

COASTWISE BUSINESS IS PICKING UP Rates From Puget Sound or Grays Harbor to Frisco Higher.

In its weekly review of the coast charter market the San Francisco Commercial News says: "Quite a number of vessels have arrived at coast ports during the week under charter to load grain and during the past few days three large steamers have secured grain fixtures at a sharp reduction from union rates. From all indications, however, the tonnage now under engagement is about sufficient to clean up the exportable surplus with the exception of that needed for California. Reports from Australia indicate another large crop, and present prices of Australian grain goes check further inducements to charter for Pacific Coast loading. Over a dozen large steamers have already been taken for the new season by Australian exporters and the market there is much improved. There are at present thirteen vessels available for grain cargoes lying idle at Puget Sound and British Columbia, three at Portland and three at San Francisco. Rates are naturally weak. "Lumber chartering is quiet, with the tendency toward lower rates for offshore business. Puget Sound to Portland or Grays Harbor has been done at 30s, showing a reduction of 1s 3d from the last previous fixture. Three ports Pacific loading to two ports Australia has been done at 28s 3d, also a low figure. The idle tonnage on the coast has a very depressing effect. Puget Sound to direct port U. K. has been done at 60s. "Offshore rates are quoted approximately as follows: Lumber from Puget Sound or British Columbia to Sydney, 28s 3d; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 30s; Port Pirie, 30s 3d; to Fremantle, 31s 6d; to Japan ports (steamers), 35s; Callao, 37s 6d; direct nitrate ports, 37s 6d; Valparaiso for orders, 38s 3d; 2s 6d less to a direct port; to South African ports, 41s 6d; to Continent, 50s; Guaymas, 55s; Santa Rosalia, 55s. "Coastwise business is picking up rapidly and vessels are now getting 15s Puget Sound or Grays Harbor to San Francisco, where a month ago they could not get over 12s 7d. To San Pedro the rate is 14 to 14 1/2. "On Wednesday an announcement was made that the trans-Pacific line operating out of Portland and Puget Sound had cut the rate on four to Hongkong from 35s 0d to 33s. The rate out of San Francisco was dropped at the same time from 34 to 33. "A conference of steamship agents was held recently at Yokohama as a result of the enforcement of the interstate commerce commission's new ruling, but no agreement was reached. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha has made an independent tariff and will issue through bills of lading at the present rates on certain goods, including steam and rail transit, and to take upon its own shoulders the increase in the American rail rate. This applies to raw silk, silk and other valuable goods. Reductions in the steamer transport, for example, the rate on tea is to be reduced by about 18 cents, on matting by 15 cents, on straw by 30 cents. The rate on upon the export of sugar is to be reduced to 60 cents, a reduction being also made in the freight on most of the other cargo. The average rate charged by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is about 14 cents per 100 pounds, against the average rate of 72 cents recently published by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. The new average rate of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is a reduction of about 11 per cent. from the present tariff."

STEAMSHIP MEN DISCUSS RATES Steamer Fares to China and Japan Will Remain Unchanged for Present.

Steamer rates between this coast and ports of Japan and China will for the present remain unchanged. Representatives of the trans-Pacific lines met at Seattle on Tuesday to discuss the question of rates for the winter on the coast, Japan and China. The lines attending the conference were: Canadian Pacific, Pacific Mail, Great Northern, Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Waterhouse-Weir, Ocean Steamship and China Mutual Navigation Company. The first three lines under the agreement charge 11 for steamer passage, while the others are allowed a rate of 14.50, owing to the regular steamings and slower steamers. The standard lines desired to have an even rate established, claiming that the aster service brought them no additional business. The conference finally decided to leave rates as at present. Another session will be held in January or February to discuss the matter further. This meeting will be at the call of the chairman A. B. Calder, general agent of the Canadian Pacific railway. Those attending were: Holt (line)—A. Stewart, A. Haines, E. J. Manion and Norman Hardy; Waterhouse-Weir—W. D. Benson, M. Studley; Great Northern—W. A. G. Ross, E. A. Thomas; Pacific Mail—A. G. Kerrell, E. Ellis; Canadian Pacific—E. E. Usher, C. B. Foster and A. B. Calder.

A MODERN CRITIC. Husband (after the theatre)—Well, how do you like the piece? Wife—Very much. There's only one irrefragable thing in it. The second act keeps place two years after the first, and they have the same servant—Pittsburg Reviewer.

LADIES Send your name and address and receive a free sample of SLOCUM'S COMPOUND PENNYROYAL PILLS. A powerful laxative vegetable medicine for sickness peculiar to women, and all diseases which result therefrom. Druggists sell at 25c, or postpaid for price from Dr. J. A. Slocum, Limited, Spadina Avenue, Toronto.

MISSING GIRL FOUND. Edna Clarke, Who Disappeared From San Francisco, Is In Chicago.

After causing her mother intense anxiety, which may end in her death, having the entire detective force of San Francisco searching for her, Edna Clarke, who disappeared from San Francisco, is found in Chicago. She writes a letter to her mother in which she says that she fled to avoid home restraints and a desire to change her religion, which her mother opposed. The clergyman is suffering from heart trouble in consequence of the suspicion cast upon him. The girl whose action caused all this trouble is the least concerned of all the actors in this pitiful drama.

