

SEEK REMEDY

Rivermen Try to Avoid Bridge Delays.

DRAFT NEW SET OF RULES

Draws to Be Closed After One Boat Passes.

SIGNALS ALSO TO BE CHANGED

Steamboat Men Will Submit to County Judge Webster's Plans to Minimize Inconvenience to Bridge Pedestrians.

Rivermen were busy yesterday in their endeavors to provide a remedy for the inconvenience suffered by bridge pedestrians when the draws are open. The committee appointed at the meeting of the rivermen and commercial interests held on Tuesday, which consists of Captain A. B. Graham and Herbert Holman, met yesterday and formulated a set of rules for steamboats in accordance with the suggestions presented at the former meeting. These will be used to prevent a large part of the present acknowledged delay of those crossing the bridges.

The main features of these rules will be the provisions for boats passing through and whistling for the draws. They will provide that in the case of local traffic the draws will be closed after the passage of one boat, unless it should happen that another boat is immediately behind.

This, it is thought, will have the effect of avoiding long delays to the people crossing the bridges and under such a system it is believed that the delays will in no case exceed from four to five minutes.

Aim to Minimize Delays.

Another provision will regulate the whistling for the draws and arrange for the recall of the signal for the opening should the boat find itself detained after calling for the draw. The rules as prepared by the rivermen aim to minimize the delay to bridge pedestrians and street-cars, and the committee is confident that, should the trial of the rules they will, with the co-operation of the bridge tenders obviate the larger part of the present annoyance. The rules, as prepared, declare that the draws are to be kept open as long as possible and at all times to keep draft vessels and tows, since this class of shipping must find an open channel and cannot be regulated as to time.

The committee is now submitting the rules to all steamboat interests for approval. County Judge Webster will then be consulted, and it is expected that he will then grant a trial of the remedy proposed by the rivermen before taking any definite action towards closing the bridges absolutely for one hour each morning and evening.

Any action toward closing the bridges to navigation will be strongly opposed by the rivermen. They feel and express the opinion that at this time bridge pedestrians are oftentimes unnecessarily delayed, but they think that this is the fault equally of boat captains and the bridge tenders. They are confident that some arrangement can be made whereby navigation will be unobstructed and a large measure of relief given the public which uses the bridges. With this realization of the situation, they are willing to do all in their power to remedy one difficulty, but will not admit that the Government should be closed to them without Government authority, and this, they think, will never be granted.

County Judge's Power Questioned.

While announcements have been made that the county officials would close the draws if they saw fit, it is doubted in many quarters if this can be done. A Government official, closely connected with river navigation, said yesterday:

"There can be no question as to the Government having authority over navigable streams and its right to impose conditions covering their obstruction. In order to build a bridge over such a stream it is necessary to secure Governmental authority, and this should be shown in advance for public interest. It is found bridge to river navigation for any specified time during the day. It would be necessary to secure permission from the Government. The Government officials intend to take the stand that if public interests are better served by the closing of bridges to navigation at certain times it should be done, and this showing would have to be a good one before the War Department would ever consent to such obstruction to navigation."

LETTERS FREE TO FARMERS

Rural Delivery Routes Now Cover Most of Multnomah County.

The Multnomah rural mail delivery route has been lengthened to cover the remaining territory between that place and Woodlawn, and thereby completing the system all over the eastern part of Multnomah County from the Portland city limits to Latourette Falls.

The Multnomah rural route is now about 24 miles long and intersects with routes from Lentz, Gresham and Cleone. The northern part of Clackamas County is also covered by the free delivery route, except a territory around Eagle Creek which will soon be supplied by a rural carrier from Barton. The system will then be complete with 12 carriers in Eastern Multnomah and six in Clackamas County.

WILL ENCAMP AT GEARHART

Then Oregon National Guard Will Entertain Exposition Visitors.

In all probability the entire National Guard of Oregon will go into camp at Gearhart Park, Or., in the early part of July and remain there for 12 to 13 days. The entire force will then return to Portland and go into camp for three days on the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds. During which time the regiments will have exhibition drills for the entertainment of visitors. It is expected that the military companies representing the National Guards of Washington and Idaho which are to participate in the coming Interstate military drills will be at the Fair grounds while the Oregon National Guard is completing its annual encampment.

