

WOULD FACILITATE COAST SHIPPING

Masters and Pilots Ask for a Night Collector of Customs at Astoria.

SEND PETITION TO ROBB

Steamers Plying Out of Portland Are Said to Be Unavoidably Delayed With the System That is Now in Vogue.

Pilots and shipmasters plying out of this port are taking steps further to facilitate the handling of coastwise traffic by asking for the appointment of a night collector of customs at Astoria.

Coastwise shipping is being caused considerable detention, the customs collectors at Astoria are being annoyed, and shipmasters and pilots are put to a great deal of unpleasant work by reason of there being no night man to receive or issue the necessary papers for the craft that make Astoria a port of call.

"We should have had a night man at Astoria long ago," said one of the pilots yesterday, in speaking of the petition which is now being circulated among the interests concerned.

"Coastwise shipping is being detained a great deal by reason of there being no deputy on duty after the closing of the office at night or before it opens at 9 in the morning.

A large majority of the steamers plying between Portland and California ports reach Astoria at night, both going and coming, and then either the captain or the pilot has to bustle around for one of the collectors to have the papers passed upon.

Sometimes vessels get in late, and it is not at all pleasant to have to drag the collector out of bed for the sake of accommodating the steamship people.

"The collectors never complain, but we feel that they are being imposed upon, inasmuch as they get no pay for night work.

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