

DEEP ON THE BAR

Mouth of the Columbia Improves

EASY FOR 25-FOOT SHIPS

Such Is the Announcement of Pilots.

THREE FEET MORE WATER

Government Engineers Will Make Soundings-If Change Has Come, Says Major Langfitt, Causes Are Purely Natural.

Bar pilots aver that the ship channel at the mouth of the Columbia River is deepening. Pilot Woods says the increased depth is three feet or more.

They testify that the dredge Chinook has produced the deepening process, and that it will undoubtedly remove the crest of the bar when it gets regularly to work.

They promise that 25-foot vessels will hereafter be dispatched as promptly as 22-foot vessels.

Major Langfitt said yesterday that Government Engineers will soon make soundings of the bar to determine how much the channel has deepened.

The Engineers in their last soundings, six months ago, found a minimum depth of 21 and 22 feet, but the pilots aver that the actual low tide depth was less.

Strong ebb tides are now running and are expected to scour out the channel still more.

The river channel to Portland is in such good shape that 25-foot vessels can go and come without delay.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special).—The south channel at the mouth of the Columbia River is gradually deepening, and there is at the bar now more water on the bar than there has been for several years with every indication that it will continue to increase not only as a result of the dredging but also from natural causes. The old north channel is rapidly filling up; in fact, it cannot now be used by any class of vessels, and the great body of water is thus diverted to the south channel, cutting out thousands of tons of the bar sand and giving every indication that it will continue. The ebb tides of the present week are exceptionally strong, the current running out with the velocity of a mill race, and are expected to do much toward deepening the channel that is already well cut through. While only two of the bar pilots could be seen tonight, the others being on duty, both expressed themselves as highly pleased with the bettered conditions. Pilot Woods said:

"There is no question about the channel having deepened. There is more water on the bar now than there has ever been before, and I believe it will continue. Vessels can now be loaded to 25 feet, and we will take them out without any more delay than for those drawing only 22 feet."

ENGINEERS WILL INVESTIGATE

Major Langfitt Says New Soundings Will Soon Be Taken.

W. H. Patterson and Harry Emken, river pilots, brought up word from Astoria yesterday that the bar is undoubtedly getting deeper. On New Year's day soundings on the bar were taken showing more than 20 feet when the tide was an hour and a half from being full. Archie Cann, bar pilot, doubted the accuracy of the soundings until he himself had cast the lead and measured the line.

Captain Patterson said that bar pilots believe that the dredge Chinook, in the little work she has accomplished, has removed the crust on the bar and that the bar is now wearing away by natural erosion. He said further that bar pilots believe a north shore jetty will improve the channel without extension of the south jetty. The Government is now extending the south jetty and will not build the north jetty unless the latter is needed to secure a 40-foot channel.

Major Langfitt of the United States Engineers, in the opinion that if the channel is deepening, the causes are entirely natural, and that shoaling is just as likely to recur as deepening is likely to continue. By another sound he hopes to have the jetty so far advanced and the dredge rendering such good service that the wanton shifting of the channel will be more under control.

"We have received no official information," said Major Langfitt, "that the depth of the south channel has increased to the degree announced by the pilots. We shall, however, make soundings very soon to ascertain the truth. If the channel is deepening the cause, as I view them, are purely natural, for the dredge as yet has done little or nothing."

The last soundings made by Government engineers showed 21 or 22 feet at low tide. If the depth has increased three feet or more, the Government engineers will find 23 or 24 feet at high tide; that is, if the usual discrepancy between the soundings of the engineers and the pilots shall continue. The last soundings by the Government engineers were made last June.

KICK RESULTS IN DEATH.

Baker City School Boy Probably Victim of Brutal Assault.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special).—An investigation made by Professor Churchill, principal of the city schools, to ascertain who kicked little Nicholas Erickson, the 7-year-old school boy, who died Saturday evening, developed the fact that no one knew who kicked the little fellow. The boy's mother said that her son came in after school and complained of a pain in his side, saying a large boy had kicked him. The pain grew worse that night and the next day the physician was called and he pronounced it a case of appendicitis. Peritonitis had set in and an operation was postponed in the hope that his condition would improve, but he grew worse and the operation was performed, from the effects of which the boy, owing to his weakened condition, failed to recover. The boy's mother believes he died from the effects of a brutal assault.

ASTORIA'S NEW COUNCIL

Passes an Ordinance Requiring Fire Escapes on All Public Halls.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special).—The first Council meeting of the year was held

at noon today and the newly-elected members were seated. Mayor Surprenant presented his annual message, in which he complimented the heads of the various departments on the efficient manner in which the affairs of the city had been conducted during the past year and suggested several improvements for the future.

Among the latter he suggested that arrangements be made with the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company for forming a new wall along the city front by filling the company's trestle with rock. The Mayor also appointed standing Council committees as follows:

Ways and means—John Nordstrom, J. D. Burns and George Kaboth.

