

Report Completely Refutes Statements of Perkins.

LIST OF SHIPS CLEARED

Report to Commercial Club Shows That 21 Vessels of 24.6 Feet Average Draft Sailed From Portland in 1907.

Complete data on the Columbia River channel have been compiled by a special committee of the Commercial Club to correct misleading statements in Washington, attributed to Senator Perkins, of California. He was reported as saying on the floor of the Senate that the depth of water in the Columbia is from 18 to 20 feet, and figures were given for the river as having furnished him with the figures.

The president of the Commercial Club, C. W. Hodson, upon receiving information that the California Senator had made the above statement, appointed E. W. Wright, Robert Kennedy and T. W. B. London a special committee to compile a correct statement of the facts regarding navigation of the Columbia and Willamette, for circulation in such channels as will refutation whatever wrong impressions have been created by the Senator.

The committee delivered its report to Mr. Hodson yesterday, and the table prepared furnishes ample data to show that the Senator was misinformed or had been misled in the telegraphic dispatches. The report gives date, name and draft of 21 vessels of 24 feet draft, and over, and 20 vessels of 25 feet and over, which cleared from this port for foreign ports during the year 1907. The significant point in the report is that these vessels went through from Portland to the sea without touching at any place in the course, a fact that would have been impossible if the assertion were a fact that the river has a depth of but 20 feet available for commerce.

The letter from Mr. Hodson to the special committee follows: Mr. W. B. Perkins, Senator from California, in a speech in the United States Senate, in which he stated that the depth of water in the Columbia River, available for commerce, was from 18 to 20 feet and that the Senator, in his report, had stated that the depth of water in the Columbia River was from 18 to 20 feet and that the Senator, in his report, had stated that the depth of water in the Columbia River was from 18 to 20 feet.

I have been authorized by the board of directors to make a compilation of the facts, so that it may be made available to the public. Hoping that you will give this matter early attention, particularly as we wish to secure some of the information from the Navy for the coming year. Very truly yours, C. W. HODSON, President.

In reply to Mr. Hodson, the special committee has prepared the following report: Mr. C. W. Hodson, President Commercial Club, Dear Sir: The undersigned committee to whom was referred your request for the facts regarding the depth of water in the Columbia River, herewith submit details regarding 20 vessels of 24 feet draft, and over, in 1907. The statistics are taken from the manifests of the vessels, which were compiled from official data furnished by the supervisors for Lewis and the Bureau Veritas. All vessels at least 20 feet draft, and over, to the sea without touching at any point in the river and without touching at any point in the river and without touching at any point in the river.

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should be called upon to bear the expense of entertainment of the officers and men, which would be expected by citizens in case the vessels arrived in this port. Arrangements are now being perfected to give a grand ball at the end of the week's festivities, and committees are heading every effort to make all the features of the programme, already outlined, successful in every way.

"When the fleet arrives in San Francisco we shall send an envoy personally to invite commanders of the vessels to attend the Festival and be our guests at the grand ball. The Admen's Club has arrangements under way for a banquet to be given visitors, and that might be made the occasion to include representatives from the Navy, in case the vessels are in the harbor at the time.

"In case the vessels of the fleet are here during Festival week, we shall do everything in our power to extend courtesies, such as providing accommodations in reviewing stands, complimentary invitations to the ball and personal attention to the visitors. The expenses of Festival week have already reached a very large sum, and it is our intention to make every effort to make the Festival what we started out to make it—a glorious event for the city and all who may come to take part in the festival."

LOWER RATES TO KLAMATH NEW LINE WILL CAUSE REDUCTION MAY 1.

Portland Will Be on Same Footing as San Francisco When Road Reaches Doris.

