

RIVERS PERIL

Unless Aid Comes From Uncle Sam.

MONEY URGENTLY NEEDED

Only \$900,000 Available to Keep Columbia Bar Open.

JETTY WORK STOPS IN 1905

If Congress Fails to Pass River and Harbor Bill Little Money Will Be Available for River Channel and Cello Canal.

	July 1, 1903.	Jan. 1, 1904.
Columbia bar.....	\$1,412,000.00	\$1,243,000.00
Lower Willamette and Lower Columbia rivers.....	168,000.00	107,000.00
Cello canal.....	208,400.00	109,073.00
Upper Columbia and Snake.....	48,545.00	40,940.00
Tongue Point.....	25,000.00	25,000.00
Yakima.....	4,007.00	4,234.00
Tillamook.....	17,000.00	10,000.00
Stadium.....	314,500.00	214,435.00
Cosco Bay (entrance).....	56,375.00	53,355.00
Cosco Bay.....	2,000.00	1,555.00
Coquille River.....	10,712.00	2,803.00
Upper Willamette.....	30,000.00	25,000.00
Clatskanie River.....	1,500.00	1,500.00
Cowlitz and Lewis Rivers.....		2,800.00
Total for all purposes.....	\$2,059,901.25	\$1,750,217.08
Amount expended in last six months.....		\$276,743.05

Uncle Sam will leave Oregon rivers and harbors in sore need next year unless he appropriates more money for improvements at this session of Congress. Extension of the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia will have to stop in 1905. The balance on hand for keeping open the river channel below Portland will barely suffice for this year and will be entirely gone by the following season.

No money will be left for further work on the Upper Willamette or Columbia or on the Snake this year, since the funds remaining for those places must go for the construction and operation of dredges. Improvement of the entrance to Cosco Bay will wait because the money available is not adequate for resumption of work.

If Congress at the present session fails to make the needed appropriations, rivers and harbors in this district may get no more money for 15 months, unless the sundry civil bill of this session comes to the rescue. Even should Congress pass a river and harbor bill as early in the next session as March 1, that will be very late for the Columbia bar that year because it takes about three months to get the jetty work started; consequently, the best part of the year will be wasted. The same will be true, in lesser degree, of other projects.

Money Will All Be Used.
Although the total balance on hand seems large, practically all of it, except the money for Cosco Bay and Sluiceway will be expended this season and the only sum that will be left over at the end of the present year will be such as shall be reserved for emergencies and for care of existing property. For example, a small sum will be left over for reserving the treble of Columbia bar jetty.
More money is needed of Congress at this session chiefly for the Columbia River below Portland. Without it, the National Government will be able to render little aid to the Port of Portland this year, and next year the burden will fall upon the port severely. The \$107,000 of Uncle Sam's money which that year will be barely enough to keep busy the dredges W. S. Ladd and Columbia this season. Operation of those two dredges costs about \$800 a month.

Wisdom of Foresight.
"This \$107,000," remarked Major Langfitt yesterday, "has been saved for just such a contingency as now presents itself. Should we have spent \$100,000 in permanent improvements on the river last year, we should now have no money on hand for dredging this season. We didn't have enough money to start the permanent works with any surety of keeping the dredges going; hence we were careful to reserve the \$107,000."

In order to ascertain the amounts of money available for river and harbor work this year The Oregonian has secured from Major Langfitt the statement printed at the head of this column.

Only \$900,000 for Bar.
The fund for Columbia bar is represented to be \$1,243,000, but really it is only \$900,000. Out of the larger sum must be deducted \$250,000 for the cost of the dredge Chinook, and \$80,000 for other outstanding liabilities.

Operation of the dredge costs about \$800 a month. The vessel needs new boilers and several alterations, but can probably be kept at work this season as she is. New boilers will cost \$40,000 or \$50,000. She might now be sent to Mare Island or Bremerton for repairs were it not for the possibility of her missing the Spring season for dredging.

The \$25,000 balance for the Upper Willamette will mostly be consumed by the cost of a dredge for which contracts are soon to be let. The dredge will cost about \$30,000. No money, therefore, will be left for operating the dredge.

The \$10,000 balance for Cascade Locks is inadequate for further work and will be kept until additional money shall be secured. Just before the end of the last fiscal year a contract was let for \$25,000 for completing the north wall of the locks.

Little Money for Cello.

