

THE BAR'S AT FAULT

Not the Tug Service, Says Mr. Mohler.

NO IMPROVEMENT IS PROMISED

In Letter to the Chamber of Commerce President of O. R. & N. Explains Company's Position—Trustees Not Satisfied.

A letter from President Mohler, of the O. R. & N., furnished interested parties at yesterday's meeting of the trustees of the Chamber of Commerce.

The agitation over the recent resolution by the trustees in favor of admission to this country of Chinese "merchants" was discussed.

Mr. Mohler's letter said in substance that the comparison of the trustees between the number of tugs at the mouth of the Columbia and at Puget Sound is fair.

I am looking to the time when the Marconi system, or some other, will be established on all salters and tugs.

A communication was read from the Gray Steamship Company.

A letter was read from the Studebaker Company.

Secretary Reed reported that the Spokane Chamber of Commerce has taken no action in regard to the petition sent out for open review.

How Advertising Does Good.

The question of advertising Portland in a special Oregon edition of a San Francisco paper was referred to the committee.

The membership committee reported favorably the names of applicants for membership read at the last meeting of the trade.

Why the O. R. & N. Does Not Maintain Better Bar Service.

The full text of President Mohler's letter to the Chamber of Commerce is as follows:

For September, October, November and December, 1901, and January, 1902, five months, there were 120 daylight tugs at the mouth of the Columbia.

During the months of November and December, 1901, and January, 1902, three months, the Wallula towed 24 per cent of the total number of tugs.

During the calendar year 1901 147 deep-sea sailing vessels arrived and 126 departed.

During the months of September, October, November and December, 1901, and January, 1902, out of 145 days there were 47 days when the bar was smooth.

It is desired that as many of the sub-boards of trade as possible be represented at the meeting.

Olympia, as well as to British Columbia ports, and it frequently occurs that tugs are made between the various ports mentioned.

The neglect of the people of the state whose place it is to look after suitable appropriations for the support of the Columbia river tug service is solely responsible for the present difficulties.

The O. R. & N. Co., as you may know, is towing the ships from Portland to the sea, while the tug service is being operated.

With the proper department of the bar, and lighting it so we can operate day and night, and have a tug service that will differ with our present tugs.

The Navigation Company does not feel called upon to maintain a fleet of tug boats at the mouth of the Columbia river to offset the failure of the Government and state to perform its share of the work.

I am aware that complaints are frequently made by the public in every port of the Columbia river.

When the river and harbor committee was here, we turned free special trains and boats from Lewiston to the mouth of the Columbia.

The action in offering the reward was most commendable and unanimously approved by the people.

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UNFAIR BANNERS BARRED

TEMPORARY INJUNCTION RESTRAINS WAITERS' ALLIANCE.

Judges George and Cleland Decide Custom Violates Restaurant's Rights—Judge Sears Disallows.

The Waiters' Alliance is no longer to carry unfair banners in front of restaurants, the proprietors of which have refused to sign the union agreement.

Judge George, in passing upon the case, said: "The banner here is of one color, carried in some public procession to influence or educate in some public purpose.

"However well meaning the display of this banner may be, its tendency is naturally to attract attention and injure the business of the plaintiff.

"It would be a mistake to assume that one can do anything in a street because it is a public highway.

"The inscription on this banner is calculated to offend the public by its traveling public and to the employees of the plaintiff that the plaintiff is an unfair man.

"Organization of workmen for the purpose of furthering their interest and maintaining good wages is in perfect accord with public policy.

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R. Bolles, deceased, was filed yesterday. The property is valued at \$2500.

H. W. Manning, of Portland, salesman, yesterday filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States court.

The suit of Malvina Braak against the English Insurance Society, to recover \$1000 on the life of her husband, Rhenhard Braak, deceased, was dismissed by Judge Frazer yesterday.

The Epey Real Estate Company has brought suit in the circuit court against Frederick Probel to reform a deed to a parcel of land in the Griswold tract.

Water Committee Asked to Give a 15 Per Cent Raise.