SHOT PIERCES HAND AND SKUNK

Neighbor Gropes for Rodent, and Man With Gun Does the Rest.

GRESHAM, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special).—Walter Quisenberry was shot in the right hand and forearm while assisting a neighbor in dislodging a skunk at Rockwood a few days ago. Mr. Quisenberry had torn up a board in the floor of his house, and was reaching down when the neighbor saw the animal from the outside and fired under the house. The lead took effect in both the skunk and Mr. Quisenberry's arm, one being hit out cold, the other laid up for repairs. A doctor examined the wound and will save the arm.

TO CURE COLIC IN ONE DAY.

Take Lavative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. R. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

The Meier & Frank Store's February Sale of Groceries

Only five days more of the great Annual February Sale of Groceries and Provisions—An opportunity for housewives, hotel and boarding-housekeepers to supply everyday table needs at a big saving—We call particular attention to the low prices prevailing on Canned Goods, Fruits and Vegetables—Sale ends next Tuesday at 6 P. M.—Phone and Mail Orders will be promptly attended to

2000 Dozen Oranges 18c Dozen

Another great sale of new crop California Navel Oranges for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the size and grade the neighborhood grocer and fruitdealer asks you 35c dozen for; buy all you want here—box of 10½ dozen on sale for \$1.75; per dozen 18c

CANNED GOODS

Alamo Tomatoes, 2½-lb. cans, for this sale at 7½c 90c DOZEN; \$1.70 CASE.

Premium Tomatoes, 2½-lb. cans, for this sale at 8 1/2c 95c DOZEN; \$1.80 CASE.

All Gold Solid Packed Tomatoes, 2-lb. cans, for this sale at 12c \$1.30 DOZEN; \$2.50 CASE.

"Queen of the West" Corn, great value, for this sale, can. 1 1/2c \$1.05 DOZEN; \$2.10 CASE.

Army and Navy Corn, great special value at, can. 9c \$1.05 DOZEN; \$2.10 CASE.

Duchess Table Peaches, un-equaled value at 12c \$1.40 DOZEN; \$2.65 CASE.

Duchess Table Apricots, fine quality, great value at 11c \$1.30 DOZEN; \$2.50 CASE.

All Gold Table Peaches, none better, great value at 11c \$1.30 DOZEN; \$2.50 CASE.

All Gold Table Apricots, fine quality, great value at 11c \$1.30 DOZEN; \$2.50 CASE.

All Gold Royal Ann Cherries, finest on the market 25c \$2.75 DOZEN; \$5.00 CASE.

Sliced Pineapple, 2-lb. cans, great special value at 15c \$1.70 DOZEN CASES; \$4.40 CASE OF 4 DOZEN.

Singapore Sliced Pineapple, a delicious fruit, 2-lb. cans 25c \$2.15 DOZEN CASES; \$6.00 CASE OF 3 DOZEN.

French Peas, extra fine, 25c \$2.40 PER DOZEN CANS.

Mushrooms, first choice, cans 30c \$2.00 PER DOZEN CANS.

C. & B. Lucca Oil, qt. 65c 19-lb. sack Corn Meal, 25c 2 packages Malt Vinegar, 25c 2 packages Grape-Nuts, 25c

Van Camp's Pork and Beans, 1-lb. cans, on sale at 8 1/2c Per dozen cans 97c Case, four dozen \$3.80 Basement—Phone Exchange 4.

