

# TO BE MENDED AT PORTLAND

Chinook Will Not Go to San Francisco for Repairs to Her Boilers.

## THE WORK SOON TO BE DONE

Delay Would Tie Up Vessel at Time When She Should Be Dredging—Lumber Shipments.

It is understood that the bar dredge Chinook is shortly to receive repairs to her boilers. Nothing of an official nature has yet developed regarding the matter, but it is known that such action is contemplated by the engineer department, and that it is probable the repairs will be made shortly.

The interesting feature of the matter is that the Chinook is to go to Portland to be repaired. In view of the fact that she draws but 16 feet when light, the arrangement to send her to Portland can be successfully carried out.

When the Chinook left San Francisco she came away in a hurry. The work of converting her from a transport into a government dredge had been conducted in a very slow manner and there was considerable unfavorable comment was so anxious to get the vessel to the Columbia that the boilers were not put in shape before she left San Francisco, and her work has been curtailed somewhat because of this defect.

Recently two inspectors came down to look over the Chinook's boilers, and it is understood they recommended that repairs be made at once. The impression prevails that the Chinook will go to Portland for repairs, because of the fact that a trip to San Francisco would entail a loss of time. That she work will be done immediately is regarded as certain, as weather conditions now are not such as to permit the vessel to work on the bar. Should the work be deferred, the Chinook would be laid up at a time when she ought to be dredging. It is expected some more definite announcement will shortly be made with reference to the matter.

## LUMBER SHIPMENTS HEAVY.

Almost 16,000,000 Feet Sent Away During Present Month.

With one more day to go, the month of February's lumber shipments from the Columbia river have aggregated almost 16,000,000 feet. During the week ending last night, four full and two partial cargoes were cleared at the Astoria customs house, and it is probable two or three other vessels will clear on Monday with lumber. The clearances for the past week aggregated 2,991,474 feet, the vessels to clear being the Sailor Boy, Aurelia, Repeat, Charles Nelson, Viking, Commerce and Aberdeen. The Aberdeen and Aurelia were the only vessels to take partial cargoes.

In all 21 cargoes have been sent away from the Columbia during the month of February, five of them being foreign consignments. The vessels clearing and their cargoes are as follows for the first four weeks of the month:

Vessel—	Feet.
Fulton .....	400,000
Zampa .....	402,000
Gardiner City .....	521,000
Indrasamha .....	201,612
Charles Nelson .....	485,000
Aurelia .....	550,000
Challenger .....	425,000
Georgina .....	1,106,934
E. B. Jackson .....	475,000
Acme .....	475,000
Echo .....	863,145
Encore .....	720,000
Despatch .....	300,000
Mabel Gale .....	850,000
Aberdeen .....	250,000
Annie E. Smale .....	1,928,451
Gleaser .....	600,000
G. C. Lindauer .....	500,000
Glenesslin .....	1,472,900
Glenale .....	350,000
Virginia .....	660,000
Sailor Boy .....	350,000
Aurelia .....	300,000
Repeat .....	450,000

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Charles Nelson .....	700,000
Viking .....	180,000
Commerce .....	831,474
Aberdeen .....	250,000
Total .....	15,897,566

The foreign shipments for the same period were as follows:

Vessel—	Feet.	Value.
Glenesslin .....	1,472,900	\$20,240 00
Echo .....	862,145	9,100 17
Annie E. Smale .....	1,928,451	10,934 51
Georgina .....	1,106,934	11,096 84
Commerce .....	831,474	9,977 90
Totals .....	5,372,954	\$61,731 52

The Georgina and Annie E. Smale went to Taku, China; the Echo to Pisagua, Peru; the Glenesslin to Port Natal, South Africa, and the Commerce goes to Manila.

The schooner Commerce is ready for sea with a cargo of lumber for Manila. Seventy tons of fresh water has been placed aboard the transport Dix by the local tug.

The British four-masted bark Thistle arrived last evening from San Francisco after a passage of four days.

The steamer Aberdeen departed yesterday for San Francisco. She took a cargo of grain and 250,000 feet of lumber.

The steamship Elder arrived down yesterday morning, took on a large amount of freight and departed for San Francisco.

While the weather was stormy yesterday, the bar was not very rough during the morning, and several vessels arrived and departed during the day. The transport Dix is still tied up below and there is not very much chance of her getting to sea today. The tides are now right, but the weather is so severe it is impossible to take her out.

## POPULAR SERGEANT GONE.

Colored Officer at Presidio Thought to Have Drowned.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—The disappearance of Squadron Sergeant Major Henry F. Walls, Ninth Cavalry, from the Presidio is causing much uneasiness among the colored troops at the post. Where he is or what has happened to him nobody connected with the squadron knows. It is now nearly ten days since he has been seen by his comrades. Previous to that time he had been seeking the flowing bowl pretty freely, and for the first few days after his disappearance it was thought he had gone downtown to finish his spree. As time wore on and he failed to show up, a diligent search of his favorite haunts was made, but without success. Yesterday a rumor reached the post that a fisherman had stated that the day before, while he was coming in from sea, he had seen the body of a colored soldier floating in the bay with some sort of yellow braid on the arm of his coat sleeve, which, from the description, corresponded with the chevron worn on Wall's uniform. The fisherman stated that the day was rough and stormy and the light dull, and that before he could put about the body had disappeared. This may possibly be a solution of the mystery.

An examination of Wall's account and effects showed every thing to be in order, the only thing missing being a pistol.

Walls was very popular with his company. He was in the battle of Santiago de Cuba, where he fought valiantly and was severely wounded.

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