

LA FONTAINE STILL STUCK

Effort to Haul the French Bark Back into the Channel Proved Fruitless.

ANOTHER TRIAL NEXT WEEK

High Tides Will Then Prevail and Work Will Be Rendered Easier—Quiet Day in Shipping Circles.

The French bark La Fontaine is still hard aground on the sands in the upper harbor, and there is no prospect of immediately floating her. At high water yesterday morning the bar tugs Tatoonah and Wallula took hold of her and attempted to drag her back into the channel, but the effort proved futile. The vessel was swung around slightly, but she could not be gotten off the sands. The tugs worked for an hour and then gave up the attempt. At the present time the tides are not large and it has been decided to wait for another week before again undertaking the work of floating the bark. In the meantime more of the wheat cargo will be removed to the lighter, and when the high tides come around the vessel will be considerably lighter than she is at present. One thousand tons of the cargo may have to be taken out to float the vessel.

While the bark has been lying in an easy position on the sands, she is leaking, and it is possible she may have been strained. The pumps keep her clear of water and the cargo has not, it is thought, been damaged.

CERTAIN TO OPERATE.

China Commercial Will Establish Headquarters at Portland.

Portland, March 24.—The American headquarters of the China Commercial Company, which is to operate in connection with the Harriman steamers, will be established in Portland next month. General Manager J. V. C. Comfort has received orders to that effect, and will arrive here on the next trip of the steamship Lothian. Following the plan of the roads operating out of Puget sound, which is to solicit the business in the east during the dull season, the Harriman system has sent letters to eastern offices soliciting business and informing them that this city will shortly have a 10-day schedule with a fleet of eight carriers.

Mile Rock Light Station.

San Francisco, March 24.—The plans and specifications for the light and fog signal station that is to be built upon Mile rock, at the entrance to this harbor, which were prepared under the supervision of Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas H. Handbury, lighthouse engineer of the twelfth district, and sent to the lighthouse board in Washington some time since for entral examination, have recently been returned to him approved. As soon as the drawings can be photographed and the specifications printed, proposals for doing the work by contract will be advertised for.

Repairs to the Chinook.

The work of repairing the bar dredge Chinook will probably require more than the three or four weeks at first estimated. Besides the repairs to the boilers, oil-burning apparatus will be installed, and this work will require considerable time. The determination of the department to make the dredge an oil burner is gratifying, as the change will effect a saving of something like \$40,000 annually. The cost of operating the dredge comes out of the bar appropriation at the present time, so every dollar saved helps the jetty work just that much. By the time the repairs are finished fine weather will prevail, and the Chinook will then be afforded an opportunity of demonstrating her usefulness. That

she will cut a hole in the obstruction at the harbor entrance is the opinion of those who have informed themselves about government dredges, and if Captain Dunbar's sanguine expectations are realized it will not take his vessel very long to accomplish the hoped for result.

Marine Notes.

The steamer Vosburg arrived yesterday from Tillamook. The lighthouse tender Heather left out yesterday for nearby light stations.

The schooner Mabel Gale arrived yesterday from San Francisco to load lumber.

The oriental liner Indrapura is due this morning from Hongkong and other far eastern ports.

The gasoline schooner Della arrived yesterday from Nestucca. She brought 60 cases of cheese, six boxes of eggs, three bundles of hides and two barrels of salmon.

FAILED TO AGREE ON TERMS.

Managers and Marine Engineers Hold Fruitless Meeting at Frisco.

Committees representing the Steam Schooner Managers' Association and the Marine Engineers' Association met yesterday at San Francisco for the purpose of discussing their differences, and failed to effect a settlement. Some concessions had been held out by both sides and it was expected the strike would be amicably adjusted. However, according to advices received last night by The Astorian, the expected agreement did not materialize, and the contending interests are farther apart than ever.

The managers' association has assumed a decided attitude in its dealings with the striking engineers, and has followed out its determination to tie up its vessels rather than submit to the demands of the men for more money. The strike is greatly hurting the shipping interests of the coast, and only two steamers are now running between San Francisco and Astoria—the Alliance and Aurelia—not including the vessels of the O. R. & N. Co. The indications are that the strike will be a protracted one.

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NOTICE TO PAY BONDS. Notice is hereby given that the series of bonds numbered from 1 to 12, for \$1000.00 each, issued March 1st, 1904, by School District No. 1 of the County of Clatsop and State of Oregon, will be paid within 30 days from the date of this notice, upon presentation at the office of Charles Heilborn, County Treasurer of the County of Clatsop, State of Oregon, and all persons holding said bonds or any portions thereof, are hereby notified to present them forthwith.

By order of the Board of Directors of School District No. 1, Clatsop County, Oregon. Dated February 25, 1904. CHAS. HEILBORN, County Treasurer.

BIDS FOR WOOD.

Bids for fir bark slab wood of best quality, in quantities, and to be delivered as hereinafter stated, will be received by E. Z. Ferguson, Clerk, 179 11th street, until noon, April 1st, 1904:

100 or more cords delivered McClure school; 50 or more cords delivered Shively school; 30 or more cords delivered Adair school; 25 or more cords delivered Alderbrook school; 20 or more cords delivered Olney school; 10 or more cords delivered Taylor school; delivery of all wood to be completed by August 1, 1904. Right reserved to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board. E. Z. FERGUSON, Clerk School District No. 1.

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