

WORKING TO IMPROVE THE COLUMBIA RIVER

"Columbia River Improvement Not Local Issue," Says J. N. Teal.

IMPROVE THE UPPER RIVER

Position of Chamber of Commerce Is Most Forcefully Stated by Attorney to Its Committee on Transportation.

J. N. Teal, attorney to the Chamber of Commerce committee on transportation, was asked yesterday as to the position of the committee on the matter of obtaining a Congressional appropriation for the deepening of the Columbia River channel, and in reply made this statement:

The position taken by the transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce on the river question is defined by the expression, "An open river from Astoria to the sea." It has become with us as fixed a domestic policy as the Monroe doctrine is with the Nation. Everyone will concede that the deepening of the Columbia River to a depth of 35 feet, and the river to the most important single work, would be a boon to the Pacific coast, and would be a boon to the Pacific coast, and would be a boon to the Pacific coast...

Not Merely a Portland Benefit. The committee takes a broader view of this subject than simply as it may apply to Portland. One of the difficulties in the past in securing harmonious action throughout the state and Northwest is the fact that it has been constantly charged that Portland was acting purely from a selfish standpoint. This is not true at the present time. Furthermore, the committee feels that the attempt to get appropriations for the upper river will not affect in the slightest the appropriation for the bar.

There is about as much human nature in Congress as there is in a State Legislature, and it is rather a difficult task to get Senators and Representatives of other states to agree that their particular project should be given priority in order that the appropriation for one particular place or state may be larger. In other words, the committee feels that by cooperating with all those interested in opening up the river better results will be obtained for the mouth of the river, as they can see as well as we can the necessity for having a deep channel to the sea and a safe entrance, as every reduction of freight rates, whether internal or external, in the shape of railroad charges, tollage charges or for tonnage, affects the producer directly, and the argument will be needed to secure the unquestioned loyalty of the representatives from Idaho and Washington for the mouth of the river unless we deliberately abandon the projects in which they are vitally interested, to-wit, the upper river. It also should be borne in mind that the canal has now an appropriation of \$100,000 to complete it, and that in order to avoid the results so apparent in the construction of the locks at the Cascades of the country, the project, these appropriations will have to be continuous, and when the appropriation was made at the last session of Congress it was understood that it would be continued.

The transportation committee feels that Portland cannot grow and thrive as it should without a canal behind it, and that if we do our part nature will do the rest.

State Appropriations.

It will be remembered that the Legislature of 1903 appropriated \$100,000 to build a portage railway at Celilo. Following the regular session at a special session during the same year, it appropriated \$100,000 to procure a right of way for a canal at Celilo. This appropriation was no sooner made than the opportunity to carry out the project was abandoned, and strong efforts were made in various directions to have the construction abandoned. When this failed and Congress met, the cry was immediately raised that to attempt to get an appropriation for the mouth of the river and the canal would be to lose both. The people of this city insisted that both projects were abandoned, and that the interior was entitled to relief as well as the mouth of the river. The result was that appropriations were made for both improvements, and the mouth of the river received just as large an appropriation as it would have received had the canal appropriation not been made.

DROP OPEN-SHOP CLAUSE

Purpose of Reconvening of Constitutional Convention in Territory. MURKOGUE, I. T., Oct. 8.—A call was issued today for the reconvening of the constitutional convention at South McAillister, October 14, by the chairman, Chief Pleasant Porter. The call simply says the corrected draft of the constitution is to be signed, but it is understood that the meeting is primarily for the purpose of eliminating the clause in the constitution providing for the "open shop," to which the labor unions have seriously objected.

The leaders of separate statehood admit now that the clause is a mistake, which, unless eliminated, will result in combined statehood. Labor leaders are jubilant over the turn affairs have taken, and say that with the objectionable feature of organized labor will, heartily support the separate statehood movement and the proposed constitution.

CLOTH MARKET IS GOOD.

Textile Workers Ask for Restoration of Reduced Wages. FALL RIVER, Mass., Oct. 8.—The Fall River Textile Association today voted to request the Manufacturers' Association to restore the reduction of 12 1/2 per cent in wages which was made July 25, 1904.

FLAMES EAT FOREST

Ranches and Houses Ruined Near Santa Barbara.

HIGH WIND DRIVES FIRE

Roar of the Burning Woods Is Heard for Miles and Fire, Ashes and Cinders Are Carried a Long Distance.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Oct. 8.—Disastrous forest fires which started about Santa Barbara last night are still raging with undiminished force. Driven by a terrific wind until early this morning, the flames swept over a space five miles long and three miles wide, extending along the foothills above Montecito, Summerland and Carpinteria. Fires are now burning, densely covered valleys, and the mountain sides of Toro, Romero, Ward and Pithan Canyons are veritable furnaces. From which flames are shooting high into the air with a roar that can be heard for miles. Smoke in dense clouds floats over the coast, and from Ventura to Carpinteria, a vast amount of timber is being destroyed. The flames have burned over 30 ranches and destroyed houses, barns, fruit orchards and other crops and livestock also are destroyed. The loss to the ranchers in buildings alone is estimated at \$200,000. A vast amount of timber is being destroyed and more is burning. Wires are down and roads blocked by fallen trees, so that full details of the losses are impossible. Supervisor Steers, are fighting the fires, with little hope of restraining the fire in many hours. If winds spring up tonight the many magnificent homes in the Upper Montecito valley will be threatened, together with the towns of Somersland, Sereno and Carpinteria.

