

COUNTY WILL TRY TO CLOSE DRAWS

Goddard Says Authority Will Be Stretched to Give People Relief.

SAND SCOWS NOT SUPREME

County Court Seeks Legal Opinion on Its Power and Will Then Regulate Traffic With Regard for Deep-Water Ships.

"We will stretch our authority to the limit in an effort to open the bridges over the Willamette River during the rush hours of the morning and evening."

This was the terse way in which County Commissioner Goddard expressed last night his attitude on the draw question. He made this statement in answer to a question as to whether he would go so far as to permit a clash between the County Court and the United States engineers.

"When I took up this bridge question, it was a personal matter with me," he said. "I had not consulted the other members of the County Court. I proposed to see whether the County Court had authority to take care of the overhead traffic on the bridges. If it has, we shall take care of it."

"Do not understand me as meaning that we shall do this arbitrarily. There should be moderation in everything. We shall endeavor to pursue the right course in this matter with due regard for everyone."

Rivermen Ask Too Much.

"Personally I have not talked with any of the steamboat men about this matter. But from what I have been able to gather from the news reports of interviews they have had with the police any restrictions on their movements. The man running a sand scow seems to think he should be entitled to as much consideration as the master of an ocean-going vessel. I am in favor of making such a regulation as will eliminate the congestion of overhead traffic, giving due consideration to the navigation interests."

"The river men say there wouldn't be any Portland if there were no harbor. But I say, if there were no Portland there would be no harbor. I think there are two sides to that question. The navigation interests are for the fact that I can learn, to think they are in charge of the harbor. When the Morrison-street bridge was about to be built, they said that in a few years it would ruin the city, and on that pretext held it up for a time. But it has now been demonstrated that it was a benefit to the city."

"I can readily see that the War Department has the right to say that the drawbridges shall always be open to war vessels and to vessels of the deep sea. But I cannot understand how the War Department shall say that we must open navigation to a second scow or a lumber craft, when both the bridges and the traffic are under the jurisdiction of the county."

Rights of People to Be Recognized.

"I consider the situation extremely acute. I believe it should be relieved at once. I think the rights of the people who cross the river should be recognized. We will see what we can do."

"The matter of closing the drawbridges has not been presented to the County Court and has not been considered by the court since I have been a member. All efforts in other directions to remedy the situation seem to have failed. I concluded to see what jurisdiction and authority the County Court might have in this matter, as the bridges are being operated by the County Court, and I would say that it is my intention to bring about such regulations as will afford relief to the traffic over the bridges, with due regard to navigation."

Cameron Asked for Opinion.

"Not knowing at present just how far the County Court may legally go in this matter, I cannot express any opinion now as to the outcome, but my disposition is to put the matter to an immediate test. In a few years the issue may be fully determined. The nature of the test will depend upon the nature of the opinion which is to be rendered by District Attorney Cameron as to Federal authority in regulating the draws. He having been asked to look up the law on this point."

Mr. Cameron has found a decision of the United States Supreme Court which upheld the closing of the drawbridge over the Willamette River for 15 minutes every day, a right having been vested by the river interests in the courts and finally in the Supreme Court. Mr. Cameron has not given the County Court his opinion yet, however.

CAKE RENEWS HIS PROTEST

Pleads for Shipping Interests Against Closing Draws.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 29.—After a second conference with General Bixby, chief of engineers, and Assistant Secretary of War Oliver, during which he renewed his protest against the establishment of closed draw-periods for the Willamette River bridges at Portland, H. M. Cake said today he was unable to predict what action the War Department would take in the matter.

While the department officials listened to the protests made on behalf of the shipping interests of Portland, they gave Mr. Cake no assurance that the protests would be heeded, nor did they intimate that the regulations prepared by Major Melrose would be approved. They contented themselves with stating that the matter would receive very careful consideration before the department acts. When this action will be taken, no one seems to know. At the present, Senator Bourne's request for delay is being considered.

