

APPROVE REPORT ON NEW BRIDGE

Modjeski's Recommendation for Span Near Depot Generally Favored.

COUNCIL WILL ACT SOON

Special Committee to Report at Next Session and City Attorney to Outline Method to Secure Popular Vote.

CONSIDER REPORT TONIGHT.

Ralph Modjeski, the noted civil engineer, will be the guest of the Commercial Club tonight at 8 o'clock, when a number of city officials and others deeply interested in the projected new bridge across the Willamette river will meet to discuss the subject. Mayor Lane, members of the City Council and the City Executive Board, officers of the Chamber of Commerce, Commercial Club, Board of Trade, and the president of the various push clubs will be among those at the informal gathering.

The City Council, at the joint session with the Executive Board yesterday morning, listened to the reading of the report of Engineer Ralph Modjeski on bridge and tube projects, and referred the report to a special committee of seven members of the Council, appointed by the Mayor and consisting of Councilmen Menefee, Cottel, Vaughn, Kellaker, Baker, Rushlight and Wallace. The report is very complete, and was received with interest and general approval. As there is great need for another bridge, the Council made it the duty of the special committee to report its conclusions at the next session of the Council, and to recommend a method to be followed in carrying out the project, and the committee is to report in time for the coming meeting.

Subway Considered Too Costly.

There was a desire upon the part of a few who were present for figures on a tube to accommodate streetcars only, and Engineer Modjeski made a hasty estimate, placing the expense of two tubes, which he said, would be necessary to care for the traffic, at \$2,500,000. Isaac Sweet, a member of the Executive Board, and C. K. Henry, a prominent realty dealer, highly favored the subway as the best means of solving the problem of handling traffic across the Willamette river, but the large majority of those who spoke favored the adoption of the recommendation of Mr. Modjeski for a modern drawbridge, to be located just north of the Steel bridge and which will cost approximately \$1,500,000.

High Bridge Not Practicable.

As to the high bridge, at first projected by the North East Side Improvement Association, of which Judge M. G. Munnely is president, Mr. Modjeski figured that it would cost not less than \$3,250,000, and it would have only two advantages not contained in the smaller bridge—no pier in the river and no draw. He believed, however, that it would extend as far to secure a maximum grade of 4 per cent that its purpose would largely be followed, as it would have to begin at the Customs-House on the West Side, and at the corner of Hancock and Wheeler streets on the East Side, and would carry it over much territory sought to be benefited. There would be, too, a constant heavy tax upon traffic, as all

carrying for traffic across the river. Mr. Sweet said that, in due time, a tube for teams and pedestrians, one at North Portland and another at South Portland, would be the solution of the river problem. Mr. Henry declared that there should be no more bridges, contending that the bonded indebtedness is now very large, and that any kind of a bridge menaces shipping.

Whitney L. Boise, president of the United East Side Push Clubs, made a strong speech in favor of a bridge to accommodate the districts lying to the northeast, and declared that it is but fair that one should be built to solve the problem now confronting the residents there. He was roundly cheered. Joseph Buchtel, J. H. Nolte and Councilman Cottel spoke along the same lines. Dr. Cottel, strongly convinced that Modjeski's report "is impartial and the result of observations of an outsider without personal bias," endorsing and declaring himself favorable to the project of building a bridge north of the Steel bridge, and said he would support the movement.

CHURCH TO REVIEW WORK

Annual Session of Methodist Episcopal, South, Begins Tomorrow.

The Columbia annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will convene in the Church of the Strangers, Grand avenue and Wasco street, tomorrow at 9 o'clock; with Bishop James Atkins, of Waynesville, N. C., presiding. A good programme of addresses has been arranged for each evening. These sermons and addresses will be delivered by the visiting officers. The business sessions will occupy the forenoon and the afternoons will be taken with committee work.



Bishop James Atkins.

The visiting officials are: Bishop James Atkins; W. F. McMurray, secretary of church extension board, located at Louisville, Ky.; Dr. C. F. Field, of the foreign mission board, located at Oakland, Cal.; Dr. W. E. Vaughan, editor of Pacific Methodist Advocate, published at San Francisco, Cal.; Bishop Atkins will preach Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock, and Dr. W. F. McMurray at night, at 7:30 o'clock. Each afternoon the annual conference of the Woman's Home Mission Society will hold its session in the auditorium of the church.

The Columbia conference consists of all territory west of the Cascade range in the states of Oregon and Washington. It is expected that delegates and visitors will attend from the entire district. The conference has had a very prosperous year both financially and numerically.

FAIR WILL HELP OREGON

State to Be Exploited in Seattle Exposition Literature.

"All the money needed for the Alas-

BOOKS ARE SIGNED BY 38,406 VOTERS

Names of 758 Citizens Added to Rolls Final Day of Registration.

