

OIL BURNERS ARE POPULAR

Steamship Elder to Be Fitted Up When Columbia Returns to Her Regular Run.

ALLIANCE TO FOLLOW SUIT

Indications Are That There Will Be Heavy Demand For Oil in the North—Other Maritime Notes.

It will not be long before all the steamers plying between California ports and the north will be provided with oil burning apparatus, and the amount of wood and coal hereafter to be consumed will be small. The announcement has been made that the Elder will be laid up for alteration in this respect as soon as the Columbia comes out of the ship yards, which will necessitate keeping the Oregon on the San Francisco-Astoria run for several months to come.

The steamer Alliance, now in the river, is also to be provided with oil burners. The steamer Aberdeen has sailed from San Francisco for Astoria and is due to reach port today. She will take the run of the Alliance during that vessel's stay in the shipyards. Her equipment will be of a new kind, embodying the latest improvements, and will make it possible for the machinery to be repaired at sea in case of an accident.

There are many different sorts of oil burners and the company operating the Alliance has selected what it considers the very best on the market.

Even the river steamers are to be converted into oil burners, the latest vessel to be laid up for alteration being the Glenola, owned by the Oregon Round Lumber Company, and plying on the upper river. She will hereafter run between Linton and Oregon City in the oil carrying trade, supplying the mills along the way with fuel. Representatives of the Oregon Round Lumber Company have recently visited California to determine whether or not a larger supply of crude oil can be secured for use on the Columbia river and its tributaries, and the assurance has been conveyed that the supply of oil will be fully up to any demand which may hereafter be made for it.

THE LUMBER CARRIERS.

Three Cargoes Sent Out Yesterday From Columbia For Bay City.

Lumber exports yesterday reached 1,350,000 feet three cargoes having been dispatched. All of the vessels taking lumber are bound for San Francisco.

The schooner Virginia, a fine four-masted vessel, arrived down the river yesterday from Portland, with a big cargo of 700,000 feet of lumber for the Bay City. She is still in the harbor but will probably get to sea today. The steamer Francis H. Leggett arrived down and cleared for San Francisco, taking a deckload of 300,000 feet of lumber. Besides her lumber cargo she has 1585 tons of grain, also for San Francisco. The schooner Joseph Russ, which departed yesterday for the California metropolis, took 350,000 feet of lumber. She was loaded at the Hume mill.

The schooner Annie E. Smale was towed up the river yesterday to take on a lumber cargo. She goes to Portland.

MORE ORIENTAL STEAMERS.

Greatly Improved Service Has Been Arranged For.

President Mohler, of the O. R. & N. Co., who has returned from the east, announces that arrangements have been made for a greatly improved oriental service. The increased service goes into effect next month, and the schedule shows a China Commercial steamer sailing every 25 days, and a Portland & Asiatic liner every 30 days. The first of the new liners to arrive will be the Clavering, which is due next month, and will follow the Indrasamha which is due the latter part of January. The Clavering will be followed at intervals of 25 days by the Lothian, Ching Wo and Athol. The four steamers of the China Commercial Company will all come direct to Portland from Salinas Cruz, which is their first port to call after leaving the orient. As their business with the Mexican port will require the greater part of their inward space, they will bring no inward cargo for Portland for the present at least.

In securing this big addition to their fleet, the Portland & Asiatic Steamship Company has not only provided Portland with a service adequate to their

present demands, but has settled the ruinous rate war which has been making such inroads on the profits of the trans-Pacific business and infused such an element of uncertainty into the flour trade. The differential created by the rate war in favor of San Francisco was very bad for the Oregon and Washington millers, and the amalgamation of the disturbing line and the Portland line will again place all Pacific coast ports on even terms in the trade.

The new schedule will not only give both large and small shippers plenty of space, but the service will be of sufficient frequency to enable shippers to take orders for shipment within a given month and not fall to deliver on account of there being no steamer. This has been one of the most frequent complaints made in regard to the "Indras," which are scheduled to sail so near the end of the month that if they are a day or two behind, flour sales for shipment on that particular month are canceled.

WAR POLICIES ON CARGOES.

San Francisco Underwriters Believe Situation is Critical.

Cables from London insurance underwriters received by M. C. Harrison, of San Francisco, indicate a more optimistic view of the war situation in the far east, with possibly the exception that no price is quoted on cargoes consigned to Russian ports. The absence of this quotation is considered to be due to the fact that any price given would be prohibitive. The rate given on cargoes to Japanese ports is slightly lower than the quotations given last week. The goods comprising the cargoes must, however, be neutral in their character. Policies warranting that there will be no declaration of war between the two countries during the month of January were quoted at 55 per cent.

The German underwriters at Hamburg give quotations at about double the figures quoted by the London insurance offices. It is thought that the German insurance underwriters base their figures on the information concerning the impending war from Russian sources, while the English underwriters take their information from the Japanese.

Shippers are becoming worried over the situation and are covering themselves from probable loss by taking out war policies on all shipments to oriental ports.

The beef which was recently purchased in this country by the Russian government was fully covered by a war risk policy at the time of purchase, the rate being less than one-half per cent. Mr. Harrison states that if a policy was asked for at the present time on the cargo it would not be issued. The beef is to be shipped from San Francisco during the latter part of this month, and in case war between Russia and Japan will have been declared in the meantime the cargo will be liable to seizure by the Japanese. The beef will likely be carried by a Pacific Mail or Occidental and Oriental liner and will be transhipped at Hongkong.

Marine Notes.

The Vosburg departed yesterday for Tillamook.

There were few movements along the waterfront yesterday, and the day generally was cold and disagreeable. A southwest wind prevailed at the Heads and the early report showed its velocity to be 28 miles.

The gasoline schooner Della is to be inspected today by Captains Edwards and Fuler. She will leave out as soon as possible for southern Oregon with a general cargo.

WEALTH WAS DENIED HER.

Young Woman Will Fight For Fortune In Courts.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Robbed of nearly \$150,000, as it is alleged, Clara Irene Laign, of Chicago, has been induced to go to Toledo, O., and to sign a document releasing her father from all responsibility for his acts while her guardian, Former Governor John M. Hamilton, has produced evidence to this effect in the probate court, where as Miss Laign's attorney he had begun suit to secure an accounting from her father. The guardian is alleged to have kept his daughter in ignorance of the fact that she was heir to \$150,000. She accidentally discovered the facts a few weeks ago, when 27 years of age, but the fortune is declared to have disappeared.

Attorney Hamilton declared in court that he had just received a letter from a Toledo law firm informing him that he was no longer Miss Laign's attorney. The woman since has repudiated the document given to her father, according to Attorney Hamilton. The case was continued till next Friday.

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