

PORTLAND LINE OF STEAMERS ON RUN TO NEW YORK URGED

Home Company Would Have Advantage of Rates, Under New Plan, It Is Said.

NO REASON FOR EXCUSE

Laws Enable American Shipowner to Produce Vessels at Reasonable Cost, Says Richard Chilcott.

By Capt. Richard Chilcott.

At no time in the history of the country up to the present has it been possible to make such advancement in the economical construction and efficiency of ocean-going steamships as is open to the American people today.

The liberal laws enacted at the last session of congress, enabling the American shipowner to produce the same class of vessel at a cost of about 10 per cent over that of the British shipowner and for construction traffic we are in as good position as it is possible to reach.

If, for instance, a steamship of 5000 tons dead weight north for Alaska in Great Britain the sum of \$225,000, the cost in the United States of the same vessel under the old regime would approximate \$400,000, but under the new law can be built here for \$250,000, a saving in the cost of construction of 40 per cent.

By the use of a modern gas engine now existing, and its efficiency has been proven in large ocean vessels, a saving in fuel consumption can be effected of 30 per cent over the use of steam and reciprocating engines with oil as fuel. With the elimination of the use of boilers a cargo space amounting to 5 per cent additional of the whole is made.

The weight and expense of water is saved. The difference in capital means less fixed charges in interest and insurance, at 6 per cent in each instance, making a difference of \$18,000 annually.

Big Saving Made.

The total saving with the use of the modern method of construction and operation as against the old method, including the fixed charges, will amount to \$40,000 annually, as, if it costs the old style \$175,000 a year to operate, it will cost the new but \$135,000.

The law covering this was passed by congress on the 3d day of October, 1913, and went into effect February 6, 1914, and is worded as follows:

"That all materials of foreign production which may be necessary for the construction of vessels, for the purpose of being employed in the foreign or domestic trade, and all such materials necessary for their outfit and equipment, may be imported in bond and upon deposit of such sum as may be determined by the customs for the duties thereon, and such materials shall be paid thereon."

The word materials is defined as including any imported merchandise which is suitable and intended for use in the construction of the hull of a vessel or of the machinery of a vessel, and to be incorporated therein either after having undergone a process of manufacture subsequent to importation, or in its condition as imported.

The British shipbuilder will build a vessel in a knocked down state, less cost of what it would be completed, the parts can be carried here and assembled at a lesser cost than if fully completed in England, because the cost of the compressor, which is prohibited by the labor unions in England, and the assembling yard would require only a crane, compressor and a heating force in the way of machinery. The freight charge to carry the material from the builders to the point of assembly would be our additional expense.

The present Alaska line were equipped with three modern vessels, it could render more efficient service, have superior passenger accommodation and save the charge of 2 per cent monthly which it is now paying.

VETERAN MARINER GOES AS MASTER ON ALASKA STEAMER THOMAS L. WAND



Captain A. C. Jansen.

Captain A. C. Jansen took the steamer Thomas L. Wand north for Alaska Wednesday night as master. The steamer has been in command of Captain R. L. Herriman, now commander of the Steamer, while Jansen has been the pilot. Through the resignation of Captain C. L. MacGregor of the J. B. Stetson, a vacancy occurred and Jansen was finally persuaded to take out the Wand.

Captain Jansen's service in the Alaska water is the longest of any of the navigators employed by the new Portland Steamship company, he having been in the north for the past 25 years. He could have had command of a steamer at the start of the line but preferred the less strenuous position of pilot. The Wand has no passenger accommodations. Captain Herriman leaves tonight for Seattle, where he will take command of the J. B. Stetson tomorrow.

On the value of the ships now employed by it.

Advantage Is Shown.
If Portland owned a fleet of vessels to operate between here and New York, built on this plan, it would have an advantage in operating expense of 50 cents per ton on the freight rate over any present competitor, instead of laboring under a differential now levied against it.

The plant is constantly made that if it were possible to buy ships in the cheapest market, Portland would own ships. Now is the occasion and there is room for all. This is an investment that will equal in return the plating of acreage into town lots.

The line now operated to southeastern Alaska is paying a heavy premium in the shape of charter money for the ships it employs and the owners of those ships are enjoying a neat profit which Portland is paying. If Portland's capitalists would afford the opportunity and listen to reason they could be convinced of the immense profits derived from the ownership of steamships. If capitalists would take the lead in a bona fide maritime enterprise our small business men and working men would enthusiastically follow for the sake of the investment as well as in a spirit of loyalty.

