

# STATE MUST ACT

## Dalles Canal Waits on Right of Way.

### MISAPPREHENSION CONE

#### Ex-Representative Moody Explains the Situation.

### ENGINEERS RECOMMEND IT

#### Obstructions in the River at Three-Mile Rapids Is Not Provided For by State Portage Road.

Congressional appropriations for the mouth of the Columbia River were obtained largely because Portland had expended so much money on the river channels from its own coffers. Shall the State of Oregon be less liberal for improvement of the Upper Columbia and by its refusal of a small contribution make the jetty at the bar and the Cascades Canal less effective?

Hon. Malcolm A. Moody, ex-Representative from the Second Oregon Congressional District, was in Portland yesterday and leaves for Salem this morning. He is going to join in the effort for an appropriation for the right of way for the Government canal and locks between the Dalles and Celilo. A number of his friends from Eastern Oregon, members of the Legislature and others, have already gone to Salem and at their request he will contribute to the campaign for the bill such knowledge of the conditions as he has gained from his connection with the Dalles improvement in Congress, as well as his acquaintance with the plans and investigations of the United States engineers. He was seen last evening at the Portland and Cello.

The members of the Legislature from Eastern Oregon, have expressed themselves in favor of an appropriation by the special session to procure the right of way for the Government canal at Celilo. Will you give The Oregonian your opinion about that?

Said Mr. Moody: "I am decidedly in favor of the appropriation. It is certainly very fortunate that the special session has been called for the proper and necessary purpose of remedying the assessment and taxation middle, which demands prompt attention; because this right of way matter is as important to the people of Oregon as any subject that ever engaged the attention of the Legislature. If the matter is rightly understood, there will not be, I think, a moment's hesitation to pass the appropriation."

#### Misapprehension Cleared Up.

"Are you willing to give The Oregonian the reasons for your opinion?"

"Most cheerfully, because it seems to me there is some misapprehension which ought to be cleared up. There is an unwarranted impression that the proposed right of way appropriation is antagonistic to the portage road. Such is not the case. On the contrary, it will make it possible for the portage road to accomplish the object for which it is to be built. There is a reef at Three-Mile rapids above Dalles City and below the lower terminus of the proposed portage road, which prohibits navigation and would prevent river steamers from reaching the lower end of the portage. Clearing this reef cannot be done by the state, but is included in the Government project and probably would be the first work done. At the time the portage act was passed, the Government had authorized the construction of a boat railway, which also included the removal of this obstruction. That project was repealed and the present canal plan substituted.

"The removal by the Government of this obstruction was evidently anticipated by the Legislature when it passed the portage bill, as the boat railway was already on the statute books at the time. So I can see no reason why the friends of the portage would not support the right of way appropriation. There is no cause for a conflict."

#### Action of the Engineers.

"How do you account for the unusual recommendation that the work should not be begun until the right of way was secured to the Government free of cost?"

"The river and harbor bill authorized the improvement of the Columbia at this point on condition that it could be brought within the estimate of the Harter plan. The special board of the United States Engineers, appointed by the act to examine and report on a plan for effectually overcoming the obstruction, found that the only effective plan would bring the cost up to the Harter estimate, leaving nothing for the cost of right of way. Had the Board included the cost of right of way in its estimate, it would have defeated the improvement under the present act and prevented it until further legislation by Congress.

"From the supreme importance of this work, which will so greatly benefit this state, it seems to me that the state owes it to itself not to permit the improvement to be delayed and possibly eventually defeated, for the want of a small appropriation at this time. On this point, I am able to say that the favorable action of Congress on the improvement at the mouth of the Columbia, provided for in the same river and harbor bill, was largely influenced by the liberality of Portland in itself contributing to the improvement of the river. Will the whole State of Oregon not contribute this small sum to make more effective the improvements at the mouth of the Columbia River and at the Cascades?"

"The completion of this canal, which, in the opinion of the engineers, will take only four or five years, will open the river to free navigation for 60 miles from the sea. Such a result ought not to be delayed. Congress is ready to spend for us \$4,000,000. Ought we not to be willing now to spend for ourselves the comparatively small sum necessary to have the improvement begun at once and early accomplish the great work that is so important to the state?"

"Do you expect to go to Salem to give your views to the members on this subject?"

"I have indicated to the Eastern Oregon members that if my knowledge of this improvement, derived from my work in Congress, will be of any benefit, I will gladly aid them."

"Have you considered the objection that

has been made to extending the session of the Legislature?"

"Yes, but the simple act making this appropriation would require so little time that it need not extend the session a day longer than the time required by the purpose for which it was called."

