

STEAM LINE TO ALASKA LIKELY

Chamber of Commerce Committee Enthusiastic Over Trade Possibilities.

HARRIMAN MAY HELP OUT

J. A. Ballaine, Vice-President of the Alaska Central, Promises Portland Railway Its Third of the Business.

Enthusiasm and unity of purpose which augur well for the success of the Chamber of Commerce in its effort to secure the establishment of a steamship line

of the main committee, there were present R. R. Hogg, president of the Chamber of Commerce, R. B. Miller, general freight agent of the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company, and F. P. Baumgartner, local agent of the Gray Steamship Company.

Ballaine Talks to Committee. Mr. Ballaine introduced his remarks by giving the committee a detailed account of what his company had done and proposed to do for the development of Alaska through the building of a line of railroad from Seward, at the head of the Tanana, to the head of the new Tanana goldfields, 60 miles inland.

He stated that it was to the interest of the Alaska Central Railway Company to induce immigration to Alaska and increase the population of the territory by opening up its arable and farm lands and developing its mineral resources. To that end the company wished to secure the co-operation and aid of every city on the Pacific Coast of the United States. Hereafter, like every other community in Central Alaska, Seward had been compelled to patronize the steamship lines running out of Seattle.

They Want Competition. However, the Alaska Central and the other business interests of Seward were agreed that it would be greatly to their advantage to have competition, and were watching closely Portland's effort to establish an independent steamship line.

If Portland did so, he was firmly of the belief that enough freight and passenger business could be secured to keep one steamer on the route during the

Ballaine said he would pledge the Portland steamship line, if established, one-third of his company's freight business on goods purchased in the East, on equal terms with the Seattle line.

Furthermore, he promised that if supplies could be purchased from the merchants of this city as cheaply as in Seattle or San Francisco, he would give this city a just share of this business, also.

In explanation of his offer he said that the Alaska Central had resolved to divide its business fairly between the three principal cities of the Coast, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle, and that it rested with the merchants and business men of Portland to see to it that this city got its share.

Fine Coalbeds There.

Mr. Ballaine then proceeded to speak in encouragement of Portland's effort to secure direct steamship communication with Alaska as heretofore quoted. He asserted that the matter of return cargoes was a bugaboo that need not be feared. Coppe and other ores could be depended upon to a considerable extent, even at the present time, and as soon as the Alaska Central reached the vast coal deposits on the Chitlocloa River and in the Susitna and Matanuska Valleys, coal would be brought to the Coast in quantities large enough to furnish full cargoes for a fleet of colliers. Some of this coal, notably that on the Chitlocloa River, Mr. Ballaine added, was as fine as any found in the United States outside of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Blumauer, as chairman of the sub-committee, then called upon Mr. Miller for his views, explaining that

IT DEPENDS ON TWO YOUNG GIRLS

Status of Prosecution in the Richards Case for Selling Liquor.

THEY MAKE AFFIDAVITS

Question is Whether It is Better to Drag Them Into Publicity or to Let Charge of Violating Liquor Law Drop.

Whether to drag forth into the limelight the identity of two 17-year-old girls and to drop the prosecution of Thomas I. Richards on the liquor-selling charges, is the momentous question now up for decision between the city officials.

"It is best to ruin the good names of two girls, or is it best to drop further prosecution?" is the question. Sentiment is divided among those having in charge the prosecution, and as yet they have been unable to reach a decision. Some are of the firm belief that it is better to drop the whole matter than to blazon forth the names of the two witnesses, and still they dislike to see Richards escape punishment, if he is guilty of selling the girls liquor.

Others declare that, now the case is on, it should be fought to the bitter end, notwithstanding the fact that it is necessary in such action to disclose the identity of the girls.

The two girls concerned have made affidavit as to their securing liquor in boxes at Richards' dining-room, Park and Alder streets, and the case is now ready to come to trial, would be the most impor-

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R. B. Miller.



