

MEET THE CHIEF

Pacific Northwest Clings to Celilo Project

PUBLIC SPIRIT IS AROUSED

Chamber of Commerce Will Pass Strong Resolutions.

TELEGRAM SENT TO OFFICIALS

Commercial Organizations of State and Columbia Basin Will Make Demand for Appropriation Under Contract.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL ACT.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 16.—John H. Mitchell, Charles W. Fulton, J. N. Williamson, Elmer Hermann, Washington, D. C. The Chamber of Commerce of Portland, Or., respectively, requests of the Oregon delegation...

Public Spirit Throughout the Pacific Northwest is Aroused over the Proposed Abandonment of the Appropriation for the Celilo Canal.

From every hand comes word that some united action is being, or will be, taken with the hope that Representative Burton may be convinced that he is in duty bound to recommend an appropriation for the canal under the terms of the fact agreement...

The Chamber of Commerce will take the position that the Government is under obligation to commence the construction of the canal by virtue of the agreement entered into between the state and the Government at the time the appropriation was passed...

As soon as the delegation advises as to the best method of procedure, the Chamber will adopt a plan of action and will ask for the co-operation of all the commercial bodies of the Northwest...

Canal and Jetty Both.

W. D. Wheelwright, president of the Chamber of Commerce, states the possibility not only of the construction of all the commercial bodies when he says: "It is a very essential thing, from the standpoint of the state and of the Government money that the work be continued on the jetty and that the commencement should be made on the construction of the canal."

"But it is important that the whole project be opened, and for this reason the canal construction should be started. Therefore the commercial bodies will work together in harmony to secure this appropriation. The important thing is to secure a continuing contract with, if necessary, a small appropriation to com-

me with. If this can be done, the work will be finished, for once started, it will be continued. The estimated cost of the canal is \$3,000,000, work could be commenced on a grant of from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

"I am going to Salem to see if I can stretch the portage road out a little so that we can get along without the canal if we have to do so," said the Mayor last night. "The important thing is to get an appropriation to extend the portage road around the Three-Mile Rapids."

"Not to grant the appropriation would be penny wise and pound foolish. It is due to the fact that the state got the money to buy the right of way for the canal and the Government should fulfill this agreement."

FUNDS IN HAND ARE SMALL.

Little Can Be Done on Improvements Without New Appropriations. That appropriations for the improvements of the Columbia River must be allowed by the present Congress before any further work can be done is clearly shown by a comparison of the balance on hand and the amounts expended on such improvements during the fiscal year.

The operating expense of the dredge during that time was \$49,000, leaving \$17,000 as the amount available for repair and extension of the jetty. With that amount \$455 feet of jetty was constructed.

The balance at present available for improvement at the mouth of the Columbia is \$242,540. The present rate of work on the Chinook, which was approximately \$120,000, leaving only \$122,540 for the work of jetty extension.

The dredging of the Lower Willamette, which is another improvement dependent upon the passing of a river and harbor bill, or provision being made in the sundry civil bill. The dredging of the Willamette has been constantly at work during the last year with the most favorable results. The shifting nature of the channels will increase the amount that could be expended this year. Since this improvement is not under the continuing-contract system, work can only be performed as funds are available.

At this time the only Government work that can be proceeded with is the clearing of the Three-Mile Rapids, this being under contract with the Government for \$1,175,700 on hand. For no improvement can be made until the appropriation for the construction of the canal is made.

BOTH PROJECTS FAVORED.

Baker City Men Aroused at Proposal Made by Chairman Burton. BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Mayor C. A. Johns said tonight that he would support the proposal of Chairman Burton to cut off the appropriation for the canal in the interest of a large appropriation for improvements at the mouth of the Columbia River, that he was decidedly in favor of an appropriation both for the Celilo canal and for the improvements at the mouth of the Columbia River.

the portage railroad by the state as an argument against the construction of the canal at this time. The understanding at the time the appropriation for the railroad was made that it was only a temporary arrangement pending the construction of the canal.

BLOW TO EASTERN OREGON.

Propose Inaction of the Government Termined a Breach of Faith. THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Much regret is expressed here today over the press reports of Chairman Burton's announcement that the Celilo Canal project will be abandoned.

