

SHIPS OF OREGON FIREFIELD STANCHION

Charles R. McCormick Says Timber Is Unsurpassed by California Growth.

WORK WILL BE STARTED

Company Plans to Install Plant at St. Helens as Once for Con- struction of Steamers to Be Used on Coast.

Charles R. McCormick, of Charles R. McCormick & Co. arrived in Portland yesterday in connection with the latest venture of the corporation—the establishment of a shipyard at St. Helens, where will be built all vessels of the line in the future.

Charles R. McCormick & Co. controls a modern yard at St. Helens, operates five vessels on the coast and recently extended the scope of its trade beyond Los Angeles to San Diego, the other parts for the pioneer, large here concluded that the fir of the Oregon forests is just as suitable, and in building the hull of our first steamer have determined to use no other material.

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“In speaking of the reason for selecting St. Helens as a site for the yard, Mr. McCormick said: “Portland is the key to this entire district and will always remain so, I think, but the waterfront property has become too expensive for our purposes. The same is true of Astoria. There is not the slightest doubt but that there will be mills established all along the coast, and the lumber companies will have to be located in the interior. It is simply means that business will be done by telephone with the mills.”

“It is the aim to launch the first vessel in July and as it will be the initial steam schooner to take the water on the Columbia River the event will be made a notable one.

MORSE COASTERS BUILDING

Yards on Pacific and Atlantic Win New Contracts.

Grays Harbor reports are that contracts for three new steamers for the Coast fleet have been awarded to Morse & Co. and two steam schooners are under way at the yards of the Mathews Shipbuilding Company, at Healdsburg, Del., and one is to be started for the Olson & Mahony interests, as contracts for the last of the British Bark Lumber Company for a vessel to be named Columbia, that is to be ready July 1, and Sudden & Christensen, of Seattle, have contracted for two more.

Shipping men say there has been a decrease in the Coast fleet in the past year because of wrecks, although the demand for tonnage is not attributed to that, but principally to the increased trade. They estimate that two years will be required at least in which to build vessels to overcome the shortage in tonnage. By that time the Canal will be opened and many larger carriers probably will be available.

GULF STREAM QUOTED HIGH

Overdue Bark May Be Numbered With Missing Fleet Soon.

Not having been reported since May, 1911, when she was spoken in the North Atlantic, the steamer Gulf Stream is expected to be posted at Lloyd's soon as “missing.” Reinsurance on her has climbed to 45 per cent and it is believed that the last quotation to be made, as she is generally regarded by speculators as uninsurable.

The Gulf Stream loaded and discharged here, so is known to the waterfront contingent. She began her last voyage April 23, 1911, when she sailed from Glasgow for Vancouver, B. C., laden with sewer pipe, fire brick, clay and other cargo of that character. It is reported that she should have reported somewhere long ago and after nearly two months at sea little encouragement is given that she will ever reappear at harbors on the Northwest Coast, where she has been a frequent visitor.

STEEL BARGE ON DRYDOCK

Steamer Stanley Dollar Will Be Lifted for Painting.

One of the steel barges turned out last year by the Willamette Iron & Steel Works for the St. Helens quarry interests, was lifted on the Oregon drydock yesterday for cleaning and painting. The next vessel to be docked there probably will be the steamer Stanley Dollar, of the California & Atlantic fleet, from Balboa via San Francisco, which requires cleaning and painting. She will be docked early in the week.

It has not been decided definitely when the steamer Breakwater will be raised for the same work and to have a new propeller shipped, but it is supposed the work will be done within the next two weeks. The work on the lasthouse tender Columbia undoubtedly will be done in Portland, although the Bureau of Lighthouses has not fur-

warded notice of its approval of the recommendation of Inspector Beck on the score.

PORTLAND FIRM ORDERS BOAT

F. S. Barnes Lets Contract for Pine Cannery Tender at Marshfield.

MAIRSFIELD, Or., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—F. S. Barnes, junior member of the firm of F. C. Barnes Company, of Portland, has been in this city and closed a contract with the Oregon Shipbuilders, of North Bend, for the construction of a boat to be used as a cannery tender to the Alaska plant and set sound and Astoria, destined to be launched with 20-foot beam. A 75-horsepower Standard engine will be the motive power. The boat will be made of the same material as the Simpson Lumber Company can supply.

The representatives of the company, after visiting several shipyards of the coast and San Diego, decided to place the order on Coos Bay, and it is the intention to make the new boat the finest and most modernly equipped cannery tender that has yet been sent into Southeastern Alaska. The construction is to be completed by April 15, at which time the boat will be loaded and sent to Alaska for her regular run.

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“When the resolution was up for consideration, G. T. Cochran, of La Grande, informed Mr. Young that the state had prepared maps of the water rights for consideration, that these maps will be checked up this summer and that the state probably will begin the adjudication of the water rights in that section early in August.

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GOVERNMENT Men Deliberating on Graft Evidence Discharged.

BODY 6 TO 6 IS REPORT

Prompt Re-trial Asked by State When Failure to Convict ex- Police Sergeant Is Record- ed After 73 Hours.

Unable to agree after 73 hours the jury which heard the evidence in the case of the state against E. W. Cole, ex-police sergeant accused of “grafting” from women of the underworld, was discharged at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Judge Morrow. The foreman reported that there was absolutely no chance of an agreement being reached, the having been in charge in opinion from within a few hours of the time the jury retired.

According to the best authenticated report the jury stood six for acquittal and six for conviction. One of the Jurymen is reported to have made this assertion, but none was willing to divulge the names of the Jurymen. It is believed that an agreement had been reached that reports of the deliberations were to be withheld. Other reports were that the Jurymen were 4 for conviction, 2 for 4 for acquittal, 2 to 3 for conviction and 1 to 1 for acquittal, but on being traced it was found that these statements had their origin with friends of the prosecution or those who might be presumed to be biased in behalf of the defense.

“People have to live in an arid country to appreciate what irrigation really is,” said J. E. Sawall, of Bend. “It is necessary to have gone through a wilderness of sagebrush in the Summer in former times and the good crops that are raised under irrigation and it is a revelation. In my country land that was worth absolutely nothing for agricultural pursuits immediately after the water was turned on as soon as water was available. Then when cleared and ready for cultivation \$100 is a small price for it, and its productive power shows its value to be much higher. The tract under the Central Oregon Irrigation ditch will well support 50,000 families on as much as 40 acres each and that is as much as a family can attend to without hiring assistance. Remember that the same land that is irrigated is a part of Oregon that will bring the same results with the aid of irrigation.”

“In Crook County we have an irrigation possibility that differs entirely from that in any other part of the state,” said W. F. King, of Prineville. “It is a fact that the irrigation proposition that includes 400,000 acres and it must be done with storage reservoirs, catching the water during the wet seasons and storing it in the form of water in the lower lands and is at present used for dry farming and averages in value about \$20 an acre. When the reservoir system is established the land will be easily worth \$200 an acre. Its productivity, under water, as far as has been demonstrated, is almost unbelievable.”

“40 to Testify in Banker's Case.”

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