Health and police—George Morton, Leander Lebeck and L. O. Belland.

Streets and public ways—J. T. Burns, James Robinson and L. O. Belland.

Fire and water—C. Leinenweber, George Morton and John Nordstrom.

Public property—J. E. Hunt, George Kaboth and Leander Lebeck.

Wharves and water frontage—Leander Lebeck, L. O. Belland and James Robinson.

J. H. Hansen was elected president of the Council and Asmus Brix and C. C. Utzinger were appointed members of the Board of Street Assessors.

The Mayor's report of the ordinance which authorized the purchase of two lots at the corner of Sixteenth and Duane streets for \$4000 as a site for a new City Hall, was read and the ordinance was passed over the veto by a vote of 6 to 2.

Ordinances were introduced, requiring that all public hall buildings must be provided with fire escapes and exits not less than eight feet wide, and authorizing the public property committee to purchase a lot at the corner of Fourteenth and Duane streets for \$5000 to be used as a site for an engine house. These measures will be voted upon at the next meeting of the Council.

Checking Up Assayer's Accounts.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 4.—(Special).—T. G. Hathaway, Assayer in charge of the Seattle Assay Office, has arrived in Boise and is engaged in checking over the various balances of the Local Assay Office, in pursuance of instructions from Washington. In order to make a settlement of the finances of the office under the administration of H. Smith Woolley, Mr. Hathaway does not come here to take charge of the office, which is to be left in the hands of J. W. Robinson who has for many years been chief clerk to the Assayer.

Tide Extinguishes Gas Buoy.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special).—Captain Bailey, of the tug Tachos, who came in this evening, reported that the new gas buoy, recently located at the mouth of the river, could not be seen. The buoy was in position this morning, and it is supposed to have been carried under by the strong ebb tide. When the buoy was placed it was moored in a manner that was expected to hold it upright despite of the adverse current, but today's experience shows that it could not withstand the swift tide.

Wireless Service on the Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—The call says that apparatus for wireless telegraphy has been installed at Point Reyes, 40 miles north of San Francisco, on the Coast line, and on the southeast Farallon Island, which works perfectly. Messages have been sent from the station to the mainland, and the water with the greatest accuracy. The whole matter, it is said, has been kept a profound secret by those in charge, although the plant has been working successfully since December 1.

Whitewater in Court.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Jan. 4.—J. M. Reeves, the Highwood rancher, arrested in this city Saturday evening charged with the murder of a woman, was today brought before Judge George Gould, neighboring farmer and husband of Reeves' former wife, was this afternoon taken to Belt before Justice Descombes and his preliminary hearing set for Friday at 2 o'clock; bail was fixed at \$1000, which Reeves will give.

Capital City Notes

SALEM, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special).—Charles Thomas was today indicted on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Harry Allen was indicted on a charge of forgery. Both men were discharged from the penitentiary a few months ago.

Miss Neva Morio, who was arrested Friday at the residence of Mrs. T. J. Cronis, was tried before a jury today and acquitted.

COLONEL IS SUPPRESSED.

Board of Trade Smothers Guinean's Indorsement of Chief Hunt.

Another champion has rallied to the defense of Charles H. Hunt, Portland's Mayor. The Board of Trade, which has been smothering the Guinean's indorsement of Chief Hunt, has today suppressed it.

Thomas Guinean, who has been smothered since last night at a meeting of the Board of Trade, offered a resolution setting forth his most picturesque version of the virtues of the aforementioned great and good Charles H. Hunt to the effect that:

"Whereas, our citizens and taxpayers are taking great interest in the City Government, and

"Whereas, the members of the Board of Trade, believe that Mayor Williams has administered the government of our city according to the best judgment, and

"Whereas, the members of the Board of Trade, believe that the fire department and police force should not take a conspicuous part in politics, as should they do, so, we do hereby resolve that the best interests of the city; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we heartily indorse the administration of Mayor Williams, Chief Hunt and Judge Hogue.

Before the secretary had completed the reading of the resolution, as soon, in fact as the name of the great and good Charles H. Hunt was mentioned, half dozen members of the Board were on their feet, clamoring for recognition. Colonel Guinean was among them, and, accompanied by his chosen associates, in support of his resolution. B. S. Pague beat him to it, however, with a motion to lay on the table, which motion was almost unanimously approved by the remaining members. The picturesque Guinean was fairly smothered by force of numbers and, although he did roar, was, after some effort, entirely suppressed. The gentlemen whose votes retired the resolution to a cool, damp place among the archives of the Board, wished it distinctly understood that they did not disapprove of Mayor Williams, the Fire Department, Judge Hogue or even Colonel Guinean. They intimated, however, that their official attitude toward Chief Hunt was such that a fulsome indorsement of that official would be entirely inappropriate at this time. Furthermore, they were too busy to say just what they think of Colonel Guinean's great and good friend.

