TRAMP STEAMERS **KEY TO SITUATION**

Exporters Decline to Pay Wheat and Flour Rates Fixed by Seattle Conference.

SOUND SHIPPERS HAVE CHARTERED BRINKBURN

Portland Will Send Hundred Thousand Barrels of Flour to Orient in April.

Exporters are dissatisfied with the ecision of the several steamship com-nantes to maintain the rate of 35 a ton panies to maintain the rate of \$5 a ton for transporting wheat and flour to the far east, and will charter tramp steamers. The sound shippers closed a deal this morning for the British steamship Brinkburn, on which they will be able to make shipments at the rate of \$4 a ton. She is of \$.683 tons gross register, and can carry about \$5,000 barrels of flour. The vessel will begin receiving cargo the last of this month.

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Since the mammoth freighter belonging to J. J. Hill was brought from the Atlantic coast there is plenty of tomage operated by the regular companies from Beattle and Tacoma to take care of the business. But the shippers are strongly opposed to the proposition of paying the rate named, particularly when there is a large fleet of "tramps" on the disengaged list which can be secured at a much more reasonable figure.

Foreseeing what the result of the meeting held by the transportation companies would be, the Portland shippers chartered a couple of vessels, the Dumbarton and Ferndene, more than a week ago to carry flour to Japan. The Dumbarton arrived off the mouth of the Columbia river tiffs moming, and will probably reach port tonight. Her cargo, about 60,000 harrels, will be supplied by the Portland Flouring mills. The Ferndene, en route for Mojl, will not reach here until the last of the month.

The Aragonia, arrived from the orient yesterday, will carry 46,000 barrels of flour to the far east, and so the entire amount taken from this port this month will total more than 100,000 barrels, which will the worth \$358,000. The Aragonia will move to the Alaska dock this afternoon to complete discharging her inward cargo. She will be ready to sail on April 18.

NO SETTLEMENT YET.

They Refused Reduced Wages.

Charles J. Kelly, secretary of the Longshoremen's International union, returned this morning from Seattle, where he went a few days ago to endeavor to straighten out the difficulty between the stevedores and the members of the organization he represents. He states that Hamilton & McCabe, the principal stevedore firm up there, reduced the wages from 5 cents to 40 cents an hour, and when the men refused to agree to the reduction they were locked out, and no settlement is yet in sight. Mr. Kelly declares there is a possibility that the trouble may extend so that every port on the coast will be involved. He expects to return to Puget sound tomorrow to renew his efforts to bring about peace.

Andrew Feruseth, who arrived from San Francisco a few days ago, left for the sound this morning to inquire into the situation from a salior's point of view. He will be absent several days.

LABOR TROUBLES.

According to J. A. Madsen, secretary of the Longshoremen's union, the British steamship Bandhurst will not be delayed at this port on account of labor troubles at Seattle and Tacoma; she will be loaded by union longshoremen.

The Sandhurst salled from Seattle for Portland this morning to take for the orient about 2,300 tons of baled hay at the Albert dock. She received a ship-

orient about 2,300 tons of baled hay at the Albers dook. She received a shipment of oats on the sound.

"For a time it did look as though the vessel would be tied up here." said Mr. Madsen. "Nearly all shipping is tied up on the sound owing to the fight between the stevedores and longshoremen. Not a pound of freight is being placed aboard the Cosmos liners, and the trouble is likely to spread so that every line up there will be involved. In a number of instances the agents of the steamers are taking the contracts away from the taking the contracts away from the stredores and are employing longshore-

STRICTLY BUSINESS.

Bear-Admiral Kempif's Entire Time De-

Rear-Admiral Louis Kempff, the special steamboat inspector sent to the coast by Secretary Metcalf, is confining himself strictly to business. He has been on board a large number of the boats in the harbor to make sure that their owners are complying with the law by having them fitted up with the proper lifesaving equipment. To test their preparedness the crews are required to give fore and boat drills in his pressence. Among the craft looked over yesterday by the special inspector were the Jessie Harkins, the Dalles City, the Gamecock, the Balley Gatsert and the Mascot. Today he is going down the line and boarding whatsver boats are in the harbor. The Albins ferryboat will be visited this afternoon.

