

RATE CUT CHARGED

Wheat Taken to San Francisco at \$1 a Ton Is Complaint.

\$2 TARIFF IS UNLIKELY

Demand for Cereal in California Is Brisk and Several Vessels Will Work Cargoes but Supply Seems Limited.

Instead of advancing wheat rates from Portland to San Francisco to \$2 a ton, an increase of one cent having been contemplated for the last few months, agents of regular lines complain that some of the independent vessels have taken the cereal at \$1 a ton and suspicious glances are being cast at others because of rumors that \$1.25 was accepted.

The steamer Bear, sailing tomorrow, has 1000 tons of wheat, the first she has taken this season. Of the lot 500 tons were to go to San Francisco and the other half to San Pedro, the charge to the latter port being \$3 a ton. There will be at least 500 tons of cereal to go on the Beaver, sailing March 12, and probably regular shipments will be made for a short time as tax assessments have been made in the Bear straits and there are reports negotiating to replenish dwindling stocks.

Grainmen say there is an active demand from California buyers at present and offerings are in line with the market, but there is not thought to be as much wheat available for shipment there as in the past, as it is almost a case of the Californians being compelled to have what it is assumed that purchases now being made will mostly be from the coast.

The steamer Navajo, arriving last night from San Francisco with a general cargo, will load considerable wheat for the return. The steamer Yellowstone was loading wheat and the steamer Lelanau will shift from Supple's dock to Oceanic dock this morning to start her cargo. The Stanley Dollar is now being loaded for the next few days to work a grain cargo and the American-Hawaiian is in the field for the same business, the steamer Paraleo having loaded several hundred tons on her last voyage.

SPICER'S ABSENCE IS LOSS

Skipper of St. Theodore Adds Another Chapter to Falcon Yarn.

Revisiting Portland on the tramp St. Theodore has recalled other incidents of Captain Spiller that revive memories of his time on the St. Ronald when he was here three years ago.

On that occasion Spiller circulated a story that a falcon boarded the ship on her way from England and became so tame amid human associations that he developed into a first-class messenger, carrying objects and flying on errands to different parts of the ship. The finale of the tale was that the falcon tired of maritime surroundings one day and flew shoreward perched on the back of an albatross. Now, Captain Spiller says "there was a lot of truth in what Spiller said," for on the first voyage of the St. Theodore he says he believes he saw the same falcon, which, he now thinks, was merely a sparrow hawk, but that he had severed his alliance with the albatross and was flying on the company of a one-legged seagull. If there is anyone in the merchant marine of the world who can outpoint Spiller on sea narratives, he has not visited Portland.

SOLVEIG TAKEN FOR YEAR

China Import and Export Fleet Is Chartered for 1914 Business.

Another old trader is to return to Portland and ply his trade to the Orient for a year, the Norwegian steamer Solveig, which has been chartered for that period by the China Import & Export Company. The charter rate is 38 1/2. The company recently took the Kinkai Maru and the British steamer Strathalbyn, while the St. Theodore, now here, is to make three voyages, and the Messina, loading at Inman-Poulsen's, may return.

Most of the lumber shipped from Portland being in collision with the steamer Portland, were completed at the Willamette Iron & Steel Works last evening and she will resume loading at once for California. As men employed on the vessel will be on duty today to the Portland, work on her bow may be finished tomorrow or Sunday at the latest. The latter goes to the globe elevator at once to take on wheat for the south.

GENERAL HUBBARD IS READY

Portland Leaves Yard by Sunday to Resume Loading Grain.

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SMOKING ON DOCKS TO STOP

Ordinance Is Proposed Applicable to Entire Harbor.

Longshoremen, stevedores and others who have been allowed to smoke on the docks are to lose the privilege, not because the "swat the cigarette" campaign has reached the waterfront, but a rule in effect on certain wharves preventing smoking is to be made general by ordinance.

ALASKA CARGO OFFERED

TWO MEN SEEK TO CONTRACT FOR SHIPMENTS IN APRIL.

Steamer Stetson, Second of Fleet, to Sail Friday of Next Week and Freight Is Being Left at Dock.

Two men arrived in Portland yesterday from Petersburg to contract for the transportation of cargo on the Portland-Southeastern Alaska line, one having 200 tons of supplies to go forward early in April and the other a large shipment of salmon to Portland about the same time, which will merely pass through here, however, as it is intended for New York.

