

CLASS FOUNDED TO AID PORTLAND'S NEW WATERFRONT INDUSTRY.

SHIPYARD WORKERS

10 Per Cent Increase Straight Ordered From Washington, Replacing Bonus System.

DETAILS NOT COMPLETED

New Rate Will Apply to Wage Schedule as Fixed Last Fall by Federal Adjustment Board; Nearly 20,000 Men Are Affected.

Replacing the 10 per cent bonus system that was made applicable to shipyard workers, a straight increase of 10 per cent in wages is to be in effect, according to telegraphic advices from Washington. The latest count shows 19,757 shipyard employees in the state and along the Columbia River.

Under the bonus arrangement men were to work 48 hours a week, not being counted from substance abuse, but prevented them from reporting illness or injuries and the like. Of 22 plants in the state and along the Columbia River, 19 are engaged on Government contracts, the other three being the Foundation Company, which is building for the Federal Government, Kierman & Kern Shipbuilding Company, where a steamer is being built on the owners' account, and the Columbia Engineering Works, where two auxiliary schooners are being built for private interests.

Work has been commenced by the Coast Shipbuilding Company, foot of Woods street, on a fitting out dock for its vessels, which will be located at the south end of the yard, extending from the fourth or last set of ways to the south property line. The dock will have a length of 300 feet and width of 45 feet and a machine shop is to be located thereon.

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Portland has abundant space on several docks for the purpose, and, as most of the wooden vessels are being built in the vicinity of the city, while they will be assembled here for their machinery, a convenient warehouse can easily be provided.

Grays Harbor Vessels Chartered. ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The auxiliary schooners Halsestrand and Panestrund, both built here, have been chartered by the Overseas Corporation for trans-Pacific service.



500-F-FOOT BEGUN Coast Shipbuilding Company to Have Fitting-Out Place.

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CONTRACTS ARE CLOSED

VANCOUVER FIRM HAS ORDERS FOR 300 SMALL BOATS.

Government Places Contracts for Lifeboats with Motorboat Construction Company.

ENGINES HERE FOR TOWBOAT

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FIRE BELIEVED ACCIDENTAL

Columbia City Blaze Investigated by State Fire Marshal.

SURVEY IS ORDERED

W. W. Clark and J. H. Bloedel to Report on Lumber.

FUTURE CONTRACTS WAIT

Shipping Board Wants to Know Capacity of Mills for Ship Timbers and Also for Production of Airplane Materials.

SHIP SCHOOL HELPFUL

LOCAL BUILDERS PLEASED WITH SUCCESS OF Y. M. C. A. WORK.

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and mates who have graduated from the Government navigation schools are available in sufficient numbers to man the fleet.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS. PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—Sailed—Steamer Atlas and barge No. 10, for San Francisco.

TRAINING COURSE PLANNED. ASTORIA, Feb. 1.—Sailed at 5 P. M. motor schooner Mount Rainier, for Callao.

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DEEP CHANNELS NEEDED

St. Helens People Hold Present Marine Road Inadequate.

LUMBER SHIPMENTS HEAVY

Request Previously Turned Down by Board of Engineers at Washington Will Be Urged Now.

Estimated Cost \$6500.

Improvement of the channel leading from the municipal wharf, St. Helens, to deep water in the Columbia River, which means to the main channel of the big river, recently adversely acted on by the Board of Engineers, at Washington, is to be urged anew by St. Helens businessmen in support of increased water business and assured future development.

Those interests originally sought to have a channel provided with a width of 300 feet and low-water depth of 25 feet, the present marine road being 150 feet in depth and suitable for deep-water vessels. In approaching and departing from St. Helens, regardless of whether bound up or down stream, ships must drop down Columbia City about three miles, and there gain the main channel.

A Congressional act of July 27, 1916, provided for a preliminary examination of the proposed channel and later a survey was conducted, that resulting in a favorable report being forwarded to Washington. The law provided that dredging be carried on through a bar just below the city, and the estimated cost of that was \$650,000 and \$1000 would be required for annual maintenance.

AIRMAN COURT-MARTIALED

Sergeant at Fort Omaha Is Charged With Manslaughter. OMAHA, Feb. 2.—Sergeant Albert Ems, of the aviation section at the balloon school at Fort Omaha, was court-martialed for manslaughter today on a charge of manslaughter.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Table with columns for Births, Deaths, Marriages, and other statistics for various days in January.

SALMON PACK IS LARGE

BRITISH COLUMBIA OUTPUT TOTALS 1,537,435 CASES. Pack for Last Year Is 562,370 Cases More Than That of 1916, According to Official Report.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 31.—The pack of canned salmon in British Columbia for the 1917 season was the largest ever put up in the province, totaling 1,537,435 cases, says Consul-General George N. West, of Vancouver, in a report to the Department of Commerce.

PACIFIC COAST SHIPPING NOTES

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The steam schooner Trinidad, coming to load lumber at the Hammond mill, arrived today from San Francisco.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT

PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—Maximum temperature, 49 degrees; minimum, 27 degrees.

THE WEATHER

Table showing weather conditions for various stations including temperature, wind, and state of sky.