

PROSPECTS POINT TO BIG IMPROVEMENT AND WIDENING OF GOOD MARKET.

With the lumber cut of the Portland district aggregating approximately 150,000,000 feet in 1911, one of the big records in the history of the industry, the new year begins with prospects for a strong improvement in the trade and a more substantial and wider market.

BIG EXPORT IS PROMISED

Antipodean Trade Is Already Great and End of China's Revolution Is Expected to Increase Orders—Coast Lively.

On the other hand, the export trade was less satisfactory, particularly in the Oriental market, but official conditions in China and other parts of the Far East were more or less unsettled throughout the year and with impending revolutions in shippers were not inclined to place orders except only for immediate use.

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ANTIPODEAN TRADE BIG

The trade with Australia has been satisfactory. Some big orders for Oregon lumber were received last year, one of the mills alone contracting to supply \$800,000 worth.

FAIR CEMENT DEMAND

Preparation for the 1912 exposition at San Francisco is creating a big demand and it is expected that a larger business will be done here this year.

LINNTON BARBER KILLED

Ernest Coleman Is Run Over by Astoria Train Near Station.

Ernest Coleman, a barber, and president of the volunteer fire department at Linnton, was run over and killed by the Astoria express, leaving Portland at 8:30 P. M., about 100 yards west of the Linnton railway station last night.

MURDER EVIDENCE FOUND

Body of Infant Discovered in Out-house Near Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special).—Evidence of the murder of an infant child was discovered about 3 o'clock yesterday morning, when the dead body of a baby was found in an out-house adjoining the Grange Hall in the Lewis and Clark River district of this county.

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Dalles, and Mrs. Matthews, are registered at the Oregon.

C. D. Latourette is registered at the Cornwell, from Salem.

W. C. Hunt, of Klamath Falls, a merchant, is at the Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thompson and Mrs. M. M. Thompson, are registered at the Perkins Hotel, from Nahalem.

H. A. Galloway, a merchant of Enterprise, is at the Perkins.

Don Newman is registered at the Portland, from Tillamook.

O. Beatty, a stockraiser of Moro, is registered at the Perkins.

W. L. Holgate is registered, from Corvallis, at the Perkins.

W. W. Ashley is registered at the Oregon, from Myrtle Creek.

H. A. Stanfield, a business man from Stanfield, is at the Imperial.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smith, of The Dalles, are at the Cornwell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Allen, of Hermiston, are registered at the Imperial.

W. H. Marshall, a merchant of Goldendale, is registered at the Cornwell.

Dr. E. Knight, a business manager of Bend, is registered at the Imperial.

R. P. Gill and F. Schults, fruitgrowers, from Hood River, are at the Cornwell.

Otto Copenhagen and Waser Morrell, engineers on the new railroad from Corvallis, are registered at the Bowers, from Salem.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—(Special).—Persons from the Pacific Northwest registered at Chicago hotels today as follows:

From Portland—Alexander Lamile, at the Congress; F. S. Cozzen, Jr., at the La Salle.

From Salem—Fletcher Homan, at the Congress.

FLEET IS BARRAGED

San Diego Grateful That Harbor's Depth Is Proved

ADMIRAL THOMAS REPLIES

Armada's Chief Gives Credit to Captains for Piloting Vessels—Plan Afoot to Have Craft Come Here for Rose Festival.

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TWO COAL SHIPS ON THE LIST

Of 11 Carriers on Way 10 Will Load Grain This Season.

Only two carriers remain on the en route list to bring coal to Portland from Newcastle, N. S. W., the Pierre Antonie and Kirkcubrightshire, and only the former is on the way, having sailed in four, on Monday, for the French bark Rene in the river Sunday, after a run of 60 days, from Newcastle, cut down the tonnage and reduced the number of square riggers coming to 11, one of which at least will be on the 1912-13 list for grain.

MARINE NOTES.

No cargo was worked in the harbor yesterday and only river steamers on regular runs operated.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.

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New Lewis River Schedule Not Fully Decided on by Owners.

Captain Exon, of the steamer Modoc, which will be replaced on the Portland-Lewis River run by the steamer Leona, said yesterday that the schedule for the new vessel would operate on the Modoc's schedule, but consideration is given a plan to dispatch her from Portland at 1 o'clock in the morning and return the same day, instead of laying over on Lewis River at night.

VALE MAKES BIG STRIDES

Improvements in 1911 Cost Over \$250,000.

VALE, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special).—The year 1911 has been a banner year for Vale. Over \$250,000 has been expended in improvements in the past year.

STATE LEVY IS SET AT 3.5

Pay \$3,100,000 in Taxes.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special).—The people of Oregon will have approximately \$3,100,000 in state taxes to pay in 1912. The state tax levy will be 3.5 mills. The total assessed valuation of the state will be \$890,000,000.

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