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PORTLAND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS WILL BE IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH PURCHASING END OF IMPORTANT NORTHERN MARKET.

Officially the Portland agency of the Alaska Engineering Commission, which directs railroad construction from Anchorage inland, was opened at room 102, Custom-House, yesterday, with Joseph J. Hittinger in charge, so efforts made by commercial interests to place in more direct touch with that important market have been fulfilled, but, lacking direct steamship connection with Alaska, territory continues to be handicapped.

Mr. Hittinger has had a number of years' service in the Army and retired from the Quartermaster Department a few years ago, so is regarded as well fitted to represent the Government in contracting for stores and supplies under specifications as yet he has not received any proposals. It is important that Congress pass a bill carrying appropriations for the Alaska railroad project, which has not been attended to.

Portland bids on steel. Portland was represented in tenders opened at the Seattle office Wednesday for supplying steel rails, delivery on Puget Sound, though the award will be made to a Seattle firm on a lower figure. In the meantime, the award has not formally provided funds, preparations are going ahead for the 1917 operations, as it is necessary to be ready when the award is made.

Coupled with an increase expected in Alaska's already enormous trade that taxed steamer fleets last year, it is estimated that the new railroad construction will necessitate between 60,000 and 70,000 tons of cargo being moved from the Pacific Coast. Portland is assured a share of the purchasing, and transportation can be made available, otherwise the bulk will move via Seattle and San Francisco.

Marine Notes. Of 1,200,000 feet of lumber the new motorship Sierra is to load for San Pedro, P. O. where she is berthed, and the remainder is to be loaded on another carrier at Inman-Poulsen's in the steam schooner San Gabriel. The motorship Sierra is to be loaded with lumber at San Francisco and the Tiverton for San Pedro. L. C. Veir was yesterday installed as the new captain of the Sierra.

During the past year Portlanders have become interested in an independent Alaskan line, that of the Alaska Pacific Navigation Company, of which C. A. Burkhardt is president. The vessel, the motorship Oregon, will be launched at Seattle February 17, and the second, now the Knukokwiv, has been built last week, to have her oil engines replaced with powerful steam gear, formerly in the torpedo-boat Fox, which were bought about the same time.

So far no announcement has been made regarding the operation of the line, other than that it will be in the Alaskan trade. As the Alaska Pacific Fisheries is interested in the ships, it is assumed they will handle the pack of its plants southbound.

31,565,069 FEET IN CARGOES. 33 Vessels Leave Columbia With Lumber During January.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—During the month of January 27 vessels loaded lumber at the mills in the lower Columbia River district and their combined cargoes amounted to 31,565,069 feet of lumber. Twenty-four of these vessels, carrying 20,170,000 feet, went to California points, while three vessels laden with 4,395,578 feet of lumber are en route to foreign ports.

In addition to the lumber, the port shipped by water during January 57,463 bundles of box shooks, 3560 bundles barrel staves, 250,000 shingles and 250 cedar poles.

COWLETT RIVER CRAFT SINKS. Steamer Chester Strikes Nag in Vicinity of Toledo.

KELSO, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The steamer Chester, which plied between Kelso and Toledo, struck a snag yesterday about a mile below Toledo and sank. As soon as repairs can be completed the boat will make the return trip to Kelso.

ANNIE COMINGS IS RAISED. Vessel That Sank a Week Ago Brought Here for Repairs.

On arrival here last night, one week after she struck a rock and sank in Camas Slough, the Annie Comings, owned by the Western Transportation & Towing Company, was taken to the plant of the Portland Shipbuilding Company to be hauled out for repairs.

The steamer was raised yesterday so she could be towed here, heavy chains beneath the hull that were fastened to a barge on each side providing support. When she sank there were 240 tons of pulp aboard and she was carrying 2000 tons of pulp. The extent of the damage to the hull will be ascertained when she is out of water.

FREE DOCKAGE IS ASKED. CHAMBER WOULD PREPARE FOR GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.

Changes in Accident Commission Are Opposed and Support Is Given to School of Commerce.

With the receipt of news from Washington that the Quartermaster-General will get consideration for Portland as a place of delivery in advertisements for bids on Government supplies, the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce has authorized steps to bring about dockage arrangements that will serve still further to establish Portland's position in this respect.

Quartermaster-General Sharpe has informed Senator Chamberlain that Portland will be notified when bids are sought on large quantities of supplies, with a view to entering into some arrangement for the assembling of such material for regular service between Seattle and Norway. The line shipment is the largest ever sent by water from Seattle to Norway.

Work rushed at new yard. East Side Site Being Cleared Rapidly for Building Ships.

Work begun Tuesday afternoon at the site of the Supple-Ballin-Lockwood shipyard at the foot of East Oak street, where the new yard is being cleared for the construction of a large number of wooden ship contracts, many owners looking to the Pacific Coast for new tonnage.

Movements of Vessels. PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—Arrived—Steamer Breakwater, from San Francisco via Eureka and Coos Bay. Sailed—Steamers Johan Foulness, for San Francisco; Tiverton, for San Pedro.