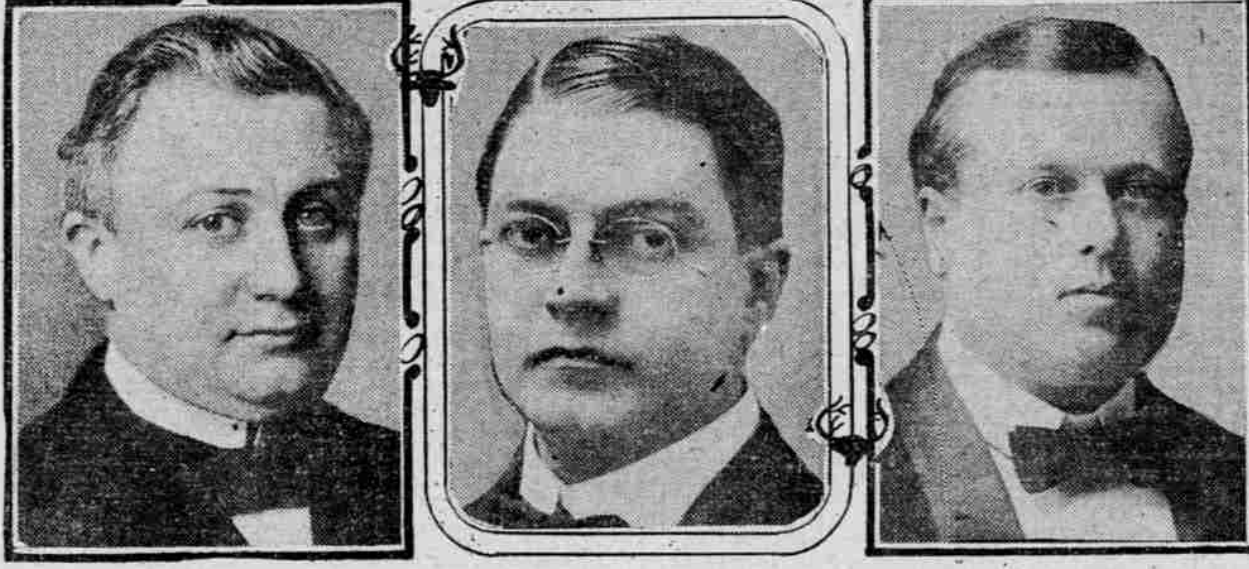
Movements of Vessels.

PORTLAND, March 5.—Arrived—Steamer Navajo, from Los Angeles and San Francisco; steamer Lelanau, from San Francisco; steamer Multnomah and steamer Columbia, from Seattle. Departed—St. Theodore, for Portland, at 10:30 A. M.; Steamer Beaver, for San Francisco, at 11:30 A. M.; Steamer Paraleo, for San Francisco, at 12:30 P. M.; Steamer Navajo, for San Francisco, at 1:30 P. M.; Steamer Lelanau, for San Francisco, at 2:30 P. M.; Steamer Multnomah and steamer Columbia, for Seattle, at 3:30 P. M.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY PORTLAND LODGE OF ELKS LAST NIGHT.



Harry G. Allen E. A. Marshall W. R. McDonald



J. B. Coffey Paul Chamberlain M. R. Spaulding

The large dredge fill in South Marshfield, covering 50 acres, has been completed by the dredge Seattle, which has been working on the job since the latter part of December. The fill leaves some things to be desired, but, on the whole, is a most excellent advantage to the district affected. The only faults are engineering mistakes, where several crossings were low, and are there under water and mud. The Seattle is now busy on the Mill Slough fill, in a more central portion of the city, and which comprises probably 25 or 40 acres. Filling of the territory adjoining the slough and the slough proper, will create a new grade in some places, and on Broadway, Second and Fourth, will admit of banishing three bridges which are now from four to six feet above grade, and thus make continuous level thoroughfares. The last bulkheading to confine the fill at the mouth of the Mill Slough was completed on Monday, but a spillway is left to accommodate the outflow from the outlying territory.

BANDON, OR., March 5.—(Special.)

