## DOCKS ADVOCATED AND ALSO DECRIED

Opinion of Shippers and Jobbers Vary Greatly at First Meeting.

GRAINMEN ARE SATISFIED NEW PAYING PLAN FORMS SUIT OF OWNERS

Commission and Noted Engineers Here to Recommend Best System Discuss Problems Confronted - Flood Recalled.

Divergence of opinion at times most marked and which, at other times, succeeded in developing unexpected facts, was a characteristic feature of the meeting of the jobbers and shippers of Portland with the Commission of Public Docks and the board of New York advisory engineers yesterday in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce in the nmercial Club building.

Whether the docks should be built for the traffic of the present day or for that which might develop; what the precise scope of a public docks system should be, whether it was to be built for general trade or just for particular lines; the prospective locations, single or double-deck docks and their heights -all, these and more questions were threshed out by speakers called upon by F. W. Mulkey, chalrman of the Com-

Some Would Build for Future.

While there were speakers who as serted the docks of Portland should be built to take care of trade that could he seen at present, others contended that plans should be drawn that would embrace a proposed construction of docks suitable for a city of 1.000,000

Representatives of the grain and lumber trades contended that public docks would be useful to them only in the ability of the docks to handle imports only. It was their opinion, they said, that grain and lumber could not be handled suitably by public docks. On the other hand, this view was contested by river steamboat representatives and jobbers, who asserted that there was no valld reason why public docks should not be all-embracing here as is the case in other systems.

The liability of the river to rise to similar to that of the flood of 1894 was deemed by many as not worthy of consideration, but Captain W. S. Buchanan, of the Open River Steamboat Company, declared that the older a man grew the more certain he was that no one knew what the vagaries of the river might be.

Docks Considered Entleing.

"If works were proposed that would have the effect of lowering the flood from two to four feet, what would be the saving to Portland business men?" Chairman Mulkey asked George Tay-

"The Lord Almighty alone would know that," answered Mr. Taylor. In reply to a similar question Captain Buchanan said that he did not believe such works could ever be constructed. In opening the "round table" discus sion, President Haller, of the Chamber

of Commerce, said the building of docks would not bring ships to Portland, but it would be easier to bring ships to this port if such docks were In existence. "I don't think \$2,500,000 will accomp-

lish what we need," said President Haller, "but it will point the way."

Mr. Haller declared that he knew of at least one steamship line that did not come to Portland through its inability te obtain dockage. When plans were about ready, the speaker declared, a competing line came in and obtained the land desired.

Grain Facilities Held Good. W. J. Burns, of Balfour, Guthrie &

Company, said wheat was a commodity that could not be handled by public docks, but had, by reason of grading and other processes, to be shipped by the individual. He did not believe that the facilities for handling the staple could be improved. The underwriters have forbidden the shipment of wheat in bulk, he declared. The bulk of the grain was shipped from the East Side. Imports by the grain fleet were small, nest of the ships coming in ballast, he declared

A. L. Allen, of Allen & Lewis, agreed with Mr. Burns that the grain facilities were adequate and he expressed the opinion that the river craft could be disregarded. He was of the opinion that only trade likely to originate east of the Panama Canal, which would travel through the Isthmus, need be

Mr. Allen looked for an increase in Imports, he said, and added that he did not believe Portland was suffering from the railroads, instancing that for freight Spokane-bound that had arrived via water they provided free lished plans of James J. Hill with regard to the ultimate development of Burlington as a seaport.

Crying Need Not Seen.

"As business exists today, there is no crying need for public docks," he

That plans should be made for the future rather than for the present were the views expressed by F. C. Knapp, of the Peninsula Lumber Company. As a shipper of lumber he said he would be willing to use a public dock and he thought a percentage of both grain and lumber would pass into bottoms from public docks,

from public docks,
Contradicting a previous speaker, O.
M. Clark, of the Clark-Wilson Lumber
Company, said the lumber carriers coming from the Orient brought a large
general cargo to this port. He thought
the docks would handle both grain and lumber and urged that plans be made that would embrace finally a prospec-tive city of 1,000,000 population. Mr. Clark favored West Side docks and declared that business would not move to the East Side, instancing New York and Brooklyn as an example. Mr. Clark said a provision should be made for the East Side, however.