NINE CLERKS KEPT BUSY

Notaries and Justices of the Peace Will Probably Swell Lists by 100 Before Presidential Election November 3.

When all the returns are in, Multnomah County's total registration for the Presidential election will be about 38,406. The books were closed to the public at 5 o'clock last night with 23,495 names on the list. Notaries and Justices of the Peace will send in additional names to the number of about 100, according to County Clerk Field's estimate.

Of the 758 voters who were registered yesterday by the staff of nine clerks, more than half signed the books between 3 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. It was necessary to have a policeman on hand to keep the crowd in line. Two lines were formed, one of East Side voters and one of those from the West side. At times they extended out the doors of the clerk's office, and into the Courthouse corridor.

Twenty-eight thousand, nine hundred and thirty-eight Republicans have signed the registration books this year. Besides this there have been 692 Democrats and 2476 miscellaneous. The clerks say they were able to register the Republicans and Democrats faster than they the small number classed as miscellaneous. Among these are Socialists, Prohibitionists, Independents, and those who have not decided to which party they belong, or who refuse to name their party. "Non-partisans," of course, so in the miscellaneous class.

The Fall registration, as far as the returns are in, numbers 5141. Of these 3081 are Republicans, 1418 are Democrats, and 642 are of other affiliations. Of yesterday's 758, there were 481 Republicans at the registration counter, 202 Democrats, and 75 miscellaneous.

Last Spring's registration was 33,265. At the time the books closed before the June election there were names of 25,857 Republicans, 5574 Democrats and 1884 others on the books. The West Side had made a registration of 12,481, the East Side of 16,184 and the country of 4690. No classification of this kind has been made of those registering this Fall.

BARRETT'S NAME ON ROLLS

Second Honorary Member of Portland Commercial Club.

John Barrett was honored yesterday by the board of governors of the Commercial Club being elected an honorary member. At its regular weekly meeting at noon yesterday, Mr. Barrett's name was proposed and favorably acted upon. He is the second to be elected an honorary member of the club. A. L. Craig, formerly general passenger agent for the Harriman lines here, being the other.

President C. W. Hodson of the club sent the following telegram to Elihu Root, chairman of the governing board, Bureau of American Republics, Washington, D. C.

The Portland Commercial Club, with a membership of 1400 business men, the largest organization of its kind in America today, by unanimous vote made John Barrett an honorary member. This is the second instance in the history of the club and Mr. Barrett is the only public man ever recognized in this way.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. L. D. Freeland has returned to her home in Fulton after a three-months visit in the East.

Mr. Dave Barman announces the engagement of his daughter, Clementine to Mr. M. Schellin, of Spokane.

W. A. Worthington, of Spokane, is in town today, by unanimous vote made John Barrett an honorary member. This is the second instance in the history of the club and Mr. Barrett is the only public man ever recognized in this way.

its River. Major McIntoe, chief of the Government engineers who have been making a complete survey of the river, has made a favorable report to the War Department and has recommended that the work of deepening the channel be done. It is understood that Major McIntoe's report will be accepted as final. Washington Congressmen have become interested in the proposition and Wesley L. Jones has declared that he will do all in his power to procure an appropriation for the purpose.

CHURCH FOUNDER BURIED

Lambert Demkes Formed Swedenborgian Society in Portland.

The funeral of Lambert Demkes, who died at his home at 249 Yamhill street Monday afternoon, took place from Ericson's chapel, 209 Alder street, at 2 P. M. yesterday and was attended by a large number of friends. Interment was in Riverview cemetery.

Mr. Demkes was born in Germany on September 17, 1830. He came to the United States in 1849 and settled in St. Louis, where he was engaged in the tailoring business for 25 years. In 1875 he came to Portland and showed his confidence in the future of the city by purchasing property at Yamhill and Chapman streets when that residence district was considered a suburb.

He engaged in business here, but many years ago retired from active life. He was in good health until a few months ago when ailments incident to old age caused his confinement to his home. In religion Mr. Demkes was a Swedenborgian and he was the founder of the Portland New Church Society.



The Late Lambert Demkes.

Mr. Demkes is survived by his aged widow and by three daughters: Mrs. J. G. Whitehurst, of Ivanhoe; Mrs. Conrad Stark, of 500 Clay street; and Mrs. William J. Standley, of Portland Heights.

STATE WITNESSES ESCAPE

St. Helens Prosecutor Has Trouble Indicting Alleged Liquor-Sellers.

ST. HELENS, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—The Scappoose liquor cases have been occupying a great deal of the attention of the grand jury and the District Attorney's office during the past week. Twelve true bills have been found against John West for alleged violations of the local option law, ten against Tom Callahan and five against M. J. Engler.