The excuse for the differential in the cost of building ships is passed and gone. There is more agitation in this city regarding freight rates on sea as well as land than all the remainder of the Pacific coast; the reason being therefore, that other cities provide themselves with regulators (steamships) and Portland does not.

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National Guards to Practice Shooting

Two Battalions Will Go to Clackamas Range on Sunday—Recruits Will Be Given Instruction.

Two battalions of national guardsmen will shoot at the Clackamas rifle range Sunday, according to orders issued by Colonel C. H. Martin, Third Oregon infantry. The first battalion, commanded by Major Bowman, will shoot, while Major Smith and the Second battalion will care for the target details and mark up the scores.

The state troops will entrain at the Union depot at 8:20 o'clock Sunday morning, returning after a day on the range with real ammunition. Recruits will be given a chance to learn the mechanism of their rifles and be given instruction in aiming and sighting at the gallery range in the armory tonight.

Keep in step with life by buying a new suit. Jimmy Dunn, Oregonian bldg. 3d floor. (Adv.)

BIDS FOR BUILDING COLUMBIA HIGHWAY TO BE OPENED MAY 5

Section to Be Constructed Extends 66 Miles Up the River From Astoria.

TOTAL COST HALF MILLION

Estimates for one of Biggest Contracts Ever Let Have Been Prepared by State Engineer.

Sealed proposals are being received for the construction of 66 miles of the Columbia River highway through Clatsop and Columbia counties. The bids for the Clatsop county section will be opened at Astoria May 5 and the bids for the Columbia county section will be opened at St. Helens the following day, May 6.

Contracts will not be let until after both sets of bids are considered. Contractors may bid on the entire work or any of the sections into which it has been divided. The road to be built in Clatsop county runs from Astoria to the Columbia county line, a distance of 28 miles. It has been divided for construction purposes into four sections of seven miles each.

Total Cost Half Million.
In Columbia county the length of the road is 38 miles and for construction purposes it has been divided into five sections. The first section, the Marshland section, is nine miles in length; the second, the Ingles section, is five miles and a half; the third, the Beaver Valley section, is nine miles; the fourth, the Rainier section, is six miles; the fifth, the Goble section, is eight and one-half miles. The road runs from the Clatsop county line to Tide creek.

It is estimated that the total cost of the road in the two counties will approximate half a million dollars. It is one of the biggest highway contracts ever let. The specifications call for completion by October 1.

According to the estimates of State Engineer Bowley the construction involves the following quantities in Clatsop county:

State Engineer's Estimates.

Clearing, 171.8 acres; grubbing, 887 square rods; loose rock, 15,300 cubic yards; soft rock, 48,500 cubic yards; hard rock, 82,700 cubic yards; hardpan, 107,750 cubic yards; earth excavation, 66,400 cubic yards; embankment, 26,800 cubic yards; overhaul, 7200 cubic yards; culverts, 9588 lineal feet; rubble masonry (dry) retaining walls, 6140 square yards; concrete, 481 cubic yards.

In Columbia county the quantities are as follows: Clearing, light, 87.5 acres; clearing, heavy, 32.4 acres; grubbing, 7905 square rods; loose rock, 34,500 cubic yards; soft rock, 9900 cubic yards; hard rock, 73,525 cubic yards; hardpan, 58,900 cubic yards; earth excavation, 23,492 cubic yards; embankment, 33,400 cubic yards; overhaul, 271,100 cubic yards; culverts, 6640 lineal feet; rubble masonry (dry) retaining walls, 20,250 square yards; concrete, 1020 cubic yards.

Meredith Is Campaigning.
Albany, Or., May 1.—W. H. Meredith, of Wedderburn, Or., Democratic candidate for the nomination to congress from the first district was in Albany yesterday meeting voters. Mr. Meredith says Governor Folk, of Missouri has written him that if he is nominated, the governor will support him and make some speeches in his behalf if it is possible.

Bakers Are Coming.
Seattle, Wash., May 1.—The Master Bakers decided in the closing session of their three days' convention here last night to hold their next meeting in the Rose City some time during the Rose Carnival.

