

FREIGHT FOR ALASKA PILING UP FAST AT OAK STREET DOCK

Steamer Will Begin Loading
Tuesday; Portland Mer-
chants Shipping North.

Freight for Alaska is piling up fast at the Oak street dock and Tuesday the steamer Thomas L. Ward will be alongside to begin loading the first cargo to be sent north in the regular service from this port. The Ward was delayed several hours in getting away from San Francisco because the owners wanted her overhauled before turning her over to the charterers and so her departure from here has been set for next Wednesday afternoon instead of Tuesday, as first announced.

The exact hour of sailing will be announced later, but in the meantime Chairman W. G. McPherson of the Portland Chamber of Commerce Alaska Trade committee is inviting merchants interested in the development of trade between this city and Alaska to arrange to be on hand Wednesday afternoon to join in the celebration on the dock in honor of the establishment of the line. Mayor Albee has been requested to say a few words and others will probably also be invited to express their thoughts of the enterprise and the significance it bears to the position of Portland as a commercial center of the Pacific coast.

Alaska is rejoicing because of the definite news having gone forth that at last Portland is in the field to supply them with goods, this being illustrated in a number of letters received by the Alaska Trade committee. From many commercial organizations in ports at which the Portland steamers will touch have come words of encouragement, promising support and cooperation in every possible way. Strong assurances of patronage are received in every mail and traveling men representing Portland houses are sending orders for goods and reports of the warmth of welcome in the north.

"The people of the north have confidence in Portland prices and goods," reports one traveler. "Many of the merchants have dealt with Portland houses in the past and want the same opportunity in the future, as they now will have a splendid opportunity to do."

Several southeastern Alaska merchants have been in Portland and placed orders already. They promise to double their business as soon as it is made clear to them that the boats will maintain regular service. With the Ward, J. B. Stetson and Quinault on the route, this will be assured, and in addition to carrying freight, the Stetson and Quinault will also have accommodations for a limited number of passengers. Additional boats, it is understood, will be added to the demand for space justifies.

That the leading merchants here are coming right in line is shown by the fact that shippers having already delivered goods for the first steamer are Allen & Lewis, Fleischner Mayer & company, Marshall-Wells Hardware company, Honeyman Hardware company, W. J. Van Schuyver & company, Pearson-Page company, Bell & company, Townsend Creamery company, Hazelwood company, United States Rubber company, Closser & Devers American can company, Portland Cheese company and Neustadter Bros.

Now that these firms and others are able to ship direct from product wharf, it is pointed out that their volume of trade will increase at a rate that it is believed will surpass the most sanguine expectations.

For southbound business it is said a considerable number of inquiries have been received in respect to the fish trade. Independent dealers throughout southeastern Alaska have been soliciting the Portland dealers to get into the trade, handling all lines of fish products. These include the fresh fish packed in ice, frozen fish that has been kept in cold storage, pickled herring and salmon, salt herring and salmon, salmon bellies, fish oil and fertilizer, and the undersalted product. The tonnage in these commodities grows every year, records show, and it seems certain that there will be moving from the Alaskan and British Columbia waters the heaviest quantity of fish taken from any like area of the waters of the world.

W. F. Swan, who will be the north-

There Should Be a Severe Penalty

for selling eye glasses over a "bargain counter" like groceries or dry goods.

