

EIGHTEEN GRAIN SHIPS

JANUARY WHEAT BUSINESS MAKING NEW RECORD.

Portland Has Averaged a Cargo Every Business Day This Month—Large Lumber Business.

The record of a grain or flour cargo for every business day in the month is still holding good in this port, and January grain shipments will come closer to breaking all previous records than those of any other month this season.

RUMORS OF THE COMBINE.

Liverpool Shipping Circles Discredit Report of Steamship Consolidation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The idea of a prospective consolidation of Liverpool trans-Atlantic lines under American management is discredited in Liverpool shipping circles, says the Liverpool correspondent of the Standard.

The White Star people say they can only repeat the rumors given respecting similar reports. Regarding reports that the Cunard company would be included in the combine, the combination, its general manager, Mr. Moorhouse, said:

"The matter is not worth discussing. The idea of the Cunard line being squeezed out is utter nonsense."

He knew nothing about a combination. Sir William Forwood, a Cunard director, is going to America shortly, but Mr. Moorhouse denied that his visit related to the Cunard company's business.

The opinion expressed by several prominent shipowners is that the prospective combination of trans-Atlantic lines for a revival of the Atlantic freight conference has been magnified into a rumor of a general amalgamation of the companies concerned.

Competition has reduced freight rates, and the hope may be entertained that the conference, which has been in abeyance for several years, will be re-established and the lines agree to raise rates to the former level.

Liverpool shipping circles are doing nothing to fix passenger rates for the summer holidays. They are inundated with requests for rates for return fares from the United States during August and September to terminal points in England.

Another Wheat Ship Lost. AUCKLAND, N. Z., Jan. 22.—News has just been received here that the British bark Saverne, from San Francisco, October 2, has been reported as missing on November 14, at Reao (an island in the east of the Tuamotu group in the South Pacific).

Part of the crew are at Tahiti and 10 others are at Reao. The vessel was built at Stockton, England, in 1885, is 125 tons net, and is owned by R. P. Rodgers & Co., of Swansea.

Mr. Perry Congratulated. NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The Perry Athletic Club's annual meeting was held, re-elected Morris K. Jessup, president; Henry W. Cannon, treasurer; and Herbert L. Bridgman, secretary.

Hard Trip of Overdue Wilhelmina. PORT TOWNSEND, Jan. 22.—The overdue German steamship Wilhelmina, arriving today, had an eventful voyage from Moji, and, according to her officers, a difficult trip reaching port.

On Her Maiden Trip. French Bark Jacobsen Has Sailed From Santos for Portland. The French shipowners are not so badly disturbed over the treatment their ships are receiving at Portland, as to make them unwilling to continue sailing there.

Domestic and Foreign Ports. ASTORIA, Jan. 22.—Arrived today at 10:30 A. M.—German bark Carl. Left up at 1 P. M.—British ship Ardmore.

Big Sawmill for Southern Oregon. GRANVILLE, Jan. 22.—W. R. Stansell, manager of the Rogue River Mining & Lumber Company, has begun preparations for the building of a large sawmill on Upper Post's Creek.

Insane Man Tried to Kidnap Girl. GRANVILLE, Jan. 22.—Joseph C. Coyman, otherwise known as Joseph Merrill, the man who made a sensational attempt to kidnap a little girl in this city recently, has been found insane by the Josephine County Court.

Gets Ten Years for Assault. GRANVILLE, Jan. 22.—Frank McCann, who was found guilty by jury of assault with a dangerous weapon on D. Halliday, has been sentenced to 10 years in the State Penitentiary.

Asbestos in Paying Quarters. GRANVILLE, Jan. 22.—Asbestos in paying quarters has been discovered in the Upper Applegate district, on the north slope of the Siskiyou, near the state line, and also just over the line in Northern California.

Eastern Men Buy Land in Polk. DALLAS, Ok., Jan. 22.—A. M. Werner, of Minnesota, has purchased the Perrydale farm of Messrs. Henry and Jack, paying \$17,500 for 486 acres.

Condition of National Banks. WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—William Barrett Ridgely, Controller of the Currency, says in regard to the condition of the National banks, as shown by the last report:

The summary of the reports of condition of the National banks at the close of business December 31, 1901, shows the business of the banks to be in a highly satisfactory condition, and sets a new high record in aggregate resources, individual deposits, capital and surplus.

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BREAD AND WATER DIET

CONVICTS WHO ESCAPED FROM PRISON BEING PUNISHED.

Ten Men in Two Small Dungeons, Where They Must Stay Fifteen Days.

TACOMA, Jan. 22.—The 11 convicts who escaped from the Federal prison on McNell's Island Sunday only to be recaptured, the last four last night, are now paying dearly for the freedom they enjoyed.

The convicts who were captured yesterday morning and who were then almost famished, were not fed until last night, when they each received one slice of bread and cup of water.

While the punishment given the convicts who attempted to escape is extreme, the prison authorities consider it necessary as a warning to the other convicts.

Suit Against Prominent Men. OLYMPIA, Jan. 22.—William Lightner, as the receiver of the Bank of Minnesota, St. Paul, brought suit in the Superior Court of Thurston County against Edmund Rice and Isaac W. Anderson, to recover the sum of \$23,617 as principal and interest on nine promissory notes given by Rice and Anderson.

Sold to Portland Company. OLYMPIA, Jan. 22.—All the Washington property formerly owned by Francis Clarno, of Portland, has been sold by his trustee to Robert F. Bell, to the Portland Trust Company.

Indians Pleaded Not Guilty. OLYMPIA, Jan. 22.—Charley Tom and Mary Tom, his wife, were arraigned in the Superior Court yesterday to plead to the charge of murdering George Williams 10 days ago.

In the Hands of a Receiver. TACOMA, Jan. 22.—John Bagley was appointed receiver of the Addison Mill Company today. Liabilities, \$7,000; assets, \$90,000.

MINER ENDS HIS LIFE. BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 22.—Frank Anderson, a miner, was found dead in his room in a lodging-house here this morning.

Guilty of Manslaughter. ROSEBURG, Jan. 22.—In Circuit Court today the case of the state vs. Alfred Henry Hart, indicted for murder in the second degree, the jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter.

Western Roads and Packing-Houses Will Maintain Rates. CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—President of Western railroads, who told of a quarrel between Richardson and Fife in the presence of the witness and Mrs. Richardson, when all four were walking toward the Richardson home.

A RECIPROcity CONVENTION Meeting at Topeka to Secure Better Trade With Southern Republics. TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 22.—The reciprocity convention called at the suggestion of Governor Stanley, after a conference with representatives of the leading industrial interests of the state, opened here today.

Salt Lake Murder Trial. SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 22.—Erected Chinamen, rushing and crowding in the corridors of the City and County Building today, where the preliminary examination of Contractor Peter Mortenson, charged with the murder of James R. Hay, secretary of the Pacific Lumber Company, is being held.

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