Two Levels Advocated. George Taylor, of Taylor & Young, spoke of the urgent necessity for docks having two levels. He said the upper level ought to be at least one and onehalf feet over the 1894 23-foot high water mark. Mr. Taylor discussed the nature of the floods and said he

water mark. Mr. Taylor discussed the nature of the floods and said he thought that grain and lumber might be handled by the public docks.

Sam Mears, of the Portland Cordage Company, mentioned the difficulty the steamers of the American-Hawalian line, the Kosmos and Blue Funnel steamers had in an effort to obtain accommodations here. He said that there was nothing here to handle their larger boats. He urged the buying of ample lands for public docks with an initial dock construction.

W. S. Smallwood, D. A. Pattullo and D. O. Lively discussed the prespective docks as they would affect river boats, the handling of cement and the industries of the Peninsula. Mr. Lively asked that special attention be paid to the Peninsula.

System Devised for City to Earn \$20,000 Annually.

The city's present system of paying contractors for street improvements will be so revised that the city will receive about \$20,000 annually in interest, if the efforts of a number of the members of the City Council are suc-cessful. An ordinance is to be drafted which will make possible the payment to the contractors of all the money due them when the payments are reto the contractors of all the money due them when the payments are received. Under the present system the stitute a drainage basin, and that the

## INLETS ARE ALSO WATERSHED PART

Court Holds Port of Coos Bay Includes All Tributaries Feeding Basin.

FAILS

Demurrer of A. H. Hale, Who Opposed Paying Tax on Holdings Is Overruled - Interpretation Applies to Others.

plete with craxy chatter and new songs of a jolly order, which they manufactured themselves, these clever folk maintain genuine fun for a round of 20 minutes. A good looking girl and a man not good looking, but both of whom can sing, have a singing fest labeled "Tildy and Exra." Conversation of a bucolic nature, and cheerful patter of farm life is perpetrated to the gies of everybody in front. Their act is beautifully staged; an old milirace being shown, the wheel silent, and the moon rising over a low hill.

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open the bill with eccentricties in-dulged in while gayly scooting around on bicycles. As a finale they have a cycle aeropiane that brings the ap-plause in quantity. A canine act— Laughlin's—finishes the list. A bunch of clean, frisky little fox terriers go through a repertoire of ex-ceedingly clever tricks, of which the best is rolling up and down an inclined

road in a ball

Pantages. CIGI D'URBANO and his Royal Italian bank are the star performers at Pantages this week. From the first note to the last one is sure he is listening to musicians who know how The band's principal number is a selection from "Carmen." Its
first number is a march by the band
leader. A third number contained selections from "Madam Sherry" and as
a tribute to the prolonged applause
"Alexander's Rag Time Band" was
played. Nothing that the audience

Commission Delegate Says Power Needs Regulation.

F. T. GRIFFITH RETURNS

Chief Counsel of Traction Company Declares Aim Is to Develop Latent River Force Under Protective System.

"If the latent water power of the Northwest is to be developed, a system of regulation that will encourage capital must be defined," declared Franklin T. Griffith, chief counsel for the Portland Railway, Light & Power pany, on his return yesterday from Washington, D. C., where he attended the meeting of the National Waterways Commission, composed of members of Congress, and of which Senator Burton, of Ohio, is chairman.

Mr. Griffith, with other Western men, went to Washington at the solicitation of the commission, that desired views of persons in touch with the situation

in various parts of the country.

"The principal question under discussion," said Mr. Griffith, "was the demarkation between state and Federal control. I supported the contention of the group of 14 Western states that Congress, by enactment in 1877, divested itself of all rights on unnavigable streams, Those states want Federal control on only the navigable streams, while many Eastern people who have been supporting the posi-tion of the Government want to have the control of the Government extended to all streams within the National forest reserves whether they are navigable or not.

