

ONLY REMEDY IN GOOD WATERWAYS

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TALKS TO BUSINESS MEN

Address Is Feature of a Rousing Meeting Under Auspices of Chamber of Commerce—Gives Startling Statistics.

A rousing meeting that developed a strong sentiment for the improvement of rivers and harbors throughout the United States was held last night in the Commercial Club grillroom under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

John A. Fox, director of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, was the speaker of the evening and his talk on what has been accomplished in saving large sums of money for the people of the United States by the proper development of inland waterways aroused enthusiasm.

A. H. Devers, the Chamber of Commerce's representative in the Rivers and Harbors Congress, presided and introduced Mr. Fox. His address was heard with attention and many valuable facts were learned by the large number of prominent Portland business men who attended.

Engineers are not usually orators, said Mr. Fox, and we deal rather with figures of fact than with figures of speech. The development of rivers and harbors is a subject in which there is the keenest interest today. I am happy tonight in being, not in the camp of the Philistines, but in the midst of friends of this very important subject.

The greatest factor in regulating railroad rates is the natural competition afforded by the waterways. The freight congestion now being experienced all over the country and perhaps a manufacturing congestion may be avoided by deepening our waterways.

There are tremendous burdens of freight to be carried and the rivers and harbors of the country are turned to because the railroads of the country are unable to handle the traffic offered. The grain crop of the United States for 1907 amounts to about 4,800,000,000 bushels, an increase of 35 per cent during the past six years.

Explains Car Shortage. The railroads have added together trackage, motive power, cars and terminals 7.4 per cent, but the traffic to be carried by the railroads has increased about 44.6 per cent. This explains why cotton bales have been rotting in the south for three months and why grain has been rotting in the west for the past year.

Foreign countries and our own experience teaches us the wisdom and economy of cheap transportation by water. Germany has spent \$1,400,000,000 for the improvement of her rivers and harbors, until the Rhine, though most noted for its scenery, is perhaps the greatest commercial highway in the world.

France has expended \$155,000,000 on her harbors, and Italy has invested \$57,000,000 in the same way, and the United States has spent \$22,350,000 in river and harbor improvements.

Perhaps the results are not shown in any more striking way than in the Great Lakes improvements. The harbors of the Great Lakes have been dredged to a uniform depth of 21 feet. In this work \$68,500,000 has been expended. Traffic passing through the St. Mary locks in 1905 amounted to \$4,270,000 tons, an increase six times as great as that of the port of New York, or nine times as great as that passing through the Suez Canal.

Now the vessels of the Great Lakes are practically 10,000-ton vessels. The improvement of these great waterways reduced the rate on railroads paralleling the Great Lakes from 7.66 mills per ton mile to 4.33 mills. This effected a saving of \$175,000 to the American people in 1906 because of the investment in improvements of these waterways.

CONFER WITH HENEY

Roosevelt Wants Land-Fraud Cases Hastened.

WILL ARRANGE FOR ACTION

President Summons Prosecutor to Meet Him on Western Trip—Henevy Likely to Make a Plea for Bristol's Retention.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 26.—President Roosevelt is going to take hold of the Oregon land fraud cases and arrange some definite policy for their trial. He has sent word to Francis J. Henevy to meet him at some convenient point while on his Western trip, and together they will go over the situation in detail and decide just what shall be done.

Put End to Delay. The President's attention has been called to the present unsatisfactory condition of the land fraud docket and he is aware of the desire of both the Departments of Justice and the Interior to have the long pending cases disposed of.

Say Good Word for Bristol. At that conference it is probable that the President will discuss with Mr. Henevy the case of District Attorney Bristol. Mr. Henevy has never been willing that Mr. Bristol should be displaced at the conclusion of the land trials and has steadfastly fought to have him retained in office, going to the extent of introducing a bill to secure his confirmation by the Senate.

Government Cannot Consistently Protest Against Chinese Boycott. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 26.—(Special.)—On the very sensible ground that the United States cannot afford to make itself a laughing-stock for the whole world, the Administration will not object to the reapportionment of Wu Ting Fang as Chinese Minister to the United States.

Whether or not Wu was instrumental in instigating the boycott of American goods in China, this Government, in view of its Chinese exclusion policy, cannot consistently object to the Chinese policy of boycotting American goods, particularly when Americans have free access to China. Wu will not be welcomed by Washington society, but his appointment is not considered an affront to this Government.

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I am informed that Home Railway employees tried to pass up Copper River grade. Home people were unarmed. Copper River guards, numbering six men, respectively, Deputy United States Marshal and with deputies. Civil authorities think they will be able to handle the situation. (Signed) CAPTAIN BLACK.

As the military authorities can do nothing in the matter without the demand of the Governor of Alaska, Captain Black has been instructed to keep in touch with Major Van Vleet, commander of Fort Liacum. General Greely reported the matter to the War Department today.

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Michael Supple, a native of Ireland, aged about 60 years. LA FOLLETTE—At 432 Center street, September 25, Charles La Follette, a native of Indiana, aged 78 years and 11 days. DUNCAN—At Baby Home, September 23, Jessie M. Duncan, an infant. ERVIN—At Baby Home, September 19, Mildred Ervin, an infant. SMITH—At 749 Kerby street, September 17, Annie Smith, an infant.

Building Permits. CORBETT ESTATE—Repair store, Fifth and Oak streets; \$50. M. N. KING—One and one-half-story frame dwelling, East Taylor street, between East Forty-third and East Forty-second streets; \$1600. DR. KESTER—Repair dwelling, Poplar street, between Hazel and Hawthorne; \$2000. MRS. B. V. MARSHALL—One and one-half-story frame dwelling, Hawthorne avenue, between East Thirty-fourth and East Thirty-fifth streets; \$2000. MIKE BUDENICK—One-story frame dwelling, Bush street, between Potter and Holman; \$250. MRS. M. J. SMITH—One-story frame dwelling, East Thirteenth street, between Lee and Bidwell; \$1800. F. J. WYATT—Repair dwelling, 406 Miller avenue; \$100. C. M. FONQUAY—One and one-half-story frame dwelling, Grove and Allen streets; \$400.

Articles of Incorporation. YATES SEWING CABINET COMPANY—Incorporators, Odaville Yates, Frank B. Lacy and Belle McDonald Lacy; capital, \$15,000. OREGON LUMBER AGENCY—Incorporators, G. L. Brown, Le Roy Brown and Edmund O. Sheldon; capital, \$25,000. OITH MINING COMPANY—Incorporators, Charles S. Townsend, Harry H. Atlee and H. K. Sargent; capital, \$100,000.

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