Mr. Cake based his objection on the grounds advanced by the shipping interests, for whom he is acting, and expressed the opinion that a closed period such as has been proposed would afford little or no relief to people who are compelled to cross the river during rush hours. He stated that the river commerce had made Portland what it is, and expressed the view that the port would get a bad reputation among shippers if the proposed regulations should be put into effect. From a business standpoint, he regards the proposed closed period as unwise.

Mr. Cake may remain in Washington several days, but does not expect to have further conferences with the de-

partment. A number of telegrams pro and con were received and filed by the War Department today.

REBEKAH WORKER DIES

Mrs. Robert M. Foster Succumbs to Cancer at Astoria.

Mrs. Robert M. Foster, wife of the master mechanic of the Government Jetty at the mouth of the Columbia River, died yesterday afternoon at Astoria of cancer of the stomach. Mrs. Foster was 50 years of age and had become well known in Portland and Oregon through her long residence in the state and her connection with the Rebekahs, an auxiliary of the Independent Order of Oddfellows. She is a past grand matron of the order.

In the last hours Mrs. Foster was attended by her husband and two daughters, Mrs. W. E. Williamson, wife of the Assistant Postmaster, and Mrs. J. E. Wolf. The body will be brought to Portland today. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Mrs. Foster was born in Michigan and resided in Idaho before coming to Oregon 18 years ago. Robert M. Foster became associated with the mechanical department of the Southern Pacific Company and for many years was located at Ashland, coming to Portland as air-brake expert. Mrs. Foster has devoted much of her spare time to building up the women's department of Oddfellowship, the ties thus formed lasting in warmest friendship to the end of her days.

CITY DOCK WILL BE BUILT

Attorney Grant Says Title to Property Is Unquestioned.

Objections to the city going ahead with the concrete dock at the foot of Stark street are regarded as a joke by City Attorney Grant. The city has a good and sufficient title to the approach where the dock is being constructed, says Mr. Grant, and as long as private property on either side of the dock is not damaged or river traffic is not interfered with, there can be no legitimate cause for complaint. No serious complications have been encountered as yet and none will be looked for. In the meantime the dock will be hurried to completion.

The acquisition of the old Stark-street ferry landings dates back to the '60s, when it was donated to the city by Mr. Stark. Later the property passed into private ownership and was thus held until 1902, when the city again secured possession by purchase. The sum paid for the property was \$40,000. Within a few months the ferry was discontinued and since that time the city has derived no revenues from the investment, of any consequence. Up to two years ago not enough money had been received to pay the interest that had accrued on the bonds issued for the purchase of the property.

All that is left now of the original grant is the approaches from the street on either side of the Willamette River. Absolute title to the approaches was acquired by the city in 1907, when the bonds were retired.

Good Things in Market

BY LILLIAN TINGLE.

THIS is certainly "peach week" in the local markets, and many provident housekeepers are already planning their winter reserves of this popular fruit, as well as enjoying the easy and delicious desserts which the peach season always brings.

In crates peaches cost from 75 cents to \$1.00 according to quality and variety. Table peaches in smaller quantities range from 15 cents to 20 cents a dozen. Oregon Crawford's are not yet available, but their place in, to a certain extent, supplied by California's 230's.

Watermelons have also come into their own during the last week, and are to be had at 1 1/2 to 2 cents a pound; so now is the time to eat all you can and be content. Cantaloupes are good and plentiful, some of them selling as low as 3 cents a pound. All efforts in other directions to remedy the situation seem to have failed. I concluded to see what jurisdiction and authority the County Court might have in this matter, as the bridges are being operated by the County Court, and I would say that it is my intention to bring about such regulations as will afford relief to the traffic over the bridges, with due regard to navigation.

Only 6 Weeks Left

Last Day Voters Can Register for Election Is Sept. 14.