"LINDSAY" Incandescent Light

Gives better light and consumes less gas than any other make. We are introducing them complete at low prices of, each—70c and 90c

3 cans Oregon Cream 25c Sapallo at, bar 7c Pint bottle Ammonia 5c Eagle Milk, can 15c Quart C. & B. Pickles 30c 2 cans Bon Ami 25c 2 packages Knox Gelatine 25c 1-lb. can Shrimps 10c 2-lb. can Shrimps 20c 10 lbs. Cream Rolled Oats 40c 2 packages Violet Oats 25c 2 packages Scotch Oats 25c 2 packages Cream of Wheat 35c 2 1/2-lb. cans Minc'd Clams 35c

Paper Shell Almonds, 2 lbs. 35c Snider's Catsup, 2 bottles 35c Snider's Oyster Cocktail 20c 1-lb. cans Poppy Oysters, 3 35c Van Camp's Plum Pudding, 35c, 40c 25-oz. Jar Cacao-Cocoa 25c Edam Holland Cheese 10c All Milder Herring, keg 13.10 2-lb. pkgs. Graham Crackers, 25c Fig-Prune or Postum, pkg. 20c Fels Naptha Soap 5c 3 cans Van Camp's Soups 25c 10-lb. sack Pastry Flour 30c Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate, 35c 1-lb. can Baker's Cocoa 45c K. C. Baking Powder 25c Schilling's Baking Powder 40c Royal Salad Dressing 25c, 45c

MOCHA AND JAVA COFFEE. M. & F. special brand, equal to the 40c grade the ordinary grocer sells you, at 25c H. O. Oats, 2 pkgs. for 25c 15-lb. cans of Ghirardelli's Cocoa for 25c 1-lb. cans of Cream Baking Powder for 35c



3 packages Energy 25c 2 packages Jell-O 25c 17 pounds Western Dry Granulated Sugar for \$1.00 100-lb. sack Western Dry Granulated Sugar for \$5.90 "Victor" Flour, the best money can buy, sack 11.25 1-lb. can Ground Chocolate 25c Durkee Salad Dressing, 10c, 25c, 45c 2-lb. package Soda Crackers 20c 2-lb. basket Washed Figs 22c 2 1/2-lb. packages Seeded Raisins 25c 2-lb. sack Swift's Lard 55c 6 packages Press Matches 25c 6 packages Chip Matches 25c Tapioca or Sago 5c Walnuts, per pound 15c 7 bars Victor Soap 25c 11 bars Standard Soap 25c 2 cans A. Roche's Sardines 25c 1 gal. Log Cabin Syrup 11.25 1/2 gal. Log Cabin Syrup 65c 4 lbs. fancy Italian Prunes 25c Yacht Club Boneless Sardines 20c 10 lbs. Graham Flour 25c 10 lbs. Rye Flour 30c 2 Jars McLaren's Cheese 25c 2 packages Saratoga Chips 25c 3 cans Pioneer Cream 25c

TWO DIVES ARE INSPECTED

Police Captain Finds Conditions Worse Than Before Raids.

"The Paris House is worse now than it ever was, and the Little Paris House is running exactly as it did before it was closed by Sheriff Word Monday night, February 6," said Captain of Police Bailey, after a careful inspection of both places at midnight, Tuesday.

"I was positively surprised when I went into the Paris House, for although I had been told by many persons, including officers, that the same women were back in the crib, and that conditions were as bad if not worse, I could scarcely believe it. To ascertain for myself the facts, I inspected both the Paris House and Little Paris House.

"I traveled North End beats for years, before my appointment to the captaincy, and know conditions in the district. The way the Paris House is conducted now is most disgraceful, more brazen and worse in detail than it ever has been since it was first started.

"I understood from Sheriff Word's published statements, that when he closed the two houses, about two weeks ago, that they would not be permitted to reopen, except as lodging-houses for men only. But however that may be, it is a fact that both are wide open, with the same women in the crib, with men lounging in the hallways conversing with the women and with only one feature of the old Paris House removed—the saloon. Upon further investigation, I found that rooms for more women had been provided.

"From the Paris House I went to the Little Paris House. I had heard that it was in operation, just as before Sheriff Word closed it, but hardly believed it, until I investigated for myself. The same women were in the same rooms, as were there previous to his memorable raid. I returned to headquarters wondering at the things I had seen."

KIDNAPED GIRL GOES HOME

Bakersfield Child Abandoned Here Put on California Train.

After three weeks of forced absence from her home at Bakersfield, Cal., little Geneva Rossi was last night placed aboard the Southern Pacific train by Detective Hawley and started toward her parents. She was kidnaped by a man whose first name is Joe. He is now wanted on a very serious charge.