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TENTATIVE UNIT FOOT VALUATIONS OF PORTLAND BUSINESS PROPERTY MADE

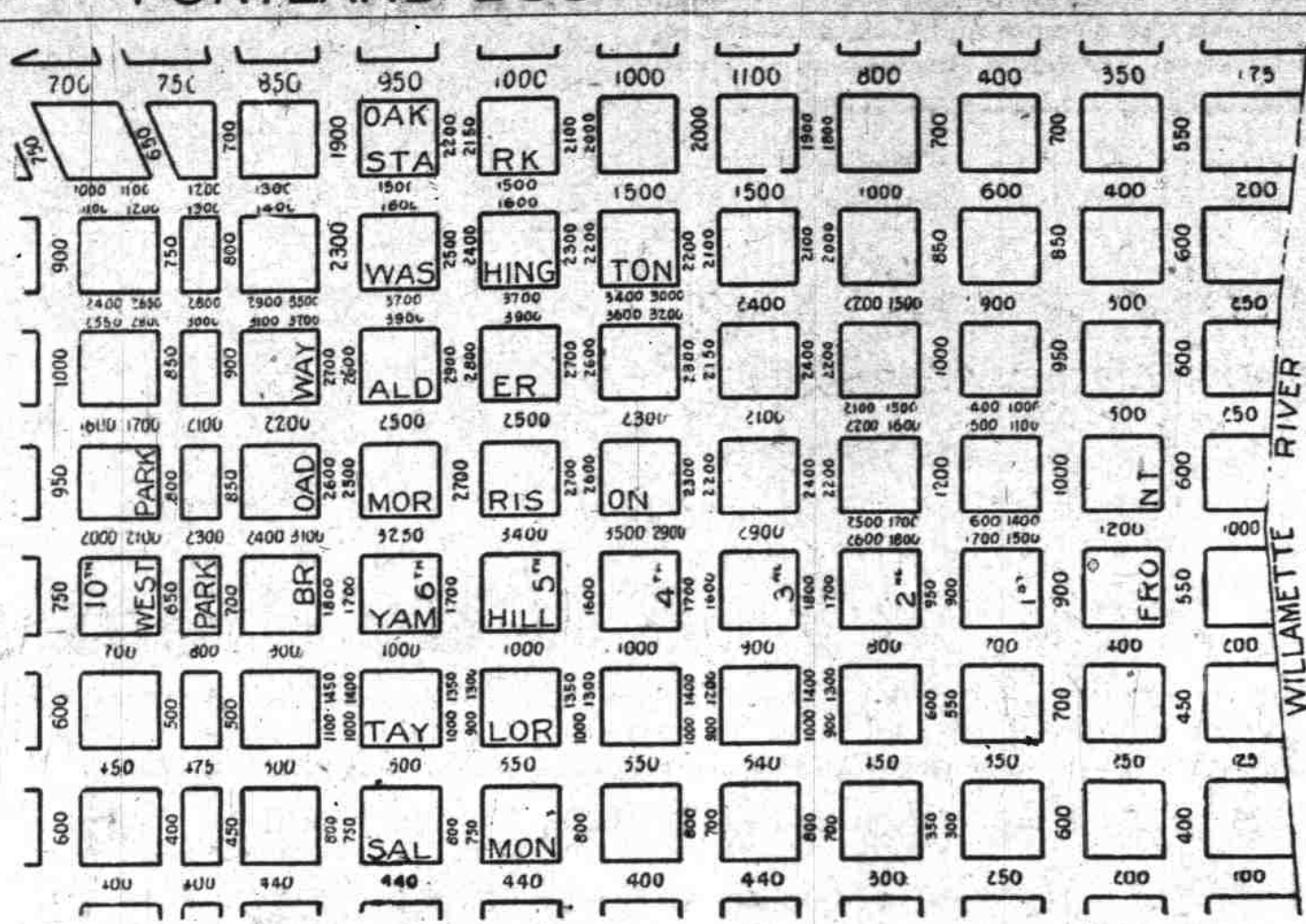


Chart shows Assessments made under Somers system; these assessments are subject to change.

The unit-foot valuations made under the Somers system were agreed on at meetings held at the Central Library last week by the property owners in the district bounded by the Willamette river, Tenth street, Oak and Salmon streets. The values are the best figures of the assessing department but are still subject to change. No further public meetings will be held for this district, but any property holder interested in changing the valuation as here set forth is requested to come to the assessor's office, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and suggest any changes he may think necessary.

While the figures opposite each block indicate the values as of a unit-foot only, by means of them it is quite possible to compare what the meetings thought of the values of different locations, as they are believed to be the best figures of the assessing department but are still subject to change.

ern superintendent of the line, looking more specifically after southbound cargo, and also doing what he can to place orders for any trade here, says that he has found the sentiment of the most cordial character among all the Alaskans he comes in contact with. N. F. Titus, manager of the new steamship line, says he is much pleased with the keen interest that is being displayed among merchants in the new enterprise, and he says they will be pleasantly surprised when they begin to ascertain the tremendous volume of trade to be had from the immense territory that will be reached by these steamers.

A master familiar with the Alaskan waters will arrive here tomorrow to relieve Captain Peterson who is bringing the Ward here from San Francisco. A few people realize the immensity of the Alaska business, it is said, but an idea may be gained from the fact that last year some 28 vessels carried cargo to the Alaskan coast. Pointing to this, it is held there is absolutely no reason why Portland should not in the very near future have a steamer every two or three days.

ENGLAND WILLING TO LET UNITED STATES HANDLE BENTON CASE

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice Assures
Bryan His Government Will
Not Try to Force Issue.

By John Edwin Nevins.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—England will not force the hand of the United States in Mexico. No matter what the result of the Benton investigation may be, Great Britain will not insist on summary action.

It was learned tonight that knowledge of this fact, conveyed to him by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, kept Secretary of State Bryan from cancelling his trip to Richmond, Va., today. The situation, so far as northern Mexico is concerned, was admittedly clearing up. Even though it shall be established that Villa himself killed Benton, England will withhold, for the present, at least, any demand that the revolutionary general be held personally accountable. Later that demand may be made, but not until after the general Mexican situation has been cleared up.