MANY ARE FROM PORTLAND

Roll of Students Is Growing Fast at State University.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Oct. 8.—(Special.)—Enrollment at the registrar's office has reached the 250 mark today, as compared with 150 for the corresponding day last year. The total registrations for the university, exclusive of the departments of law, medicine and music, was 275 during the year 1904-5. A conservative estimate of the enrollment for the present semester is, in round numbers, 325—a strong increase. The freshman class contains more than 100 members, all high school graduates. Every county in Oregon is represented in the student body this year. Outside students are coming from all over the United States and two foreign countries. Over 20 of those who applied for entrance were refused admission because of insufficient preparation. The entrance requirements at the University of Oregon are based upon the completion of the four-year high school course, and are identical with the requirements at Berkeley, Stanford and Washington. Except the University of Washington, the Oregon State University at Eugene is the only educational institution in the Northwest that is not conducting an academic or scientific course of preparatory work has been done in any of the colleges here during the last two years. As a result, grades have been added to the various high schools of the Northwest, and the efficiency of non-school education is much increased. A significant fact in the present enrollment is that fully 20 per cent of the registrants are from Portland.

JONES COURTS INVESTIGATION

Why He Built the Cabins on the Siletz Reservations. TOLEDO, Or., Oct. 8.—(To the Editor.)—Alfred Station, in his evidence in the Jones-Patterson case in the United States Court, on the 24th inst., said he had built 20 cabins for me in the Siletz country. This was true. But the inference left to the public was that I had secured men to take these claims for my benefit, and to defraud the Government, which was not true. The facts are that in 1900 there were nine unsurveyed sections in 10-11. I surveyed the land and estimated to build six miles of horse trail, and formed a party of 20 people, 20 well-known people of Marion County and ten from Lincoln County, and located them on this land. They contracted with me to build the cabins, and paid me \$25 for each one. These were temporary cabins, and these were the first men to take land on the Siletz after the homestead act was passed. They applied to the surveyor for claims, and they were finally opened for settlement in March, 1904. Many of these people had grown weary of waiting for a survey, and either abandoned or sold their right.

Attorneys Draw From the Court Under Their Own Names.

SEATTLE, Oct. 8.—George B. Cole and John C. Murphy, prominent attorneys, are accused by the lawyers of record in the divorce case of Mrs. Bess Gates against "Swift" E. H. Gates, the famous Alaskan character, of having entered into the action as volunteers, and secured the service on the defendant by the Sheriff of a peremptory order to pay \$250 alimony and suit money, or be arrested without date for showing cause.

OPPOSED TO ALL DISCOUNTS

Dr. Wilson Believes Ministers Should Pay the Regular Price.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—The Washington Presbyterian Synod closed tonight with a grand praise meeting. The attendance was the largest of the session. Dr. Wilson, of Seattle, has been the commanding figure of the synod on account of his pronounced and frank avowals in regard to the clergy. Dr. Wilson takes exception to the practice of ministers with regard to discounts on dry goods and groceries, and is opposed to their acceptance of 10 per cent reduction in their favor granted in many cities. He does not openly object to the system of discounts on railways and some other concessions to the clergy, it is understood Dr. Wilson gave that impression in a mild way in the course of his talk on evangelism the other day.

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THE TURN OF LIFE

A Time When Women Are Susceptible to Many Dread Diseases—Intelligent Women Prepare for It. Two Relate their Experience.



"The change of life" is the most critical period of a woman's existence, and the anxiety felt by women as it draws near is not without reason. Every woman who neglects the care of her health at this time invites disease and pain. When her system is in a deranged condition, or she is predisposed to apoplexy, or congestion of any organ, the tendency is at this period likely to become active—and with a host of nervous irritations, make life a burden. At this time, also, cancers and tumors are more liable to form and begin their destructive work. Such warning symptoms as sense of suffocation, hot flashes, headaches, backaches, dizziness, palpitation of the heart, irregularities of the system, constipation, variable appetite, weakness and inactivity, and dizziness, are promptly heeded by intelligent women who are approaching the period in life when woman's great change may be expected. These symptoms are all just as many calls from nature for help. The nerves are crying out for assistance and the cry should be heeded in time. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was prepared to meet the needs of woman's system at this trying period of her life. It invigorates and strengthens the female organism and builds up the weakened nervous system. It has carried thousands of women safely through this crisis. For special advice regarding this important period women are invited to write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., and it will be furnished absolutely free of charge. Read what Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound did for Mrs. Hyland and Mrs. Hinkle: "I had been suffering with falling of the womb for years and was passing through the Change of Life. My womb was badly swollen; my stomach was sore; I had dizzy spells, sick headaches, and was very nervous. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Succeeded Where Others Fail."

son of her father's residence in various towns, he until three years ago, having been a member of the Methodist Conference. Munson's Body is Recovered. ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—The body of Axel Munson, who was drowned yesterday while fishing a short distance below the city, was found this evening by boys who were dragging for it nearly all day. The body was found within a few feet of where the capsized skiff was discovered. The deceased was 36 years of age and the son of Peter Munson, formerly of Portland, but now a resident of this city. Trunks Are Broken Open. COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Oct. 8.—(Special.)—The Oregon & Southeastern Railroad depot was broken into at some time last night and ransacked. Nothing of much value is missing. Papers, contents of trunks and valises were scattered all over the floor. The work of the burglar was not discovered until late this evening. Entrance was made from the rear of the building by prying one of the doors open. Daughters Conclude Session. 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