SLOW WITH WORK

Engineering Company Must Put on More Speed.

PORT OF PORTLAND IS MAD

Contractor Wakefield Gets Another Payment in Spite of Commissioner Driscoll's Protest--Business for Drydock.

Drydock was the one subject before the Port of Portland Commission at its monthly meeting yesterday. They talked from the top of the wings to the bottom of the hull and from one end of the apronz to the other. When the members had exhausted their information on the subject, Dockmaster McIntosh and Engineer Lockwood were on hand to supply them with more material. Contractor Wakefield was also there with an abundance of data. He did not come to enlighten the board, however, but to get his money, and his quest was successful.

Commissioner Thomas, as the watchdog of the Port of Portland treasury, came near losing his laurels to Commissioner Driscoll, who has developed into a vigorous objector. Mr. Driscoll went on record as vehemently opposed to paying the contractor for the dock until it is completed. Mr. Wakefield proved that his part of the dock is done, and because it isn't being operated is no fault of his. All that he wanted was $10,000 retained percentage, and his argument was so convincing that on motion of Captain Pease, seconded by Mr. Thomas, he gained his point in spite of Mr. Driscoll's protest. The same fate met the objection to paying Wakefield for constructing the drydock berth.

Contractor John Marshall, who built the power-house, did not fare so well when he put in a bill for $700 extras. This was deemed too steep in view of the small size of the contract, so the auditing committee was requested to look into the matter again.

Two letters promising business for the new dock were read. One was from the National Oil & Transportation Company, which will have the steamer Rosecrans docked on its next trip here, and the other was from M. C. Harrison & Co., who own several schooners, and will give their business to the Portland dock.

A proposal for liability insurance was also considered, but no action was taken.

Toward the close of the meeting the Commissioners discovered that the drydock will not be completed tomorrow, or the day after, as some of them may have been led to suppose, but may not be ready to float ships until the latter part of May. This surprising information came from an employe of the Columbia Engineering Works, who said his company could not complete its contract inside of 30 days. Superintendent McIntosh scouted the idea of the unfinished work requiring so much time, and the engineering people may also change their minds this morning, when the full strength of the Commission swoops down on them and shows them the folly of their ways.

CHING WO DUE NEXT WEEK.

China Commercial Liner May Get a Good Cargo.

The Chinese Commercial liner Ching Wo sailed from Salina Cruz for this city Wednesday. She is due here early next week and as she will arrive before the Portland & Asiatic steamer Indrasamba, she will fare better in the matter of cargo than the last Commercial steamer, the Lothian, which went out with a very light load. There is not much freight offering now, but shippers are anxious that what they have shall go out on the first steamer sailing. The outcome will probably be a poor showing for the Indrasamba, unless a good quantity of overland freight comes along.

There is not much likelihood that the Oriental liners will have full cargoes outward again until the new crop comes in. The country is nearly cleaned up of unbought wheat and barley and flour is not moving as stocks on the other side are large. The Oriental demand for lumber has also fallen off since the war began. As for the flour trade, it is said that Hong Kong dealers are preparing to ship their surplus supply to Japan, to avoid carrying it through the Summer months. This will operate against much Japanese business being worked on this Coast.

In this connection, it is said that the Minneapolis millers are shipping to the San Francisco market by the roundabout Yokohama route. They find it cheaper to send their flour over Hill's road to the Sound, thence by steamer to Yokohama and back again to San Francisco, than by rail direct from Minneapolis to San Francisco. However, it is not to be supposed that such shipments are very numerous.

So far as steamship officials here know, there will be no change in the May rate on flour or wheat from the Pacific Coast to the Orient. The present rate is regarded as a permanent one, and will probably not be subject to the monthly fluctuations that have unsettled this business in the past. All the lines, with one exception, are a unit in maintaining the present tariff. The Northern Pacific is the only one that wants a change in the way rate, but the other companies have declined to consider the question.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Or., April 14.—Arrived at 9:30 A. M., and left up at 2 P. M.—Steamer Geo. W. Elder, from San Francisco. Arrived down at 11:30 A. M.—French bark Armen. Sailed at 2:50 P. M.—American ship C. F. Sargent, for Alaska. Arrived at 3:30 P. M., and left up at 7 P. M.—Steamer Grace Dollar, from San Francisco. Arrived at 3:30—Schooner W. H. Talbot, from San Francisco. Arrived at 5:30—Schooner Hesper. Arrived at 5 P. M.—Steamer Aurelia, from San Francisco. Condition of the bar at 5 P. M., smooth; wind, southeast; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco, April 14—Arrived at 7 A. M.—Steamer Oregon, from Portland. Sailed at 8 P. M.—Steamer Aberdeen, for Portland. Sailed last night—Schooner Ida Schnauer, for Columbia River.

