

informs us their new ship, the "Oregon," will be regularly in the line, and they expect from her a speed of from six to six and one-half days, the other two making the passage, as you are aware, in from seven to eight days.

Following the Guion ships on Wednesday (in case the mails should miss the former), are the steamers of the Bremen and Cunard lines, and on Thursday and Saturday alternately those of the White Star and Inman lines. It would appear, therefore, that it would be well if the mail could be arranged to arrive in New York on Monday or early on Tuesday morning, as we believe that such an arrival here would insure the quickest transit across the Atlantic.

From Liverpool, the Guion and Cunard lines leave on Saturdays, the White Star and Inman lines leaving Tuesdays and Thursdays; and from Southampton the Bremen Line also leaves on Thursdays, although we suppose the Imperial Government would object to forwarding the mails by a German ship.

We trust our cablegram was sufficiently full and clear to give all the information necessary to yourselves and to the Government in deciding on this very important point in the arrangement of the new time-table.

Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt, and Co., General Agents,
P.M.S.S. Co., Sydney.

I have, &c.,
W. H. LANE,
Secretary.

Sub-Enclosure 2 to Enclosure in No. 28.

Messrs. GILCHRIST, WATT, and Co. to the PRESIDENT, Pacific Mail Steamship Company,
New York.

Pacific Mail Steamship Company's Agency, Sydney, 4th October, 1883.

SIR,—

Transatlantic Mail Steamers.

We thank you for the very full information afforded, which we conveyed to this and the New Zealand Government. The new time-table is now being considered, and we enclose memorandum showing the matter as far as it has gone. The first proposal of our Government was rejected by New Zealand, as not giving sufficient time in Auckland for receipt and reply of their intercolonial correspondence, and the modified form now suggested by New South Wales will in all probability be adopted. You will see Thursday has been adhered to for the departure here and in London, as alternating with the Orient mails, which will close here under new contract on Thursday.

J. B. Houston, Esq., President, P.M.S.S. Co., New York. We have, &c., GILCHRIST, WATT, AND CO.

Sub-Enclosure 3 to Enclosure in No. 28.

Messrs. C. CLARK and Co. to the PRESIDENT, Pacific Mail Steamship Company, New York.

SIR,—

Agency Pacific Mail Steamship Company, London, E.C., 30th October, 1883.

Our Postmaster-General makes official announcement that the mails for New South Wales and New Zealand will be despatched from London on the 8th November (instead of 1st November), and every fourth Thursday thereafter. Will you kindly cause a copy of the new time-table to be sent to us forthwith. It is very awkward for us to have to say to inquirers on the subject that we have no advice of any change.

J. B. Houston, Esq., President, P.M.S.S. Co., New York. We have, &c., CHAS. CLARK AND CO.

Sub-Enclosure 4 to Enclosure in No. 28.

The SECRETARY, Pacific Mail Steamship Company, to Messrs. C. CLARK and Co., London.

Pacific Mail Steamship Company, New York, 14th November, 1883.

SIRS,—

New Time-table for Australian Line.

We notice that your Postmaster-General has made the official announcement that the mails for New South Wales and New Zealand will be despatched from London on the 8th November, instead of the 1st, and every fourth Thursday thereafter; also that you find it very awkward to have to say to inquirers on the subject that you have no advice of any change, and desire a copy of the new time-table to be sent you forthwith. We beg to say that we have also experienced considerable embarrassment from the fact that the Governments of New South Wales and New Zealand have been, and were still on the departure of the last mail from Sydney, at loggerheads respecting this new time-table. Consequently we have received no official advice as yet on which we could issue a time-table and advise our correspondents. In fact we have been obliged to cable to Sydney to ascertain the sailings for November and December, to which we are in receipt of a reply that the new contract commences from San Francisco with the departure of the "City of Sydney," 23rd instant, which vessel will be followed by the "Australia," 21st December. From Sydney the sailings are "Zealandia," 6th December, and "City of Sydney," 3rd January.

As soon as the new time-table comes to hand (which we presume will be by the "City of New York's" mails, due here about the 7th proximo), we will have the same printed and distributed as usual.

Messrs. Charles Clark and Co., London.

I have, &c.,
W. H. LANE,
Secretary.