### WILL MAKE BIG EXHIBIT.

California is interested in Lewis and Clark Exposition.

California is alive to the National importance of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and will not only make a great exhibit in 1904, but will furnish its full quota of the admissions that will pass through the gates. State Senator George T. Myers, who has just returned from San Francisco, says the Californians know all about the Exposition and are enthusiastic for its success.

"My only fear," said Senator Myers yesterday, "is that we shall not have sufficient space to give California for all the exhibits she will want to make."

Senator Myers went South as the representative of the directors of the Exposition corporation, of which he is a member, at the sixth annual dinner of the Merchants' Association of San Francisco, held in the Palace Hotel on December 8. The subject for the meeting was "San Francisco's Display at the St. Louis Exposition, 1904." It was the association's intention to devote the evening exclusively to this discussion, but owing to California's interest in the Lewis and Clark Exposition, Senator Myers was given a hearing and what he said was cordially received. President Symmes and Secretary Kiser of the association put forth every effort to make Senator Myers' visit to San Francisco a pleasant one. They introduced him to leading business men, and, at the banquet, seated him among the principal speakers of the evening.

En route home Senator Myers stopped off at Sacramento, and, accompanied by Alfred Holman, editor of the Sacramento Union, made an official call upon Governor George C. Pardee.

#### Invited Californians to Portland.

"The Governor received me most cordially," said Senator Myers. "I invited him and the California Commission to the St. Louis Exposition to visit Portland at an early day and look over the exposition we are making for the Lewis and Clark Exposition. The California Commissioners will leave next month to begin their labors at St. Louis and will appreciate an invitation to visit Portland. Governor Pardee assured me that California feels a warm, neighborly interest in our Exposition, and that there will be no lack of enthusiasm for its success. He said it was his desire to see him leave the state at this time, but he hoped to be able to visit Portland some time in 1904. He promised to deliver my invitation to California's Commissioners at the banquet of December 9, and to publish one of the strongest editorial endorsements of the Exposition that has yet appeared in any paper outside of Oregon."

#### Exhibit Will Be Large.

"I venture the prediction right now that California's exhibit will be equal, if not superior, to that of any state that will be represented in Portland in 1904," said Senator Myers. "California is interested in our Exposition as an enterprise intended to benefit the entire Pacific Coast, and she is particularly interested in this region. All the San Francisco papers gave space to interviews with Senator Myers respecting the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and the Chronicle of December 9 published one of the strongest editorial endorsements of the Exposition that has yet appeared in any paper outside of Oregon."

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#### Visit to Governor Pardee.

The Sacramento Union of December 18, has the following to say of Senator Myers' visit to Governor Pardee:

Hon. George T. Myers, member of the Oregon State Senate from Multnomah County (Portland), spent yesterday in Sacramento, stopping here for the express purpose of paying his respects to Governor Pardee and of enlisting the interest of that gentleman in the Lewis and Clark Exposition, which is to be held in California. The Lewis and Clark Exposition is well known in our sister state."

Senator Myers formally tendered to Governor Peabody and to the members of the Lewis and Clark Commission an invitation to visit Portland on their way to St. Louis.

Mr. Myers, in addition to his responsibility as a State Senator, is a member of the exposition corporation and among its most energetic promoters. He has devoted a large measure of his time and means to promotion of the enterprise, which it is planned to make one of the great events in the history of the Pacific States.

"This exposition," said Mr. Myers to a Union reporter, "will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the exploration of the Oregon country, comprising the present States of Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and parts of Montana and Wyoming, by an expedition commanded by Captains Lewis and Clark of the United States Army. The explorers passed up the Missouri River in 1804, reaching the mouth of the Columbia River in 1805."

"In Portland the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition at the Western World's Fair," said Mr. Myers. "I consider this the very appropriate name. It will be the first exposition to be held on the edge of a continent and in a new country. It will be an exposition for the Great West of the United States and the Great East of Asia, and one of its main purposes will be to bring to the world's attention the possibilities of that part of the world bordering on the Pacific Ocean, China, Japan, Ceylon, India, Siam, Asiatic Russia, New Zealand, Australia, the Philippines and many other lands will be well represented at Portland."

#### Will Spend Five Millions.

"When opened to the public in 1904, the exposition will represent an outlay of about \$5,000,000, which will make it larger in plan and importance than any other exposition ever held in the United States, except the Chicago and St. Louis World's Fairs and the Philadelphia Centennial. The site is in the northern part of Portland, directly opposite the point where Captain Clark camped when he was exploring the Willamette River in 1792. It comprises 180 acres of land and 200 acres of natural lake.