Considerable trouble has been experienced in securing witnesses. Two were brought here last Friday and as the Deputy Sheriff did not like to put them in jail they were allowed to go to the hotel for their supper and took advantage of the officer's kindness to leave town. John Darby is in jail under charge of contempt of court for neglecting to obey a summons. He was found in one of Portland's suburbs.

OREGON BAPTISTS MEET

Session at Newberg Attracts Large Attendance.

NEWBERG, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—The Oregon Baptist Ministers' Conference met in its 20th annual session last evening, with the Baptist Church in Newberg, and was called to order by its president, Rev. F. N. Baker, of Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Roberts and several members of the "Checkers" company, are registered at the Danmore. H. S. Rowe, general agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, will return

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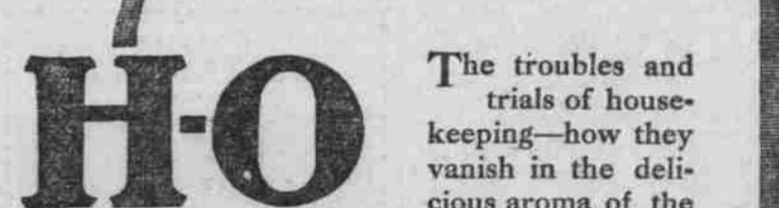
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The troubles and trials of housekeeping—how they vanish in the delicious aroma of the steam that comes from a dish of H-O—the oatmeal that is all oatmeal—no hulls, no dirt, no grit—nothing but the choicest oats, steam-cooked for three hours—ready for your table after ten minutes' boiling. Notice how every kernel stands out separate and distinct—not a pasty, mushy, soggy mass, but clean, separate, tender kernels. Of course it costs a few cents more than ordinary raw, "rolled oats"—but you'll be glad to pay it. Ask your grocer for H-O.



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The buying of a piano is an important transaction. There are many different makes of pianos, and there are many dealers. Sherman, Clay & Co. are an old, well-known established house and carry the finest line of high-grade, dependable pianos to be found in any house on the Coast. They sell new pianos as low as \$225, \$275, \$300, \$350 and up to the incomparable Steinway at \$775 and up.

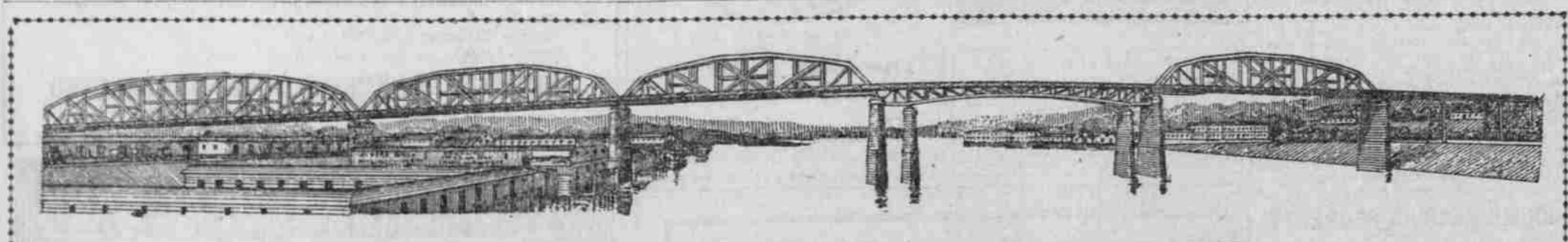
The following list is remarkable and you will recognize the names—names as familiar as the names of old friends—Steinway, A. B. Chase, Everett, Conover, Packard, Kingsbury, Ludwig, Esley, Emerson, Kurtmann, Wellington, A. E. Chase, Euphonia Piano Players. Convenient monthly payments may be arranged.

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ENGINEER MODJESKI'S DESIGN FOR BASCULE DRAWBRIDGE, TYPE HE RECOMMENDS FOR NORTH PORTLAND.

loads would have to be carried up the steep grades on either approach, and Mr. Modjeski said such a bridge, in his opinion, would be impracticable for Portland.

The report gave no encouragement whatever to the subway project, as Mr. Modjeski declared that he knows of no subway that is used for team and pedestrian traffic, all of them being dark at the best as compared to daylight and the majority of them being damp or hot so that they would be unsuitable for the exclusive use of streetcars. Asked why he fixed upon Hancock street as the best place for a tube, Mr. Modjeski said that the contour of the ground on either side of the river at that point and the depth of the water combine to make that the only good location for a tube to be used by streetcars, teams and pedestrians. He later said, in answer to a question, that a tube could be constructed at a point more central, as for example at Stark street, but that it would be more expensive and a great deal longer, the length being made necessary because of the greater depth of the river, and height of the ground on both sides of the stream.

