

RATES HAVE BEEN RAISED

Tariffs on General Merchandise to Orient Restored to the Former Figures.

DUE TO NEW ARRANGEMENT

When China Commercial Company Cut Out San Francisco For Portland The War Rates Were no Longer to Be Effective.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—The freight tariffs on general merchandise shipped out of this port to the orient have again been advanced and are now on the same basis that existed before the rate war was commenced in this city. The rate on flour is \$3 a ton and the officials are now deliberating whether or not to advance the rate to \$3.50 a ton. The announcement that the vessels of the China Commercial Company's line will no longer call at this port is the cause of the advance in rates. The China company has allied itself with the Portland & Asiatic Steamship Company, and in future the steamers of the line will proceed direct from Manzanillo to Portland and thence to the orient.

NEW HARBOR LINES.

Showing of Blue Prints Received Not at All Satisfactory.

The blue prints received in this city from the office of the U. S. E. department showing the harbor lines as recently readjusted have caused much comment, and dissatisfaction exists in consequence of the readjustment. Accurate measurements have not yet been made as to the lines provided for the eastern portion of the harbor, but it is known that the lines are not extended nearly as far out as is necessary to the needs of commerce here.

From the Astoria Box Company's mill west the lines are just about all that could be desired and both the box company and the Clatsop Mill Company will have no difficulty in loading vessels. The Hume mill is, however, cut off from deep water by about 200 feet. This condition will apply to the mill which is to be erected in the east end by the American Lumber Company. Both concerns will be practically shut off from water communication, and a great hardship will be worked. The Hume mill was built especially for the export business, but at present only small schooners can be loaded there. As a result, the output of the mill is not nearly as great as would be the case if deep water were accessible. Under the present condition, the annual exports of lumber from this mill will not exceed 15,000,000, at a reasonable estimate, whereas with deep water the output would be easily 30,000,000.

At the next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce the matter will be brought up for discussion, and it is probable some action will be taken looking to a petition for the relief of the mills in the east end.

Manzanita to Go North.

Captain Byrne, of the lighthouse tender Manzanita, has received instructions to proceed to southeastern Alaska to visit the aids to navigation in the waters of the north. If the weather is favorable today, the start will be made at once. The Manzanita has on board a full load of supplies for the lighthouses of the north, but will stop at Seattle to take on coal. On the way up the coast she will stop at Destruction Island to return some of the men from that station. Her trip will occupy two months' time.

New Life-Saving Station.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The senate committee on commerce today ordered a favorable report on the bill introduced for the establishment of a life-saving station at the entrance to Tillamook bay, Or.

Marine Notes.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore, which had been on the ways at the Astoria iron works, departed yesterday for Tillamook, taking a full cargo of freight and a large number of passengers.

The schooner Virginia, with a cargo of 700,000 feet of lumber, departed yesterday for San Francisco.

Captains Edwards and Fuller arrived in the city yesterday and inspected the gasoline schooner Della, which will depart shortly for southern Oregon ports.

The people living along the Nehalem river have asked the Portland Chamber of Commerce to assist them in their efforts to secure an appropriation for a jetty there, and Representative Williamson has been notified of their request. Maps have been forwarded

to Washington, showing just what is required to provide the desired depth. In view of the fact that there is pressing need for deep water at Nehalem the Oregon delegation will use its utmost endeavors to secure the necessary funds for the jetty.

SCANDAL COMING TO LIGHT.

Missing Official Forged Assignment of Employees' Salaries.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—The Tribune today says:

In the disappearance of Superintendent Thomas A. Ryan of the shut-off division of the city water bureau, prominent in the Eighteenth ward, democratic organization, has come to light a scandal involving the alleged forgery of assignment of the salaries of employees of the bureau aggregating \$2,325. The assignments which have already been paid by various firms of money lenders are said to have been forged by different persons.

The pay roll involved in the supposed forgery is that of 31 employees of the water bureau who have worked under Ryan's direction. Twelve of these have protested against the delivery of their pay under the assignments, which they declare they did not sign.

Other members of the bureau, whose pay was assigned without their knowledge, have been unwilling to make known their losses. The family of the missing superintendent consists of his wife and three children, one of whom was born on Sunday.

DIES OF A BROKEN HEART.

Widow is Overcome at Funeral of Her Husband.

New York, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Nora Dowling, mother of two young children is dead from what physicians pronounce a broken heart. She fell at the side of an open grave in Calvary cemetery into which a casket had just been lowered containing the body of her husband.

Dowling died from illness due to the recent severe cold. His widow grieved terribly and had to be assisted to the cemetery. When she collapsed, doctors were called but she died in a few moments, her heart having given away.

"Prince" is a vagrant.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 7.—An inmate of the Toronto jail under the name of Archibald Edward Stewart, has been partially identified as William Brown, the coachman who, while posing as a foreign prince in England not long ago, married Countess Russell. He is charged with vagrancy owing to failure to pay bills incurred while living here as a pretended nobleman incognito. The countess divorced the coachman upon learning his true character. Stewart has been in Toronto a month.

Fine Exhibit From Alaska.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Mary E. Hart, secretary of the Alaska Academy of Sciences and newly appointed woman commissioner to represent Alaska at the St. Louis exposition, has arrived here. Alaska will make a fine exhibit, according to her statement and each section of the academy will give a separate display at the fair.

TO FACILITATE TRANSPORTATION

S. P. Considers New Proposition For Transportation Across Sierras.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—It was stated today that the Southern Pacific has under consideration a new project to facilitate transportation across the Sierras, the tunnel project having been indefinitely deferred. The proposed plan is the laying of a third rail between Sacramento and Truckee and the establishment of an electric plant with power obtained from the Truckee river. Great motor cars would be operated to assist trains in crossing the heavy grade. It is said that plans have been prepared and submitted to President Harriman.

Fifty Strikers Arrested.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Aurora, Ill., says: Because of the riots in Batavia, as a result of strikes in the different factories there, 50 strikers have been arrested. The cases are set for hearing next Wednesday.

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