Portland jobbers and business men generally will have a decided advantage in the Klamath district as soon as the California Northeastern Railroad, which is being built from Weed to Klamath Falls, is opened for a portion of that distance. It is promised that on May 1, the new line will have been completed as far as Doris, Calif., which is just below the Oregon state line. By the use of this new railroad through rates from Portland to the Klamath country will be established that will be lower than the present rates from Portland to the same destination, although the haul will be much longer by the new route.

At present freight from San Francisco and Portland, destined to the Klamath country, is hauled to Thrall on the Southern Pacific, and thence to Pockema over the line of the Klamath Lake Railroad. From Pockema freight is hauled in by teams to Klamath Falls. San Francisco merchants have a slight advantage on rates by this route, although the differential against Portland is slight.

But with the opening of the new road Portland will be on an exact equality with San Francisco, Weed and Doris. Construction of the California Northeastern will be pushed and it will not be long until the track will have been completed to Klamath Falls, where, in connection with the Oregon Eastern from Natron, the line already projected by the Southern Pacific.

When the road is completed from Natron to Klamath Falls Portland merchants will have a more direct route to the Klamath basin but the rates to be put in May 1 will probably be as low as will be made by the direct line.

Amusements What the Press Agents Say.

"Brewster's Millions" Tonight. The attraction at the Helix Theater, Fourth and Washington streets, tonight, Friday and Saturday nights, will be the brilliant comedy-drama, "Brewster's Millions." A special matinee will be given Saturday afternoon. Seats are now selling at the theater for the engagement.

Beautiful "Fantasia" Tonight. Have you heard the beautiful music, the funny story, the pretty settings of "Fantasia" at the Marquon this week? It is one of the greatest successes of the San Francisco Opera Company.

"A Trip to Chino." The Baker Stock Company has made the famous "A Trip to Chino," one big musical comedy this week, and as is the case with all the well-known laughing bits of the company, it is packed with the popular playhouse at every performance.

"Texas Ranger" Matinee. This afternoon there will be a matinee performance of "The Texas Ranger" at the Star Theater. This is the most exciting as well as best-acted drama that the Baker Stock Company has yet given. It is a story of the Southwest with Apache Indians on the warpath.

Loric Matinee Today. This afternoon the Allen Stock Company will present its new comedy-drama, "Loric and the Family." It has been one of the most successful comedies made by the Loric during the present season.

"Floradora" Sunday. The San Francisco Opera Company will present their new comedy-drama, "Floradora," next week at the Marquon, commencing Sunday.

"The Eternal City." Hall Caine's magnificent production, "The Eternal City," will be next week's offering by the Baker Company, and this will be the last of the "Eternal City" series. The did dramatic production of the entire season.

"La Belle Marie" Monday. A great comedy-drama, with action, comedy, romance and adventure galore. This is the third of the "La Belle Marie" series. The Allen Company will present it at the Lyric next week.

Ask Your Father And He Will Tell You

WHAT the result would have been had he investigated and acted upon the opportunities of his life; HE WILL TELL you that the time to save is when you don't need it, and that you don't need it now as much as you will after a while, when your ability to labor ceases.

ASK HIM ABOUT PORTLAND and he will tell you about this piece of property and that piece of property worth thousands today which he could have bought a few years ago and never missed the money. ASK HIM TO SHOW YOU HIS RENT RECEIPTS, and then you use your pencil for a few minutes. It will present figures almost unbelievable, but YOU WILL GET THE LESSON we want you to receive. STOP PAYING RENT—BE A PROPERTY-OWNER.

"LOVELEIGH" offers the solution. It is Portland's most attractive new addition; all the name implies and more, too—high, beautiful and sightly; within city limits; only fifteen minutes by car from Second and Washington streets; graded streets (established grade); building restrictions; streets 50, 60 and 80 feet; city water and electric lights; lots 50x100, cleared and parked; Catholic school within two blocks; "Woodlawn" Public School within 800 feet.

Take either "Woodlawn" or "Vancouver" car, get off at Woodlawn Schoolhouse, and go two blocks west. Agents on ground.