MAP OF ALASKA, SHOWING FEASIBILITY OF STEAMSHIP LINE FROM PORTLAND.

between Portland and Alaska points were marked features of the meeting held by the transportation committee of that body yesterday afternoon, on call of Chairman L. A. Lewis, for the purpose of giving a hearing to J. A. Ballaine, of Seattle, vice-president and managing director of the new Alaska Central Railway, who had been induced to come to Portland by the subcommittee which has special charge of the steamship proposition.

Receives Much Encouragement.

Never has the transportation committee received more encouragement to keep hammering away at the steamship project than it was given by Mr. Ballaine, and never have the members of the committee been more sanguine of ultimate success than they are today, as a result of that encouragement. Mr. Ballaine, than whom there is no man in the Pacific Northwest or Alaska better able to speak with authority, talked straight from the shoulder, and not only assured the committee that the line could be established and made to pay from the start, but pledged for it a just proportion

present year and with reasonable profit, while with the increase of population and trade other steamers could be added.

Freight shipments into Seward alone this year, Mr. Ballaine stated, would aggregate between 40,000 and 60,000 tons, and might even reach 80,000, not taking into account the enormous tonnage of supplies and material to be shipped north for the new railroad.

Chance for Portland.

As to Portland's prospects for obtaining a share of this carrying trade, Mr. Ballaine stated that he was confident that it would be advisable to secure an answer from the Harriman people as quickly as possible, whereupon Mr. Miller stated that as soon as he had more definite information or was in a position to make a more liberal proposition, he would notify the committee in order that another meeting might be held and the matter discussed in more detail. He thought it would be able to ask for such a meeting within a very few days.

During the discussion, Mr. Ballaine said that the Alaska Central would be pushed to completion at the rate of 100 miles a year and that when it reached Fairbanks, at the head of navigation on the Tanana River, it would give the quickest and cheapest route, not only to Dawson, Circle City and other mining centers in the Yukon Valley, but also to St. Michaels and Nome.

he had taken up with him the matter of securing the co-operation of the Harriman interests. Mr. Miller said that he had given Mr. Blumauer's suggestion a hearing, and was much impressed with its practicability. Personally he believed that the Harriman line would find it to their advantage to put on steamships between Portland and Alaska, and with that in mind he had written R. P. Schwerin, who is in charge of the Southern Pacific's steamship business and of the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company, laying the facts before him and asking his opinion.

Awaits Telegram From Schwerin. He had not heard from Mr. Schwerin, but was expecting a telegram from him at any minute containing important news, and would not delay in making its contents known to the committee at the earliest possible moment after its receipt.

A letter was also read from Senator Fulton stating that if Portland would secure a steamship line to Alaska the Government would no doubt give it a contract for carrying the mails from this city to the North. The profit on this contract, it was explained, would help defray the expenses of operating the line.

A general discussion followed, during which it was intimated that if the R. & N. Co. and the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company could not see their way clear to put on a steamship to Alaska, a part of the risk might be assumed by local business men. Mr. Miller was asked what would be the probable expense of operating a steamship and stated that it would not exceed \$100 a day.

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Secretary Mears suggested that in view of Senator Fulton's letter and the early opening of the Alaska season, it would be advisable to secure an answer from the Harriman people as quickly as possible, whereupon Mr. Miller stated that as soon as he had more definite information or was in a position to make a more liberal proposition, he would notify the committee in order that another meeting might be held and the matter discussed in more detail. He thought it would be able to ask for such a meeting within a very few days.

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Will Support Big Population.

He predicted that the country the new road would open up would before many years support a population of at least 100,000; enough in itself to make the road profitable.

Mr. Ballaine stated last evening that he had no doubt that the Harriman interests would decide to establish the Portland-Alaska line and that he expected the first sailing to be made within 60 days, allowing the merchants of Portland that much time to send their representatives north and work up business for the present season.

Owing to the absence of Jay Smith and G. T. Farrell, of the sub-committee from the city, George Lawrence, Jr., and I. N. Fletcher were added to its membership at the request of Chairman Blumauer.

Division-Street Extension.

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Council January 17, the City Engineer yesterday filed his report on the proposed extension of Division street, from the east line of East Tenth to the east line of Marguerite avenue.

