states that she is tied up in heavy ice 200 miles from Nome and that one of her propeller blades is broken. The captain states that the heavy ice is moving southward. Another wireless message from Solomon states that the Ohio struck an ice floe, ten miles from shore and tore a fearful hole in her bow. Three passengers meet watery graves and all passengers are panic stricken and presume the Ohio in a sinking condition. Another message received from the Ohio states that her bow is under water—resting on bottom of Solomon Bay. It is very doubtful if the Ohio will be on the Nome run any more this summer. If she can be raised she will have to be patched up and taken to the ship yards at Seattle which will take some time to repair her.

I will have to bring my letter to a close as my time is limited and as the old saying in Nome, every hour lost means a dollar. I hope to be able to write several letters yet to the News as I have many things to tell about Alaska.

The News Friend,
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STATE NEWS ITEMS.

The painters employed by the Southern railway at Spencer struck Friday for 30 cents a day more wages.

Anglo Saxon: Passengers on a northbound train Sunday morning, after passing Pee Dee river bridge, on the Richmond county side, were astonished to see a man and his wife at work on their farm. The old man was chopping corn while the old lady was planting peas.

Van Breese, aged 18 years, son of Maj. W. E. Breese and brother of Senator Breese, of Transylvania county, was run over by a train at Brevard Friday and died from the injuries. It is said that Young Breese was running to the train to mail some letters; that as he reached the train with the engine still in motion, he slipped beneath the wheels and both legs were cut off.

Saturday as freight train No. 168, from Charlotte to Winston-Salem, was crossing the trestle over the Yadkin river a cross-tie placed between two ties and leaning towards the train was discovered by the engineer. He applied the brakes and reversed the engine, stopping it just as it ran against the tie. It is believed that if it had not been discovered the train would have been dumped into the river. It is thought the tie was put there to wreck the train.

Before the editors get home from Morehead City we see results of their visit, as witnesseth following from a Morehead correspondent: "J. H. Alexander, editor of the Lexington North State, was fishing on the new bridge draw, yesterday morning, and had the misfortune to drop his eye-glasses in the channel. After fishing for half an hour, and bemoaning his luck of not being able to see, he pulled out a perch that had his eye-glasses across its nose. One side of the nose spring of the glasses had caught in the fish's eye."

Adjutant General T. R. Robertson has issued the general order for the movement of the First North Carolina regiment to Camp Glenn Morehead, for the annual target practice. All the companies to this regiment will start from their home stations during the afternoon of August 8, arriving at Camp Glenn early on the morning of August 9. Target practice will begin as soon as the camp is established and continue five days on the State range. Then the regiment will start for the Jamestown exposition, arriving there on the morning of the 14th over the Norfolk and Southern, remaining with the other State troops there for the remaining three days of North Carolina week.

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