"It would be regarded by the people of this section as a distinct breach of faith on the part of the Government should further appropriation be withheld at this time, when the state and the department has been complied with and the way cleared for the Government's work at a large expense to the state."

WALLA WALLA TO FILE PROTEST

Washington Delegation to Be Urged to Press Canal Measure. WALLA WALLA, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The people of Walla Walla do not take very kindly to the announcement that Chairman Burton, of the rivers and harbors committee, has decided that there was a probability of the appropriation for the Celilo canal being cut off by Congress.

Every one believes that the only permanent relief would be to stop the exorbitant freight rates is by an open river to tide water. Construction of the Celilo canal would mean a great deal to the growers of the inland Empire, and for that reason vigorous protest has gone up over the entire county over Burton's announcement.

The Celilo canal should be constructed and the Government should appropriate sufficient money to carry out the project. The people of Walla Walla, and the Oregon and Idaho have personally subscribed to a fund to construct the Celilo portage railway as a temporary relief until the canal is constructed.

GOVERNMENT IS OBLIGATED.

Astorians Insist That Canal Be Constructed at Celilo.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Chairman Burton's suggestion that the proposed appropriation be dropped from the river and harbor bill does not meet with the approval of Astorians, who, while insisting that a liberal appropriation be made for the jetty, feel that something substantial should also be done for the Celilo improvement.

"Of course I believe, as no doubt does every other person in Oregon, that the improvement of the mouth of the Columbia River is the most important project we have, and we must have a liberal appropriation for that, by all means; but the removal of the obstructions from the upper river by constructing the Celilo canal is also important."

MISTAKE WOULD BE MADE.

Mayor of Dayton, Wash., Says Celilo Canal is Most Important. DAYTON, Wash., Jan. 16.—Mayor G. F. Jackson states the people of the Inland Empire believe that the most important work undertaken by the Government, and to withhold an appropriation this year, after construction has been pledged, would be a great disappointment to the people of this section.

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Celilo Canal is Essential.

UNION, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—On Chairman Burton's suggestion to cut off the appropriations for the Celilo canal, Mayor L. J. Davis, of Union says: "Without the construction of the proposed locks the Columbia River had as well not have existed, so far as it affects the transportation problem in this section of Eastern Oregon."

"No other one thing would do more to develop the Columbia River basin than the opening of this great artery of commerce and the proposal of the Government to abandon this project is universally opposed here."

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

"THE HOLY CITY."

Rev. F. Gregory Speaks of the Good the Columbia Play is Doing. Nothing could more briefly and pointedly voice the sentiments of the people than the play "The Holy City."

PROF. NYE'S HYPNOTIC POWER

Empire Audience to Witness a Wonderful Performance. Professor Thomas Callaway Nye, who, with Arthur Laing is to give three performances at the Empire Theater, is telling over for half a century that people who are cured by hypnotic suggestion and mental science.

BOLD THIEF GETS WATCHES.

Enters Third-Street Store and Makes Good haul.

To steal three gold watches from a hook in the window of a Third-street store is unusual, but a thief accomplished the feat last night at North Third and made his escape.

Last Performance Tonight.

"Tonight will be the last performance of L. A. Libby's liberal and American Tramp" at the Empire Theater. Joseph Kearney, who essays the role of the Weary Willie in Manager Newell's comedy sketch, "The Libby Act of 1891," is the delineator of the character.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"Sulu" Set Today. This morning at 10 o'clock the advance sale of seats will open for the musical comedy success "The Sultan of Sulu," which comes to the Marquam Grand Theater next Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, January 19, 20 and 21, with a special matinee on Saturday.

New Vaudeville Bills

Star.

Camello and Fona are the leaders at the Star, as equilibrista, contortionists and the construction of the other Punch and Judy shows ever seen. He is followed by Nagle and Adams with a light comedy act and a clever exhibition of the "Dude of the Village," are also winners in the laughter line.

Grand.

Whitehead and Diamond are two comedians who work hard along original lines at the Grand, and their clever dancing and jokes make them plenty of friends. The Grand's "Dude of the Village," are also winners in the laughter line.



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