

GILLSON BURTON

Chamber of Commerce Urges Celilo Canal.

BACKS CLAIM WITH FACTS

Statement Is Made of Project's Meaning.

PROSPECTS MORE CHEERFUL

Telegram Forwarded to Chairman of Rivers and Harbors Committee Asking That Some Provision Be Made.

"Hon. Theodore E. Burton, chairman of committee on rivers and harbors, Washington, D. C.

"The Portland Chamber of Commerce, while appreciating and commending your just desire that appropriations shall not exceed such sums as are required by actual needs and are consistent with true economy, and while urging against any diminution of the appropriation for the Columbia River bar, whose continuous work is necessary to commerce results already attained, respectfully but urgently recommends that some provision be made for beginning work on The Dalles-Celilo Canal. This morning's dispatches from Washington state that your honorable committee wishes to be informed as to whether this project would accomplish results justifying the expenditure of so much public money as \$2,500,000. To this we answer that only a small proportion of that sum is needed now; that the total expenditure will extend over a term of years; that it would practically complete an open river of nearly 500 miles; that it would promote an area that now produces \$50,000,000 annually to a production point of \$200,000,000; that the development of the Oregon country during the last 20 years has not been one-half what it would have been but for obstacles in the way of navigation; that this improvement is called for by the unanimous and persistent sentiment of all the citizens of three states who are now working zealously and in perfect harmony to build up the country, and that Congress, by the exercise of the functions that it alone can employ, will only be aiding the energetic efforts of the people in planning to make of the Columbia River an open waterway from Lewiston to the mouth of the river."

Major Langitt has reported in favor of the canal, and though doubtless averse to volunteering a further statement, would certainly answer any inquiry addressed to him.

"WM. D. WHEELWRIGHT, President, "GEORGE TAYLOR, "Chairman Navigation Committee," "HENRY HAIN, "Chairman Open River Committee."

"Feeling that the outlook for the Celilo canal, as expressed in the later dispatches from Washington is more hopeful and that this is the time for decisive action, the above telegram was sent by President Wheelwright, of the Chamber of Commerce, last night.

Is Time to Act.

In speaking of the matter Mr. Wheelwright said: "In the report received from Washington yesterday morning we think that this is the time to make a final urgent appeal to Chairman Burton. Mr. Burton has been out here and understands the needs of the Upper as well as the Lower River and is only prevented, I believe, from favoring a liberal appropriation for the canal by the desire to keep appropriations down as much as possible during the present session."

"That commerce justifies the construction of the canal requires no argument; and I believe it is well known to the Washington committee. The telegram sent fully expresses my views on the matter."

"The chances for an appropriation for this project seem much brighter and I feel confident that with persistent action on our part sufficient money will be secured to begin work on the canal this year."

Governor Chamberlain is equally emphatic in his views of the necessity for the canal and believes also that energetic steps should be taken immediately to urge this necessity upon the river and harbor committee. When interviewed by The Oregonian last night at Salem he said:

Views of Governor.

"Immediate action should be taken by the Legislatures of Oregon, Washington and Idaho to prove to the rivers and harbors committee in Congress that the construction of the Celilo canal is in the best interest of the country. In my opinion the best course to pursue would be for each of these states to send one or two men, the strongest men available, to go to the National capital and present the facts before the committee. I believe that if a delegation of such men, representing the commercial interests of this great Northwest country were sent to Washington at once they would have no trouble in showing that the building of the Celilo canal would be a profitable investment. When the present wealth and later resources of this vast Columbia River basin are presented in the form of definite and reliable information no reasonable man will fail to be convinced that the benefits to the commerce of this region, which would accrue from the construction of the canal, would justify the expenditure of \$2,500,000. Of course, men cannot be convinced against their wills, but if the members of the committee are open to the conviction they are men in Oregon, Washington and Idaho who can satisfy their minds upon this point."

"Whether the Legislature should select men or authorize the Governor to appoint men makes little difference. Any action the Oregon Legislature may take along the line I have suggested will meet my hearty approval. Whatever is done should be done at once."

Commerce Justifies Canal.

W. A. Mearns, secretary of the North Pacific Shippers' Association and secretary of the navigation committee of the Chamber of Commerce, said: "If it simply depends upon commerce justifying the canal, an appropriation will certainly be made. This canal when completed will open up the territory clear to Spokane, and there can be no doubt but that it will divert a large volume of freight to the river, or at least lower the rail rates, which will be of equal advantage. Whenever you afford a scope of territory better means to get its produce on the market you increase its value, and population flows in."