Free Classes
—In Crocheting, Embroidery, Knitting and Tatting, every day and all day. Fifth Floor

25 Per Cent Reduction
on All Picture Framing to Order. Sixth Floor

Pictorial Review,
Fashion Book and Patterns for June Now on Sale. Second Floor

Modart Front Lace Corset
—The best front lace model made. All styles suitable for all figures. Fourth Floor

BOYS

New Sack and Norfolk Suits
With One and Two Pairs of Pants
Selling Regularly to \$8.00
Special \$4.49
In Sizes From 5 to 18 Years



—Our boys' clothing shop has become known as the one store in Portland that embodies various features in boys' suits that the BOYS WANT, like and should have.

—Our boys' suits come from the foremost manufacturer of boys' clothing in America who makes suits that are retailed in the most exclusive New York Fifth avenue specialty houses.

—These suits have the correct dash and swing and are made from the best wool materials, embodying fine workmanship and built on excellent fitting lines.

—Such popular styles as the regulation Norfolk, Fancy Norfolk and Sack Suits.

—Made of fancy mixtures and stripes, corduroys and navy blue serges. The mixtures come in light and dark browns, tans, grays, blues, blue and white stripes, diagonals herringbones. Many of these suits have two pairs of pants lined with best quality linings.

Boys' \$1.25 Soisette Pajamas Special 95c.
—Plain soisette pajamas, in white, pink, light blue and tan. Made with the Japanese neck, collarless and trimmed with silk frogs. Sizes from 4 to 14 years.

Boys' Blouses and Shirts Special 44c and 89c.
—Our complete stock of boys' fine blouses and shirts in the newest materials are included in this sale. Made of chambray, percale, sateen, madras, crepes and soisettes. In plain colors and fancy stripes—soft or laundered styles. Made with attached or detached collars—French and plain cuffs. Blouses in sizes from 6 to 14. Shirts, sizes 12½ to 14.

Saturday We Open Our Boys' Straw Hat Dept.
SELLING ALL HATS ON THIS OCCASION AT SPECIAL PRICES

Special 59c, 89c, \$1.22, \$1.58 to \$5.39.
—New Rah-Rah Hats, regulation sailor hats, high crown hats, Tyrolean hats and straw hats for the wee baby boys.

—In white, black, navy blue, burnt and fancy combination straws and panamas. Self band trimmings or with navy, black and brown bands. Some plain, others with bound edges. All sizes from 2 to 14 years.

—Fourth Floor



Exceptional Untrimmed Black Lazzarre Hats

\$1.45 Instead of \$3, \$3.45 and \$4

—Lazzarre Hats with the "stove polish" finish are quite the smartest thing you can wear this season.

—Most every style in vogue can be found in these new Lazzarre untrimmed hats, which require but very little trimming to complete them.

—The Bandeau Sailor, the Pompadour Hat, the Watteau Hat, the Scoop, the Turban effects are all shown here at this most remarkable price.

Our Original \$10-\$12 Trim'd Hats \$4.95

—These hats were designed and trimmed by our best millinery artists. They reflect in every detail the latest Parisienne ideas.

—There are modified Watteau hats full of Spring flowers; these are the kind that almost every woman can wear becomingly.

—But there is every sort of hat that a woman will want to wear with her Spring and Summer costumes. —Second Floor

Last Day of Our One Cent Sale Of Drugs and Toilet Articles

—You Pay One Cent More than is the first price on any article, and you get two. No matter what the original price is, the second purchase costs JUST ONE CENT. As an example—

25c Sanitol Tooth Powder, special, 2 for 11c.
10c bottle Peroxide, special, 2 for 11c.
35c Witch Hazel Lotion, special, 2 for 11c.
10c Palmolive Soap, special, 2 for 11c.

—Besides these few articles listed in this limited space we have hundreds of other needful and necessary every day toilet articles and drugs at the same unusual reductions. —First Floor

GIRLS' SUITS Selling as High as \$40

Saturday, Special \$34.95
In sizes from 15, 17 to 19 years

—These suits are made of waffle cloth in tango or Labrador blue, of black and white check materials and navy blue serges.

—They are suits that represent the best of this season's styles, many being exact copies of imported models. The coats show the Eton front effect, or cutaway style, with square or plaited back, others with square box coats. Collars and cuffs of fancy silks. Skirts in the tier effect, button trimmed and some with silk bands.

Girls' \$32.50 Suits for \$24.85

—Late arrivals made of the fashionable pebble cloth in navy blue, Copenhagen blue and Labrador blue.

