

FOR NEW SEASON LOADING

BRITISH SHIP CLAN GALBRAITH
WILL COME IN JULY.First Crop Charter for Many Weeks—
British Ship Riverside Will Load
at Liverpool for Portland.

After a lull of several weeks in new crop chartering, a July ship was fixed yesterday for Portland loading at the lowest rate paid for over two years, the British ship Clan Galbraith being chartered at \$25.00. Portland exporters have been expecting lower rates, and have delayed chartering for this reason. The average rate out of this port for the past 10 years has been around 25 shillings, which would indicate that the rate of the Clan Galbraith was about normal. Whether or not these low rates will prevail depends largely on the crop in California. If the dry weather materially reduces the size of the California crop, rates will go no higher, but if there is a good yield down there, and the present remarkably good outlook in Oregon and Washington continues, rates may advance again.

The statistical position of ships is very strong. Last year at this date there was 8,885 tons registered on route for Portland, compared with 56,103 tons at the present time. In port last year there were 10,771 tons, compared with 12,538 tons at the present time. With the exception of the Wega, loading, and the Fulwood, disengaged, all of the tonnage in the river is loaded and ready for sea. The departure of the big fleet in April made a pretty fair clean-up of some of the docks, but left others with considerable wheat on hand. For the past week, receipts of wheat have been quite heavy, and as there is still a considerable quantity that was brought on the last bulge to come down to tide water, the fleet due within the next 60 days will be promptly taken care of. The Clan Galbraith is the second July ship chartered, although the other one has the option of loading at San Francisco.

WILL BE LAUNCHED MONDAY.

Steamer for Alaska Trade Being

Built Near Marshfield.

MAINEFIELD, Oregon, April 19.—Next Monday is the date set for the launching of the new steamer at the Bay City ship yard. The dimensions of the vessel are: Keel, 102 feet; beam, 22 feet; hold, 11 feet. She will be fitted with engines of 400 horse power, and is expected to make a speed of 10 knots an hour. The steamer will have 24 staterooms and will accommodate 40 first class passengers. She will be fitted with all modern conveniences, including electric lights and a refrigerating plant.

The vessel has been built by Captain H. Reed, master builder, working under Captain F. Lupp, representing the owners, J. S. Kimball & Co., of San Francisco. Fifty to 60 men have been employed at wages of \$2 to \$5 per day, and the monthly payroll was about \$700.

The new vessel will be towed to San Francisco, where her machinery will be put in, requiring about 20 days, and her first trip will be made to Nome. This is the first ship built at this yard, which is located near Marshfield and not far from Bay City, which has been the lumber yard in construction. The foundations of the yard were laid by Captain Reed 22 years ago, but some question of title to the land caused suspension of operations. Now, however, the yard will be kept busy. The keel of another and much larger steamer will be laid at once for Kimball & Co., and others will be built later.

CUBAN LINER AFIRE.

Steamer Olinda Burning at Her Dock

in New York.

NEW YORK, April 19.—The Munson line steamer Olinda, which arrived here Wednesday from Cuban ports, via New York, is on fire at Pier 14, East River. She was scheduled to sail on the return trip to Cuba tomorrow and was being loaded with a new cargo when the fire was discovered in the amidship section of the vessel.

At 1:30 P. M. the fire broke out in the cabin. The two city fireboats pumped water into the steamer through eight-inch pipes, while two lines of the city fire hose were on board. The large quantity of water in the hold has caused the vessel to sink deeply at the stern, throwing her bow almost out of the water. It may be necessary to scuttle the vessel.

At 2 o'clock the fire appeared to be extinguished, but as a matter of precaution three four-inch hoses were kept playing in the hold. The Olinda rests on the bottom at her pier with a heavy list to port, and it is feared that she may turn turtle. Extra heavy beams are being used to tie her to the dock to prevent her from going over.

COMING WITH CARGO.

British Ship Riverside Laid on Berth

at Liverpool for Portland.

The British ship Riverside has been chartered by Balfour, Guthrie & Co. to load general cargo at Liverpool for Portland direct. This will be the first cargo ship added to the en route list for Portland in many weeks. Vessels coming with inward cargo have been gradually becoming scarcer for the past five years, not only at Portland, but all along the Coast, except at British Columbia, where merchants and cannerymen are heavy importers of salt, tin, plate, liquors and other merchandise. The American duty has shut foreign salt out of this market, although the salt trust has prices up to a higher notch than ever before. This prevents Oregon securing cheap salt and cheap cargoes, as we are now obliged to depend solely on ballast tonnage for moving the wheat crop.

The Riverside is now due at Liverpool with a cargo of wheat from San Francisco, and as soon as this is discharged, she will commence loading general cargo for this port. She is expected to sail the latter part of May, and will be due in Portland in October.

