

SHIPS FOR NEXT SEASON

EXPORTERS ARE NOT CHARTERING VERY FREELY.

Uncertainty Regarding the Future of the Freight Market—Rates Higher Than Last Year.

The grain exporters who handle the wheat of the Pacific Northwest are at present grappling with the greatest problem which they have ever called on to solve: To charter, or not to charter? that is the question.

This year, ship-owners have been demanding from \$16 to \$18, and a few fixtures have been made at both of these figures.

On the other hand, if he does charter and freights decline, his more fortunate competitor can then come in and take the time when it is at a loss in order to regain his identity.

The future of the freight market is a conundrum, and the exporter who could forecast it accurately would make several fortunes in one year.

MADE A RATTLING RUN. German Bark Wegs Crosses the Pacific in Twenty-five Days.

After so many slow passages across the Pacific this season, it is refreshing to hear of a run like that made by the German ship Wegs, which arrived in Yokohama last evening.

NEW GRAIN ROUTE. Considerable Business May Be Diverted to Georgian Bay.

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der-post of the Griffith had been severely strained on the outward passage, and Captain Ayer feared that it might be carried away if heavy weather was encountered.

SHIPBUILDING STATISTICS.

United States Led Both Germany and France Last Year.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—According to a report to the State Department by United States Consul Sawyer, at Glasgow, the shipbuilding yards of Great Britain during 1900 turned out 1,422,471 tons of commercial vessels, against 862,025 tons by all other countries combined.

SULPHUR CARGO ON FIRE. Narrow Escape of the Austrian Steamer Marianna.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—The fact has just been known that the big Austrian steamer Marianna, which arrived here last Friday from Hakodate, with a cargo of 3000 tons of sulphur, had been on fire in mid-ocean 10 days before reaching port.

Niobe Clears With Wheat. The German bark Niobe cleared yesterday for Queenstown and Falmouth for orders with 14,825 bushels of wheat, valued at \$66,269.

Saint Bede Due Saturday. The British steamship St. Bede sailed from San Francisco for this port yesterday morning.

British Skipper Drowned. FAYAL, Azores, March 27.—The British steamer King Bledyn, which sailed from New York March 19 for Hull, put into this port today with decks swept and two of the crew were drowned.

Cannot Go by Rail. ASTORIA, Or., March 27.—It was the intention to ship the launch Santa Rita, recently purchased by the Western Fishery Company, of Portland, by rail to Puget Sound, but her beam is too great, and she will have to go outside.

Domestic and Foreign Ports. ASTORIA, Or., March 27.—Arrived at P. M.—German bark Wegs, from Yokohama. Condition of the bar at 4 P. M., rough, wind west; weather cloudy.

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NO DOUBT THEY WANT IT

GREAT NORTHERN AND NORTHERN PACIFIC AFTER BURLINGTON.

Their Scheme Said to Be to Get Large Enough Interest to Swing a Lease of the Property.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The indications for James J. Hill's scheme for the lease of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad all points to Northern Pacific or Great Northern, or both, as being the winners.

MARION COUNTY'S OLDEST INHABITANT.



HUGH COSGROVE, SR.

WOODBURN, March 27.—Hugh Cosgrove, Sr., who resides eight miles west of Woodburn, is believed to be Marion County's oldest inhabitant.

Messrs. Hill and Harriman and their friends, in the interest of three northern trans-continental railroads, there is no doubt, it was said, that the same policy is being pursued.

For some years the Burlington people have known and realized that a splendid piece of property which they possessed also the possibilities which might result from an aggressive and progressive policy, but they have been content to sit still and simply revel in the enjoyment of having so valuable and profitable an enterprise, when in justice to themselves and the stockholders they should have expanded.

ST. PAUL, March 27.—The Great Northern today announced that it would apply a first-class round-trip rate July 6 to 13 of \$45 for San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Victoria and Vancouver, good for stop-over west of Havre, Mont., from St. Paul and Sioux City, limited for return to August 31, and a rate of \$60 from Chicago to the points named.

THIS MEDICINE is familiar in thousands of homes. For half a century it has had a permanent place as a family medicine.

HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS WILL CURE Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Flatulence, Bileousness, Nervousness, Sleeplessness and Kidney Disorders.

STREET RAILWAY DISPUTE.