PRETTY WEDDING AT HOME OF BRIDE Mr. Henry Knox and Miss Tranter Joined in Marriage.

A very pretty home wedding took place on Tuesday at the home of Mr. Seymour Tranter, 2734 Quadra street, when his daughter, Rosa, was married to Mr. Henry Knox, Rev. S. J. Thompson performing the ceremony, which took place beneath a beautiful arch of smilax intertwined with white carnations and chrysanthemums, looped up with streamers of white ribbons. The bride and her sister, Miss Marion, who assisted her as bridesmaid, were both beautifully gowned in white silk and carried bouquets of ferns and white carnations. Mr. Harry Knox acted as best man, and a sweet little tot, Era Hamilton, in a dainty white frock, acted as flower girl; she was accompanied by Master Willie Mathews as page, in a velvet fawn tulle and lace collar. This small couple formed a charming addition to the bridal party and were much admired. Immediately after the ceremony a dainty wedding supper was served, the table decorations consisting of white carnations intermixed with ferns in very pretty effect. The immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent, after which Mr. and Mrs. Knox took their home on the coast, followed by the usual showers and good wishes of their friends.

PRINCESS MAY BRINGS MANY PASSENGERS Some of Delayed Atlin People Mushed Out to Meet Steamer.

Steamer Princess May arrived Tuesday afternoon from Prince Rupert, Ketchikan, Skagway and other northern ports. She brought 106 passengers, many of them those who were ice bound at Atlin and had to get out over the trail. They report that there are still a number who were afraid to venture the trip until the trail improves. The May was delayed somewhat on the coast, just after leaving Vancouver she began to experience thick weather which continued for some days. A story is told by passengers of stirring adventures of Captain Kohr who, in company with Messrs. McTavish and McAdam, went out on a prospecting tour from Queen Charlotte Islands in the sloop Stock. After losing their boat and swifter ashore with nothing but a small quantity of biscuit, they finally arrived at Reynolds Sound and from there succeeded in reaching their starting place, having been without food for two days. The following is the list of passengers brought down: Major Esquimaux, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Gaab, Mr. Cartnell, Mr. Curley, Mr. Singer, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Wright, Mrs. Monahan, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Gusehold, Mr. Jamieson, Capt. Braze, Miss Costello, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Henderson, Mrs. Gowan, Mr. Hutchison, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Dumbell, Miss Snyder, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Fry, Mrs. Fry, Mr. Young, Mr. Nason, Mrs. Jones, Dr. Keller, Mr. McLaughlin, C. Weppier, Mr. Wright, Mr. Coupal, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Dilaver, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Casselman, Mr. Miller, Mr. Werber, Mr. Linhold, Mr. Pollock, Mr. Hallick, Mrs. Hallick, Mrs. Caldwell, Miss McCorkle, Mr. Tobuid, Mr. Corwin, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Martin, Mr. Stratum, Mrs. Stratum, Mr. Dante, Mr. Jakahashi, Mr. Yashikawa, Mr. Nitanai, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. King, Mr. Lovgren, Mr. Roe, Mr. Nitsau, Mr. Hagerstrand, Mr. Parolo, Mrs. Kockler, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Redman, Mr. Tagg, Mr. Nation, Mr. Williams, Mr. Schwan, Mr. Slater, Mr. Goodman, Mr. McCarthy, J. A. Campbell, Mr. McDonough, Mr. Chisholm, Mr. Upton, Mrs. Josephs, Mrs. Beaudro, Mr. Jones, Miss Orton, Mrs. Bacon, Mr. Lauden, Mr. Hopper, Mr. Bentley, Mr. Evans, Mr. Moore, Mr. Young, Mr. Slater, Mr. Swindler, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corker, Mr. and Mrs. Cline, Mr. Reid, Mr. Blackley.

THE HOUSE OF QUALITY. Leather Hand Bags

A beautiful assortment of the newest French Hand Bags, in the latest fashions of leather and fancy leathers, has just been placed in stock. Although the quality of these goods is of the best, the prices are very reasonable, ranging from \$1.50 to \$20.00. Umbrellas Although the quality of the Japanese carried in the ordinary umbrella is better than can be had elsewhere, a glance in our windows will show you that our assortment is a great deal superior to that carried in the ordinary jewelry store, and, too, the prices are reasonable for Umbrellas of this grade. Prices from \$6.00 to \$25.00.

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APPLES, ORANGES FIGS AND PRUNES THE GOD-GIVEN CURE FOR ALL DISEASES OF BOWELS, LIVER, KIDNEYS AND SKIN.

