Porter, London, James Heathcote. Postmistress, Carrickfergus, Margaret O'Gorman.

Sorting Clerks and Telegraph Learners, Catherine Ellen Allsop (Romsey), Minnie Davies (Newport, Monmouth), Sarah Elizabeth Faulkner (Wakefield), Coupland George Banner Mendus (Swansea), Arthur Edward Vickery (Taunton).

Postmen, Ernest Dixon (Abingdon), John Hayward (Newcastle-on-Tyne), Charles Hedger Petworth), Garrett Lehane (Kinsale), Thomas Lightfoot (Cardiff), Robert McGlinchey (Had-

dington), William Turner (Kington).

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 436 to 445 of the year 1893.) [The bearings are magnetic, and those concerning the visibility of lights are given from seaward.]

No. 436.—CHINA AND PACIFIC STATIONS.

North America—West Coast.—Alaska. Alterations in Buoyage and Beaconage.

THE United States Government has given notice, dated 1st August, 1893, that the following alterations have been made in the buoyage and

beaconage of Alaska:-

 Nicholas Passage.—An iron beacon, 20 feet high, painted black, and surmounted by a barrel, painted black and white in horizontal stripes, has been erected on the Western Walden Rock, which dries two hours after high water. From the beacon Race Point bears N.E. § N. (N. 38° E.), distant 13 miles; and Gravina Point N.N.W. § W. (N. 263° W.).

Approximate position, lat. 55° $16\frac{1}{4}$ ′ N., long. $131^{\circ} 37\frac{1}{2}$ ′ W.

2. Clarence Strait.—A second-class nun buoy, painted red, has been moored in 11 fathoms southward of Nesbitt Reef. From the buoy Nesbitt Point bears N.N.W. \(\frac{3}{4} \) W. (N. \(31^{\circ} \) W.), distant about one mile; and Point Harrington E. \(\frac{1}{4} \) S. (S. \(87\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} \) E.). Vessels should not attempt to pass between this buoy and Nesbitt Point.

Approximate position, lat. 56° 13' N., long.

132° 53′ W.

3. Wrangell Strait.—A third-class can buoy, painted black, and with "No. 0" on it, has been moored in a depth of 15 feet to mark a rock with a depth of four feet on it, situated eastward of Woewoodski Island.

Approximate position, four feet rock, lat. 56° 333' N., long. 132° 59' W.

A first-class spar buoy, painted red, and numbered 16, has been moored in a depth of 11 feet, to mark the foul ground extending off Blunt Point. From the buoy that point bears E. ½ S. (S. 87½° E.), distant 3¾ cables; and Mountain Point S.E. ½ E. (S. 46½° E.).

Approximate position, lat. 56° 47′ N., long.

132° 59½' W.

4. Favourite Channel.—A second-class can buoy, painted red and black in horizontal stripes, has been moored in a depth of three fathoms, to mark Poundstone Rock, a pinnacle with 12 feet water over it. From the buoy the west extreme of Lincoln Island bears S.W. by W. (S. 564° W.), distant about 23 miles; and the west extreme of Benjamin Island about N. by W. (N. 16^{3°} W.).

Approximate position, lat. 58° 31½' N., long.

134° 57′ W.

The beacon on Vanderbilt Reef has been

Approximate position, lat. 58° 35½' N., long. 135° 2' W.

5. Icy Strait.—Hanus Reef Beacon has been withdrawn, and a first-class can buoy, painted red and black in horizontal stripes, has been placed. near the reef.

Approximate position, lat. 58° $7\frac{3}{4}'$ N., long. 135° 1' W.

6. Sitka Harbour Approach—Eastern Channel. A second-class can buoy, painted black, and with "No. 1" on it, has been moored in a depth of five fathoms, close southward of Simpson Rock.

Approximate position, on Plan No. 2348, lat. 57° 1′ 5″ N., long. 135° 20′ 10″ W.

The number on the buoy marking Tsaritza Rock has been altered from 1 to 3.

Approximate position, on Plan No. 2348, lat. 57° 1′ 15″ N., long. 135° 19′ W.

Middle Channel.—A second-class can buoy, painted black, and with "No. 1" on it, has been moored in a depth of five fathoms, close southward of Keene Rocks.

Approximate position, on Plan No. 2348, lat. 57° 2′ N., long. 135° 21′ 20″ W.

7. Neva Strait.—An iron beacon, 20 feet high, painted black, and surmounted by a barrel, painted black and white in horizontal stripes, has been erected on the extreme southern part of Neva Point Reef, on the east side of the southern entrance to Neva Strait.

Approximate position, on Chart No. 2337, lat.

57° 133′ N., long. 135° 29′ W.

An iron beacon, 18 feet high, painted black, and surmounted by a barrel, painted black and white in horizontal stripes, has been placed on Columbine Rock, western side of Neva Strait.

Approximate position, on Chart No. 2337, lat.

57° 15' 40" N., long. 135° 31' W.

A third-class nun buoy, painted red, and with "No. 4" on it, has been moored in a depth of three fathoms to mark Manzanitza Reef, which dries at half-tide, and lies on the eastern side of the channel through Neva Strait.

Approximate position, on Chart No. 2337, lat. 57° 16' N., long. 135° 31' 15" W.

The depths given are at low water spring tides. [Variation 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 29°; 4, 5 30° Easterly. in 1893.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Port Simpson to Cross Sound, &c., No. 2431; Sitka Sound, No. 2337 (6, 7); Sitka Harbour, No. 2348 (6).

No. 437.—NORTH AMERICA AND WEST... INDIES STATION.

United States-Massachusetts.-Nantucket SOUND.

Pollock Rip Slue-Shoal South-eastward of ... No. 2 Buoy.

THE United States Government has given notice, that on 2nd August, 1893, the steamer "Essex" reports having touched on a shoal, with a depth of about three fathoms on it at low water, lying about one cable S.E. by S. (S. 337° E.) from No. 2 Buoy, western side of Pollock Rip

Approximate position, lat. 41° 32' 45" N., long. 69° 54′ 45″ W.

Note.-Mariners are cautioned that Pollock Rip Slue is subject to constant changes, and should not be used.

[Variation 12° Westerly in 1893.]

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Nantucket Shoals to Block Island, No. 2890; Monomoy or Old Stage Harbour, No. 2489. Also, Sailing Directions for the Principal Ports on the East Coast of the United States, 1882, page 69.