Company Asserts Its Right to Run Freight-Cars in Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, March 27.—The City Council is involved in a peculiar legal controversy with the electric street railway. The matter in dispute will be taken into the courts, as the foundation for an action at law has already been laid.

TO CONSULT WITH HARRIMAN.

Relations of Union Pacific and Central Pacific to Be Arranged.

CHICAGO, March 27.—President C. M. Hays, of the Southern Pacific; President Burt, of the Union Pacific; Vice-President Bancroft, of the Oregon Short Line, and Traffic Manager Campbell, of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, passed through Chicago today en route for New York.

Trolley Franchise in Marion County.

SALEM, March 27.—A petition is being circulated among the farmers residing east of Salem, asking the County Court to grant a franchise for the construction of an electric line between this city and Silverton.

Mexican Central Rumors.

CHICAGO, March 27.—A special to the Record from the City of Mexico says that the New York capitalists have, it is said, practically secured a concession for a railroad through the northern part of the republic.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The Commercial Advertiser says: "The report that James McCrea, first vice-president of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh, is to succeed John K. Cowan as president of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, is denied by some of the largest stockholders of the last-named company."

MAY BRING A RATE WAR.

Northwest to Have Same Fares as New City for Epworth League.

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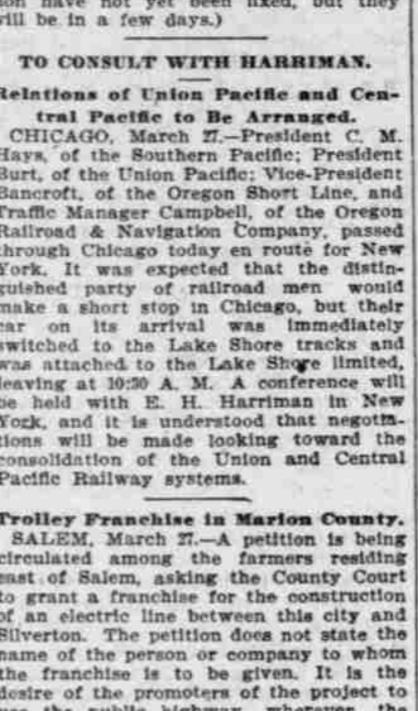
FINISH STYLE WEIGHT SPEED TO BE EVER IN ADVANCE.

FOR THE RAMBLERS

Prophesy. A few years hence the many Rambler Manufacturers will be scattered far and wide. On this will pass in from every point. They are now in the lead and ever on the alert to add or make any improvement that will enhance the worth of the wheel. Do not hesitate to buy a Rambler.

A COMPLETE CHANGE!

Warner's Safe Cure Co., Cleveland, O., Dec. 31, 1900.



regarded as very probable. An influential representative of the Pennsylvania said today that while it is true that the Pennsylvania company held control of the Baltimore & Ohio, it was not likely that any important changes will be made in the board of directors for some time to come."

New Cripple Creek Line Opened. COLORADO SPRINGS, March 27.—Superintendent Ridgeway, Traffic Manager Henry and Chief Clerk McWaters, of the Colorado Springs & Cripple Creek District Railway, today conducted a party of 100 newspaper, railroad and business men over the company's line from this city to Cripple Creek.

Michigan Central Gets New Road. NEW YORK, March 27.—According to the Mail and Express, plans are nearly completed for the merger of the Canada Southern into the Michigan Central by the exchange of the new 3 per cent Michigan Central collateral trust bonds for Canada Southern shares, after the fashion of the acquisition of the Michigan Central and Lake Shore roads by the New York Central.

More Large Figures From St. Paul. ST. PAUL, March 27.—One thousand homeseekers passed through St. Paul today for Oregon, 1500 for Washington, and 2000 for North Dakota. It was the largest single day's movement in the history of the homeseekers' rates, and railroad officials say the movement has only commenced.

Railroad Notes. President Hammond, of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad, is expected home today after an absence of more than four months in New York and San Francisco. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Pacific Company will be

Advertisement for Warner's Safe Cure, featuring a portrait and text describing the medicine's benefits for various ailments.

Advertisement for Less Sugar, featuring a portrait and text describing the product's benefits for health and taste.

Advertisement for Best Cereal Coffee, featuring a portrait and text describing the product's benefits for a healthy breakfast.

Advertisement for Rambler tires, featuring a portrait of a woman and text describing the tires' durability and performance.

Advertisement for Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the medicine's benefits for various digestive ailments.