

MARKS CITY'S GAIN

Shipments of Four Leading Commodities Worth in Aggregate \$10,847,592.

LUMBER INCREASE IS BIG

Wheat Exports to Foreign Ports Hold Up Despite Shortage of Ships to Load Cargoes—New Year Opens Auspiciously.

In the game of prosperity Portland held a winning hand in 1912 and on a conservative basis the worth of products floated to foreign destinations aggregated \$10,847,592, not including other than the four leading commodities, wheat being valued at \$4,733,819, flour at \$2,539,219, barley \$775,592, and lumber \$1,238,962.

The most noticeable gain was in the movement of lumber to domestic ports, which grew to 164,548,524 feet, an increase over 1911 of 11,881,586 feet, and combined with 112,239,584 feet that went abroad, there was a grand total of 276,788,108 feet floated. The aggregate value for 1912 was 196,461,940 feet, so 1912 is leading by \$9,481,182 feet.

Wheat Exports Hold Up. In wheat exports the difference between 7,224,291 bushels disposed of last year as compared with 7,739,719 bushels in 1911 is accounted for by the fact that tonnage has been delayed in arriving and California has sent 6,053,944 bushels. In summarizing shipments to domestic and foreign ports there have been 13,549,297 bushels to move from the Columbia River to the coast. The December bulletin of the Merchants' Exchange gives the December movement as 2,124,885 bushels, while for the same month a year ago it had attained but 1,622,559 bushels. For the first six months of the cereal year 7,927,683 bushels have been sent to all ports, though for the first six months of the 1911-12 season the showing was 5,558,458 bushels.

In flour the opportunity has been lacking to furnish the product for which there has been a demand because of the lack of steamship facilities to the Orient, and even with the California call December's business totaled only 32,011 barrels. For the year the movement to all ports was 567,010 barrels.

In exporting 1,172,464 bushels of barley Portland has established a new record and surpassed the best previous periods, though the cereal has not been numbered as among the leading commodities that Europeans purchase.

Ships Open Auspiciously. In shipping a good omen was auspiciously, for there is a large fleet of vessels in the river for grain, with four steamers due within 46 days to work grain for the Far East and the United Kingdom. In lumber prospects are more encouraging than with the opening of 1912, though it ended as the banner year in that line. Besides the establishment of a regular steamship line will afford an outlet for a tremendous amount of parcel shipments, which, for a year, have been precluded, but because they were not encouraged by those handling the Oriental business and secondly because during the latter part of the year the service was discontinued.

Better than ever is the outlook for California trade, as not alone have lumber and grain shipments climbed steadily for the past year, but there is every reason to expect the increase to be prolonged. In keeping with the conditions shipowners have added to their fleets and there is no question of tonnage being available to transport the bulk of it.

BONDED CARGO NOW RECEIVED

Freight Via Portland to San Francisco Goes Without Delay.

There will be no further objection on the part of the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company to accepting bonded freight through Portland for delivery within the Golden Gate, though heretofore when cargo of that character was offered it devolved on the agent here to obtain permission from the bond office.

Collector of Customs at Station of San Francisco, said recently that information on which the steamship officials proceeded, to the effect inbound steamers carrying bonded freight should stop at the bond office before discharging passengers, so the customhouse inspectors might pass on the shipments, was given out unauthorizedly. The system in the future will be the same as in vogue in Portland, notification being given the customhouse when bonded freight is on the way and the inspectors will handle it at the dock without loss of time or inconvenience to the company or public.

HARBOR LINE WILL BE TOPIC

Nehalem Project to Be Undertaken When Funds Are Pledged.

To hear reports and testimony in favor of a harbor line being established in front of the town of Florence covering a distance of one and three-quarters miles, Captain H. H. Robert, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, will conduct a hearing there January 8, Glenada, on the south side of the Siuslaw, has not petitioned to have a line surveyed. There is a project providing for the improvement of the mouth of the Siuslaw. The depth of water to Florence varies from 12 to 15 feet.

Provisionary work is under way for starting an extension of the south jetty at the mouth of the Nehalem and as soon as the Port of Nehalem files a bond the Government engineers will proceed with the project. The estimated cost is in excess of \$400,000 and while the Port of Nehalem has already expended \$25,000 independently, the taxpayers of the district will be called on to fund the balance. The Government appropriating one-half of the fund.

FIRST SHIP TAKEN IN PORT

Ossa and Adelaide Are Cheapest Carriers of Season.

Though listed from Antofagasta, the German ship Ossa, which arrived Monday, was reported sailing from Callao November 21. She was the first ship taken for 1912-13 wheat loading, although numbered among the last to reach the river in that fleet, and her rate was 30 shillings. The Adelaide, which is loading, was taken a few days after the Ossa at 20 shillings. Both were due for September-October loading and though tardy they will be retained, as their cargoes have been sold. The Crown of India, which was collision at Astoria with the Inverclyde,

PORTLAND'S CEREAL EXPORTS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1912.

Commodity	Quantity	Value
Wheat	13,549,297 bushels	\$4,733,819
Flour	32,011 barrels	\$2,539,219
Barley	7,927,683 bushels	\$775,592
Lumber	276,788,108 feet	\$1,238,962

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