Spend a day in Salt Lake City, and another in Colorado Springs or Denver. You have this privilege if you will read the Denver & Rio Grande. See Colorado's famous peaks and gorge in their winter garb. Call upon or write to W. C. Strickland, Third street, for particulars.

tant of any. In fact, it is said that without their evidence it would be impossible to secure a conviction.

Sunday Mayor Lane's published statement of the case, in which he intimates that he would never cease to fight Richards and other similar establishments while he is in office, some sensational rumors have gained circulation. One is to the effect that a squad of uniformed officers will be stationed around Richards' place, day and night. This is a means sometimes resorted to in such cases in some cities.

Great interest has been awakened throughout the city because of the disclosures growing out of the Richards trial in the Municipal Court, and the talk of a public mass meeting to discuss the problem is increasing. The committee named by the People's Forum Sunday held a short session yesterday morning, but Dr. Stephen S. Wise, one of the members, stated there was nothing to be given out as yet.

Trustie Tries to Escape.

Leaping from the second story of the Central Police Station at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Peter Ross, a prisoner who was working about headquarters as a "trustie," ran up Second street at a rapid pace in an effort to escape. He was recaptured by Policeman Price, but until a woman fainting from fright because her husband assisted in stopping the fleeing man.

Ross dashed along Second street and reached Stark. At the corner he encountered a good deal of trouble concerning the matter. William C. Elliott was then City Engineer, and he gave positive orders, it is said, that the sewer must be left alone, and ex-Plumbing Inspector Hulme endeavored to back up the City Engineer, but, without his knowledge, it is alleged, Barrell went ahead and made the disconnection.

Cemetery is Incorporated.

The Rose City Cemetery Association filed articles of incorporation in the County Clerk's office yesterday. The incorporators are: Frank Schlegel, Henry H. Heerd and M. E. Heerd. Capital stock, \$50.

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RELICS OF TRACEY DISCOVERED.

Charles Rhodes and J. A. With, two men in the employ of Fred Basmussen, were engaged in clearing the right-of-way for the new sewer at East Twentieth and Thompson streets, came upon what was evidently an old robber's nest, that had been occupied by the notorious Tracey and Merrill after their memorable escape from the Oregon penitentiary in June, 1902.

The workmen uncovered several weapons, cartridges, loading kits, molds for bullets, bowie knives and other implements that had formerly been the property of the notorious pair in their flight. Some of the paraphernalia discovered bore the names of both Harry Tracey and Dave Merrill, which are barely visible owing to their rotted condition.

An old picture shagreen that is almost rotted from the stock is among the articles found, and had probably been discarded by the outlaws when supplied with weapons of later make by their friends, and had been thrown away at that spot while they were on their way to the Columbia River.

At the time of the escape it was reported that the hunted pair had passed through Montavilla in a rig, and as there were several pieces of clothing found, it is thought that these belonged to the outfit of the desperadoes.

The finders of these relics place a high value on them, and have placed them on exhibition in the corner window of a saloon on North Sixth street.

Harry Tracey and Dave Merrill, who was later killed by his blood-thirsty partner, made their escape from the State Penitentiary on June 9, and after several weeks of liberty, during which they succeeded in terrorizing two states, both met violent death—Merrill at the hands of his partner in crime, and his slayer shot himself near Creson, Wash., and surrounded and badly wounded by a posse.

ACCUSE COLBURN BARRELL

George Carhart Charged With Unlawfully Disconnecting a Sewer.

Colburn Barrell, Jr., recently appointed Deputy City Plumbing Inspector by Mayor Lane, involving a hot fight in the courts, will figure as the defendant in what promises to be a lively case in the Municipal Court tomorrow morning. Barrell is charged with unlawfully disconnecting a sewer. William Schoitz is also involved, it being alleged that he engaged Barrell to perform the work.

Some sensational testimony is expected when the case comes up for hearing. It will be alleged by George G. Carhart, now residing at 1009 Willamette Boulevard, that because of the disconnected sewer much illness has resulted in the vicinity of Mason street and Mississippi avenue. He will swear that he was compelled to remove from 108 Mason street to save the life of his young son, who suffered at the lack of sewer ventilation.