Falmouth, April 13.—Arrived—French bark Europe, from Portland.

Lizard, April 14.—Passed—French bark Grande Duchesse Olga, from Portland.

New York, April 14.—Arrived—Umbria, from Genoa.

Philadelphia, April 14.—Arrived—Mercen, from Liverpool.

Tacoma, Wash., April 14.—Arrived—British bark Hougomont, from Seattle; steamers Senator, Edith and Mineola, from San Francisco. Sailed—Barkentine Amaranth, for Sydney, Australia.

Seattle, Wash., April 14.—Arrived—Steamer Jeanie, from San Francisco; steamer Asuncion, from San Francisco. Sailed—Steamer America, for Nushigak.

San Francisco, April 14.—Arrived—Steamer Czarina, from Coos Bay; steamer Oregon, from Astoria. Sailed—Ship M. P. Grace, for Bristol Bay; bark Big Bonanza, for Bristol Bay; bark Himalaya, for Bristol Bay; bark Nicholas Thayer, for Bristol Bay; ship Tacoma, for Bristol Bay; steamer Robert Dollar, for Seattle; steamer Aberdeen, for Astoria; steamer Rita Newman, for Gray's Harbor; steamer G. C. Lindauer, for Gray's Harbor; steamer Titania, for Nanaimo; barkentine Gleaner, for Willapa Harbor.

Hoquiam, April 14.—Arrived—Steamer Kruger, from San Francisco, for Aberdeen; steamer Olympia, from San Francisco, for Hoquiam. Sailed—Schooner Resolute, from Hoquiam, for Fiji Islands.

Sued on Two Promissory Notes.

The suit of L. F. and J. E. Quatsoe, plaintiffs, against G. W. Dixson, defendant, to recover $52 on two promissory notes, and $15 attorney fees, will be tried out before a jury this forenoon in the East Side Court. It is one of a series of similar cases in Portland. The Quatsoes represent an advertising firm of Chicago, which, it is alleged, agreed to place three pianos in the hands of a third party in Portland, to be drawn for the benefit of a church, school or society, by 15,000 tickets placed in the hands of the defendant. For every 25 cents' worth of goods purchased at Dickson's store he was to give out a ticket. Dickson admits that the two notes for $26, bearing interest at 8 per cent are genuine, but alleges that there was no consideration, and hence declines to pay. He alleges that in no respect did the Quatsoes comply with the contract.

MINISTERS HOLD CONFERENCE

West Willamette Congregational Association Meets at Tualatin.

An interesting and profitable session of the West Willamette Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches was held at Tualitan, April 12 and 13. The meeting was organized by electing Rev. J. M. Barber, moderator, and Rev. Cephas F. Clapp, scribe. The association sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. L. Kaufman, of Sheridan, and was an instructive presentation of the forceful qualities of discipleship symbolized by salt, light and leaven.

Rev. C. F. Clapp spoke on "The Disciple in the Church," showing the increased power of Christian influence through organization and the putting of one's individual capacity into co-operation with the lives and efforts of others. "The Disciple in the Pulpit," by Rev. J. M. Barber, was a presentation of the influence of the pulpit when supported by intelligent study of the Bible, the faithful preaching of the gospel, illustrated by the consistent Christian life of the minister.

In speaking of "The Disciple as a Missionary," Rev. Edward Curran put strong emphasis upon the missionary character of Christianity, bringing every Christian under the obligation of all the service he can render to the cause and kingdom of Jesus Christ at home and throughout the world.

Miss Frances Gage, for many years a highly successful missionary of the American Board in Marsovan, Turkey, spoke of the conditions, civil and religious, in Turkey, the transforming power of Christian schools, and gave many interesting incidents in the lives of pupils, showing the elevating effects of Christian education in the missionary schools. She also spoke of the work of the medical missionaries, by whom thousands of natives are treated in Christian hospitals and how this work is undermining the prejudice of the people against missionary work.

Rev. H. N. Smith, state superintendent of Sunday School work, conducted a live question exercise, in which most important questions in regard to methods of superintendents and teachers in the Sunday school work were answered with tact and wisdom.

Rev. E. L. House, D. D., discussed the topic: "What It Means to Be a Christian," and those who listened to his vivid description of what the Christian life ought to be were led to feel that to be a Christian means a great deal more than it is usually considered to mean. The "Woman's Hour" was taken up in earnest discussion of the missionary work of the churches by Rev. Dora Reed, Miss Gage and Mrs. F. Eggert, who has for ten years faithfully served the churches in promoting the cause of the Home Missionary Union of the state, in the Congregational Churches. An encouraging advance in interest and work done is shown by the reports of the year.

