

MAY EXTEND RUN TO LOS ANGELES

New Magnificent Steamers Ordered Built for Harri-man Line.

FOUR VESSELS IN FLEET

Increased Route Will Give Two Sailings a Week From Portland and Public Would Be Given Through Service—Waterfront News.

Will the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company extend the run of vessels plying out of Portland to San Pedro, the port of entry for Los Angeles, on arrival of the two additional vessels recently ordered built? is a question which is agitating the minds of steamship men all over the coast. Telegraphic advices from Newport News, Va., under date of April 21, convey the information that contracts had been let by the Harri-man people for the construction of two steamships for the Portland run, the length to be 400 feet and the cost to be \$1,500,000. Each will have a guaranteed speed of 17 knots.

Operating between Portland and San Francisco at the present time are the steamships Rose City and Senator, the latter being under charter from the Pacific Coast Company. In July of this year the new steamship/Kansas City will be placed on the run to succeed the Senator. The Kansas City was recently purchased in New York from the Ocean Steamship Company. Increase in traffic between California and Oregon ports will now tax the capacity of the two vessels.

It is understood by officials of the company on this coast that the new craft will be built on the same plan as the new steamships President and Governor of the Pacific Coast fleet. Those vessels are 391 feet long and in other respects are the same as the specifications on the new craft for the San Francisco & Portland line.

Should the Harri-man people extend the run of their coasting steamships to San Pedro, would the Pacific Coast Company send steamers to Portland instead of continuing on the Sound route? is a question which is also being asked. If the Harri-man vessels continued to operate on the extended run without handling passenger traffic out of San Francisco there is little prospect of a clash with the Pacific Coast Company. Passenger business on the Pacific Coast is now controlled by three companies. The Pacific Coast Company operates between Puget Sound, San Francisco, San Pedro and San Diego. The San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company runs steamships between San Francisco and Portland only. The North Pacific Steamship Company operates between San Pedro and Portland, making calls at San Francisco, Eureka, and Coos Bay. The latter has been cutting into the business of both the large corporations.

During the past year the passenger traffic by water between coast cities has increased more than 100 per cent. With the addition of two modern ships the run to San Pedro and still be able to handle the passenger trade, as the increased service would give two sailings a week from Portland.

CAPT. LANCASTER SUSPENDED

Master of R. D. Inman Loses License for Period of Six Months.

Captain C. J. Lancaster, master of the steam schooner R. D. Inman, when she was wrecked on Duxbury beach March 20, has been suspended by the San Francisco board of steamboat inspectors for a period of six months. Captain Lancaster will not be permitted to act in the capacity of master and pilot for that time.

According to the testimony taken at the investigation, Captain Lancaster knew exactly the position of his vessel, but when he discovered a fire on the shore, which he took for a burning vessel, he headed for it without placing his men on station and without a single cast of the lead to determine his position. With the shore within two miles of his position and a charted reef intervening, the inspectors decreed that Lancaster was guilty of negligence and unskillful navigation.

MONTH SHORT ON RAINFALL

April Dry Spell Breaks All Records for Portland Districts.

To date, April has experienced the longest dry spell since the establishment of the Weather Bureau, 38 years ago. So far during the month there has been only .48 of an inch of rain while the normal is 2.34 inches. It has been several years since a normal rainfall has been recorded at Portland.

For the season, beginning September 1, the present year is 7.74 inches short of normal, although some inches in advance of last season. In spite of the number of clear days and the deficiency in rainfall, there has been no warm weather and practically no snow has melted in the mountains. The river stands at less than six feet above zero while the average on this date is above 16 feet.

Madelyn Added to Yacht Fleet.

Portland's maritime fleet was increased yesterday by the launching of the clipper yacht Madelyn. The new craft, which is a handsome little two-master, was launched at Ash-street dock yesterday and is the property of her commander, George C. Conway, Jr. The young man is a son of Superintendent Conway, of the O. R. & N. water lines, and being a chap of the water, he takes to the water like a duck. The launching ceremony was witnessed by a number of friends of the youthful commander and the interest shown in the new craft by its proud owner indicates that the name Conway is in a fair way to be identified with marine matters for many years to come.

Capt. Edwards on Leave of Absence.

Captain E. S. Edwards, local inspector of hulls, has been granted a leave of absence for 30 days. During the time that Captain Edwards will be absent from his office, Whitney and Turner, of the District of Puget Sound, will act as a board for this district.

Bark Atlas May Come to Portland.

Captain McKay, formerly master of the Standard Oil bark, Aome, which loaded lumber at Portland for New York last year, is now in command of the bark Atlas. The latter vessel is a Standard Oil packet and is now in



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Japan awaiting orders. Captain McKay has written friends in Portland that he expects to be sent to that port for outward cargo. To date, however, the Atlas has not been placed on the list. She is a vessel of 3006 net tons register.

reka and Coos Bay last evening. She carried freight and passengers.

E. L. Brown has resigned as purser of the steamship Alliance. He will be succeeded by Harry W. Skinner.

Arrivals and Departures.

PORTLAND, April 24.—Arrived—Steamship Sue H. Elmore, from Tillamook; steamship Argo, from Tillamook; French ship Berengere, from Pisagua. Sailed—Steamship Rose City, for San Francisco; steamship Alliance, for Coos Bay; steamship Eureka, for Eureka and way ports; steamship Nome City, from St. Helens for San Pedro.

Astoria, Or., April 24.—Condition at the mouth of the river at 5 P. M. smooth; wind south, 16 miles; weather, cloudy. Arrived down at Knappton during the night, steamer Johan Poulsen. Arrived down at 10 A. M. and sailed at 1 P. M. steamer Rhosone, for San Francisco. Arrived down at 3:40 and sailed at 6 P. M. steamer Rose City, for San Francisco.

San Francisco, April 24.—Arrived and sailed, steamer Geo. W. Elder, from San Pedro, for Portland. Sailed at noon—Steamer Senator, for Portland. Barkentine Anamrath returned on account of strong northwest winds. Hongkong, April 24.—Arrived April 21, German steamer Arabia, from Portland. San Francisco, April 24.—Arrived—Steamer Arsyll, from Seattle. Sailed—Steamer Alameda, for Honolulu; steamer Asia, for Hongkong; steamer President, for Seattle; steamer Geo. W. Elder, for Portland; steamer M. F. Plant, for Coos Bay; steamer City of Sydney, for Ancon.

Tides at Astoria Sunday.

High. 4:03 A. M. 8.5 feet 11:13 A. M. 0.1 foot
Low. 8:47 P. M. 6.6 feet 11:20 P. M. 2.7 feet

Canada's immigration during the last 10 months of last year was 48 per cent below that for the same period of the previous year.

of freight, the steamship Rose City sailed for San Francisco yesterday morning.

The steamship Alliance sailed for Coos Bay last evening.

Chief Engineer Ben Miller, of the steamship Alliance, has tendered his resignation as an officer of the vessel.

The steamship Eureka sailed for Eu-

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