TERMS: Lots \$450 to \$600 \$10 Down; \$10 Per Month

WHITNEY IN COURT

LYNCH IS ON TRIAL Charged With Stealing Horse From H. H. Lee.

Preliminary Hearing of Forest Grove Yesterday.

STATE PRESENTS ITS CASE

Dr. Gilbert, Dr. Matson and Constable Wagner Testify Against Young Man Charged With Causing Death of Mabel Wirtz.

Preliminary examination of Dr. G. B. Whitney, the young dentist accused of having caused the death of Miss Mabel Wirtz, his fiancée, a week ago, was taken up before Judge Reid, in the West Side Justice Court, yesterday afternoon. The state completed its case, introducing three witnesses. Whitney's side of the case will be heard today, beginning at 2 P. M.

Dr. Gilbert, Dr. Matson and Constable Wagner, who performed a post mortem examination on the body of Miss Wirtz, Dr. J. Allen Gilbert, who attended the young woman up to the time of her death, from mercuric poisoning, and Constable Wagner, who arrested Whitney, were the state's witnesses. Dr. Matson was the first one called. He described the autopsy in detail for the purpose of establishing the cause of death.

Gilbert Repeats Statement. Dr. Gilbert was the principal witness. His testimony was largely a repetition of his statement before the coroner's jury which held the young dentist for manslaughter. He said he was called to attend Miss Wirtz at first to perform a post mortem poisoning, having been told by her that she was poisoned through eating a tamarind. Dr. Whitney finally approached him and told him the real nature of her illness, saying the girl had used mercuric suppositories as an antiseptic and that a large quantity of mercury had been in one of the suppositories through error.

As long as the girl was alive, Dr. Gilbert said, he consented to keep the real facts of the case from her parents, telling only an aunt, who was serving in the capacity of nurse. Upon the girl's death, however, he said he told Whitney that the complexion of the case was changed considerably in that he had a death certificate to sign.

In telling of a long talk with Whitney, following Miss Wirtz' death, Dr. Gilbert said he told the young man two causes could be assigned in the death certificate, mercuric poisoning, which was the specific cause of death, and toxemia, a general term for poisoning of such a nature. He was willing to give the general term on two conditions, viz, that Whitney would give him a written statement of the facts in the case and pay \$100 in cash, the sum due for medical services.

Little Sympathy for Whitney. "I told him it was hard enough for the father to lose his daughter in such a manner without being compelled to pay. Whitney said he didn't have a cent, and I suggested that the druggist at Forest Grove, where he bought the poison, be communicated with. I gave him until noon the next day in which to confer with the druggist," Dr. Gilbert said. "I told Whitney that if he had very little sympathy for him in his predicament, as I had heard that Miss Wirtz was not the first or only girl he had ruined."

On cross-examination, Dr. Gilbert said he had been friendly with Whitney and still regarded him in a friendly spirit. He admitted having shaken hands with Whitney after the young man's arrest. Constable Wagner told of arresting Whitney at the home of relatives on the East Side. The dentist was very contrite, saying he was "up against it" right and was "willing to go to the penitentiary for 1000 years." Whitney also confessed of having secured the antiseptic preparation from the Forest Grove druggist, and of having given it to the girl, the constable said. He denied, on cross-examination, having grown sympathetic with Whitney and telling him "I've done the same thing myself."

As the defense wished several witnesses subpoenaed, the case was put over at this juncture until this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The state's attorneys are being located by Attorney W. P. Richardson.