"This lake will be diked and bulk-headed so as to create a beautiful water effect and give the grounds an attraction that in any other city but Portland would cost easily \$1,000,000. The Portland people are not going to destroy nature for the sake of exposition buildings. One of the most attractive features of the exposition grounds will be a miniature park, comprising 25 acres. Plans to trees, shrubbery, roses and native flowers, and prettily laid out walks made of slag, will be a comparatively easy task. Portland is fortunate in having the Exposition Corporation, with a true property valuation appraising the 200,000,000. Its jobbing trade this year will be manufacturing output \$50,000,000 and foreign commerce \$15,000,000. Its banking power is about \$200,000,000. The fact that the Pacific Northwestern States, for which it is the banking power, carry individual bank deposits amounting to \$120,000,000. The Legislature of Oregon showed its appreciation of Portland by appropriating \$450,000 for a state exhibit."

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# THINKS END IS NEAR

## Shipping Man Says Oriental Rate War Can't Last.

### BOTH SIDES LOSING MONEY

James Griffiths, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Steamship Line, Bases His Opinion on Precedents Established in Previous Fights.

That the rate war between the China Commercial Steamship Company and the lines plying between Portland, Puget Sound, San Francisco and the Orient, will adjust itself in a short time and normal rates once more obtain is the expressed belief of James Griffiths, a representative of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Steamship line, who is in Portland with F. M. Studley, a representative of the same company. It is the opinion of Mr. Griffiths that the fight has been waged until the bottom is ready to drop out, and a readjustment must come. Both of the warring factions are being heavily by the abnormal rates that now prevail. Any further cutting in rates is considered impossible. The only alternative is a settlement restoring the old rates. Those who are in a position to know what is going on relative to a settlement of the war, are decidedly reticent and little can be learned that is definite. R. P. Schwerin, recently appointed manager of the Portland Asiatic Steamship Company, is expected to arrive here in a few days. What action he will take relative to the rate war, will be watched with interest.

As has been stated in the Oregonian before, the rate disturbance was precipitated by the China Commercial Company attempting to secure a portion of the Orient trade from San Francisco, Portland and the Puget Sound district. Mr. Schwerin immediately attempted to place a stone wall in the way of the aspirations of the Canton milliners, by declaring a dollar rate on flour from Portland and the Puget Sound district. The result was that the old \$5 rate from Portland and the Sound had to be cut to \$3, in order that the Northern companies might hold their own against the lines plying out to San Francisco. Instead of accomplishing the desired end, the cut in rates only caused all companies concerned to operate at a great loss. Large sums of money were dropped and the Asiatic Steamship Company retaliated by making Portland a calling point and also placing Seattle on the list.

To cap the climax, it has developed that the Chinese company has taken a large cargo of flour from Portland at a \$2.00 rate—60 cents lower than the cut made by the other companies that are endeavoring to freeze out the foreign company.

The question of interest to shippers and steamship men now is, will the Northern companies meet the rate made by the China company, or will there be a readjustment? Further reduction of rates, it is argued by representatives of the steamship lines, would only cause greater losses and would be of no benefit to the shippers or any other concerned. Hence the steamship companies are reluctant to admit it, the China Commercial Company has manifested that it has made its debut on the Pacific Coast and proposes to remain in the territory regardless of opposition. The company is backed by men who can afford to lose money for a while, and apparently they are confident that losing rates cannot be maintained any great length of time. Other experiments along the same line have shown that sooner or later the war always ends by old rates being re-established.

It is said that Mr. Schwerin, when he comes to Portland, may order a still greater cut here in a final effort to block the intrusion of the China company. But this is only a matter of conjecture. Mr. Griffiths, in talking of the affair, said: "Of course, I cannot tell what Mr. Schwerin will do when he comes, as that is a matter that rests entirely with him. However, I don't see that any further reduction would accomplish anything but a more complete demoralization of traffic."

"I understand that meetings are to be held in San Francisco in an effort to effect a satisfactory settlement of rates, but I do not know anything of the details of these meetings. My opinion is that there must be a settlement and a readjustment in a short time. Affairs are too badly demoralized to remain in this condition, and a readjustment is the only thing that will offer any relief. I believe the bottom has been reached, and the next turn must be upward."

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NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Senator M. A. Hanna, who was too ill to attend the banquet of the National Executive Committee of the Civic Federation last evening, was confined to his room at the Waldorf-Astoria all day. He is being attended by Dr. Calvin Adams, who said tonight that the Senator has a severe cold, which is in no way serious.

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