

CONTRACTS CLOSED FOR MANY BOILERS

Willamette Iron & Steel Works to Be Active in 1919.

FRENCH ORDERS OBTAINED

Field Covered by Distribution of Product Extends From Victoria, B. C., to Balboa.

From Victoria, B. C., to Balboa, at the entrance to the Panama Canal, is the field covered by the Willamette Iron & Steel Works in the distribution of boiler contracts.

The Willamette Iron & Steel Works will enter the 1919 period with at least 175 boilers to be turned out.

DECEMBER DELIVERIES LOOM

About 22 Finished Carriers and 12 Hulls Fitted Is Programme.

For December there are to be 22 wood steamers delivered to the Government, completed and ready for service.

Two changes have taken place that tend to cut down the speed with which vessels were turned out for a time.

LUMBER FLEET NUMBERS 10

New and Old Vessels Listed to Load Here Early in 1919.

Lumber carriers listed for Portland to load offshore cargoes represent 874 tons, net register, and include ten vessels.

J. A. Eves Wins Promotion.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—J. A. Eves, assistant general manager of the Todd Drydock & Construction Corporation, will be promoted to the vice-presidency and general manager ship this week.

Suit on Motorship Opens.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The trial of the case of the Columbia Engineering Works, of Portland, against the motorship Tualatin is expected to begin today.

Marine Notes.

Inspection of the new steel steamers West Cobalt and West Wauka will be carried on today by Steamship Inspectors Edwards and Wynn.

Movements of Vessels.

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—Sailed—Steamers Kanaka, for trial trip; W. P. Herrin, for Gaviota; Issaquena, for Puget Sound.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 17.—Arrived at 2 A. M.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Sailed at 3 P. M.—Steamer El Segundo, for Portland; steamer West Wauka, for New York.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 17.—The British auxiliary schooner Marie Bernard is expected to leave here for Portland.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—Arrived—Steamer Admiral Farragut, from San Pedro; Wikeena, from Portland; North-western, from Cordova; Lyman Stewart, from Port Harford.

HONOLULU, Dec. 12.—Sailed—Steamer Columbia, from Hongkong for San Francisco.

IQUIQUE, Dec. 12.—Sailed—Steamer Firwood, for San Francisco.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 17.—Arrived—Steamer Northland, from San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Arrived—Steamers Olsun and Tahoe, from Astoria; Port Anselmo, from Port Angeles; China, from Manila.

COAST SHIPBUILDING COMPANY JOINS IN PRE-HOLIDAY LAUNCHINGS TO PROVIDE PLENTY OF HULLS FOR FITTING OUT DURING FIRST HALF OF 1919.



UPPER-BOXTUTTE, FIFTH COAST SHIP TO GO OVERBOARD, LOWER-

In the upper harbor yesterday a pretty picture was presented when the Ferris hull Foxbute slid from the stocks at the Gibbs-street plant of the Coast Shipbuilding Company.

STEEL YARD SEEMS SURE

PORTLAND'S FACILITIES SUPERIOR TO OTHER PORTS.

Willamette Plant Can Build All Boilers Needed for Ships—Men Available for New Work.

Persons who met Captain Tristan, of the French Commission, when here early in the month, looking over the ground with a view to recommending Portland as a location of a steel yard, the purpose being to convert the Foundation company's wood plant, say that the plan was for a steel yard at Tacoma as well as at Portland, and not that a choice was to be made between Portland, Tacoma and Victoria, as set forth in a dispatch from Victoria published yesterday.

In fact, it is declared Captain Tristan's investigations led him to consider the Willamette plant as the best in the matter of providing boilers for the steel vessels and probably to install the machinery, iron and steel, the purpose being to convert the Foundation company's wood plant, say that the plan was for a steel yard at Tacoma as well as at Portland, and not that a choice was to be made between Portland, Tacoma and Victoria, as set forth in a dispatch from Victoria published yesterday.

At present the Willamette plant is building boilers and installing machinery in hulls built by the Northwest Steel Company; in fact, is completely fitting out the steamer, As the Northwest Steel Company is building a fitting-out plant of its own, immediately adjoining its shipyard, and boilers are to be built at the holership of the Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation, the Willamette will be free to take up such work for others about April or May.

The Foundation yard is only a few blocks down stream from the Willamette's property, and, while steel ships are under way, much of the auxiliary machinery and small equipment could be moved there handily and installed.

Then there is the labor feature, it being admitted that Portland offers the best prospects for supplying a sufficient number of men over either Tacoma or Victoria. The Foundation company has retained many of its workers, who are ready with the expectation of using them in converting the property into a steel establishment.

As to the attitude of the Shipping Board in preventing steel building from taking on contracts for foreigners, it was hinted yesterday that powerful influences were at work in behalf of the Foundation company in the East, and it was intimated that no assistance was desired from outside sources in an endeavor to convince the Shipping Board of the wisdom of permitting the Foundation and other companies to accept foreign business.