One of the striking features of the case is that the alleged offense committed by Barrell occurred in June, 1905, and complaint was not filed against him until now. This notwithstanding the declaration of many people to the effect that great damage has resulted from the disconnected sewer, which has caused filth to be discharged into the middle of the street.

The sewage seeps out at Mason and Mississippi, by which street-cars, passing twice in ten minutes during the day, and hundreds of school children, going to and coming from their studies, are obliged to pass it.

It seems that at the time of the disconnection a good deal of trouble occurred concerning the matter. William C. Elliott was then City Engineer, and he gave positive orders, it is said, that the sewer must be left alone, and ex-Plumbing Inspector Hulme endeavored to back up the City Engineer, but, without his knowledge, it is alleged, Barrell went ahead and made the disconnection.

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HIGH SCHOOL BIDS

Blue Sandstone or Pressed Brick Will Be Used.

FIRE ESCAPES CONSIDERED

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The proposals follow: Denny Renton Clay & Coal Company, pressed brick—Peter Hobkirk, \$4,500; J. B. Bridges, \$7,192; W. B. Steele & Son, \$8,254; W. R. Merchant & Hand, \$8,895; Newberg pressed brick—Peter Hobkirk, \$8,500; J. B. Bridges, \$7,482; W. B. Steele & Son, \$8,454; W. R. Griffith, \$8,157; M. E. Freeman, \$4,600; Merchant & Hand, \$8,895; Tenino blue sandstone—Peter Hobkirk, \$8,500; J. B. Bridges, \$7,732; W. R. Griffith, \$7,602; M. E. Freeman, \$6,750.

Contractor Bridges stated that owing to the fact of his being given no guarantee relative to his supply of Tenino stone, he would be compelled to amend his proposal or withdraw it altogether. He was the lowest bidder for that material, although it is not likely the board will adopt it. The committee will report at a special meeting to be held this week.

The finance committee was authorized to borrow \$15,000 from the United States National Bank, at an annual interest of 6 per cent., with which to pay janitors' salaries and other claims against District No. 1.

Professor G. N. McKay, for 13 years connected with a Salt Lake educational institution, was elected principal of the new re-organizing school, and A. N. Rice, of 429 Braze street, was appointed janitor. The building will be in readiness for the opening of the school Monday, February 13, immediately after the mid-term vacation.

Miss Adeline Dewart was elected to a vacancy in the High School, and will be assigned later. An additional teacher will also be needed there during the coming term.

Bids for the construction of two fire escapes for the High School were ordered advertised, although only one may be found necessary. At the last meeting of the Executive Board Chief Campbell was instructed to install fire escapes on the Shaver School, and Director Wittenberg stated that last Saturday he served notice on Mayor Lane that School District No. 1 would not pay for them. His Honor is said to have promised Mr. Wittenberg that he would send the fire chief along with the latter to make further inspection. Director Wittenberg was in favor of installing fire escapes on the City Hall, claiming that the same relative danger existed there as on the Shaver Schoolhouse.

The resignation of Miss Edith Wright as a teacher in the fourth grade of the Chapman School was accepted, and Miss Anna Neichen, a pupil teacher, was put in her place for the rest of the term.

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of his company's patronage and to the merchants of Portland their rightful share of the new railroad's purchases of material and supplies.

Brushes All Fears Aside.

He brushed aside as groundless the fears members of the committee expressed that the steamship line might prove a losing venture for an indefinite period, and stated that under proper and conservative management, the enterprise would show a profit from its inception and continue to pay increasing dividends each year.

He did not mince matters. He told the committee that the merchants of Portland had grown timid and ultra-conservative during long years of success and prosperity, and were now allowing themselves to remain shut out from sharing in the rapidly increasing Alaska trade, merely because they were needlessly afraid to venture, and invade new fields.

The meeting was held in the offices of W. A. Mears, secretary of the North Pacific Coast Jobbers & Manufacturers' Association. Besides a goodly portion



Sol Blumauer.