The association closed with many expressions of gratification at the profitable meetings enjoyed and the spirit of harmony and Christian fellowship which prevailed.

LOGGING ON THE COWEMAN.

Not Much Like a Christmas Party, Says a Man Who Knows.

Logging conditions on the Coweman are such as would make the heart of Kipling glad, but made half a dozen loggers who came out of there yesterday almost faint with the joy of seeing a dry road. They were caked with mud from the collars of their mackinaw coats down and it was hard to see where their boots left off and their corduroys began. They had mighty thirsts and they had come to town to celebrate. They also had the skin of a mountain lion that measured 12 feet and had half cleaned out the sheep in the Coweman country. He was shot about two days ago.

"Logging ain't a Christmas party on the Coweman," suggested one of the men. "Our camp is nine miles above that dam that went through last Winter. We have to pack provisions 19 miles. There's only 18 of us and it takes 13 horses to carry the grub in. Trail? There's cursed little road, but there is a trail, and it takes eight or nine men to keep it where it belongs. You see, when the logs are driven out they chaw away the banks and let down the road. When I came out, I had to scramble along hanging on to the bushes about half the time. They gave way once and I slid about 50 feet and darn near went into the river. The trail winds all over the country. I did not have time to worry about that. It took me from 3 in the morning till 1 in the afternoon to cover 23 miles." Judging from his surprised air at the slow rate made when hanging to bushes most of the way and from the general build of the man, it is probable that he never went slower than five miles an hour before.

"It was so muddy up there that the skids would sink under you when you stepped on them until you were up to your knees in mud. And we skid logs through that too, you bet we did.

"They're going to have a swell road up there though. They ain't going to let that river get in any more of its dirty work. In the bad places they are going to cement the whole works. Have a regular dog-on asphalt pavement.

"When the Coweman gets funny it does tricks," said the logger reverently. "I noticed places where there was logs 60 feet above where the water had ever been, sticking up there in the trees like birds. Darn funny things to see. Guess I'll have to go down there again in a couple of days."

GRAND CONCERT TONIGHT.

Driscoll's Orchestra Will Give Fine Programme at the Marquam.

Tonight at the Marquam Grand Theater an excellent programme of popular and classic music will be given by Driscoll's Orchestra of 35 musicians, under the direction of Samuel Wallace Driscoll. Mrs. May Dearborne Schwab, Portland's charming soprano, and Dom J. Zan, baritone, will assist. This promises to be one of the best concerts given by local talent this season.

A DELIGHTFUL CROWD.

The intense interest shown by skilled housekeepers in good cookery, is attested by the large crowds who daily attend the practical demonstration of the superiority of Diamond "W" baking powder at F. Dresser & Co.'s.

SIG. SICHEL & CO.

"The Quality House," finest cigars and tobacco. 92 Third street.

Insist on having just what you call for when you go to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The Meier & Frank Store

Principal Agents for Butterick Patterns and Publications.
Refrigerators, Screen Doors, Window Screens, Garden Hose, Lawn Mowers.

Mercerized Sateen

$1.50 Petticoats, 89c

Here's a Petticoat Bargain we know has never been equaled in the history of Portland retailing—1000 handsome mercerized black sateen Skirts—Black and white striped mercerized Skirts, moreen finish—Four styles—Deep flounce with ruffle and stitched bands—Van Dyke plaiting and flounce—Three deep ruffles—The best values $1.50 ever bought—Your choice today only at the remarkably low price of 89c each—Compare them with other Skirt bargains around town.

15c Voile Etamines, 10c yd.

5000 yards of pretty Voile Etamines, just the material for shirtwaist suits, black and white, blue and white, tans and browns, 15c value, today, yard..... **10c**

Women's 50c Vests, 32c

Women's Richelieu Ribbed Mercerized Lisle Vests, low neck and sleeveless, dainty lace trimmed, all sizes, 50c values, ea.... **32c**

$1.75 Night Robes, $1.17

Ladies' Cambric, Muslin and Nainsook Night Robes, square, round and V necks, lace and embroidery trimmed, best $1.75 values, today only..... **$1.17**

25c Kerchiefs, 2 for 25c

Fancy Embroidered Scalloped Edge Swiss and Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, all the best 25c values—today only at the low price of 2 for..... **25c**

Lace Hosiery 17c Pair

Another one of our Great Hosiery Sales is in progress for today and tomorrow—2000 pairs of handsome, all-over lace hose in an immense assortment of pretty patterns—Guaranteed fast color and all sizes—Values extraordinary at 17c per pair—Also 1000 pairs of women's medium weight plain black lisle hose—Superior grade absolutely fast color all sizes—Grandest value to be found in town at 17c per pair—New arrivals in high-class fancy lace hosiery, in boot and all-over effects up to $5.00 pair.