For Cello, \$106,073 remains, but little or nothing can be done with that sum for the canal since most of it will be consumed in clearing Three Mile Rapids so as to make safe navigation up to the foot of the proposed waterway. For this purpose Major Langfitt is authorized to spend \$153,000.

Of the fund remaining for the Upper Columbia and the Snake, \$5000 will be used for blasting out rocks and dredging. Most of the remainder will pay the cost of a self-propelling dredge, so that little or no money will be available to run the dredge.

The \$10,000 for Tillamook will be expended for dredging as needed, and the \$2500 for Yakima Bay will be allowed to stand for the present. Since last July the fund has been increased with money realized from the sale of old property such as rails and cars.

No More Work at Sluiceway.
The Sluiceway money is slated awaiting action by Congress. The sum is \$21,435, which the central board at Washington has recommended be not expended at Sluiceway at this time. In accordance with an order of the War Department, harbor work there will cease.

At the entrance of Cosco Bay work will cease until more money is obtained. The

balance on hand, \$23,335, looks large, but it is only sufficient to provide a plant and runway for the projected jetty work. The fund available for Cosco River will be used up this season for pulling snags and dredging. The balance on hand for Coquille River will be used to preserve the property already created. Since last July considerable money has been spent in contracts for extension of the jetty.

ADVENTUROUS LIFE ENDED.

Jacob Duback, Mexican War Veteran and Clark County Pioneer, Dies.

Jacob Duback, Sr., one of the oldest pioneers and Mexican War Veterans of Clark County, died at his home near Vancouver, Wash., on January 27 at 5:45 P. M. Mr. Duback was born in Baden, Germany, January 22, 1822, and resided there until 1841, at which time he emigrated to the United States and settled in Buffalo, where he resided until the breaking out of the Mexican War. He then enlisted in the Army and in 1847 accompanied the Tenth United States Infantry to the scene of hostilities by way of Texas, Rio Grande and Matamoros. He was with General Taylor's command all through the war. He saw much active service, being in the famous battle of Buena Vista. After the war he returned to the East and re-enlisted in the regular Army, Third Artillery, Company H. The company was ordered to Florida by boat, which was partially wrecked off the North Carolina coast, but after many hardships the company succeeded in reaching Florida. Mr. Duback was a party to the capture of the famous "Billy Bowlegs," an Indian, who is well known in the Florida war. Mr. Duback then returned to Rhode Island with his company, where he married Mrs. Mary Perthes Sauer on November 3, 1853, at Newport, R. I., and in the latter part of 1853 or early in 1854 the company was ordered to California by way of the Horn



The Late Jacob Duback, of Clark County, Washington.

on the steamship San Francisco, Mr. Duback taking his bride with him. The steamer was wrecked just outside of New York harbor, and of 1100 people that went aboard only 300 survived. For several days the craft was tossed about as a helpless derelict. The 300 were picked up by a passing steamer more dead than alive and taken back to New York. After returning to New York they made the trip to California by wagon, and passed the winter of 1854 and 1855 under the command of General Steptoe. After spending two months in quarters at Benicia, he was transferred to Fort Ord and took part in the Rogue River War, where he helped to capture Chief John of that tribe. Eighteen months later he was sent to Umpqua, and subsequently returned to California, where he received his discharge at Benicia, October 3, 1858. He then came north to Fort Vancouver, which was a post of the Hudson's Bay Company.
He had saved up a small amount of money while working for Uncle Sam, and bought a 160-acre farm and a yoke of oxen. By steady work and economy and the help of his thrifty wife he has risen to be among the most influential and wealthy men of Clark County. In December, 1877, he bought a farm on the south side of Mill Plain, where he built a comfortable residence in which he lived until his death. This is the first death in the family of 13 children and 18 grandchildren. Mrs. Duback is 86 years old and quite hale. Those of the children that reside in the Portland area: Mrs. L. A. Bailey, Mrs. May D. Bybee, Mrs. Matthea Steele, and Jacob Duback, Jr.; Francis V. Duback, of San Francisco; Mrs. J. A. Brown, of Wellington, Wash.; and Frederick Charles P. Nicholas, Jr., Joseph Henry, Edwin R. and Ray Duback, all living on their farms near their father's home. The funeral will take place from the residence on Saturday at 10 o'clock and services will be held at the Vancouver cemetery, East Vancouver, at 1:30 P. M.