The Willamette River at Portland will remain nearly stationary during the next three days, except as affected by the tide. High tide Wednesday will be about 7:30 A. M. and 8:45 P. M.

Columbia River Report.

NORTH HEAD, Dec. 17.—Condition of the bar at 5 P. M.—Sea smooth; wind south-west, 10 miles; cloudy.

Tides at Astoria Wednesday.

1:24 A. M.—7.9 feet; 7:09 P. M., 1.1 feet; 12:45 P. M.—10.2 feet; 9:09 P. M., 3.4 feet

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ACTIVE TRADE AT YARDS

MARKET FOR ALL CLASSES OF LIVESTOCK FIRM.

Cattle Prices Are Tending Upward. Buyers Pay \$12.70 for Prime Steers.

There was only a light run of stock at the yards yesterday, but a large part of Monday's supply was carried over and with the heavy offerings a very active market resulted. The low end of the market was firm throughout, particularly for cattle. Prime steers sold as high as \$12.70 and prime cows brought \$10.10. Hogs were unchanged, with the bulk of sales at \$10.95. Sheep and lambs—light full prices.

Receipts—607 cattle, 1 calf, 185 hogs and 24 sheep.

Table with columns for 'Cattle', 'Hogs', and 'Sheep'. It lists various grades of livestock and their corresponding market prices, such as 'Prime steers \$12.50-12.70', 'Good to choice \$11.50-12.00', etc.

ORIGINS OF LIVESTOCK LOADED

Shipments to the Leading Markets of the Pacific Northwest.

Table showing the state origins of livestock loaded for shipment to the Pacific Northwest. Columns include 'Cattle', 'Horses', and 'Mules, Stk.'. Rows list states like Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and California.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—(U. S. Bureau of Markets.)—Hogs—Receipts, 50,000; market slow, generally steady.

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, Dec. 17.—Hogs—Receipts, 18,000; market slow, generally steady.

Seattle Livestock Market.

SEATTLE, Dec. 17.—Hogs—Receipts, 2,000; market slow, generally steady.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 17.—Turpentine.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 17.—Turpentine, firm, 64c; sales, 134 barrels; receipts, 242 barrels; shipments, 4 barrels; stock, 29,850.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Metals, unchanged.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Spot cotton steady. Middling, 27.5c.

U. S. Naval Radio Reports.

All positions reported at 8 P. M. yesterday, unless otherwise indicated.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The auxiliary schooner WILLAMETTE, Mukilteo for San Francisco, left here at 10:30 A. M.

CELLO, San Francisco for Seattle, 145 miles south of Columbia River.

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D. G. SCOPFIELD, Point Wells for San Francisco, 271 miles north of San Francisco.

EL REGUINDO, San Francisco for Portland, 271 miles north of San Francisco.

LUCAS, Richmond for Vancouver, 540 miles north of Richmond.

YONKIN, San Francisco, for Seattle, 20 miles north of San Francisco.

S. S. SHELBY, San Luis for Seattle, 12 miles south of Blunt's Reef.

HYADES, San Francisco for Honolulu, 640 miles from San Francisco December 15.

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Don't let your wheels slow up. Large advertisement for Pierce-Arrow cars, featuring a photograph of a vintage automobile and the slogan 'Don't let your wheels slow up'.

There is big work to be done. New markets wait for those who can deliver the goods. Keep your factory wheels turning and your goods moving. The future belongs to those who act quickly. Pierce-Arrow trucks kept many a factory running bringing raw materials and carrying finished products to market without delays.

Delivers more work in a given time. Loses less time on the job and off the job. Costs less to operate and less to maintain; Lasts longer, depreciates less and commands a higher resale price at all times. Immediate Delivery.

Chas. C. Fagan, Agent. 60-62 Cornell Road, Portland, Oregon. Phone Main 4693. Advertisement for a car agent.

SHORTS SAVE CORN PRICE. BUYING CAUSES UPTURN AFTER EARLY BREAK. Chicago Grain Values Influenced by Enormous Marketing of Hogs by Middle Western Farmers.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. Table with columns for 'PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—Maximum temperature, 43 degrees; minimum temperature, 30 degrees.' and 'STATIONS'.

PRODUCTION AGAIN INCREASED. Last month we manufactured 5,000,000 pounds of RIVETS, BOLTS and BOAT SPIKES. Can we serve you? NORTHWEST STEEL CO. Portland, Oregon.

AUSTRALIA. NEW ZEALAND AND SOUTH SEAS. Via Tahiti and Haratonga. Mail and passenger service from San Francisco every 28 days. LION'S & CO. OF NEW ZEALAND.

FRENCH LINE. Compagnie Generale Transatlantique. Express Post Service. NEW YORK-BORDEAUX-PARIS. Proposed Departures: Niagara, Dec. 28; Espagne, Jan. 7; Rochambeau, Jan. 11; Fugate Star, Pac. Coast Agents, 100 Cherry St., Seattle, or any Local Agents.