Only Two Favor Tube.

There was not a great deal of sentiment in favor of a tube, but there was much in favor of the type of bridge recommended by Mr. Modjeski. Isaac Sweet and C. K. Henry spoke in favor of the tube project, both contending that the city must eventually come to this, as a means of obtaining the improvements to navigation and constant trouble found in the bridge feature of

ka-Yukon-Pacific Exposition has been raised, and there is no doubt that the exposition buildings and exhibits will be completed and opened on time next year," said Paul A. Hess, manager of the official publications of the exposition, last night.

Mr. Hess, accompanied by his wife, came down from Seattle yesterday, and will remain here ten days on business connected with the official guide. Although he has been a resident of Seattle for seven months, he still considers Portland his home, and he intends to give this city and the entire state a great deal of space in his publications. The first article on Oregon will appear in the January number of the Alaska-Yukon Magazine.

BLANKETS, COMFORTERS.

Extra special values today on wool and cotton blankets, comforters, pillows, bed spreads, pillow cases and sheets. Hotel men take notice. McAllen & McDaniel, Third and Morrison.

next week from an extended visit to his old home in Wisconsin.

General Manager J. P. O'Brien of the Harriman Lines returned from Huntington, where he went to meet Mrs. O'Brien, who has just returned from a trip to the East.

"Mike" German, well-known resident of Cathlamet, leaves tonight for a trip to his former home in Williamsport, Pa. He received word that his mother's health is precarious.

W. A. Worthington of Chicago, assistant to Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation of the Harriman system, was in the city yesterday in consultation with local Harriman officials.

Captain Roscoe Coburn, formerly of Superior, Wis., but now a resident of this city, is a patient in St. Vincent's Hospital suffering from a severe attack of the grippe. Captain Coburn was for many years a Captain on the great lakes and recently made the trip around the Horn on the steamer Winnabago.

Deeper Channel for Cowitz.

KELSO, Wash., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—Cowitz County and the City of Kelso feel highly elated over the prospects of a deep water channel down the Cow-

land. He, in turn, decided it to Chapman, the plaintiff in the present suit. The latter asks that he be given a clear title.

Demand Return of Samples.

The firm of M. Liskman & Co. has filed suit in the Circuit Court against Gust Gellis to compel him to surrender two trunks containing a sample line of pipes and smokers' articles. In case the trunks cannot be delivered, the company demands \$1000 damages and \$100 attorney's fees.

TWO ROADS SEEK HARBOR

St. Paul and Union Pacific Lines Struggle for Coast Outlet.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—Step by step the Union Pacific and St. Paul Railway companies are making progress in the work of getting their respective lines into the Grays Harbor country. Following the suits begun to secure the right-of-way into the harbor country by condemnation, action has been taken in like manner the past few days to obtain the necessary right-of-way through Aberdeen and Hoquiam, suits having been brought to condemn river front property for bridge and terminal uses.

SUES TO CLEAR LAND TITLE

W. S. Chapman Wants County to Surrender Claim to 80 Acres.

Multnomah County will lose 80 acres of land if W. S. Chapman proves the allegations made in a suit filed against the county in the Circuit Court yesterday morning. He asserts that in Oc-

tober, 1889, when E. Hamilton, W. S. Ladd and Cash Ritchey were members of the Board of County Commissioners, John Barnes made an agreement with them that if the county would care for him during the remainder of his life he would deed over half of his property in section 5, township 1 south of Range 3 east.

Barnes was accordingly sent to the County Hospital, and the deed signed up conveying the property to the county. But the county, it is alleged, did not live up to its contract, and Barnes was obliged after a short time to return to his farm and to support himself. When he died, Jacob Barnes, the sole heir, came into possession of the

DEMAND RETURN OF SAMPLES.

Words of welcome were spoken by Rev. P. C. Stannard, pastor of the local church, and responded to by Rev. F. A. Baker. A splendid audience of Newberg citizens greeted the speakers of the evening, Dr. C. M. Hill and Dr. Blackburn.

Dr. Blackburn spoke upon "The Assets of the Christian Minister." Rev. John M. Lindin discussed the question, "Is the Ministry Necessary?" Rev. E. C. Lappan answered the question, "Is the Church an Out-Of-Date Institution?"

At the morning session of the conference, Rev. R. E. Story was elected president and A. B. Minkler vice-president, and W. W. Davis secretary and treasurer. Rev. F. C. Lovett read a well-prepared paper upon the Scriptures. The conference closed with a sermon by Rev. F. W. Parker.

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The gold production of the United States, in round figures, is 2,300,000 ounces a year, and of silver 60,000,000 ounces.