

March 18.

Of the San Francisco codfish fleet, the Alaska Codfish Co. have schs. W. H. Diamond and Hunter and the Union Fish Co. have the Czarina and Martha. The Pacific States Trading Co. has the sch. John F. Miller and will send the Ida McKay. Most of these vessels sailed last November and December and the Martha has been gone since last April. The W. H. Diamond is expected about April 1 with part of the winter catch of the Alaska stations.

J. A. Mason, of Wrangel, Alaska, has recently been east, where he says he was successful in financing the Alaska Fish and Cold Storage Co. The officers are J. A. Mason, president and manager; John R. Nagle, vice president; C. A. Baldwin, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Nagle is a well-known Boston fish dealer, who will be a distributing agent for the product. F. J. O'Hara, of Boston, will also handle shipments. The capitalization is \$250,000. Mr. Baldwin is connected with the Massachusetts Loan & Guarantee Co.

Mr. Mason says a cold storage plant will be erected at Wrangel Narrows, and two refrigerating compressors have been secured. He has been negotiating with the Seattle Fish & Cold Storage Co. for the steamer Francis Cutting. The company proposes to engage extensively in the fresh fish business, especially halibut.

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SECOND SEINER OEF.

Sch. Arthur Binney Sails and Sch. A. M. Nicholson Will Probably Go Today.

Sch. Arthur Binney of Boston, Capt. Rufus McKay, sailed from this port this forenoon, bound south mackerel seining, being the second of the fleet to get away. Sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, is expected to sail this afternoon.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Quero Bank, 9000 lbs. halibut, 4000 lbs. salt cod.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2 to \$3 per hundred weight.

Splitting prices, large fresh cod, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 90 cts; cusk, \$1.50; pollock, 75 cts.

Boston.

- Sch. Rose Standish, 12,000 cod.
- Sch. Priscilla, 10,000 cod.
- Sch. Motor, 7000 cod.
- Sch. Albert Geiger, 7000 haddock, 4000 cod.
- Sch. Flavilla, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.
- Sch. Genesta, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Walter P. Gouliart, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 cusk.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.
- Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 7000 haddock, 500 cod.
- Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Ida M. Silva, 17,000 haddock.
- Sch. Edith Silveria, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod.
- Sch. Nettle, 3200 cod.
- Sch. Speculator, 65,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.
- Sch. Georgianna.
- Sch. Emily Cooney, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
- Sch. Olive P. Hutchins, 8000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake, 2500 cusk.
- Sch. Richard, 80,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.
- Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.
- Sch. M. Madeleine, 600 haddock, 6000 cod.
- Sch. Flora J. Sears, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.
- Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 30,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake, 3000 cusk.
- Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod.
- Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 100,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
- Haddock, \$1.25 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.25 to \$3; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.50; hake, \$1.50 to \$5; cusk, \$1.75.

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SHOWS ITS VALUE.

New Schooner Came Through the Dredged Annisquam River.

Brought Down from Essex Under Gasoline Auxiliary Power.

The value of the dredging of Annisquam river was shown on Tuesday, when a new vessel launched that day at Essex, instead of being obliged to go out around Cape Ann to come to this port, took advantage of the high tide and came up by Annisquam and through the river and canal, out into Gloucester harbor.

The trip was made without mishap and the craft did not touch bottom or bank in coming up the river or through the canal.

The craft, which was built by A. D. Story of Essex for New York parties, will engage in blue fishing and has been named Libbie. She is equipped with a gasoline engine, which was installed and put in running order before she left Essex.

She will be remembered as the first new vessel to take advantage of the dredged river. She will be rigged and fitted for sea at this port, by E. L. Rowe & Son.

FROM OVER EXPANSION.

Western Halibut Fishery Is Suffering Says a Trade Journal.

The Pacific Fisherman, an authority on west coast fish matters, says:

"The halibut industry is now suffering from the over-expansion that has been going on during the last year or two. The result is a much heavier production at this time than the markets of the country can absorb, and in consequence everyone in the business has been losing money.

