

COURT SUBJECTS
SUPREME COURT

Supreme Bench Advises Oregon and Washington to Settle Their Controversy.

PRECEDENTS ARE CITED

Plan Is Outlined in Opinion Denying Rearing on Issues Pertaining to Mouth of Columbia River.

Resolutions have been adopted by Congress in the past authorizing the settlement of three boundary controversies. Congress acting upon such authority have settled disputes between Missouri and Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana and Tennessee and Arkansas. The Washington authorities are considering the advisability of such commission, and may ask the Oregon representatives to join those of Washington in urging the passage of the necessary resolution.

The advisability of the Oregon and Washington, with the consent of Congress, through the aid of commissioners, adjusting so far as possible the present appropriate boundaries between the two states and their respective jurisdiction is called to the attention of the two commonwealths by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The wisdom of such a course is suggested in the opinion of the court in denying the petition of the Oregon-Washington boundary case affecting the Lower Columbia River, decided in favor of Oregon's contention on December 16, 1898.

The denial of the petition for a rehearing was handed down by the Supreme Court May 25, and was mentioned briefly in Washington dispatches. The court's decision in full has now been received in Portland. It follows:

Text of Court's Opinion. There are practically two matters presented; one, whether the boundary near the mouth of the Columbia River is the channel north of Sand Island and the channel south of Sand Island and the channel north of Sand Island and the channel south of Sand Island.

So, whatever changes have come in the north channel, and the channel which water and the depth of that channel have been constantly increasing, yet, as all reported from proceeding on the lower river, also of late years from the jetties constructed by Congress at the mouth of the river, the boundary is still that channel.

Second Question at Issue. The other question arises in this way: The act admitting Oregon, after naming as the commencement of the boundary "a point due west and opposite the middle of the north ship channel of the Columbia River," adds, "thence easterly, to and up the middle channel of said river, and where it is divided by islands, up the middle of the channel thereof to a point near Fort Walla Walla."

That speaks of the "middle channel of said river," and counsel contend that there is no pretense of the boundary line, therefore, the language should properly be construed as the middle of the main channel of said river, and where it is divided by islands, up the middle of the channel thereof to a point near Fort Walla Walla.

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The pressure has fallen decidedly during the past 24 hours. It is now 30.05 at the Columbia River. The temperature is 65.0.

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