The trade of the country north of the Snake River at this time goes to Spokane, but with an open river this market would undoubtedly be brought to Portland. The building of this canal gives the up-

per country access to the ocean, and that means a greater production. Lands will become more valuable, population will increase, and it is impossible to estimate how much commerce will be benefited."

An open river at Celilo will be of the utmost advantage to commerce, since it will open the river to free navigation for 500 miles from the sea. This will directly affect the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho and will put the territory of the Upper Columbia River in a position to enter into all markets. By enabling products to be marketed cheaper through lower rates of freight, the canal will be the means of opening up much of the undeveloped country."

When the state portage road was urged in 1893 it was estimated that a saving of 1 cent a bushel on freight on wheat would save over \$6,000 annually to the farmers of Eastern Oregon. It was also estimated that with a canal and open river the merchants and producers of Portland and the Columbia River Basin would save annually \$1,500,000 in freight rates.

"The fact that commerce does demand the canal and that its volume is sufficient to justify the appropriation, will be urged by the committee and steps taken to prove its value."

SHOULD NOT WASTE TIMBER.

Visiting Minister Surprised by Size of Oregon Lands.

"What are those big logs for, piled up there on the shore? My! they are big fellows, and would create a sensation back in Boston, my home."

This was the remark of Rev. Ralph Gilliam, who is holding revival meetings in the Second Baptist Church, made yesterday to Rev. S. C. Lapham, as they were standing on the East Side span of the Burnside bridge, taking in the sights.

"They are logs to be sawed up into lumber without splitting, and that is too much trouble. They will likely be made into firewood later," was Mr. Lapham's answer. The logs belong to the Standard Box Factory, and average from eight to ten feet in diameter. There was also a boom of smaller logs lying in the river outside the collection of monstrosities.

"Now, that seems a criminal waste of timber. We used to waste our timber in the East like that," continued Mr. Gilliam, "but we don't any more. You folks out here in Oregon will come to see the necessity of preserving your timber when it gets as scarce as it has in the East. You see those logs?" pointing to some ordinary logs, but the size of our logs we have in the East."

Mr. Gilliam was assured that the timbers he was pointing to were very common and seldom used for lumber.

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"Penans Bay." "And hundreds of others." "Village by the Sea." "Down at the Baby Store." "I May Be Crazy, But I Ain't No Fool!" "My Dear Luzon." "Souza's 'Diplomat.'" "Burning of Rome." "Tippecanoe." "St. Louis Rag."

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"Mississippi Mamie." "When the Sunset Turns the Ocean Blue to Gold." "Zenith," two-step. "Constancy." "The Quaint Cottage by the Stream." "A Whispered Thought." "Southern Reverie." "Teasing." "And hundreds of others."

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OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—A combination or merger into one company of the leading wholesale houses handling Puget Sound oysters in Olympia, Shelton, Tacoma and Seattle, has been in process of negotiation in Olympia for a week. The resulting combination will be strong enough, it is believed, to control prices if it desires to do so.

The firms involved in the merger are the North Pacific Oyster Company, of Tacoma; Bowman & Waldrip of Olympia; the Waldrip Oyster Company, of Seattle; The Olympia Oyster Company, Mrs. Pott's Sad Irons, set \$1.00. 35c Monkey Wrench. 25c Wire Tasslers, each. 15c Large Tin Water Pails, each 20c Mopsticks, each 12c Chopping Bowls, each 15c Chopping Bowls, each 15c 30c Tin Dishpans. 40c Tin Dishpans. 32c 25c Flour Sifters. 20c \$1.50 Copper rim Wash Boilers. \$1.20 \$1.10 Copper bottom Wash Boilers. 88c

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Always room in the home for an extra Rug or two—Few housewives will pass by the following splendid values—Third Floor Reversible and washable Bathroom Rugs, blue and white, red and white, green and white—18x36 in., \$1.15 27x54 in., \$2 36x72 in., Great Value, \$2.80 500 manufacturers samples of Velvet, Axminster and Brussels Carpets, all are 1 1/4 yards long and suitable for Rugs, best patterns and colorings, ea. 93c Empire Brussels Rugs, beautiful selections, size 9x12 \$16.65 Closing out 25 English Art Squares—attractive patterns and colorings—9 ft. x 12 ft., \$10.80 9 ft. x 10 ft. 6 in. \$9.45 Extra super all-wool Art Squares—Great values at—9x9 ft. \$7.29 9x12 \$9.72 12x12 \$12.96 9x10.6 \$8.51 10.6x12 \$11.34 12x13.6 \$14.58 6x9 Brussels Rugs, \$7.25; 9x9 Brussels Rugs \$9.85

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