Few people seem to realize how important—how absolutely necessary it is to keep the Bowels, Kidneys and Skin in proper working order. They wonder why they have Sallow Complexions—Indigestion—Headaches—Rheumatism—while all the time their systems are clogged and poisoned with waste tissue and indigestible food which these organs should have removed. What they need are Fruit Juices—Nature's provision for keeping the bowels, kidneys and skin in proper working order. "Fruit-a-tives" are the concentrated juices of fresh, ripe fruits combined in such a way that their medicinal action is greatly intensified. They stimulate and regulate the action of Liver, Bowels, Kidneys and Skin, thus clearing the system of the accumulated waste and poison, purifying the blood, and banishing those distressing troubles that make life miserable. No other remedy has ever been discovered that does this so effectively as "Fruit-a-tives." 50c. a box—6 boxes \$2.50. Trial size 25c. Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

LABELLED STEAMER HAS HARD TIME Sungari Cannot Leave Everett Until Her Bills Are Paid.

Although her lumber cargo was stowed on November 2th, the Russian steamer Sungari still lies peacefully at anchor off Everett. Under ordinary conditions she should be well at sea, but the culmination of a series of unfortunate events which have followed the tramp for more than a year. After coming from the Orient in October of last year, she discharged at San Francisco and proceeded to Guaymas, Mexico, to land the balance. At Guaymas the vessel lay ten months because her master did not have money with which to pay the Sungari's bills. Finally, with liberal aid, she could not get coal to steam away. This misfortune caused the vessel to lose a profitable wheat charter from Puget Sound to Europe, and accumulating rust and barnacles, she rode at anchor in Guaymas harbor until about two months ago. Then she was chartered by J. J. Moore & Co., to take lumber to Australia, and the owners finally secured funds, the Sungari steamed away from Guaymas. After taking part cargo of redwood to Eureka, the steamer came to Puget Sound, loading at Bellingham and completing at Mukilteo. Her charterers, it is understood, have already advanced about 75 per cent. of the money that the Sungari will earn under her present charter, but she is still \$5,000 in debt. This includes bills for stevedoring and other services. The charterers do not feel at liberty to furnish more than they have, so the tramp is awaiting more money from her owners in Russia. She has a little less than 3,000,000 feet aboard. Except to sign three or four bills at Port Townsend, the vessel is ready to leave as soon as her obligations are satisfied.

STEAMER SWEPT DOWN THE SKEENA Passengers on the Craigflower Have Thrilling Forty Mile Ride.

(Special Correspondence). Prince Rupert, Nov. 15.—A thrilling experience for the passengers on the Craigflower, which operates on the Skeena river, it seems that last Wednesday morning the Craigflower left a point on the Skeena about forty miles above Essington, named "Hoje in the Wall." The river was in a bad condition and only after starting the boat commenced dipping water and the fires were extinguished. At this point a panic among the passengers occurred. The Italian assistance from his owners and until the claims are satisfied she will remain on the Sound. The Sungari is not under libel. She was formerly the German steamer Tiberius and during the late war in the Orient had many exciting experiences as a blockade runner.

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ANGLO-CANADIAN GOVERNMENT CABLE Hon. R. Lemieux May Make Arrangements With Britain—Cheaper Rates.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Montreal, Nov. 18.—A special London correspondent says: "I am told that Hon. R. Lemieux has power to close definite arrangements with the British cabinet to lay a government cable between Great Britain and Canada at the joint expense of the British, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand governments. 'All Red' cables are thought to be more immediately practicable than the 'All Red' steamships. The basis of negotiations is that cablegrams are to cost fivepence a word instead of a shilling, press messages being 15 pence instead of fivepence. The new Atlantic cable would be managed jointly, like the Pacific cable. Many of its advocates hope it will mark another step towards an Empire state cable system."

STOWAWAYS FROM HONOLULU TO BE DEPORTED WHEN LINER RETURNS.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 18.—"My friends do not require me to prejudice the future, and I shall not take the advice of my opponents on this subject. I shall continue to write and speak of things which I believe to be good for the American people. I hope it may never be necessary for me to run for office again, but I will not attempt to decide that question until the time comes to act. I do not see any necessity to say more on the subject." In answer to the direct question: "Will you run for the presidency again if conditions arise to warrant it?" William J. Bryan dictated the former statement. Regarding the future of the Democratic party he said: "I am not at all discouraged as to the future of the Democratic party. There must be a Democratic party in every country, and I want our party to be Democratic, and I have no doubt that the country will see the necessity for the adoption of the reforms advocated by the Democratic party. It is already a great educational force, and I have no doubt that conditions will see the return to it as the best instrument for the accomplishment of the necessary reforms." "Will you allow yourself to be elected United States senator from Nebraska?" he was asked. "Nebraska does not elect a senator this year," he said, with a smile. "but it does two years from now," he was reminded. "You have my statement regarding my future as far as I care to say," and he refused to discuss the subject further.

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EIGHT CONVICTS DIE IN EFFORT TO ESCAPE

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 18.—According to the managers of the mine, fifty state convicts employed in the mine at Pratt City, formed a conspiracy to set number 3 mine afire, and escape during the confusion. As a result eight convicts were buried to death, one is missing and the other 41 are safely locked in the stockade. The eight bodies were recovered. The coup was cunningly planned and daringly executed. A lot of timber lying in the manway was ignited, and the convicts hoped that when attention had been attracted to the flames they could make their way through the flames and escape by the main entrance. There were a number of free laborers in the mine also, but only one was missing last night, and it is not known whether he perished or made his escape. The fire did little damage to the mine.

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