LILLIAN BLAUVELT'S POWER.

It Appeals to the Musical and Un-musical in Peculiar Fashion.

Personality has perhaps as much to do with a singer's success as voice. Lillian Blauvelt has that rare personal magnetism which wins every heart. She is a beautiful woman, whose grace of style, shown in a thousand pretty allures, complete admiration even before her voice is heard. Her naïveté, her archness, are so spontaneous and natural as to be absolutely irresistible. Add to this the delight that comes from listening to a voice of unusual richness, purity and evenness, that has not its superior on the concert stage today, and one will understand the transports that always characterize a Blauvelt audience.

On February 19 Mrs. Blauvelt will be heard at the Marquam in song recital, an opportunity that the musical public is looking forward to with the greatest eagerness.
An unusual feature of this occasion will be the presence of those who do not generally attend concerts, but class themselves with the "unmusical." For Lillian Blauvelt exercises as potent a charm upon these as upon scholarly musicians. An appealing voice of extraordinary sweetness, a beautiful woman—who does not enjoy these?

TWENTY-TWO EAGLES USED

Twenty-two eagles were required to make a Sioux war bonnet now in the city. What an imposing sight Uncle Sam's men would make togged out with war bonnets, such as have been used by the Sioux Indians. One of these marvelous bonnets has been secured by the B. B. Rich Curio Store and is now on exhibition. It contains over 20 eagles feathers, each one matched. The lives of over 20 eagles were sacrificed in the making of this bonnet to satisfy the whim of Irontail, a noted Sioux chief. Can be seen now at the B. B. Rich Curio Store.

THINK TWICE.

Think of diamond and the letter "W." Ask for Diamond "W" brand of groceries and you'll be doubly repaid.

Visitors to Portland Should not miss the delightful trip up and down the Columbia River. Particulars at O. R. & N. city ticket office, Third and Washington.

MUST AWAIT REPLY

Request for Lower Insurance Goes to San Francisco.

CITY'S CASE IS PRESENTED

Council Committee Tells Manager of Board of Underwriters What Improvements Are to Be Made in the Fire Department.

Whatever concessions in fire insurance rates are to be made by the fire underwriters will first of all be reported to the Council. J. C. Stone, manager of the Portland station of the Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific, was yesterday afternoon presented with the communication of the Council committee appointed to interview him.

No percentage of reduction was named in the communication. Mr. Stone was asked to report to the Council just what concessions would be made. The committee's request included a detailed statement of the status of the present fire department, and told what would be done under the full-paid system. Other improvements as to new engines and apparatus were also specified.

Great latitude is therefore left to the underwriters. It was generally expected that the committee would state how much reduction in insurance rates was desired. But all this was left to the underwriters, who may now name their own figures. Whether the Council will accept the stipulated figure of reduction is another matter.

The entire committee did not wait upon Mr. Stone. The communication was prepared at the City Hall, and was handed to Mr. Stone by Councilman Albree. The representative of the Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific was told that it would be transmitted to the San Francisco headquarters, together with Mr. Stone's recommendation.
The communication to the underwriters is so worded as to convey a clear understanding of the Portland fire department as it will be under the full-paid system. Mr. Stone, of course, is supposed to know what the new system will do for protection, but special reference was paid to the fact that the San Francisco people who will have the final say are probably not so deeply interested in fire matters here. The only request made was that Mr. Stone inform the Council what reduction was made. Everything else was explanatory.

RESCUES CAPTAIN NELSON.

First Mate Erickson Saves Enterprise Master From Drowning.

The heroic work of Jack Erickson, first mate on the steamer Enterprise, now moored at the Star Sand Company's dock, yesterday at 5:30 P. M., saved Captain J. E. Nelson from drowning.
Nelson had started down the gangplank to go aboard the steamer. A large raft projected over the plank, which was at just the proper height to strike the captain's head. The doorman, who was on the plank, saw the danger and tried to keep his head above the water. For the second, then the third time he sank out of sight. Just as he was going down for the third time Erickson threw his coat upon the deck and dived in beside the drowning man. Erickson is a strong swimmer and was prepared to make the fight for life. In a few moments people standing on the dock were attracted and hurried to the rescue.
People along the water front are greatly concerned over yesterday's nearly fatal accident, and declare that some means should be taken to prevent similar occurrences. It has been suggested that an appeal be made to the harbor master to have the planks so arranged that there will be no danger to strike the heads of the unwary as they go aboard vessels.

