

FAVORS PORTAGE RAILWAY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WANTS UPPER COLUMBIA OPEN.

Asks Other Towns to Join in Effort -Navy Appropriation and Interstate Bills Discussed.

Portland's Chamber of Commerce will not be satisfied until the Columbia and Snake Rivers are opened to navigation from the ocean to the head of navigation.

This subject was fully discussed at a meeting of the Chamber last week when Charles Francis Adams of Boston, addressed the trustees on the importance of opening the river.

To the Portland Chamber of Commerce, your committee, appointed to draw up a plan of organization for the Chamber of Commerce of opening the Columbia River at the dallas, submits the following report:

In our judgment the importance of this undertaking cannot be overestimated. It is the only serious obstacle to the passage of boats between Lewiston, Idaho, and the sea, a distance of 75 miles.

Some of the clauses of the amendment upon which the Chamber of Commerce has laid special stress, are as follows: The prohibition of railroads from charging more for a short than for a long haul over the same line, and in fact, to the same point, and in fact, to the same point.

The doing away with the criminal penalties of the law, and imposing fines upon the carriers for violations.

After considering the proposed measure, your committee can see no logical reason for opposing the same.

Therefore, your committee suggests that the Chamber of Commerce consider proper relations along the above line, request our Congressional delegation to oppose said Senate bill, and if this cannot be successfully accomplished, then, at least to modify the measure in accordance with the above objections.

Cooperation between the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, in respect to the attention of Congress is indispensable.

Your committee feels that it cannot too strongly emphasize the importance of this project, which, when carried to completion, will become a controlling factor in the direction of traffic, will provide cheap transportation for the interior, will aid in the economic development of mineral as well as of agricultural resources, and will people the country and establish its industry by saving to the workers the expense of long and arduous trips.

This report was unanimously adopted, and, upon motion, the following resolution was introduced to forward copies of the report to the commercial bodies of Walla Walla, Boise, Lewiston, Vancouver, The Dalles, Astoria, and other points on the coast.

FOR BOYS' AND GIRLS' AID

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PORTLAND SOCIETY.

Large Attendance and Excellent Programme-Reports of Officers-Dr. Morrison's Address.

The people of Portland feel an interest in the unfortunate boys and girls of the community. This was proven last night when the annual meeting of the Portland Society for Boys' and Girls' Aid was held at the First Congregational Church.

Judge George H. Williams, chairman of the board, presided. He opened the exercises by reading the report of the secretary, which was read by Dr. Morrison.

Dr. Morrison's address was the subject of the evening. He spoke of the importance of the work of the society, and of the need of more funds to carry on their work.

The programme consisted of a variety of songs, recitations, and plays. The singing of the hymn "The Lord's Prayer" was especially noteworthy.

The meeting closed with a prayer by the pastor, and a collection for the support of the society.

The programme was well received, and the meeting was a success in every respect.

The officers of the society for the coming year were elected, and the meeting adjourned.

The society will continue its work with renewed vigor and determination.

The society is grateful for the generous contributions of its members and friends.

The society is planning for the future and is confident of a bright future.

The society is a permanent institution and will continue to serve the community.

PECULIAR GOLD DIGGER.

Was Built in Portland to Be Used at Cape Nome.

Among the many strange things that have happened in the world, there is no doubt that the gold digger of Cape Nome is one of the most peculiar.

The gold digger is a small, portable machine, which will dig a hole 19 feet deep in 10 minutes.

The machine is built of iron and steel, and is operated by a hand crank.

The machine is built in Portland, Oregon, and is now being used at Cape Nome.

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CARRIED TOO MUCH STEAM.

STEAMER ALBANY'S RAPIDS-CLIMBING SECRET IS OUT.

Report That the Craft Is in Trouble at The Dalles-Braemar's Big Cargo -Harvest Queen Launched.

Advisers from The Dalles last evening report the steamer Albany in the hands of the Marston, being in an alleged predicament.

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RUSSIAN BARK ARRIVES.

Sybil Makes a Fast Run Across the Pacific.

The Russian bark Sybil arrived in last week after a passage of 59 days from Hong Kong.

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NEW CASES.

Returned for replacement.

Total children cared for during year.

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CLASSIFIED AD. RATES

"Rooms," "Rooms and Board," "Housekeeping Rooms," "Stations Wanted," 15 words or less, 10 cents per line.

AMUSEMENTS.

MANIQUAM GRAND. Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday Matinee, May 4 and 5.

AUCTION SALES TODAY.

At 10 o'clock, car, Yamhill, at 10 A. M. At residence, 615 Sixth st., at 10 o'clock A. M. S. L. Gilman, auctioneer.

MEETING NOTES.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD. All members of Portland Camp No. 107, are requested to meet at Woodmen's Hall on Wednesday, May 17, at 8 o'clock.

DIED.

PLATT. At Millport, Conn., Henry C. Platt, father of Harrison G. and Robert T. Platt, of this city.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

SCHMIDT. The funeral services of the late August Schmidt, who died at Pullman, April 1, 1900, will be held at 2 P. M. Friends invited to attend at Lone Fir Cemetery.

MORTGAGE LOANS.

On improved city and farm property, at lowest current rates. Building loans, at special rates. J. C. Currie, 211 Worcester St.

REAL ESTATE.

A NICE COTTAGE. FURNITURE. AND other real estate. J. C. Currie, 211 Worcester St.

WALLSEND COAL.

PACIFIC COAST CO. Telephone 229. 249 Washington St.

THOS. SCOTT BROOKE REAL ESTATE - LOANS.

ROOM 16 CONCORD BUILDING. IRVINGTON.

IRVINGTON.

PRICES OF LOTS REDUCED. The undersigned is now prepared to build houses in Irvington, Portland's most desirable suburb.

BOR SALE-REAL ESTATE.

A NICE COTTAGE. FURNITURE. AND other real estate. J. C. Currie, 211 Worcester St.

NEW TODAY.

J. W. OGDEN. ROOM 11, 1404 FIRST ST. - 2500 sq. ft. of land, with house and garage.

BY J. C. CURRIE Auctioneer.

Having been favored with instructions from the owner, Mr. William Caldwell, who is leaving for Alaska, I will offer for positive sale, a lot of land in Alaska.

On Thursday, May 3 at 10 A. M.

The contents of his well-furnished residence, 805 First street, consisting in part of hand-made oak parlor suits in raw silk and plush, and occasional chairs, rockers, extra heavy center table, mahogany finish, etc.

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MOTOSCOPE.

See the handsome moving pictures now on exhibition at Union Pacific ticket office, 135 Third. Free.