At the regular meeting of the Portland Water Committee yesterday Chairman Joseph Kohr, and Messrs. Hasselquist, Joseph Kohr, Ladd, Lewis, Rafferty, Scott and Tied were present.

A communication was presented by the gatekeepers and watchmen at the head of the city water works.

The work is not arduous, but is continuing and requires constant attention.

Remainder paid to Treasurer \$22,456 01

In regard to a communication from the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Sunnyside, asking if the committee would furnish water free for a drinking fountain.

A petition for a water main on East First street, to provide fire protection to the city, was referred to the Fire Commissioners.

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CARE OF PUBLIC INSANE

ADDRESS BEFORE CHARITIES AND CORRECTION CONFERENCE.

Dr. S. G. Smith, of St. Paul, on Urgent Necessity for Reform in State Asylums.

The auditorium of the First Baptist Church was well filled last night for the opening session of the First Oregon State conference of Charities and Corrections, and the feature of the evening's programme was an address by Dr. S. G. Smith, of St. Paul, Minn.

The discussion of these papers will be followed by the permanent organization of the Conference for the ensuing year.

In the opening remarks Dr. Smith devoted most of his time to a study of the relation of politics to practical work of charity and reform.

Chicago Bank Amalgamation.

The Corn Exchange Bank announced unofficially today the absorption of the Merchants' National Bank.

"You have no right," declared Dr. Smith, "to ask a physician to be appointed to care for the insane what his politics are."

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are anxious to know if such a gathering will be appreciated in the state.

"The Catholic Charities of Oregon"—Rev. Father Bligh.

"Co-operation of Those Engaged in the Reformation of Juvenile Offenders"—Professor W. L. Cummings, principal of the educational department of the Oregon State Reform School.

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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Feb. 18.—8 P. M.—Maximum temperature, 57; minimum temperature, 42; river reading at 11 A. M., 9.5 feet; change in the past 24 hours, 0.0; total precipitation, 5. P. M. to 8 P. M., 0.02 inch; total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1901, 24.45 inches; normal precipitation since Sept. 1, 1901, 30.48 inches; deficiency, 7.03 inches; total sunshine Feb. 17, 5:27; post-noon visibility, Feb. 17, 30.00 miles.

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WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Except a few light showers along the Washington and Oregon coasts and a rather heavy fall of snow in Southeastern Idaho, no precipitation of consequence has fallen during the last 24 hours in the states west of the Rocky Mountains.

The temperature in the North Pacific States is from 5 to 10 degrees above the normal.

The indications are for fair weather in this district, with a moderate easterly wind, and showers to the west of this range.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Forecasts made at Portland for the 28 hours ending at midnight Wednesday, February 19: Portland and vicinity—Showers, with southerly winds.

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Showers; southerly winds.

Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho—Fair; variable winds.

Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho—Cloudy and occasionally threatening; cooler in Southeast Washington; southerly winds.

NEW TODAY.

\$500.00 to \$50,000.00

MORTGAGE LOANS

On improved city and farm property, at lowest rates.

LEWIS AND CLARK

CENTENNIAL SITE.

Columbia University building is four miles from the Postoffice.

The beautiful groves of cedars and firs that stand on this proposed site cannot be produced in a few years and cannot be matched anywhere.

The exposition can do no more for University Park than University Park can do for the exposition.

University Park is inside the city limits of Portland and has all the conveniences of a great city.

UNIVERSITY LAND CO., 151 Sixth St., near Morrison.

Mellin's Food advertisement with image of a baby and text: Mellin's Food and good fresh milk make a combination that is like mother's milk.

Advertisement for a home with text: LESS THAN 18 CENTS A DAY FOR A HOME.

Advertisement for Dr. Burkhart's Wonderful Offer with text: 30 DAYS TREATMENT for 25 CENTS.

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Advertisement for Dr. Talcott & Co. with text: We Treat Only Men WEAKNESS.

Advertisement for Dr. Talcott & Co. with text: No. 250 1/2 ALDER STREET, PORTLAND, OR.