

FOUR SLOAN SHIPS FIGURE IN BIG DEAL

FIRST VESSELS BUILT AT LOCAL
YARD TAKEN OVER BY NEW
SEATTLE FIRM

Four motorships constructed by the Sloan Shipyards of this city for the Australian government figured in a big deal at Seattle this week when they and five others constructed at a yard in that city were bought by a syndicate of which J. E. Chilberg, prominent Seattle banker, is the head. Millions of dollars are involved in the deal. The vessels are the 4,000-

ton motorships Benowa, Bobinda, Balacatta, Boobyalla and Boorika, all products of the Patterson-McDonald yard, and the 3,500-ton Cethana, Colburra, Coolcha and Challamba, built in the Sloan yard. These were the first vessels built at the local yard.

The Cethana, Colburra, Coolcha and Challamba are in full operation, running between Australia and India. The Benowa was delivered to the commonwealth July 16 by the Patterson-McDonald plant. The Babinda will be delivered August 15 and the Balacatta September 15.

The motorships are twin-screw carriers, each vessel having two McIntosh & Seymour Diesel engines of a total 1,300 indicated horsepower, giving an average speed of ten knots. In the five Patterson-McDonald carriers all the auxiliaries and deck machinery are electric-driven, placing them among the most modern ocean carriers in existence. The Sloan ships have steam auxiliaries. All nine ves-

sels are equipped with the latest cargo handling appliances.

The Patterson-McDonald motorships have a traveling radius of 12,000 miles and the Sloan ships, 6,000 miles. All are general cargo carriers.

WHAT HAPPENED IN OLYMPIA AND STATE TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From the Washington Standard for Friday evening, August 17, 1894. Vol. XXXIV, No. 39.

Persimmon beer was the favorite drink of the North American Indians. Commotion at the Courthouse—The county commissioners last Saturday fired a boom-shell into the camp of county employes in the courthouse. They passed resolutions cutting down the clerical force in the offices of the auditor, sheriff, treasurer and clerk to one deputy each, at a salary of \$60 per month. They base this action upon the statement that the warrant indebtedness exceeds the 1½ per centum limit prescribed by law and the total indebtedness the 5 per centum which may be the limit when three-fifths of the voters assent thereto. They also forbid the auditor from issuing warrants, unless there be money in the fund on which drawn to pay the same upon presentation.

Governmental control—The Examiner's petition to congress that the government assume ownership and control of the Central Pacific, the Union Pacific, the Western Pacific, the Kansas Pacific and the Sioux City and Pacific railroads, on maturity of the bonds issued by the government in the aid of construction of said roads, is receiving many signatures in this city.

The U. S. Steamer "Monterey" is coming to Puget Sound to make a test of our coal.

If the Interstate Fair folks had planned the matter, nothing could have occurred surer to enhance the receipts of the sideshows than the arrest of the Cairo maidens in Portland, while en route for the fair, for an exhibition of the "dance du ventre." Bald-head row seats will be at a premium.

A Helena, Mont., dispatch of Monday says that about 400 feet of the Mullan tunnel on the Northern Pacific caved in that day. Just before the accident happened, 30 men left the tunnel to let a freight train pass through. Just as the freight was entering, the cave-in occurred. Trains will be sent via Butte until the break is repaired, which will take several weeks.

Deadlock Broken—L. Bettman has been elected councilman-at-large. The council last meeting took a number of ballots for George Barnes and Thomas Phipps, but the deadlock remained firm. Some members wanted to adjourn, but the motion was lost and after a short recess Mr. Harris presented the name of Mr. Bettman. The election was unanimous.

Contract Awarded—The bids for excavation of the capitol foundation were opened by the commission yesterday and an award was made to Martin Welch of Tacoma at 13 cents per cubic yard. Seventeen bids were submitted, ranging from the price named to 28 cents.

Interesting Exhibits—Secretary Price has sent to the Interstate Fair at Tacoma a beautiful result of patient industry and artistic execution, the state seal in wood, which was a feature of our exhibit at Chicago.

A Good Suggestion—Allen Weir suggests, in the "Palladium," that the old capitol building, soon as the new building can be occupied, be turned over to the State Historical or the State Pioneer Association, to be used as the repository of the archives of either or both of these associations.

Is Olympia going wrong again? Five papers are published in the city.

The Interstate Fair at Tacoma opened its gates to the public on Wednesday. It will remain open until November 1st. Olympia will be represented, among other exhibits, by several oil paintings by artist Lange.

Maggie Cotter of this city took the gold medal for elocution at the camp meeting contest at Little Rock last Tuesday.

Workmen are engaged in putting the Northern Pacific track from Lake View to Gate City in good order. Their working train is now sidetracked.

The mayor has appointed as a committee to consult with Capt. Symonds regarding the harbor improvements, C. P. Giles, Mitchel Harris, N. H. Owings, A. H. Chambers and John Byrne.

George G. Mills will be a candidate for county clerk and as a preliminary for making a canvass for the nomina-

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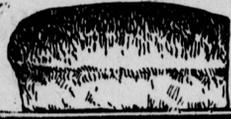
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tion has resigned his place as chairman of the Republican county central committee.

The Little Rock Camp Meeting Association is the name of a new corporation formed to hold and manage the camp meeting site at Little Rock. Thomas Rutledge is President, T. D. Schofield vice president, A. S. Grogg secretary and R. H. Massey treasurer.

The next thing the Capitol Commission has decided upon doing is to appoint a committee of three "experts" to decide whether the building as proposed can be constructed for the amount of the appropriation. These men will probably come from Seattle and Spokane.

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