There is a demand being made in this city for a city dock and the Council is being impudently to spend enough money to make such convenience possible within the next few months. The Kronenberg and Rasmussen have let a contract for a dock for use of vessels plying to and from the river, and the structure will be commenced at once. The dock is to be 140 feet in width and 340 in length. The water front in Bandon is being straightened out gradually, and more room is being added to what was before cramped and badly arranged dockage.

ASTORIA, OR., March 5.—(Special.)

Thick weather in the lower harbor and under an arrangement with the Emerson Hardware Company the steamer call at Otara on the return to load oak logs. The St. Theodore is discharging logs at the Emerson plant, and will be ready to load outward the first of the week.

Cape Arago Fog Horn Used.

COOS BAY, OR., March 5.—(Special.)—Captain Duncan, of the Cape Arago lightship, reported tonight the first use of the fog horn since late in December. A heavy fog commenced to settle on the bar at dusk and all ranges and marks were obliterated by 7 o'clock.

Marine Notes.

Laden with freight for Oregon Coast ports, the gasoline vessels Della and Jack Burnham got away yesterday. Lumber for the West Coast will be cleared today aboard the schooner Virginia, which has about 750,000 feet that is being dispatched by W. R. Grace & Co. On the completion of her second voyage to British Columbia and Puget Sound, the steamer Tiverton is due in port tomorrow and is expected to have a fair cargo.

Tides at Astoria Friday.

High. 6:50 A. M. ... 1.6 feet; 9:07 A. M. ... 4.3 feet; 9:21 P. M. ... 0.5 feet; 9:53 P. M. ... 1.1 feet. Columbia River Bar Report. NORTH HEAD, March 5.—Condition of the bar at 5 P. M. foggy; bar obscured; wind, southwest, 4 miles. Marconi Wireless Reports. (All positions reported at 8 P. M. March 5, unless otherwise designated.)

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ELKS' LODGE ELECTS Dr. R. A. Marshall Chosen Exalted Ruler for Local Herd.

ORGANIZATION IS WEALTHY New Building Informally Considered—Special Train to National Convention at Denver in July Is to Be Arranged.

The famous band of the local lodge will accompany the party. The newly elected officers will begin their duties at the first meeting in April.

The last women's night under the present administration will be held on Friday evening, March 13. A good program is being prepared.

Cowlitz Bar Jetty Work on Soon. CHEHALIS, Wash., March 5.—(Special.)—Albert Burcham, of Kelso, who is contractor on the new beacon lights being erected by Uncle Sam near double, expects shortly to start work on a contract for an extension of 150 feet on the Monticello bar Jetty in the Cowlitz River, three miles below this city.

LOS ANGELES WOMAN'S RECOVERY SEEMS ALMOST LIKE MIRACLE Mrs. Clara Witherspoon Is Converted by Akoz From Physical Wreck.

Mrs. Clara Witherspoon, of 324 Avenue Sixty-two, Garvanza, Los Angeles, widow of the late Dr. J. K. Witherspoon, has just had a wonderful recovery. Less than two months ago her friends thought the end was near. Distressing rheumatism, following a paralytic stroke, together with a catarrh that was affecting her eyesight and mind, brought her to the condition where she was just had a wonderful recovery. She gives full credit for her recovery to Akoz, the radio-active medicinal mineral discovered in this state by former Harbor Commissioner and State Labor Commissioner John D. Mackenzie, of San Francisco.

"That I am in good health today is due entirely to Akoz, which has almost worked a miracle for me in relieving me of rheumatism and catarrh," said Mrs. Witherspoon, as she chatted with friends. "I was afflicted with catarrh for eight years. It was so bad it affected my eyesight and my mind. Last evening I suffered a stroke of paralysis. This, however, was a physical wreck, which I had suffered for three years. The doctors held out but little hope for me. When I started to take Akoz in November, I was a physical wreck. My friends are marveling at the wonderful improvement in me during the six weeks I have used Akoz. My catarrh is practically cured; my eyes are strong again, and I feel better and brighter than I have in years. All the rheumatic pains and swellings have left. Akoz has been a blessing to me. Thus is Akoz helping thousands of others who are suffering with rheumatism, stomach trouble, eczema, catarrh, ulcerated piles and other ailments. The Akoz internal treatment reaches most of these disorders by correcting the stomach. Akoz is now being demonstrated at the Owl Drug Store, Washington and Broadway, Portland. You are invited to visit, phone or write the Akoz man at the Owl for further information regarding this advertisement."

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