

THE TRANSPORT BIDS

Chamber of Commerce Can Do Little to Aid.

O. R. & N. IS AFTER BUSINESS

Railroad Wants Philippine Commerce and Will Try to Bring Government Contracts to Portland

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce met in their office, on Washington street yesterday morning and listened to the reading of the correspondence that had been sent to and from the Chamber regarding the transport bids.

The first letter read was from Laidlaw & Co., as follows: You will no doubt, have noticed that there has been considerable discussion in Washington, D. C., regarding the proposed abandonment of the United States transport service as at present constituted.

A telegram to Senator Mitchell, asking him to intercede in the interest of Portland and another to President Mohler, of the C. R. & N. Co., requesting to know if that company intended to secure any of the transportation trade, which is being sought by the government.

O. R. & N. Wants the Business. President Mohler replied that J. C. Stubbs had charge of the business for the railroad, and that he was in Washington attending to the matter.

A number of other messages were read and talked over, and the members of the board all told what should have been done.

The mining committee reported in favor of the Grosvener bill before Congress, which provided that a certain percentage of the money received from the sale of public lands should be devoted to establishing mining schools throughout the Western States.

A letter was received from the Oregon delegates to the National Livestock convention requesting the Chamber to appoint some one of the delegates to represent it at the convention and urge that the next meeting in 1904 be held in Portland.

Henry Yost Missing. Nineteen-Year-Old Boy Wanders Away From His Home.

Henry Yost, 19 years old, a son of Peter Yost, 27 Union avenue, left his home Sunday morning at 7 o'clock and has not been seen or heard of since.

James J. Hill's Little Game. How He Profited by the Government's Vague Call for Bids.

The struggle for control of the Army transportation business across the Pacific is reaching its height. J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, who is managing the fight for Seattle, seems to have used his close relationship to the Government's officials in a way that may prove of great advantage to his side.

TO AMEND NEW FRANCHISE

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The Cloak Department Entire Suit Stock Reduced Ladies' blue and black Cheviot, Venetian and Broadcloth Skirts, tailor-made, best styles, all the regular \$6.50, \$7.00 and \$7.50 values are offered at the \$4.55 low price of.

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Toy Land Handkerchiefs Holiday boxes of Handkerchiefs at special low prices—All new, desirable goods in handsome novelty boxes—There's Handkerchiefs for ladies and children.

Christmas Rugs Are here in endless variety—Axminster rugs, Moquette rugs, Smyrna rugs, Oriental rugs, magnificent designs and colorings in all sizes—Specials in Smyrna rugs—Floral and Oriental designs.

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IT WAS BURNT But what a beautiful work of art it was! All the shapes in wood. New line white wood panels. Large assortment of sheep-bread boards, steta, pipe racks, trays, book racks, paper knives, etc. many other novelties and all to burn. Artistic material department. SANBORN, VAIL & CO., 107 1st St.