Knit Underwear Specials

Here's a chance to supply your Summer Underwear needs at a big saving, all new goods, best styles and all sizes—Sale continues Today and Tomorrow.

Ladies' White Mercerized Vest, low neck, 1-4 sleeve, shaped vest, silk taped neck, all sizes, regular 50c value, for, each... **37c**

Ladies' Lace Trimmed Knee Pants, in white, neatly made, all sizes, the regular 25c styles, this sale, pair..... **19c**

Ladies' High Neck Long Sleeve Vest, silk crocheted neck, silk taped, all sizes—the best 50c values, for, each..... **34c**

Ladies' Mercerized Cotton Mesh Corset Covers, Val. lace trimmed, low neck, no sleeves—great special value, this sale at, each..... **43c**

Children's Summer Underwear, all the best grades and styles

Bedspreads, Sheets, Pillow Cases

Last two days of the Great Special Sale of Bedspreads, Sheets and Pillow Cases—Anticipate your needs for the Summer Cottage—Unusual opportunity for boarding-house keepers.

White Hemmed Bedspreads, large size, Marseilles patterns—spreads sold everywhere at $1.00—at the special low price of only..... **82c**

White Hemmed Bedspreads, handsome Marseilles patterns, large size, spreads that always sold at $1.50, can now be had for only..... **$1.15**

Two great lots of White Hemmed Spreads, very best Marseilles patterns, large size, $1.75 and $2 values, at.... **$1.36, $1.55**

Two great lots of White Fringed Bedspreads, in Marseilles patterns and full size, $1.75 and $2.50 values. ... **$1.52, $2.10**

Pink and Pale Blue Fringed Bedspreads, in full size and very best patterns, $1.50 and $1.75 values, each..... **$1.12, $1.38**

45x36 in. Pillow Cases, hemstitched, splendid quality cotton and marvelous value at..... **14½c**

81x90 Hemmed Sheets, you can't buy them wholesale at the price we offer them at, each..... **53c**

Alarm Clocks

Great Special Sale Two Days—Every Clock Guaranteed.

"America" Alarm Clock, our leader, 75c value, only..... **59c**

Regular $1.00 Alarm Clock..... **81c**

Calendar, Time and Alarm Clock, $1.25 value, for..... **98c**

Sunrise, luminous dial, regular $1.30 value, for..... **$1.19**

Double Bell Alarm Clocks, regular $1.50 value, for..... **$1.19**

Stationery

Velour, Satin and Rough Finish Quire Paper, 24 sheets, great value, quire..... **7c**

Initial Paper, all initials, regular 25c values, at, per box..... **17c**

75c box of Paper, embossed initials, great special value, box..... **39c**

Good Satin Finish Ink Tablet for only..... **3c**

10c Crêpe Paper, all colors. **7c**

Lewis and Clark Souvenir Tablets and Envelopes at low prices.

The Meier & Frank Store

Sole Agents for "Vudor" Porch Shades—All sizes—Ready for hanging.
Genuine Panama Hats for Men—New shapes—All sizes, $5.00 to $10.00

$10 to $16 Waists $6.45

We could have sold the entire lot of 200 lace waists which we offer for today's 754th surprise sale—Yesterday, all day long scores of the store's best friends pleaded for us to put this one or that one aside for her—That's not our way of conducting special sales—We don't play favorites—Today the greatest, the grandest waist offering Portland women have ever had the opportunity to share in—200 beautiful all-over lace waists, silk lined in the following styles: Venise Lace, Repousse Lace, Lierre Lace, Point Gaze Lace, Renaissance Lace, Point D'Esprit Laces, and Chantilly Lace styles, blacks, whites, cream and ecru, lace fagoting, medallion and fancy stitched trimmed—All clean, fresh, high-class waists, handsomely made and all sizes—Included in the lot are about a dozen magnificent chiffon waists, lace trimmed, $10.00 to $16.00 values at $6.45—See Fifth-street window display.

Great Friday Shoe Specials

It's no trick to sell the best $3.00 footwear for women at $1.95 a pair, we'll admit that—We're going to do it again today just the same to add a thousand new recruits to our army of shoe customers and make a hundred or so of the old guard happy—If you've summer shoe needs don't miss these bargains.