The incident of Colonel Guinean and the unhappy resolutions occurred toward the close of a routine business meeting, entirely unpremeditated. The gentlemen who voted to suppress the resolution were not the only ones who were not in favor of it. A number of committee reports were adopted.

The regular annual business meeting of the Board will be held this evening at 7:30 and the annual banquet will occur tomorrow night in the grillroom of the Portland Hotel. An interesting program of toasts is being prepared for the banquet, and it is expected that at least 20 members of the Board will attend.

Builders Lock Out Employees.

PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 4.—The Association of Masters Builders here carried by its threat of locking out its employees today, and the whole building trade is at a standstill. Fifteen hundred men are affected.

ANTIS COME TO LIFE

Populists of This State Are Going to Reorganize.

NO MORE FUSION FOR THEM

Build Their Hopes on a Financial Crisis, Which Will Fill Their Ranks With the Discontented.

SALEM, Jan. 4.—(Special).—Reorganization of the Populist party in Oregon when movement that has been started in the last month with what is claimed to be a good prospect for success. Leaders in the old Populist party have been conferring, and it has been decided that circular letters will be sent out this week for the purpose of securing expressions of opinion upon the subject. It is proposed to

WATER RIGHT LAWS.

Chief Engineer Newell Will Be in Portland Next Week.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special).—Governor Chamberlain has received a letter from Chief Engineer F. H. Newell, of the United States Geological Survey, saying that he will be in Portland January 11 to 13, and will be pleased to meet and talk with the men who were recently appointed by the Governor to draft a system of water-right laws to be submitted to the Legislature at the next session. Mr. Newell also expresses a desire to meet with Governor Chamberlain and talk with him concerning land and irrigation matters of interest to Oregon. The members of the commission are: Henry R. Ankney, of Eugene; Zera Snow, of Portland; T. G. Halley, of Pendleton; H. V. Gates, of Hillsboro, and C. W. Mallett, of Ontario.

CLEVER POSTAL CLERKS OUTWIT LETTERWRITER

The above illustration is a fac-simile of a letter mailed in this city, the prompt delivery of which, in Cincinnati, has proved beyond a doubt the cleverness of some of Uncle Sam's postal clerks. The letter was intended for C. C. Carpenter, manager of the Turnlock Company, of Cincinnati. The writer of the letter cleverly mixed music, trade-mark and come-opera in the inscription, and the letter arrived at its intended destination as promptly as though it had borne the proper address. The practice of sending such letters through the mails has become quite common and affords no little trouble to the postal authorities, who fear it may grow to be a bad habit that will cause no end of trouble. The writer of the above letter, however, had no fear of the communication not arriving at the proper address and included in the envelope several small photographs and other articles of more or less value.

GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN HAS WRITTEN THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON SAVING THE STATE TO MEET MR. NEWELL, AND WILL HIMSELF GO TO PORTLAND FOR A SIMILAR PURPOSE.

MILITARY BOARD ORGANIZES.

Colonel Voorhees Elected President—The Summer Encampment.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special).—The new State Military Board met at the Capitol today for the first time. The board is composed of Adjutant-General W. E. Finzer, Inspector-General Gordon Voorhees, Surgeon-General Charles T. Chamberlain, Judge Advocate-General Cecil Bauer and Commissioner-General J. A. Waddell. The board organized by electing Colonel Voorhees president and General Finzer secretary. Only routine business was transacted.

Adjutant-General Finzer is corresponding with the officers of the War Department for the purpose of ascertaining what the policy of the department will be this year regarding encampments of the National Guard. He expects to receive information within two or three weeks, and it is expected that at the February meeting of the board plans will be made for the encampment of the Oregon National Guard next summer. The board desires to make early announcement of its plans, so that as large a number of the guardsmen as possible will have opportunity to arrange to attend the encampment. The principal question to be decided by the department is whether the guardsmen of several states shall meet in encampment with a body of the regular army or hold separate state encampments.

Clackamas County Circuit Court.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special).—Judge J. A. McBride today convened in adjourned session the November term of the Clackamas County Circuit Court. Among the orders made was one granting to Anna C. Eddy a divorce from Daniel M. Eddy and granting to the woman the privilege of resuming her maiden name, Anna C. Crabb. They were married at Portland September 14, 1902. The report of E. G. Caulfield, assignee of the estate of E. M. Arkinson, insolvent debtor, regarding the sale of some real estate, was allowed and of the \$1300 in the hands of the assignee it was directed that \$400 be retained by that officer, \$250 be paid Newton McCoy as a balance due for legal services, and the balance to be distributed among the various creditors in proportion to their respective claims. A temporary injunction was granted in the suit of Prescott Kahlbach against Clackamas County to prevent the construction of the celebrated Fenton road.

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