The little girl, who is aged 8 years, is quite pretty. At police headquarters last night she said she was overjoyed at the thought of returning home. When the man took her he said he was going to visit at the home of her aunt. He had long been a friend of the Rossi family, and was trusted. He abandoned the girl here, and she was cared for by the police.

Tomorrow's Great 793d Friday Surprise Sale

Men's \$18.00 Suits \$10.85

Suits Exclusive Clothiers Ask \$22.50 for

Every man and young man in town is interested in our great Friday Surprise Sale of Suits which we announce for tomorrow—A great special purchase of 200 suits from one of the largest and leading manufacturers in the land, a maker whose product is favorably known over the entire country; ready-to-wear clothing that we guarantee desirable in style and perfect in fit and workmanship, all new, stylish goods, three and four-button round-cut sacks, finely tailored, best trimmings—Materials consist of plain and fancy wool chevots, fancy worsteds, tweeds and cassimeres, fancy unfinished worsteds and navy blue wool serges, all good weights, suitable for all-year-around wear, styles for business and dress wear, sizes for men and young men, every suit equal to our best \$18 values—The exclusive clothier gets \$22.50 for similar styles and grades—An opportunity to buy a handsome Spring Suit at a big saving—The big Morrison-street window display gives you an idea of what extraordinary values they really are—Tomorrow \$10.85



Sole Portland Agents Ostermoor Elastic Felt Mattresses

Peninsular Stoves, Ranges and Heaters in the Basement

New Baby Carriages, Reclining and Folding Go-Carts

Boys' Clothing Specials

Boys' all-wool 2-piece double-breasted Suits, brown and gray plaids and mixtures, ages 8 to 16 years, great special values \$2.80

Boys' fine all-wool 2-piece Suits, in pretty plaids and mixtures, ages 8 to 16 years, best \$5.00 values. \$3.95

Young Men's fine all-wool fancy Worsted Suits in pretty gray plaid effects; 17 to 20 years, \$20.00 and \$22.50 values, on sale for \$18.15

With every purchase of Boys' Suit or Overcoat made at regular prices we give one year's subscription to the "American Boy," biggest and brightest of all boys' magazines. Second Floor.



New Waists

We are showing magnificent styles in women's new white linen and sheer material Waists, exclusive novelties at prices ranging from \$4.50 up to \$35.00 each. Let us show them to you. Second Floor.

New Spring Millinery

New Spring Hats arriving by every express; already displaying many of the prettiest styles we have ever seen. Strikingly effective Flower Hats in all the leading shades. New Silk, Chiffon and Lace Hats. New "Charlotte Corday" Hats. Second Floor.

New Silks

Our Spring Silk display is second to none in the land. Every new style for shirtwaist suits, dresses, evening waists, trimming, etc., will be found here. Sole agents for "Moneybak" guaranteed Black Silks, the best America produces.

Corset Cover Embroideries

The great lots of new Corset Cover Embroideries on sale at special low prices, yard 49c Thousands of yards, Swiss and Nainsooks in the most desirable patterns and great variety; unequalled values 64c today at, yard 49c Novelties in linen hand-embroidered Robes just received. New Laces and Dress Trimmings for Spring Gowns.

The Meier & Frank Store

Portland's Largest Store

Principal Agents for Butterick Patterns and Publications
Custom Shade and Drapery Work Our Specialty—3d Floor
Sole Agents for Willamette Sewing Machines, \$15 to \$35

Women's \$3 Shoes \$1.98



500 pairs Women's patent leather, vici kid and velour calf Shoes, lace styles, Johnson Bros.' best make in all sizes and widths; unequal shoe value for today, tomorrow and Saturday at the low price of— \$1.98 pair

500 pairs of Misses' kid and box calf lace Shoes, all sizes, best \$2 values, on sale for three days at, pair \$1.48

Sizes 8½ to 11, \$1.50 values on sale for, pair \$1.22

500 pairs Women's Storm Rubbers, great special bargain for 3 days at, pair 48c

MEN'S \$3.50-4 SHOES \$2.92

Men's patent leather, vici kid and box calf Shoes, very best lasts in this season's \$3.50 and \$4.00 footwear; all sizes and widths; economical men will take advantage at the low price of, pair \$2.92

Spring Suits \$16.50 to \$45.00 Ea.

