

FLEET ON OREGON COAST INCREASED

Two More Vessels Will Ply Between Portland and Ports to South.

TRADE VOLUME GROWING

Gasoline Schooner Osprey to Visit Tillamook, Nestucca and Nehalem and Enterprise to Port Orford and Rogue River.

Development of the Oregon Coast trade during 1911 has justified the addition of two additional vessels that will go into service immediately after January 1, the gasoline carrier Osprey, which will ply from Portland to Tillamook, Nestucca and Nehalem, and the gasoline vessel Enterprise, which will operate between Port Orford and the Rogue River.

They were built on the Coquille River in 1908 by R. D. Hume and have been taken over from the Hume estate by A. D. Chase, of this city, who is interested in the gasoline schooner Anvil and George Yale, of Bay City, These men will be the principal owners in the Coast Navigation Company.

Small Boats Have Advantage. The Osprey is of 43 tons gross and 37 tons net, her length being 58 feet, beam 14.3 feet and depth of hold 5.2 feet. The Enterprise is 22 tons gross, 17 tons net register and 13 feet long, beam of 14.2 feet and depth of hold 5.5 feet.

While small, the vessels are expected to handle considerable business, as they can get into harbors where shallow water prevents larger carriers from making regular calls in winter.

The Osprey will first load coal at Coquille for Tillamook, and is expected here about January 1. She will carry about 25 tons of coal. Captain Tabell, who was formerly master of the Gerald C. and has been in the service of the Elmore interests, will leave tonight on the Cheakwater to assume command of her.

Chase Retains Interest. Mr. Chase retains his interest in the Anvil and says that the new carriers will not operate in conjunction with her, except in the transportation of cargo to Tillamook. For the last month the Anvil has not made that port and business offered has been diverted to the steamer Sue H. Elmore, so the Osprey will load such cargo left by the Anvil.

CHINESE WHEAT CARGO FULL. Verona Will Load in North for Over-Pacific Territory.

Encouraging market conditions in China are forecasted through the charter of the German steamer Verona, which has been taken by the Centennial Line Company to carry a full cargo of wheat on Puget Sound.

In past years many tramp cargoes have been sent over the Pacific, but for two years shippers have depended on Hage. Flour remains on docks here for shipment on the next vessels, but there is little space engaged in advance, the feeling being that the light and unsteady call for the demand for flour will be succeeded by one of the biggest rushes in the history of the Pacific trade when the Manchus and revolutionists come to power.

WORK ON VOSBURG HURRIED. Manzanita Finished and One to be Ready Next Week.

In five working days this week the force at the Vulkan Iron Works has set a mark to complete repairs on the tug Geo. R. Vosburg and advance the labor of installing wireless on the Port of Portland tug Ontario, so that she will be ready to start on her winter station off the Columbia one week from today.

The lighthouse tender Manzanita, which has been at the plant for nearly a month, has been turned over to the Government and will begin coaling today. Tenders have not been opened for the overhauling of the tender Columbine, but she is being held in the district until the work is awarded. Having spent all of last season in Alaska, she is said to be in need of attention badly and thousands of dollars will be spent to place her in serviceable condition for next year.

JAPANESE LINE WILL EXPAND. Nippon Yusen Kaisha Authorizes 12 Big Carriers Built.

In the latest budget of Oriental information reaching Portland by mail it is made known that 12 new steamers are to be built for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, which has under consideration a plan to place in operation a direct steamship line from Portland to Asiatic ports. It is said that two of the carriers will be ready by June and will be sent to the Pacific Coast on their maiden voyages. Five carriers of 18,000 tons each will go to the European line and two of 8,000 tons each to the Australian line, the remaining three being unassigned. When the Panama Canal is opened the Japanese fleet will operate some of its vessels from Yokohama to New York and Brazilian ports, and with that step its capitalization will be increased from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000. At the annual meeting of the company it was shown that in six months the profits were \$1,233,233, earned by 79 steamers that carried 1,580,000 tons of cargo and 125,000 passengers.

COURT TO HEAR KERN CASE. Collision of More Than Two Years Ago is Recalled.

Several subpoenas are expected to be issued for waterfront contractors in the case of the Columbia Steamship Company against the North Pacific Steamship Company, wherein \$14,000 damages are sought for repairs to the tug Daniel Kern, made necessary as a result of the vessel having been struck and sunk August 15, 1909, near Waterford Fisheries, on the Columbia, by the steamer Geo. W. Elder. The trial is to take place January 12, before Judge W. J. W. Kern, in the Federal Court.

The Kern was raised with great difficulty and such extensive repairs were thought of that she was out of service more than 120 days. She was formerly the lighthouse tender Manzanita and her hull was constructed of expensive material, so heavy expense featured the replacing of damaged parts. She was used in towing rock barges to Fort Stevens, where the material was discharged for use on the Columbia River jetty, and her owners will attempt to show damage for time lost in the use of the steamer.

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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

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