

line on this coast. Number of steamships employed, nine, all screw, with an aggregate capacity of four thousand seven hundred tons. The Oregon Steamship Co. dispatch steamships regularly to Portland, Oregon, and Sitka, Alaska. Number of steamships employed, three; aggregate capacity, three thousand five hundred tons. The business of this line is of growing importance to the commercial interests of this port, as it affords the only direct and speedy means of communicating with the ports of Oregon and Alaska. The Colorado Steam Navigation Co. dispatch a steamship every twenty days for the Colorado River and ports on the Mexican Coast. By the facilities afforded by this line communication is secured with several important ports on the Southern Coast, and the extensive region of country bordering on the Colorado River, including a large section of Southern Utah. Two screw steamships, Montana and Newbern, are employed in the service of this line. Two steamships, owned by different parties, make regular trips to Humboldt. The trade in this direction has increased threefold since the establishment of this route. A line of two steamships of five hundred tons each has been established between this city and Coos Bay, for the purpose of bringing the product of the coal mines in the vicinity of the latter place to this market; ample accommodations are also provided for freight and passengers. Communication with Victoria, V. I., is maintained by the steamship Prince Alfred, which makes semi-monthly trips, carrying the mails between the two ports, for which a subsidy is paid by the British Government.

Shipping and Lumber Trade.

PRICE OF LUMBER—COST OF BUILDING, ETC.—Lumber and other building materials are cheap in San Francisco. Annexed are the present rates adopted by the Lumber Dealers' Exchange: Puget Sound lumber (rough), \$20 per M feet; flooring and stepping, \$30; three and four-inch street planks, \$17; laths, \$3.25; rough redwood, \$20 per M; surface and tongued and grooved (first quality), \$32.50; second quality, tongued and grooved, \$22.50. These rates favor the buyer. Carpenters are at present paid \$2.50 to \$4 per day.

THE SHIPPING AND LUMBER TRADE OF THIS PORT.—Three thousand six hundred and forty-seven vessels, of all classes and flags, arrived in the port of San Francisco during the year 1873. These represented a total tonnage of one million two hundred and ninety-three thousand three hundred and ninety-eight tons. Three thousand and thirty-four of these arrivals were American vessels from domestic ports, having a tonnage of seven hundred and thirty-four thousand one hundred and twenty tons; two hundred and sixty-three, with an aggregate of two hundred and ninety thousand three hundred and thirty-four tons, were American vessels from foreign ports; three hundred and sixteen, of two hundred and sixty-one thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven tons, were foreign vessels from foreign ports; eleven, of one thousand one hundred and fourteen tons, were American vessels from miscellaneous fishing voyages; one foreign vessel, of one hundred and eighty tons, from a similar voyage; twenty American vessels, of five thousand four hundred and ninety-five tons, from whaling voyages; and two foreign vessels, of three hundred and ninety-eight tons, from similar voyages—aggregating the above total of arrivals and tonnage—three thousand six hundred and forty-seven vessels, of one million two hundred and ninety-three thousand three hundred and ninety-eight tons. Domestic Atlantic ports are represented by seventy of the above arrivals, having an aggregate tonnage of eighty-seven thousand seven hundred and thirty tons; and domestic Pacific ports by two thousand nine hundred and sixty-four vessels, of a total tonnage of six hundred and forty-six thousand three hundred and eighty-eight tons. The freight charges on the cargoes imported by both domestic and foreign vessels in 1873 amounted to \$4,531,959. The tonnage entering this port during the past year has been increased by fifty-six thousand four hundred and fifty-one tons since the date of our last issue. The total duties paid to Government on the cargoes of the above vessels for 1873 was \$7,873,460.86.

The importance of one of the leading interests of this port (the lumber trade) is best shown by the total exports of that article for the past year. The number of feet sent to foreign countries in 1873 was seventeen million four hundred and fifteen thousand two hundred and eighty-seven, having a total value of \$350,024.

The Income of the ZETINA INS. CO. of Hartford amounts to nearly \$17,000 per Day, Henry Carlton Jr., Agent, 14 Merchants' Exchange, S. F.