$3 Dress Shoes, Pair, $1.95

850 pairs of Ladies' Lace and Blucher Shoes, in patent leather and vici kid, heavy or light sole, dull or kid top, all the newest and best models, all sizes and widths—the best $3 shoes on the market—today only at, pair..... **$1.95**

$3 Oxford Ties, Pair, $1.95

We had such satisfactory response to our sale of Women's $3.00 Oxfords at $1.95 a pair early in the week that we repeat same for today—850 pairs Ladies' Oxfords in lace and Blucher style, patent colt, patent kid and vici kid, dull and kid top—all the best lasts, all sizes and widths—best $3.00 values, a only, pair..... **$1.95**

Carload of Oranges, 35c grade at 25c per dozen

We offer for today and tomorrow a carload of big, fine quality California Navel Oranges, the 35c grade, at, dozen..... **25c**

Men's Clothing Specials

Today and tomorrow are bargain days in the Men's Clothing section—Seasonable apparel of the best grade at the lowest prices you would care to pay and be assured of quality—We'll guarantee the cost to be fully one-third below what you would have to pay for equal grades at the exclusive store—Extensive varieties, newest and best materials—Correct fashions—Second floor.

Men's Wool Spring and Summer Suits, in tweeds, gray and brown plaid mixtures and cheviots—garments the exclusive store would ask you $12.50 for—our special price for two days..... **$7.95**

Men's Wool Spring and Summer Suits, in light and medium shades of cassimeres, fancy cheviots and fancy tweeds, suits the exclusive store would ask $14.00 for—our price for this sale..... **$8.95**

Men's Wool Spring and Summer Suits, in blue serges, flannels, worsteds, fancy tweeds, double twists, newest fashions and materials, handsomely tailored, $15.00 values—for this sale..... **$11.35**

High-Grade Summer Suits, in fancy worsteds, fancy cheviots and tweeds, plaids and checks—extraordinary values at..... **$12.35**

Men's Outing Suits at..... **$7.50** to **$15.00**

Last two days of the great sale of Boys' Wash Suits and Kilts.

Panama Hats, **$5.00** to **$10.00**. Straw Hats, **25c** to **$3.00**.

Sole Portland Agents for "Vudor" Porch Shades, all sizes, Complete ready for hanging, 3d floor—New Sheet Music Dept. on 2d floor, all the latest hits on sale at the lowest price—See the beautiful Silk Embroidery work as done on our "Willamette" Sewing Machine, 2 to 5 P. M.—Great special sale of Trunks and Traveling Bags, best styles, all sizes, on the Third Floor.

$4 Trimmed Hats $2.25

We offer you today 100 handsome trimmed hats of horsehair and Manila braids, black, pink and blue; new attractive shapes, beautifully made and trimmed with flowers and foilage—Every hat in the lot $4 value—Great special Friday bargain at, each..... **$2.25**

500 Sunbonnets, variety of styles and colors—today only your choice, each..... **19c**

IN MILLINERY SALON SECOND FLOOR

Friday Bargains

All 25c Tooth Brushes, 15 styles, today, ea.... **13c**

1000 boxes of Dr. Graves' unequaled Tooth Powder, 15c value, at, per can..... **7c**

25c box of Plain or Ruled Paper, envelopes to match, today only at the low price of only, box..... **14c**

$3.00 CURTAINS $1.63

200 pairs of White and Arabian Net Curtains, lace ruffle and insertion, full sizes, $2.50, $2.75 and $3 values, today at, pair..... **$1.63**

4-inch All-Silk, 4-inch Fancy Plaid Ribbons, 40c value, yard..... **23c**

Men's 75c Muslin Nightrobes, plain or trimmed, all sizes, great bargain.... **47c**

40c Ribbons 28c

2500 yards of 4½-inch All Silk Satin Taffeta Ribbons, in red, blue, mais, nile, navy, white, cream, black—very best 40c quality, on sale at, yard. **28c**

Handsome new Tuxedo Mesh Veilings, in black, blue, brown, white, fancy or plain mesh, with chenille dot, suitable for drop veil or nose veil—50c quality, yard..... **38c**

Fabric Gloves

Lisle Gloves, in black, white, mode and gray, at **25c, 50c, 65c, 75c** and **85c** pair.

Immense assortment of Silk Net Gloves in the latest styles, **65c, $1.00, $1.25** pair.

"Amsterdam" Double Tipped Silk Gloves, in black, white, gray, mode, tan and pongee, all sizes—**50c, 75c** and **$1.00** a pair.

Plain and Embroidered Silk Gloves, 12 and 16-button length, beautiful styles, **85c** to **$5.00** pair.

Silk and Lisle Mitts, **50c** to **$2.50** pair.