Local Inspectors Edwards and Fuller have ordered the Bailey Gatsert to be taken out on the ways in order that she may be supplied with a-new transom.

Total Transport of the First Presbyterian church, died at 7:15 o'clock last evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. I. L. Hauff, at Oatman's, this city.

The deceased was a native of Liverpool, England, and was born November 5001, England, and was born November 61,829. He came to this country at an early age, and lived in the middle west until 1896, when he moved to this city.

In 1900 Mr. Madeley was elected an elder in the Presbyterian church and for two years was its treasurer. He had many warm friends among all classes. The funeral will take place at the First Presbyterian church, Twelfth and Alder streets, tomorrow at 2 o'clock. voted to Duties of Mis Office. .

LUMBER FROM CHINA.

TRADE WITH ALASKA.

Portland is getting a share of Seattie's trade with Alaska. Within the
past few days big quantities of goods
have been sent from Portland over the
Northern Pacific for shipment on the
steamer Cottage Cky which salls from
the sound for the north today. In the
shipment were 30 tons of smoked meat.
There were supplies of all sorts, as well
as a big assortment of machinery. Seven
white men from Portland and 69
Chinese will take passage on the
steamer. Among the former are E. A.
Baldwin, of the American Coral Marble
company, who is bound for Ketchikan
to open up a marble quarry. He is accompanied by Jesse Stearns of New
Tork, who is interested in the company.
In addition to the small number of men
they engaged in this city to work for
them a big force was procured at
Seattle.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

To test her new boiler the steamer Dalles City was taken for a spin today. If all works well the steamer will resume service between Portland and The Dalles tomorrow. The M. F. Henderson, which has been taking her place for the past three weeks, will again be placed in the towing trade by the Shaver Transportation company.

Transportation company.

At 2 o'clock this afterneon the steamer Jessie Harkins went out on the Washougal route in place of the Ione, which will be given a general overhauling. The Harkins will carry 75 passengers and will be used exclusively for that burnows.

Laden with 1,350,000 feet of lumber, the barkentine T. P. Emigh left down this morning for Shanghai. The lumber was supplied by the Portland Lumber

Schooner Alvens arrived from the south yesterday and went to the Portland Escapes Sharing Those of Ta-

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, April 11.—Arrived at 10:30 a. m.—British steamer Dumbarton, from Moji, via Port Townsend, Salled at 10:30 s. m.—Gasoline schoon-

MARINE & STEAMBOAT LOGGINGEHOISTIN RONG STEEL WORKS PORTLAND. OREGON

Republicans Register as Demo-crats, and Democrats Swear They Are Republicans.

DIRECT PRIMARY LAW DEFEATED BY THIS METHOD

Crooked Work Done in Interest of Some One Seeking Mayoralty Nomination.

Democrats are registering as Republicans, and Republicans as Democrats, the struggle of candidates to gain their party nominations resulting in this attempt to get around the plain intent of the direct primary nominations law. To what extent this is being done cannot be estimated with any degree of accuracy. But that it is being done is admitted by members of both parties.

The plain intent of the primary law is that electors shall declare under oath what are their party affiliations. The idea was not that voters should be Republicans one day and Democrats the next, although it was not intended that a voter, once he had declared his party connections, should never change. But that a person known as a member of a particular party should register under oath as a member of another party is clearly not in keeping with the provisions of the new law. Examination of the registration lists shows that numbers of voters have registered with the political party with which they do not and are not likely to affiliate.

Yesterday 594 electors registered—765 Republicans and 117 Democrats. The total registration is now 8.331—Republicans, 7.102; Democrats, 1,085 and 144 refused to state their party. New registrations are 1.435, and changes of residence 1,510. The new registration must be taken into account in prophesying the outcome.