Laws to Develop Sought. "The purpose of the meeting was to devise and to recommend to Congress a system of laws that will permit the development of all latent water power on the public domain under proper regulation, such development to be for

"Secretary Fisher, of the Interior Department, spoke in favor of regulation along lines that will induce investment of capital. Capital will not invest, he pointed out, unless it is given assurance that it will be safe. Mr. Fisher also declared that the service of electricity is and should be a natural monopoly, and that a regulated monopoly would produce better results than

"Without well defined regulation so that long-term leases can be made with reasonable assurances of renewal, much of the water power will remain unde-veloped. It is aimed to obtain some legislation in Congress that will permit certain development with the assurance of fair rates either through state or Federal control.

Investors Would Be Certain "It is not likely that there will be an immediate development of any large amount of water power even if definite laws are enacted at the fresent ses-sion of Congress, but investors and prospective investors then will be in a position, at least, to know what re-turn they may expect on their money. It would be useless to develop a lot of power in advance of the time that it could be used. However, the Northwest is progressing rapidly and the time is approaching when there will be ab-solute need for much of the power

Mr. Griffith visited New York, Philarecent trip. He found business condi-tions on a sound basis and learned that the East is greatly interested in the West and the Northwest. Eastern investors are turning their attention to Oregon and other Northwestern states. The Western Governors' special train now touring the East is making a decidedly favorable impression the people everywhere, and is doing much to advertise the opportunities and advantages of this portion of the country, he said.

SARANAC LEASE HELD VOID

Owning Company Wins Action for Cancelling Agreement.

When R. E. West sub-leased the Saranac, a rooming-house at 47% North Sixth street, for which he was paying \$150 a month, to John Loiacono for \$600 a month, the latter presenting Judge Morrow yesterday decided the case in favor of the investment com-pany. The original lease, given to B. pany. The original lease, given to B.
H. Young, contained a provision that
the rooming-house could not be subleased without the consent of the
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over to West, but the latter subse-

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city holds out 5 per cent of the amount of each assessment to cover the costs of advertising and the services of the City Engineer, holding \$5 from every \$180 paid by the property owners. The \$95 balance goes to the contractors and the city places the \$5 in the bank where it draws 2 per cent interest. where it draws 2 per cent interest.

Under the proposed new system the contractor will get the full amount paid on every assessment until paid in full and the city will wait until the end of the payment period before extracting the 5 per cent. In this way

the city will receive 8 per cent on the money instead of 2 per cent, the 6 per cent being the legal amount for delinquent payments.

Besides being a benefit to the city in a financial way, it is said, the system will save much work for the City Treasurer. The contractors are said to be in hearty accord with the plan, as it makes it possible for them to pay back borrowed money on which they have to pay as high as 8 per cent

PITCHERS PRIZES

interest.

Northern Pacific Offers Silver Tro-

Oregon farmers are offered addition al Inducements to exhibit products of their soil at the Northwest Land Products Show that opens in St. Paul

phies for Northwest Products.

today by the prize pitchers to be given by Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific Railway. Northern Pacific Railway.

One of these pitchers will be given for the best exhibit of alfalfa grown in Central Oregon, and another for the best exhibit of processed fruits from Washington or Oregon. Similar awards are offered for the best bushel of apples grown in Minnesota, the best sample of barley grown in North Dakota or Montana, the best flax grown in North Dakota or Montana and for the best products of logged-off lands in Idaho.

The prize pitchers are offered in such a way that the individual grower will win them, and they will each go to farm homes in the Northwest, where they are sure to be appreciated by rea-son of being of utility se well as or-

namental. In speaking of the donation of these In speaking of the donation of these pitchers President Elliott said:
"The silver pitchers are a new thins in the prize line, and I believe are a happy solution of the problem of a prize, which will really be valued for what they are as well as for what they represent. We have selected pitchers of the latest patterns, and Christmas in six Northwest homes will be brighter this year by the presence of these pitchers.