FALLS WHILE BOARDING CAR.

R. Matthews is Dashed to Ground and Severely Injured.

While trying to board a Mount Tabor car Wednesday night at East Belmont and Thirty-fourth streets, R. Matthews was thrown to the ground and sustained serious injuries.
The car had not come to a full stop when he tried to get on. It was going faster than he had thought, and as he seized the railing to pull himself aboard he was thrown headlong upon the ground. His feet were mashed against one of the wheels, and his head was badly cut and bruised. It was necessary for several stitches to be taken in one wound in his head. As soon as the accident happened he was picked up and taken to his home, 86 First street. His physician said last night that there was no danger of the injuries proving fatal. Matthews was employed as a shipping clerk for Archer & Schanz Co.

CUPID AT THE CITY HALL.

Sigel Grutze, Deputy City Auditor, to Become a Benedict.

A startling story broke out about the City Hall yesterday afternoon. The desk of Sigel Grutze, Chief Deputy City Auditor, was locked. Mr. Grutze had left an usual at noon, but as the afternoon waned and he did not reappear it was whispered around that he had taken a short vacation, and that when he returned there would be a Mrs. Grutze.

City Auditor Devin merely looked wiser than usual when asked as to Mr. Grutze's destination. No one knew who the intended was, or where the ceremony was to be performed, but it is believed she is not of Portland. Mr. Grutze is scheduled to show up next week.

Croup.

A reliable medicine and one that should always be kept in the home for immediate use is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will prevent the attack if given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears. There is no danger in giving it to children for it is so gentle and so effective. It is a safe and reliable remedy. For sale by all druggists.

Merchandise purchased on credit today and tomorrow goes on Feb. acct.

Great reductions in "Peninsular" Stoves, Ranges and Wood Heaters for these last two days of the Clearance Sale. Remarkably low pricing on Sheets, Pillow Cases, Cottons, Bedspreads. Table Linens at saving prices.

Meier & Frank Company

China and Silverware exceptionally low priced

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Trunks, Traveling Bags, Suit Cases at clearance prices

Entire stock of Winter Suits, Coats, Skirts, Waists, Wrappers, Petticoats, etc., at less than half price—Second floor \$2.00 Kid Gloves at \$1.39 pair—Great bargains in Handkerchiefs—Laces and Embroideries at wonderfully low prices

Clearance Sale--Last Two Days

We begin the last two days of the great Clearance Sale with our resources unimpaired in spite of the remarkable selling of the past four weeks—Take inventory of your needs today or tomorrow if you want to profit by the wonderful low prices prevailing on every article—Permit us to suggest that all who can, come mornings—Crowds of Christmas proportions fill every aisle during the afternoon hours—We endeavor to serve everyone satisfactorily then, but cannot give you quite the attention that we are able to during the less busy hours of the day—Remember, tomorrow night at 9:30 ends this great annual economy event.

Navel Oranges 25c doz

We offer for today and tomorrow in the big grocery store 2000 dozen of big, juicy new crop, California Oranges, the kind that other stores ask 35c and 40c dozen for; today and tomorrow only, doz. 25¢ Basement.

Phone Private Exchange 4.

Oriental Rugs

At one-third off the regular prices—magnificent specimens in Rugs, Carpets, Hall Runners, Mats. The largest and best collection in the city.

\$10.00 Rugs for.....\$6.67
\$12.00 Rugs for.....\$8.00
\$15.00 Rugs for.....\$10.00
\$18.00 Rugs for.....\$12.00
\$20.00 Rugs for.....\$13.34
\$25.00 Rugs for.....\$16.64
\$30.00 Rugs for.....\$20.00
\$40.00 Rugs for.....\$26.67
\$50.00 Rugs for.....\$33.34
\$75.00 Rugs for.....\$50.00
\$100.00 Rugs for.....\$66.67
\$200.00 Rugs for.....\$133.34
Let us show them to you.

'Round The Store

Cut Glass at one-third off. Boy's Clothing less than cost Extraordinary values in Misses' and Children's Shoes.

Unequaled Muslin Underwear bargains.

Men's Hosiery and Underwear at the lowest Clearance Sale prices.

Specials in new wash fabrics. Infants' wear at bargain prices.