OFFER REWARD FOR DEATH OF CHINESE

Interpreter at Seattle Falls Under Ban of Countrymen Who Seek to Kill Him.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Scattle, April 11.—Chin Jack, or Ah Jack, as he is better known, for many years interpreter for the local customs officers, has fallen under the ban of his countrymen. Yesterday afternoon they held a meeting in the Wa Chong building and formulated a petition to Washington asking that he be removed from office on the ground that he is working a hardship on all Chinamen in the Puget sound district by alleged false affidavits of their residence and rights to be in the United States.

The petition will be forwarded to the Chinese minister at Washington, together with a statement of the alleged facts, and he will be asked to present it to the chief of the immigration bureau. was supplied by the Portland Lumber company.

British ship Pythomene moved this morning from the sand dock to the wharf of the Oregon Water Power & Railway company to remain until she is chartered.

C. E. Steelsmith, local agent, says the steamer Aurelia will be delayed but one trip on account of the fire which broke out on her at San Francisco. Her passenger accommodations will be doubled. Steamer Aberdeen left San Francisco last night for Portland to load lumber for the Bay City with 1.514 sacks of flour, 473 sacks of potatoes and 840 bundles of shooks.

Last Saturday the oriental liner Aragonia spoke the British ship Ardencraig 130 miles west of the mouth of the Columbia river. The vessel was bound from Puget sound for Australia with a lumber cargo, and asked to be reported all well.

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Toolay many placards were found pasted all over Chinatown offering from \$500 to \$1,000 reward to any one who will kill ah Jack. The placards are written in red ink. Local merchants declare that they do not know who is posting the placards, and that they only warned ah Jack to leave the country.

THOMAS FOR MORE

ROOM ON CAR PLATFORM

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Before she goes in service along the coast the steamer Arago, recently built for the United States engineers, will engage in survey work along the Columbia river. She is at the foot of Everett street for minor repairs.

Becond Mate Lewis has been promoted to the position of first officer on the British ship Lonsdale, which will begin loading lumber about Thursday for the orient. The cargo will be supplied by the Imman-Poulsen mill and the North Pacific.

MARINE NOTES.

G. H. Thomas, candidate for the Democratic nomination for mayor, promises improvements in Portland's street car service, if he is elected. There should be more cars to insure better service, he says, and the crowded platforms, which hinder conductors from attending to their duties, would be abolished under his administration.

"For years Portland has seen, during certain morning and evening hours, car after car convey a load that two or more street cars should have carried," he said. "Church, baseball and other pre-known travel, is as poorly provided for.

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"Much time is lost and all are inconvenienced at each stop while the patrons force a way off or on a crowded car. The conductor must wriggle through to collect the fares and is unable to see his platforms and to properly attend to the safety of his passensengers. A crowded car is a menace

er Chetco.
San Francisco, April 11.—Sailed at 10 last night—Steamer Aberdeen, for Portland.

Astoria, April 10.—Arrived at 12:30 and left up at 2:15 p. m.—Steamer Rose-crans; from Monterey.

Arrived down at 3:40 p. m.—American ship C. F. Sargent.

Astoria, April 11.—No bar report; wire trouble.

PROMINENT CHURCH—

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erly attend to the safety of his passengers. A crowded car is a menace to the public, since the motorman lacks room in which to promptly apply the brakes, and when the brakes fall to hold, children at play and others pay the penalty with life or limb.

"Increased power, additional cars and the employment of more conductors and motormen would curtain the company's profits somewhat, but these would add to the comfort and convenience of the passenger and to the safety of serybody.

"If nominated and elected mayor, 1 "If nominated and elected mayor, 1 purpose securing improved conditions in this direction as is indicated in my platform."

ATTEMPT IS MADE TO POISON TWO BROTHERS

(Special Dispetch to The Journal.)

