

PACIFIC STEAMERS CUT GRAIN RATES

Sweeping Reduction Made on Wheat and Flour Tariffs from Coast Ports.

BIG REDUCTION ON WHEAT

Effort Will Be Made by Regular Companies to Drive Tramps Out of Trans-Pacific Trade—Rate in Effect—Marine Notes.

Rates on flour and wheat between Pacific Coast ports and the Orient have been cut from \$3.50 and \$5 a ton to \$2.50 and \$4. The cut affects all the steamers operating on the regular lines and in Portland will be manifest in a slashing of rates on the steamers of the Portland and Asiatic Steamship Company. The new rate will go into effect immediately.

Formerly the rate on flour was \$3.50 to Japanese ports, \$4 to Hongkong and \$5 to Shanghai. Wheat was on the same basis. The new schedule provides for wheat to Japan and Hongkong for \$2.50, flour to Japanese ports \$3, flour to Hongkong \$3.50, and both wheat and flour to Shanghai \$4.

The rates were reduced in accordance with resolutions passed at the recent meeting of the Coast Steamship agents at Seattle. Representatives of all trans-Pacific companies were present and their action will affect all vessels operating out of Puget Sound, Portland and San Francisco.

The object of the steamship companies in making the move is to drive the tramp steamers out of the business. The reduced rate on flour will have a decided effect, but the cut on wheat is somewhat of a conjecture. The large part of the wheat sent to the Orient from Pacific ports has been in tramps, which had been chartered for approximately \$3 a ton. By placing the wheat rate so low grain exports will probably increase at the expense of flour shipments and the millers on the other side will do a larger part of the grinding.

Puget Sound brokers have been operating steamships from Coast ports to the Orient with wheat as low as \$2.75 a ton. With the arrival of the fleet at San Francisco there will be a number of available steamers, now colliers, and it is the intention of the regular companies to head off the tramps in any charter for this class of tonnage.

The first vessel to be affected by the cut out of Portland will be the Arabia. She is due in the river about the middle of the month and will sail for the East April 20. While this arrangement pleases the exporters of wheat, the shippers of flour regard it as a discrimination, and the result will be a chartering of a large amount of tonnage for the shipment of flour to Oriental ports.

T. B. Wilcox, of the Portland Flouring Mills association, says that "Nature provided the Pacific Ocean and it is there for us all. In spite of the action taken by the regular steamship lines, there will be no dearth in our shipping flour to the Orient at the same rate as made by the regular line on wheat. The change in rates had not been made an hour before we were offered what steamer was required for flour at the rate the regular lines charge for wheat."

SEATTLE, March 31.—Despite the solemn assertions of steamship officials of this city that no rate war to the Orient was in prospect, the meeting of the Trans-Pacific Steamship Association held last week decided upon a schedule of cut rates to the Orient on wheat and flour, and these rates will become effective tomorrow. Every effort to keep the matter quiet has been made by the companies interested.

The companies represented at the gathering were the Great Northern, Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Waterhouse & Company, Boston Steamship Company, Dedwell & Company, of the Blue Funnel Line. The other steamship companies plying to the Orient are expected to follow suit in making cut rates, and a war to the death is in prospect between the regular lines to the East and the tramp steamships of foreign register.

The new rates on flour and wheat per ton of 2000 lbs. follow: Wheat to Japan and Hongkong \$2.50, formerly \$3.50 and \$4 respectively. Flour to Japan \$3, to Hongkong \$3.50; wheat and flour to Shanghai \$4, a reduction of \$1; wheat and flour to Amoy \$4.

Lumber Rate Also Is Cut. TACOMA, March 31.—Local representatives of the regular steamship lines running from here to the Orient confirm the reported reduction in wheat and flour rates to Japan and China. It is understood also that there will be a reduction to Siberian and North China ports. The lumber rate to Japan will also be reduced from \$10 to \$8 tomorrow. The reason for the lesser rate is the strong competition offered by the many tramp carriers now on this coast.

TAKE BIG CARGO AT HOQUIAM. Hoquiam, Wash., March 31.—(Special.)—The New Zealand tramp steamer Hysia entered port today to load 2,000,000 feet of lumber at the National Lumber Co.'s mill for Panama. If the Hysia is successful in carrying such a large cargo over Gray's Harbor bar, much encouragement will ensue for other large freighters to make this a port of call, and greatly enhance the importance of this harbor, as well as the numerous mills situated thereon that have formerly depended upon smaller craft to carry their output.

The recent negotiation of the Hoquiam River by the large British tramp steamer Indralva, 412 feet long, up to the farthest mill, has gone far to attract other and larger vessels. The Indralva should clear tomorrow for Australia.

GRAIN EXPORTS ARE HEAVY. Portland Beats Sound on Wheat, but Is Short on Flour.

Grain shipments from Portland for the month of March (figures included) figure up 1,576,507 bushels of wheat and 75,224 barrels of flour. Sound shipments for the same time amount to 296,793 bushels of wheat and 242,618 barrels of flour, according to figures compiled by the Merchants' Exchange.