Big values in Ladies' Hosiery Dinner Sets greatly reduced

All Silverware at Clearance prices.

Framed Pictures half price. Carpets and Rugs greatly reduced.

Men's Clothing Specials

Men having clothing needs will see that they are supplied before 9:30 tomorrow night—The Clearance Sale offers choice from a superb stock of suits and overcoats at the lowest prices of the year—Here's a few of the extra special offerings.

Men's all-wool \$10.00 Suits, in chevrons and tweeds—best styles—great values.....\$6.85

Men's all-wool \$12.50 Suits, in worsteds, fancy chevrons and meltons. This season's best styles—value extraordinary.....\$8.89

Entire stock of \$15 Suits at.....\$10.15
Entire stock of \$20 Suits at.....\$14.35
Men's \$14 Overcoats, fancy mixtures.....\$7.15

Men's \$20 fancy mixed Overcoats, 54-inch, plain and belted back.....\$14.35
Men's "Priestley" Cravenette Raincoats at.....\$10.15
All our \$6.00 and \$6.50 Trousers at.....\$4.85

Importing Hair by the Ton. New York Press.

Since the revival of the pompadour style of dressing women's hair and the use of the "rat" there has been a tremendous increase in the importation of human hair. It is estimated 100 tons of hair, valued at \$1,000,000, have been received at this port this year. This doesn't represent one-half the expense the style has entailed upon women, for it has given a decided impetus to the hairdressing business.

Three times as many New York women now patronize hairdressers as did a few years ago. With women of fashion the hairdresser is looked upon now as a necessity.

In most of the fashionable hairdressing shops of Fifth avenue and its vicinity comparatively few women are employed. Formerly women did all the work, patrons being reluctant to have their hair dressed by men, but the prejudice soon wore off, and now the well-groomed women seem to think that only the man hairdresser who has studied the business abroad is artistic.

The hairdressers say this promises to be a great country for their business. The women of America have less hair than the women of Europe. The quality is about the same, but there seems to be something in the climate of the United States or in the habits of the people that is not conducive to women's hair growing as luxuriously as it does abroad.

"What's the matter with the boys?" asked the dealer of the disaffected patron. "Does he run away?" "Run away?" "He won't even walk away," Chicago Post.

1900 Pairs of Ladies' Fine Shoes

Every pair this season's best \$3 styles on sale for today's 743d Friday Surprise Sale at \$1.95 a pair—Exactly 1900 pairs in lot—Johnson Bros. famous three-dollar line in the best leathers and styles—Vici kid, velour calf, patent leather, lace and Blucher styles—Light or heavy soles—All sizes and widths—Every pair this season's goods and unequalled value at \$3 a pair—This is no "job" lot or odds and ends, but clean, new, desirable footwear—If you're at all economically inclined you won't let this splendid bargain pass by—Today only at.....\$1.95 See Fifth-street window

Friday's Extra Special Bargains

Unusual temptations for shrewd buyers today—Twelve great lots of merchandise priced down to the lowest notch—The saving opportunities offered for today should attract thousands of buyers—We invite comparison of values and prices.

Children's Dresses + Price

Children's Wash Kilts, ages 2 to 5 yrs, very best styles, neat patterns, values from \$1 to \$3.50; today only, at ONE-HALF PRICE.

Men's Shirts Only 53c

Men's stiff bosom shirts, good patterns, big odd lot to choose from; great value for today at.....53¢

18c, 20c 'Kerchiefs 12c

100 dozen Swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs, hem-stitched or scalloped edges, regular 18c and 20c values for.....12¢

4 Cakes Castile Soap 3c

4-cake bar of Castile Soap on sale today at the extraordinary low price of, bar.....3¢

1000 Sheets Toilet Paper

1000-sheet packages of pure tissue Toilet Paper; today only at the extreme low price of, pkg.....6¢

75c Alarm Clocks at 56c

200 guaranteed Alarm Clocks, the regular 75c kind, on sale today only at.....56¢

Very Fine Corsets at 99c

La Premier and Lily of France Corsets, good style, made of the finest materials, values up to \$4.50, for, pair.....99¢

\$6.50, \$7 Skirts \$3.98

Ladies' fine cassimere Walking Skirts in light and dark gray checks and plain materials, strapped and button trimmed, reg. \$6.50 and \$7 values.....\$3.98

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