

TO BE EARLY IN THE FIELD.

Large Eastern Transportation Companies Combine.

HEADQUARTERS IN SEATTLE.

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continue the company or allow it to die is not yet decided. H. H. Starkey has been given the privilege of coming into the new company, as his relations in the past with Capt. Chittick have always been pleasant. The local agents of the company will be H. C. Colver and Capt. Chittick. After the first lot of passengers is brought around from the Atlantic coast, tickets will be sold from Eastern points overland to Seattle.

WHY THEY ALL COME HERE.

The transportation and mining companies leave Portland to operate from Seattle. In the thriving suburbs of West Seattle and Ballard there is great activity in shipbuilding and repairing in preparation for the Alaska-Klondike trade in the spring.

Among them is the iron steamship Clara Nevada, owned by the Pacific Alaska Transportation Company, an organization composed of Portland capitalists, headed by H. F. McGuire and William W. McGuire. This company was in the Alaska transportation business last summer. Offices and headquarters have been established in Seattle, because they believed that to secure their proper share of business they must operate from this city. "I am in this for business," said Mr. McGuire yesterday, "and we found that if we were to be in it we had to come to Seattle with our proposition."

This company is building two river boats for the Yukon, which will operate in conjunction with their two ocean steamers plying between here and St. Michael. The Clara Nevada was examined yesterday by the United States steamboat inspectors. She is 180 feet long, 600 tons burden, and licensed to carry 160 passengers.

Another Portland capitalist, W. A. Bantz, who a short time ago organized a company backed by New York financiers, has been in Seattle several weeks, quietly pushing the work of boat and dredger building to carry out the intentions of his company. A few days ago he received by rail from New York a small steam launch, which is now anchored at the Mechanics' mill wharf. This will be utilized as a tender to the steamboat dredgers and barges to be operated on the rivers and inlets of Alaska. The company is building one of their steam boat dredgers in West Seattle. It will be equipped with all modern river mining machinery. This dredger will be launched within two weeks, and when adroit will comprise a whole mining camp within itself. Besides centrifugal and suction pumps and engines, there will be a crane and electric plant and portable sawmill plant.

Mr. Bantz has purchased the steamer Mabel, which for a number of years has been on the Snohomish river run. She is being enlarged and refitted.

The Yukon Co.'s New Steamship for the Alaska Trade.

A dispatch to the Philadelphia Press from Chester, Pa., gives more information about the steamer being built there by the Roach company for the Yukon company. It says:

"The largest coasting ship ever built in this country has been contracted for by a local steamship company. It is designed for the Alaskan trade and is to be built for a company of Seattle, Wash. It will be 180 feet long, 600 tons burden, and licensed to carry 160 passengers."

The plans call for a steel steamship 180 feet long, 60 feet beam and 27 feet depth of hold, with a carrying capacity of 4,200 tons of coal and cargo. This is almost as large as the City of Pekin, which was considered a maritime wonder when built. The new ship will be built five feet less than the City of Pekin. The Washington, as the new steamer will be called, will contain six boilers and an engine of 400 horse-power, sufficient to drive her fifteen knots an hour in ordinary conditions of weather.

The company contracting for the Washington will establish a route between Seattle, Wash., and Dawson in the spring. A steamship line will connect Seattle and the Yukon river. From there a line of river steamers equal in construction and appearance to the City of Pekin will take passengers from St. Michael to Dawson, the whole journey from Seattle being covered in twenty days in safety and comfort. The river boats are twelve in number and will

POSSIBILITY OF A RATE WAR.

Local Railroad Men Discuss the Situation.

AMERICANS AGAINST THE C. P.

The Four Transcontinental Roads Will Stand Together Against the Canadian If the Latter Inaugurates a Fight—The Claim for a \$5 Differential Without Reason—The Contest for Alaska Business.

In the railroad offices yesterday the Chicago dispatch published in yesterday's Post-Intelligencer, in reference to the rejection by the American transcontinental lines of the Canadian Pacific's claim for its old \$5 differential, was read with much interest and was largely commented upon. Expressions of opinion were general that the Canadian Pacific, after growing in true British fashion for a short spell,

be ready for delivery at the opening of navigation, early in the spring. "In addition to the Washington, the same company will put in service at the opening of navigation a fleet of first-class ocean steamers on its route. The other steamers on the line have been purchased and chartered for the service, and it is likely that within a few months the same Chester firm that builds the Washington will be given an order for another steamer of the same size and description as the Washington."

"Work will begin on the new ship at once, and as soon as she is laid down and the material arrives there will be a considerable increase in the working force at the shipyard."

A Carload of Cigars for Klondike. A dispatch from York, Pa., to the Philadelphia Press says that for about four weeks a local cigar manufactory has been rushing in completing an order for a car load of cigars which will be exported to

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San Francisco Steamers. Steamship Walla Walla sailed for San Francisco yesterday morning with the following list of passengers from this city: B. F. Middleton and wife, Miss A. Sweetser, Miss M. Stockmeyer, W. H. Meyer, Ed. Jacobson, Sam Johnson, Mrs. R. V. Younger, E. Davey and wife, A. G. Claffelton, C. C. Swan and wife, A. C. Frey, C. E. Patton, Mr. Cook and wife, Miss Forbes, Mrs. Edgerton, Mr. Wood, Mr. Charters, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Dillon, C. I. Jossen, A. Morgansoff, H. Raveno, Charles Smallbridge, Miss Davis, Mrs. A. M. Peck, H. Sanders and wife, William Bach, Thomas Snyder and wife, W. D. Lakin and wife, J. A. Stream, Charles Bynell, Charles Sheets and seventy-two steers.

Steamship Umatilla arrived yesterday morning from San Francisco. Steamer Cleveland, due from San Francisco with passengers and freight, has not yet reported.

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