"Notwithstanding this condition, there are being formed quite a number of additional companies to engage in halibut fishing. The Pacific Fisherman likes to see every branch of the fishing industry on the coast develop, but we think it would be wise for new enterprises before engaging therein to thoroughly investigate the true conditions prevailing and ascertain the possibilities of being able to dispose of their output at a profit."

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WINTER'S BIGGEST FARE.

Sch. Romance Has 160,000 Pounds Fresh Fish at Boston.

Several Other Big Off Shore Trips Find a Dull Market.

Ten of the off shore haddock fleet are at Boston this morning and all with good fares, some having exceptionally big ones.

Sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum, has the biggest fare of the whole winter, 100,000 pounds of haddock and 60,000 pounds of cod, a remarkable catch for this season of the year.

Sch. Raymah, Capt. Felix Hogan, is also there with another big catch, 60,000 pounds of haddock, and 75,000 pounds of codfish.

The other off shore craft have the following catches: Terra Nova, 71,000; Susan and Mary, 110,000; Winnifred, 70,000; Fame, 115,000; Mystery, 85,000; Jessie Costa, 104,000; Quonnapowit, 53,000 and Morning Star, 95,000.

All these craft have struck a dull market, for the dealers have a lot of fish on hand. There was no sale for off shore cod and a few off shore haddock were taken out at \$1 per cwt. It is probable that most of these fares will come here to split.

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Off for South.

Sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, and sch. George Parker, Capt. Joseph E. Graham, sailed south seining today, being the second and third vessels of the fleet to get away.

Sch. Arthur Binney, which was supposed to have sailed yesterday, went to Boston to finish fitting and will sail for there in a few days.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges, 15,000 lbs. salt cod, 3000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Lucania, via Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2 to \$3 per hundred weight.

Splitting prices, large fresh cod, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.50; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 90 cts; cusk, \$1.50; pollock, 75 cts.

Boston.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 2000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Galatea, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Terra Nova, 55,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Eva Avina, 1500 cod.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Susan and Mary, 70,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.

Sch. Romance, 100,000 haddock, 60,000 cod.

Sch. Winifred, 30,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.

Sch. Raymah, 60,000 haddock, 75,000 cod.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Angie B. Watson, 2000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 800 pollock.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, 4500 haddock, 1200 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Morning Star, 50,000 haddock, 45,000 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Viking, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Quonnapowit, 1000 haddock, 6000 cod, 40,000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Sabine, 1800 haddock, 700 cod.

Sch. Cherokee, 3600 cod.

Sch. Jesse Costa, 90,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 2500 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Mystery, 60,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Fame, 40,000 haddock, 75,000 cod.

Haddock, \$1 to \$2 per cwt.; shore large cod, \$2.50; shore market cod, \$2.50; hake, \$1 to \$3; cusk, \$1.50; pollock, \$4.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Alert came down from Boston yesterday to fit for south seining.

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SALT CARGO ARRIVES.

Br. Steamer Ixia Brings 2500 Tons from Iviza, Spain.

The British steamer Ixia, Capt. John Rattray, arrived at this port yesterday afternoon from Iviza, Spain, with 2500 tons of salt, consigned to Fred Bradley. The steamer was at this port last September with a cargo of salt.

Capt. Rattray reports a passage of 25 days, without special incident. Bad weather was encountered between 40 and 60 degrees west longitude, and heavy snow squalls met off the Newfoundland coast. Yesterday the steamer ran into a dense fog off this coast.

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NOVA SCOTIA COD.

Sch. Pleroma Brings Cargo for Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

The sch. British Pleroma of Lunenburg, N. S., Capt. Teel, arrived at this port this morning from Halifax, N. S., with 120,000 pounds of salt cod, 75 crates of boneless cod and 15 boxes of boneless cod, for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

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Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Cavalier sold to the New England Fish Co. at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.