Ready for investigation. Administration officials admitted this tonight. They asserted that the investigation into the Benton matter was being pushed with all possible diligence, but there was a disposition in certain quarters to question this latter statement. All arrangements for the trip to Chihuahua City to view Benton's body have been completed. The personnel of the surgeons to accompany the party is known to Secretary Bryan, Secretary Garrison and General Hugh Scott. They were selected yesterday, as well as two civilians to accompany them. There was every reason to believe that a start would have been made today but it was said it might be made tomorrow.

No reason is assigned why the expedition is held up. The result was a surprise here, that if the trip is made at all, it will not be undertaken until after decomposition has so far advanced that it will be impossible to disprove Villa's original story.

Drum-head Trials to End.
It developed tonight that Great Britain and certain other powers have been told by Secretary Bryan that there will be no further drum-head trials of foreigners by constitutionalist officials. The positive promise of General Carranza that hereafter when any American or non-citizen of Mexico gets into trouble in the territory held by the rebels, the nearest American consul will be notified, has been conveyed to the state department. To see that Villa makes this promise good, George C. Carothers, special agent for the state department, will be detailed to the general's headquarters to keep the government informed of the progress of the future campaign in northern Mexico.

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APPROPRIATIONS FOR TWO DREADNAUGHTS IN HOUSE NAVY MEASURE

Minority Report Denounces
Construction of Additional
Battleships as an Expense.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Feb. 28.—Denounced by a minority of the committee as "execrably extravagant" and a "criminal waste of public funds," the navy appropriation bill was reported to the house today.

It carried a provision of \$129,844,323 for two battleships, six destroyers, one sea-going torpedo submarine, and three coast defense submarines and four small torpedo boats. The navy department's estimates were reduced by \$4,500,000.

Navy increases were authorized which will cost ultimately \$43,338,000, for which initial appropriations of \$17,500,000 were made.

Two Dreadnaughts at 30 Millions.

The two new dreadnaughts will cost \$15,000,000 each and will be built in private yards. The coast defense submarine will be built on the Pacific coast. The small torpedo boat will be stationed along the Gulf coast.

Smaller appropriations included an

increase in the number of navy chaplains from 24 to 32, and an increase in the allowance for Pearl Harbor dry dock from \$2,455,000 to \$4,958,900. Authority was given to the secretary of the navy to report next year concerning the desirability of constructing a federal armor plate plant with an annual capacity of 10,000 to 20,000 tons.

Those who signed the navy committee's minority report were Congressmen Spooner, Hendon, Buchanan and Gray. The proposed appropriation, they declared, exceeded the largest amount ever spent in one year by any nation on earth. The additional battleships, it was asserted, were wholly unnecessary.

POSTAL RECEIPTS TO SHOW AN INCREASE

Estimated postal receipts during the month of February showed an increase of 6.57 per cent over the receipts for the same month of 1913, according to the figures made public by Postmaster Frank S. Myers. The increase is considered a big one for February is always considered an off month. The estimated receipts for the 28 day period just ended are \$95,000.36 and the actual receipts of February, 1913, were \$89,137.14. The difference in favor of this year is \$5,863.22. The percentage of increase in 1913 over 1912 was only .38 per cent.

The postal savings deposits at the local depository will also show a substantial increase this month according to Superintendent Carr, but this will not be known until Wednesday, and it is because this is tax paying month and many people who would otherwise save, are putting their month out for taxes.

GOVERNOR WEST TO WORK FOR OREGON AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Land Matters Will Demand
Attention and Will Speak
on Prison Reform.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Feb. 28.—For the purpose of advancing the state's interests in various land matters pending before congress and the various governmental departments, Governor West left today for Washington, D. C., and expects to be gone from the state three or four weeks. Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott will be acting governor in his absence.

In addition to looking after state land matters at the national capital, Governor West will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting and convention on prison reform to be held in New York, under the auspices of the National Prison Reform association.

One of the principal measures in which the governor is interested is the bill pending in the house of representatives which authorizes the exchange of 50,000 acres of timber land in the Santiam national forest for an equal number of acres in scattering sections of school land. This bill has

passed the senate and the governor hopes to see it put through the house at this session of congress.

Another matter of importance is a proposed bill providing for the government's relinquishment to the state of its claim to the 100,000 acres included in the old Coon Bay Warrent Road land grant. This land was originally granted to the state by the government to be used to induce private parties to construct a wagon road. The state donated the land to a company for this purpose but the provisions of the donation were never carried out.

The governor contends that the land ought to revert to the state instead of the government and he has caused a draft of a measure bringing this about to be prepared. This measure is now ready for introduction in congress and the governor expects to take the matter up with various government officials.

He also said that there were a number of other important state matters he would take up with government officials while in Washington.

UNCLE SAM TO TACKLE OREGON JACK RABBITS

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, Feb. 28.—Representative Sinnott has enlisted the aid of the department of agriculture in plans to exterminate the jackrabbits that infest central and eastern Oregon, and the department will soon issue instructions on the subject.

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