—The coats of these suits are in the new box style—very short and cut away in the front, button trimmed. The skirts have the new long overskirt finished with black taffeta folds or bands.

See Our New Waists for Young Girls

In specially designed models for 12 to 17-year girls
—This exclusive waist department fills a long-felt want, as heretofore the growing girls had to rely on waists that were fashioned for older folk. This exclusive waist shop of ours for girls offers waists of all kinds that range in price from \$1.69, \$2.49 to \$7.50. Of silks, linens, voiles and crepes.

—Fourth Floor

Many New Models Shown



Our Specialty \$1.50 Blouses

—Boxes and boxes of new blouses are opened—our \$1.50 specialty styles that have been received with such favor.

—Blouses with the new style notes. Practical and easily laundered.

—Of white voiles, batiste, linen, lingerie and crepe, and all-over embroidery—in dozens of styles, each one showing some late French idea as to collar and sleeves.

—Drop sleeves, kimono sleeves, yokes and without yokes, frilly vestee effects, surplice collars, low frilly collars.

A Special Purchase of New Dresses For Children From 6 to 14 Years

MAKES POSSIBLE THIS SALE OF WASH FROCKS That Would Sell Regularly at \$1.75

Saturday Sale \$1.29

MADE OF TAN CRASH, STRIPED AND CHECKED GINGHAMS In Waisted and Straight Styles

—Some have round necks and turn-down collars, others with square necks, buttoning on the shoulders, or with sailor collars. The tan crash frocks are trimmed with plaid collars, cuffs, belt and tie. The gingham frocks are trimmed with plain chambray and embroidery edges and pipings.

Children's Dress and Parasol Set at \$1.79

—These are charming novelty sets for little girls from 6 to 14 years. In pink, tan and blue chambray—the dresses are in two styles, and the parasols match. Fourth Floor

Sipman Wolfe & Co.
"Merchandise of Merit Only"

The Smartest Pumps For Spring and Summer Show Combination Fabrics

—If you wish to be smartly dressed this season, you must number at least one pair of combination pumps in your wardrobe.

—Today we are showing the very smartest and latest ideas in women's and misses' Colonial pumps—they have black patent leather fore parts and show the back and heel of fawn-colored suede, or the black brocade fabric. They have the new Colonial buckle and tongue. Six-fifty and Seven Dollars a pair.

—Basement

The Tango Sash In Combination Colors Made of Satin Ribbons

Special \$1.50

—Have you seen the new tango sash? It is an extremely clever novelty that is particularly suitable for wearing with Summer frocks and separate skirts.

—Made in two-tone effects, such as black with royal blue, Argentine, tango, green, coral, cardinal, yellow, rose, purple or Alice blue.

—First Floor

New Models Smart Set Corset

—The softest materials are used in these new corsets, to insure the new uncorseted effect. They cling to your figure with just the right amount of restraint to emphasize the most youthful natural lines.

—Everywhere Smart Set wearers are distinguished for their grace and smartness.

—This is because every one of the different Smart Set models is absolutely up to date in cut and construction—in accordance with information from fashion authorities in Paris—received months ahead of the arrival of the gowns which display the actual new style itself.

—Keep your figure up to date by wearing that Smart Set model designed to give the greatest amount of youthful grace to your particular figure.

—Fourth Floor

Here It Is! One of the Most Unparalleled Sacrifice Sales in Years--

500 Boys' Suits at One Half Price!

Suits as low as 98c—just think of that! Recent years have not brought forth such a really sensational sale. We've gone through our stock and put all broken lines in this immense lot. Sturdy, long-wearing fabrics—many with full linen-lined knickerbockers. Neat browns, tans, grays, mixtures. Scores of patterns. The sizes are from 10 to 17 years.

Plan now to get here bright and early tomorrow for the first pick of these splendid Suits at exactly half the original marked prices! They are sure to be cleared out in a day or so, at such a sweeping sacrifice as this.

1/2 Price!
Positively No Exchanges, No C. O. D. or Approval Purchases!
\$1.95 Suits for 98c
\$2.50 Suits for \$1.48
\$3.45 Suits for \$1.72
\$3.95 Suits for \$1.98
\$4.35 Suits for \$2.18
\$5.00 Suits for \$2.48
\$6.00 Suits for \$2.98
\$6.50 Suits for \$3.23

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