Men From Interior to Discuss What Portland Intends to Do. Portland's intentions relative to the construction of a grain elevator adequate for the requirements of the lumber trade, expected to move to tidewater here following the war or until tonnage is available are to be sought to-day by a committee of men from the interior, named at a congress of farmers and dealers held early last month at Corvallis.

CAPTAIN PAYNE QUILTS CHINOOK. Government Digger Due for Overhaul in Advance of New Season.

Captain H. T. Payne, master of the United States Engineer dredge Chinook for nearly a year, has resigned and it is understood he will return to his home at Astoria, where he has been engaged in the merchant trade again. Before entering the Government service Captain Payne was in the Coast fleet for some time after the war.

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DESPATCH HAS VARIED LOAD. Beaver Due Today With Passengers and Usual Cargo.

Though her side precludes carrying as much as the regular coasters in the general cargo trade, the Border line steamer Despach makes up in the way of passengers and mail. She is expected to arrive here today with a load of 1000 tons of cargo.

Dollars Building Scows at Bandon. Bandon, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—A seagoing scow 26x70 feet is being constructed at the Bandon Shipyard for the Robert Dollar Lumber Company to be used in transporting the railroad and logging equipment owned by the company here to British Columbia, where it is to be used in being constructed.

Pacific Coast Shipping Notes. COOS BAY, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The tugboat tender sailed for the north at 10 A. M. and is to call at the Umpqua River. The tugboat tender Gardner, carrying freight brought here on vessels from the south.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The steamer Santa Barbara is due to load lumber at Astoria today. The steamer Santa Barbara arrived last evening from San Francisco and went to Bandon to load lumber.

ING FREIGHT AND PASSENGERS FOR ASTORIA AND PORTLAND.

Carrying a full cargo of lumber from St. Helena the steamer Klamath sailed for San Pedro. The steamer Klamath is owned by the steamer schooner Daisy shifted to Knappston to complete her cargo.

GRAYS HARBOR, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The schooner Sealup arrived last night, 18 days from Honolulu, and is loading at the Donovon mill. The schooner Sealup is owned by the steamer schooner Daisy shifted to Knappston to complete her cargo.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Bringing 80 passengers, 50 tons of gold and 2000 tons of lumber, the steamer City of Seattle arrived from Seattle today. The steamer City of Seattle is owned by the steamer schooner Daisy shifted to Knappston to complete her cargo.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Mentioned in the morning papers were the Shanghai, Japanese ports and Honolulu in days, the Pacific mailer Ecuador arrived from San Francisco today. The steamer Ecuador is owned by the steamer schooner Daisy shifted to Knappston to complete her cargo.

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U. S. Naval Radio Reports. MARIPOSA, Juneau for Ketchikan, off Point Crowley at noon, January 31. The tugboat tender sailed for the north at 10 A. M. and is to call at the Umpqua River.

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AMUSEMENTS. BAKER THEATRE Broadway and Morrison.

"Always a Show of Quality." Tonight—All This Week—Mat. ALCAZAR FLAXEYS IN The Old Homestead.

Within the Law. AT HELIX THEATRE 5353 EVERY NIGHT! HARRY HERFORD OKUKI.

PANTAGES. MATINEE DAILY 2:30. GRUBER'S ANIMAL CIRCUS. Trained Elephants, Horses, Ponies.

WILSON BROTHERS. Famous Funmakers. METROPOLITAN FIVE 7-BIG ACTS-7.

MEETING NOTICES. MULLENOMAH C. A. M. P. No. 77, W. O. W. meeting.

HASSALO. Will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock, at 226 Alder street.

PORTLAND SOCIAL CLUB. Will meet this evening at 8 o'clock, at 121 1/2 Commercial street.

WEEPOO CAMP No. 65. OF THE WORLD, meets every Friday night at 8 o'clock, at 121 1/2 Commercial street.

DIED. M'ILLAN—Angus McMillan is notified that his brother, D. K. McMillan, was killed in an auto accident at Sacramento, January 18, 1917.

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Portland Business Bulletin.

This directory is for the information of the public, to give as far as possible the different lines of business which are available here. It will be gladly furnished by phoning Main 7070 or A 6995, House 40.

ACCORDION PLAYING. K. STEPHAN, hemlock, scalloping, accordion, 225 1/2 Main, 2nd floor.

AGATE CUTTERS. M. 1874, Mfg. Jeweler, expert watchmaker. 1874, Main, 2nd floor.

ASSAYERS AND ANALYSTS. MONTANA ASSAY OFFICE, 142 1/2 Gold, silver and platinum bought.

ATTORNEYS. W. J. Makellm—Probate, real estate, mining and corporation law.

CANCER. L. M. JONES, M. D.—CANCER TREATED. 1874, Main, 2nd floor.

CARPET WEAVERS. FLUFF RUGS FROM OLD CARPETS. Carpet cleaning, refitting, etc.

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CIRCULAR LETTERS. GRAND LETTER CO., 610 N. W. Bldg. Mar. 1822, 100 letters multiplicated for \$1.

COAL AND BRICKS. CHURCHLEY BROS., Main 181, A 3831. Coal, Diamond, Redwood, etc.

COLETT'S. W. W. DAVIES, collections, Gerlinger Bldg. Main 825, Bonded, reasonable charges.

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