Pays Fine and Loses License. KALAMA, Wash., April 8.—(Special.) Charles Downing, who conducts a saloon at Oak Point, Wash., pleaded guilty in the Superior Court yesterday to the charge of keeping his saloon open and selling liquor on Sunday, and was fined \$50. While he was paying his fine to the County Clerk, the County Commissioners in session in another room promptly revoked his license. The action of the Commissioners was pursuant to an order which they passed February 15, raising the liquor license in Cowlitz County from \$400 to \$1000 a year, and providing if any saloonkeeper was convicted of vio-

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Centralia to Have Daily Paper. CENTRALIA, Wash., April 8.—(Special.)—The Centralia Chronicle today announced that after May 1 it would be issued daily instead of semi-weekly. New management took control of the Chronicle 10 months ago, since when the paper has experienced a large growth. It has been 18 years since a daily paper was published in Centralia. There is not another daily published between Portland and Tacoma, and the Chronicle claims Southwestern Washington as its field.

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Arrivals and Departures. SINGAPORE, April 7.—Arrived previously—Alaska, from Portland, Or., via Yokohama; Siberia, from San Francisco, via Honolulu and Yokohama; Tosa Maru, from Seattle via Yokohama.

Highwayman Will Be Convicted. Elmer Willis, alias Elmer Johnson, was convicted yesterday afternoon by a jury in Judge Brown's department of the charge of robbing a party in holding up E. J. Maxwell on the night of March 17 and robbing him of \$12. It was the recommendation of the jury that the court be lenient in pronouncing sentence. George Frazer, who was convicted of the crime and sent to the Salem Penitentiary, testified that Willis had nothing to do with the hold-up, but that he was assisted by the "Seattle Kid," otherwise known as the "Curly Kid."

Rogoway Loses Suit for Damages. The jury in Judge Gantenbein's department of the Circuit Court, which has for the past few days been hearing the evidence in the suit of B. Rogoway against the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, decided yesterday afternoon that the company was not responsible for the collision at Front and Madison streets, in which the plaintiff's wagon was damaged. He was seeking to recover \$453.52.

Shupes Changes Plea to Guilty. Antonio Shupes changed his plea of not guilty to one of guilty to larceny, before Judge Cleland yesterday. He had been jointly indicted with George Frank of stealing a gold watch, a felt hat and silver neckties from George Weth at 302 1/2 Third street on February 16. The charge against Frank was dismissed. Shupes will be sentenced at 2 P. M. Thursday.

Weather Conditions. Although the barometer has fallen over the North Pacific States no rain has occurred except a few small showers in extreme Northwestern Washington. It is much warmer everywhere on the Pacific Slope, except in the Sound country where the temperature has remained practically stationary. The warmest weather of the season prevails in Northern California and Southern Oregon.

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The new Spring styles are very smart. \$3.50, \$4, \$5.

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The company cordially invites the ladies, and gentlemen, too, who are interested, to attend the demonstration of Electric Cooking and Heating Devices, which will be given in the warerooms of the Supply Department, 145-147 Seventh street, tomorrow, Friday, afternoon from 1 to 5 o'clock. DAINITIES, PREPARED BY AN EXPERT WITH ELECTRIC UTENSILS, WILL BE SERVED TO ALL WHO ATTEND.

PORTLAND RAILWAY LIGHT AND POWER CO.

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Table with columns: Station, Max. Temp., Min. Temp., Wind, and Remarks. Lists weather conditions for various stations.

FUNERAL NOTICE. PORTLAND. Portland and vicinity—Increasing cloudiness, followed by showers and cooler weather; southerly winds. Western Oregon—Showers, north increasing; cloudiness south portion; cooler, except near the coast; southerly winds. Western Washington—Showers; southerly winds. Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho—Fair. Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho—Increasing cloudiness and cooler.

MEETING NOTICES. OREGON COMMANDERY, NO. 1, K. T.—Stated convolve, this (Thursday) evening, at 8 o'clock. Visiting Sir Knights courteously invited. W. S. MAURUM, Recorder.

DIED. BRAL—As his late residence, 528 East Oak Street, April 8, Cornelius Deak, aged 78 years, 7 months and 22 days. Notice of funeral will be given later. At the Baptist Church, Montaville, at 10 A. M., Friday, April 10, Friends invited. Interment Mount Olivet Cemetery.