OVERDUE BARKENTINE.

Monitor Is Making a Long Passage

From Gray's Harbor.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—The barkentine Monitor is out 25 days from Gray's Harbor, and fears are expressed for the vessel's safety. She sailed from Gray's Harbor on March 24, in company with the schooner Letitia. The latter has been in port nearly three weeks, and nothing has been yet heard from the Monitor. Seafaring men are of the opinion that the craft has been blown out to sea or that she has been wrecked. The Monitor is one of the oldest boats on the Coast. She is commanded by Captain James Donnelly, and his wife is a passenger.

MUST BE INSPECTED.

This If Canadian Steamers Take on

Passengers at Honolulu.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 19.—Colonel L. Edwin Dudley, United States Consul at this port, has called the attention of the Treasury Department to the prospective requirement by which the Canadian-Australian liners must undergo inspection by the United States before being allowed to call at Honolulu, pointing out the delay and inconvenience this would entail.

In reply Consul Dudley has received a letter from Secretary Gage, stating that United States steamboat inspectors will be stationed at Honolulu about November next, and that the Canadian liners are liable to inspection there. "If they take on passengers at Hawaiian ports other than those brought there on the ships and temporarily landed en route to Oriental ports," he suggests, however,



Photo by W.H. Bentley.

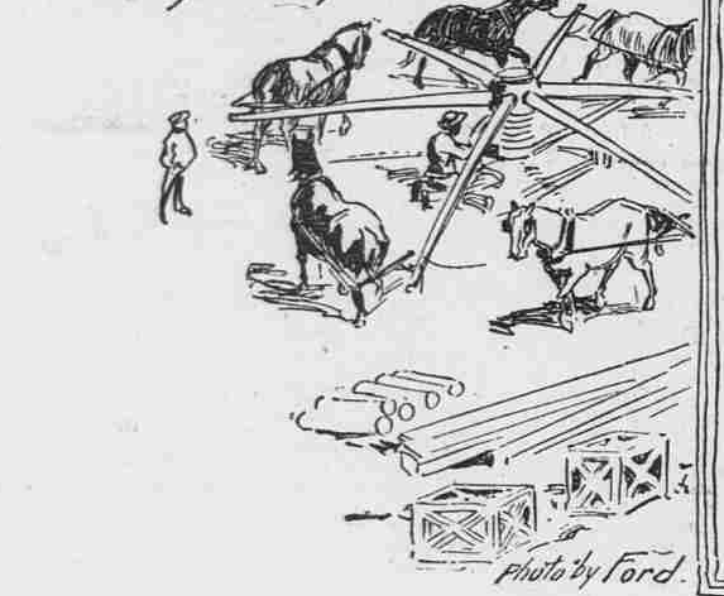


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THE BURLINGTON DEAL

ARRANGEMENTS FOR FINANCING IT
NOT COMPLETED.

Independent Canadian Line to the

West Is Assured — Other

Railroad News.

NEW YORK, April 19.—At the office

of J. P. Morgan & Co. today

was held a meeting of the

Morgan firm, which was

attended by representatives of

the Burlington Railroad and

the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

The meeting was held in

the morning, and lasted until

about 1 o'clock. It was

conducted in a confidential

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RECEPTION FOR M'KINLEY.

Address, Drive and Laying of

Corner-Stone Programme at Salem.

SALEM, Or., April 19.—The committee

appointed to arrange for the reception of

President McKinley when he visits this

city met at Mayor Bishop's office this

evening and discussed plans in a general

way. It was decided to have the recep-

tion as heretofore indicated, a short ad-

dress, laying of the corner-stone of the

new Federal building, and a drive to

some high offering a view of the Valley.

J. D. Lee and William Kaiser were

appointed to arrange for a corner-stone.

Another meeting will be held next Mon-

day evening, when committees on finance,

reception and programme will be ap-

pointed.

SALEMAN, April 19.—Mining stocks today

were as follows:

Alma \$20.00 Mexican \$30.00

Andes \$10.00 Occidental \$20.00

Belcher \$10.00 Phoenix \$20.00

Bismarck \$10.00 Standard \$20.00

Butte \$10.00 Sierra Nevada \$20.00

Calumet \$10.00 Silver Hill \$20.00

Coe \$10.00 Slocum \$20.00

Columbia \$10.00 Union \$20.00

Con. Cal. & Va. \$10.00 Western \$20.00

Crown Point \$10.00 White Pine \$20.00

Deer Trail \$10.00 Yellow Pine \$20.00

Dodge \$10.00

E. & F. I. \$10.00

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QUOTATIONS OF MINING STOCKS.

SPOKANE, April 19.—The following quotations

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