RUSH EXPECTED AT FINISH

Citizens Have Been Rather Casy So Far and Unless They Get Busy They May Have to Stand in Line for Hours at Close.

Only six weeks more in which to register for the primary election. The last registration day is September 14, the books closing at 5 P. M. that day. The books will be reopened on September 23 for the general election, and will close again October 17.

Sluggishness in the registration so far leads County Clerk Fields to believe there will be a heavy rush during the last few weeks and days. Although the city has grown rapidly in the last two years, there are only 250,000 names on the registration books now than at the same time two years ago. A large increase in this number will be necessary in the next few days to prevent a rush during the last few days which will compel voters to stand in line perhaps hours before they can sign the books.

PORTLAND IMPRESSES EAST

C. A. Bigelow Returns From Trip to Atlantic Coast.

C. A. Bigelow, ex-president of the East Side Business Men's Club has just returned from a business trip in the East, which includes a visit to St. Louis, Rochester, N. Y., New York City, Chicago and other important cities. In St. Louis, Bigelow was gone nearly four weeks.

PARENTS DESERT CHILD

Mother of Young Woman Swears Out Warrant for Arrest.

The situation of a mother being prosecuted for desertion of her infant, was presented yesterday when a warrant was filed with Constable Wagner for the arrest of Frank and Ruby Booth, on a charge of causing to become dependent their baby, 3 months old. The couple were arrested at The Dalles upon telegraphic request from Wagner, and will be sent here as soon as a city charge pending against them there is settled.

Yesterday the pair were located in The Dalles and arrested. The man is ad-

Merchandise Purchased on Credit Today Charged on August Account



Ready! The Greater Olds-Wortman-King Store

Morrison, Alder, West Park and Tenth Streets. This business established by John Wilson in the year 1856—Portland's oldest, largest and best retail establishment.

Doors open promptly at 1 o'clock this afternoon and will remain open until 9:30 tonight

The store will not be complete, but enough will be in readiness to give the public an opportunity to appreciate what a fine, large and beautiful shopping place we have prepared. The location, as well as the business, has been established long before the doors open. There will be some mistakes and delays on the part of our employes, as is usually the case in large institutions of this kind. Therefore, we must ask the public to bear with us until we are all accustomed to the new surroundings, which will be but a day or so

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VACATION COMFORTS.

- 1. Park & Tilford's candies. 2. Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco. 3. Pike's Whistle Chocolate. 4. Autolight Cigarettes. 5. Loriot Peppermint. 6. A box of Garcia Cigars. 7. Vienna Fruit Confections (Imported). 8. "Our Own Mixture" Smoking Tobacco. Sig. Schel & Co. 32 Third, Third and Washington and Wells-Fargo bldg.

OM Tree Chopped Down.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 29.—(Special)—At least 60 years old, an apple tree planted here in early times was cut down today to make room for a two-story brick building to be erected by G. R. Percival on East Fifth street. The lot was once occupied by the residence of the late J. O. Smith. Two Royal Anne cherry trees, more than a half-century old, also stand on the lot.

dicted to the use of drugs and is believed to have led his wife into the same practice, as in a letter to him, in the possession of her mother, she asks him to bring some "bump." The tone of the letter shows that the woman yielded to pressure under the influence of her love for her husband. She implores him not to leave her; that she will do what he asks.

SIGNS NO LONGER LAWFUL

Major Approves Ordinance Against Carrying Banners in Street.

BRANCH TO OPEN AUG. 15

OREGON & WASHINGTON TO BEGIN GRAYS HARBOR SERVICE.

Excursion Party is Coming

Idaho and Eastern Oregon People Will Visit North Beach.

PAIDST EXTRACT

The United States Government specifically classifies Paidst Extract as an article of medicine—not an alcoholic beverage.

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Mr. Husband: Do you realize Your wife Needs a Good Tonic?

House work is tiresome

and sooner or later your wife's health will be ruined by the incessant toil which is her daily work. You can help her more by getting her a case of

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