Reducing the flour shipments to a wheat basis the Sound country takes the lead for the month. Wheat exports from Portland, however, beat the

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DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Births. HILL—At 215 East Thirty-sixth street, March 28, to the wife of John P. Hill, a son. ROSENBERG—At University Park, March 19, to the wife of T. G. Rosenberg, a son. DEVEREAUX—At Portland, March 25, to the wife of Charles Devereaux, a daughter. DAVEMAN—At Portland, March 25, to the wife of J. C. Daveman, a daughter. PRITCHARD—At 1923 East Eighth street, March 25, to the wife of William Pritchard, a son. DANIELS—At 400 Stephens street, March 18, to the wife of William C. Daniels, a son. FROST—At Astoria, Or., March 11, to the wife of J. C. Frost, a daughter. JOHNSON—At 405 East Sixth street, March 19, to the wife of Jacob Johnson, a daughter. DIXON—At Portland, March 9, to the wife of Ed. Dix, a son. YIMMONS—At 600 East Seventeenth street, March 21, to the wife of Cyrus Yimmons, a daughter. ADAMS—At 142 Webster street, March 7, to the wife of W. A. Adams, a son. BAUMGARDNER—At 308 Mildred avenue, March 22, to the wife of Claude Baumgardner, a son.

Deaths.

COLWELL—At 714 Mississippi avenue, March 29, Charles Powell Colwell, a native of Pennsylvania, aged 61 years. TETTERSON—At Monrovia, Cal., March 28, James Peterson, a native of Sweden, aged 41 years. BINGHAM—At 282 Twentieth street, March 29, Frank A. J. Bingham, a native of Oregon, aged 21 years. DEWEY—At Jefferson, Me., March 20, Sarah Jane Dewey, aged 73 years. MAZEY—At Good Samaritan Hospital, March 29, F. L. Mazezy, a native of Oregon, aged 90 years. FLEIDNER—At Stewart Station, March 29, Walter Fleidner, a native of Germany, aged 73 years. LOGUE—At 354 Tillamook street, March 29, W. M. Logue, aged 73 years. SPRAYER—At 802 North Fourth street, March 29, L. M. Sprayer, a native of Oregon, aged 4 years.

Building Permits.

FRED WUNDER—To erect a one-story frame building on Lee street, between East Tenth and East Ninth; \$2000. W. W. WARD—To erect a two-story frame building on East Fifteenth street, between Prescott and Skidmore; \$2000. FRANK A. HEITKEMPER—To erect a two-story frame building on Overton street, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth; \$3000. C. HEITKEMPER—To erect a one-story frame building on Parker street, between Corbett and Hood; \$1700. THOMAS ROTTO—To erect a two-story frame building on Montgomery street, between First and Front; \$2900. H. M. BUTLER—To erect a one-story frame building on East Eighth street, between Alberta and Wygant; \$1000.

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Marriage Licenses.

HAMPTON-CREYBIRD—W. A. Hampton, 42, Carrollton, Wash.; Anna Creybird, 29, city. KETOLA-PERAINA—Adolph Ketola, 29, Hokinson, Wash.; Annie Peraina, 23, city. NELSON-ALLISON—Lewis Ferdinand Nelson, 28, La Crosse, Wis.; Clara Allison, 25, city. PERKINS-BROWN—Rex W. Perkins, 24, city; Maude Brown, 23, city. ZELANDY-RAYBURN—Walter A. R. Bradley, 29, Seattle; Orpha A. Rayburn, 19, city. CYRMAK-SKIDA—William Cyrillak, 26, city; Jennima Margaret Skida, 31, city. PERONEN-KINGES—Lander Peronen, 23, city; Hilma Kinges, 21, city. BILYEU-SCHULMEIERICH—Thomas Bilyeu, 20, city; Josephine Schulerich, 20, city. MONTGOMERY—C. B. Lamont, over 21, Seattle; Maud Hohn, over 18, city.

Names Not Presented by Club.

The names of Ray Hinkle and Alvin Oliver, the two Portland boys who wish to be reinstated as amateurs by the Pacific Northwest Amateur Athletic Association, were not presented at Seattle by the Portland Rowing Club, for neither of them has ever been enrolled as a member of that organization. Ralph W. Wilbur, president of the Portland Rowing Club, at the request of several friends of the players, presented their names, but the cause is not championed by the Portland Rowing Club.

Raymond Druggist Pays Fine.

RAYMOND, Wash., March 31.—(Special.)—E. Butcher, a prominent local druggist, was arrested today for selling liquor without a license and fined \$75.

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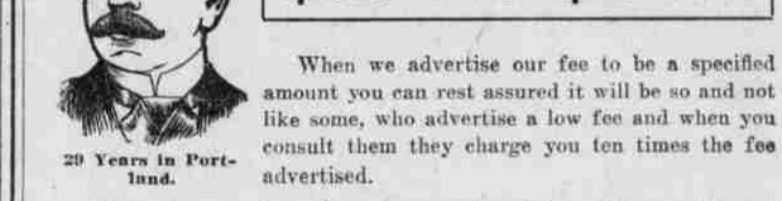
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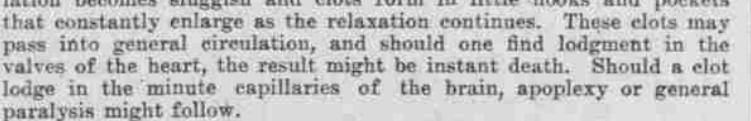
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