Portland's Leading Cloak Store

Is showing an unusually large variety of new Spring Suits for Women; jacket, Eton, blouse and tight-fitting styles, in Chevots, Cashmeres, Broadcloths, Panama Cloths, Etamines, Serges, Mohairs and mannish mixtures, in blue, black, brown, gray, tans, greens and fancy checks; the handsomest display of Spring garments Portland has ever seen so early in the season. Prices range from \$16.50, \$18.00, \$20.00, \$22.50, \$25.00, \$30.00, \$36.00 up to \$45.00 Suit.



Tan Covert Jackets

Another great shipment of popular-priced Tan Covert Jackets just received by express; plain tailored or fancy trimmed, roll collar or collarless, strapped effects, etc.; all sizes; grand values at \$9.00, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$14.00. Beautiful display of Covert Coats, \$15 to \$35. Hundreds of new Silk, Wool and Alpaca Shirtwaist Suits, newest Spring styles.

500,000 Yards of Beautiful New Wash Materials

Novelty wash materials—Chiffon de Soie and Knotted Pongees, newest Shirtwaist Suitings, in silk effects; all the leading shades, tans, blues, browns, blacks, pinks, lavender, etc.; grand values at, yard 50c

New Mercerized Taffeta Gingham, in checks, a pretty and serviceable Shirtwaist Suiting in pink and white, blue, tan, 30c

New flowered "Dolly Varden" Voiles; pretty and dainty effects for evening gowns and street wear; great variety, yard 30c

New embroidered Shirtwaist Patterns, in white and gray embroidered effects, Linens, Persian Lawns, Linons, Madras, etc.; a pattern, \$2.50 up to \$25.00

Portland's greatest display of White Goods, plain and fancy effects, in every new style and design; all grades. New Prints, Percales, Ginghams, Cretonnes, etc., etc.

New plain Colored Popelines at, yard 25c to 75c

New "Faconne" Fancy Linen Suitings at, yard 50c

New Venetian Veiling Voiles, in mixtures, yard 25c

30-inch Imperial Chambray Ginghams, in new linen finish effects; beautiful fabrics, yard 15c

New Dress Ginghams, immense line of patterns, yd. 10c to 50c

New Brilliantine Voiles, wool effects, one of the season's prettiest shirtwaist suitings, yard 25c

New Checked Voiles, worsted effects, pretty patterns, magnificent line at, yard 15c to 50c

New Linens, plain and fancy; all the newest and prettiest shades at, yard 25c to 75c

Japanese Linen, in four grades, for waists, suits, etc.

Great February Carpet Sale

Third Floor

Hotel Brussels Carpets, in Oriental, floral, Empire designs, bedroom and parlor effects; a carpet of unusual merit; reg. \$1.17 yard; yard \$1.96c

Our famous \$1.25 Windsor Brussels, high-art designs; dainty effects in greens, Orientals, tans and reds; big assortment of patterns to select from; sale price includes sewing; laying and lining; \$1.25 Brussels; yard \$1.16

High-class Axminster Carpets, in two-toned greens, Persian colorings and designs; in the city to choose from; yard, \$1.50, \$1.60, \$1.75 and \$2.10

Magnificent Wilton Carpets, in Oriental and self-colored effects, greens and tans; grand values at, yard \$1.80

Mejrose Ingrains, in handsome 50c designs; yard 50c

Extra Super Two-Ply Ingrains; 90c yard

Three-Ply Brussels designs; \$1.15 yard



75c-85c Wool Waistings 49c Yard

1000 yards of the choicest Wool Waistings, in plaids, dots, basket-weave, mercerized materials, in stripes, checks, plain colors and figures, desirable colorings; the best 75c and 85c values; on sale for a few days at the low price of, yard 49c Beds, Bedding, Springs, Mattresses, Pillows, Blankets, Cushions, etc., at the lowest prices. Estimates given on Hotel and Home furnishing.