Farmington, Wash., April 11.—A bold attempt was made upon the life of W. R. Brown by placing poison in his food Saturday. Mr. Brown and his brother, who are living together in the country, had a can of plums on the table. Both ate of them for breakfast, after which W. R. Brown went to town and his brother went to an adjoining farm. They were gone all day and on returning in the evening again ate some plums, the eatables having all been left on the table, covered with a cloth. W. R. Brown noticed that the first mouthful tasted strange and grew suspicious. An examination of the contents of the jar by a local chemist showed a poison, but just what kind he could not tell. The fruit has been sent to the state college at Pullman for thorough examination.

POPULATION OF ISLANDS SHOWN BY FIRST CENSUS

Washington, April 11.—According to the census of the Philippine Islands just taken the total population of the archipelago is 7,635,426. Of this number almost 7,000,000 are more or less civilized, wild tribes forming about nine per cent of the entire poulation. The civilized tribes are practically all adherents of the Catholic faith. The Moros are Mohammedans and other wild peoples have no recognized beliefs. The density of population in the Philippines is 67 per square mile, as against 26 in the United States.

Summer Is Approaching

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FIFTH AND YAMHILL STREETS

FIRE DESTROYS KILNS OF DOTY LUMBER CO.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Chehalis, Wash., April 11.—Fire de-troyed two dry kilns of the Doty Lumber Co. yesterday evening. The loss is \$7,-000, insurance about two thirds of this amount. For a time the entire planing mill was in danger, as the kilns were

mill was in danger, as the kilns were full of lumber at the time of the fire. Doty is a mill town on the South Bend branch, 19 miles west of here.

The loss is not great and will hamper the company for but a short time. Had it not been for the excellent water system owned by the firm, their whole plant would probably have gone up in smoke.

GOVERNMENT CANNOT ACCEPT ANY REBATES

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, April 11.—The controller of the treasury has rendered a decision criticising the proposed action of the secretary of the interior in accepting rebates from the Southern Pacific railroads on the freight to contractors engaged in irrigation work in the west. The controller states that the government has no authority to accept rebates and the action is illegal. TWO KOPMEN PIGHT.

(Special Dispatch to The Journel.)

Salem, Or., April 11.—Conrad Krebs and S. W. Jones, two prominent hop-growers of this section, engaged in a fist fight in the streets of Salem yesterday afternoon. The trouble was the result of a recent case in the circuit court, in which the decision was favorable to Jones. Krebs was fined 15.

REQUISITION FOR MILLER.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Ralem, Or., April 11.—Extragition papers were issued yesterday by Governor Chamberlain on the governor of Nevada for the return of Roy H. Miller, presi-

Fall of Tragio Meaning.

fire these lines from J. H. Simmons, of Casey, Ia. Think what might have resulted from his terrible cough if he had not taken the medicine about which he writes; "I had a fearful cough, that disturbed my night's rest. I tried everything, but nothing would relieve it, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Coids, which completely cured me." Instantly relieves and permanently cures all throat and lung diseases; prevents grip and pneumonia. At Red Cross Pharmacy, Sixth and Oak streets, on the way to the postoffice; guaranteed, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Miller, who is now under arrest in Tono-pah, Nev., is a member of a highly respected family in this city.

LONG WORK DAY ON CAMAL.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, April 11.—Chief Engineer Wallace of the Isthmian canal states that the commission holds that the eight-hour law does not obtain in the canal sone and that its operation would seriously impede work. eriously impeds work.

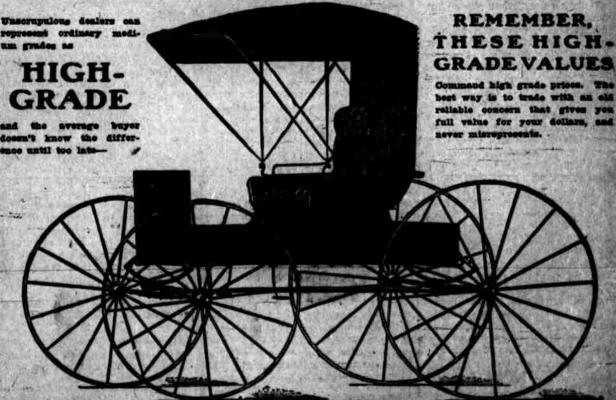


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