HEALTH BOARD TO MEET

State Officers to Hold Annual Conference at Salem Thursday.

The annual meeting of the State Board of Health will be held in the ex-ecutive office at the Capitol at Salem next Thursday. The work of the pre-ceding year and the financial status of the Board will be discussed, while re-

ports will be received from the various officers.
One of the chief questions that will One of the chief questions that will be taken up at the meeting will be that of new water supplies for Willamette Valley cities. Dr. Calvin S. White, secretary of the Board, has been making extensive investigations along that line for the last year, and he will recommend a plan for improving the system. Under this head will be considered also the subject of bettering sanitary conditions in small towns.

A plan to compel enforcing of the laws that require reports of contagious diseases, births, deaths and insanitary conditions will also be considered, While deaths are usually reported, there are frequent instances where reports of

are frequent instances where reports of births, contagious diseases and insani-tary conditions are neglected. The tary conditions are neglected. The health officers are not inclined to blame county health officers for this laxity, but rather individual dectors, particu-

larly in country districts.

A plan for monthly conferences of county health officers, tending to make the state health machinery move in bet-ter harmony, also will be considered.

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watershed consists of all the territory from which the waters flow into the basin and consequently into the basin and consequently into the bay. United States Judge Wolverton yesterday dismissed the demurrer to the complaint in the suit of A. H. Hale against the Port of Coos Bay.

As the owner of property on the watershed of what is known as South Slough, at the west end of Coos Bay, Mr. Hale sought to enjoin the port for taxing his holdings for the improvement of the upper part of the bay. He contended that the South Slough was a drainage basin within itself and for that reason it was not intended in the statute that land lying, within the watershed of South Slough should be taxed for improvements in Upper Coos Bay.

"It was evident the purpose and in-tendment of the Legislature," held the court, "to confer ample authority upon the ports, when duly organized, to make effective improvements in the bays and waters over which they are given jurisdiction. The improvements may extend to the waters within the bay or to the improvement of the channel to the sea, so as to insure greater safety to navigation. An entire bay may be improved through the agency of the incorporation or port established in pursuance of the act and it probably was the purpose in establishing the Port of Coos Bay to improve all the harbors and the channels to the sea of Coos Bay."

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the statute which provides that the limits of a port "shall not extend be-yond the natural watershed of any drainage basin whose waters flow into another bay, estuary or river navigable from the sea" was designed to prevent the combining of two or more ports of entry from the sea, unless found in the same county, in one scheme for im-

provements. "South Slough, therefore, being an arm of Coos Bay," reads the decision, does not constitute a separate integer for a drainage basin. The drainage basin of Coos Bay comprises all its arms and inlets, including South Slough and its tributaries, as well as Coos River and its tributaries and all other sloughs and their tributaries entering

#### New Bills Open at the Vaudeville Houses

SLIM, pretty Ray Samuels simply walks away with everything in sight at the Orpheum, and you may know that this is "going considerknow that this is "going considerable," for the rest of the bill is "some" large show. Ray has a little line of fine print under her cognomen, which informs the public that she is "a blue streak of ragtime." She is too modest by far. She's the concentrated essence of all the electric streaks of ragtime that ever came to town. All her somes are new, and she town. All her songs are new, and she "puts them over" with "gestures" and bunches of unadulterated personality. She stopped the show yesterday, and, even though she is more than generous with her encores, the house begged for

A perfectly nice young man helps A perfectly nice young man helps this "fairest of Rays serene" with his plano accompaniment. She dresses in a gorgeous creation of chiffon and dew drop net, and doesn't do the inevitable "change of wardrobe" stunt just to show her clothes. She has other assets than raiment.

than raiment.

The original eight "Palace Girls" singers and steppers, "just from a five-year engagement at the Palace Theater in London," have a novelty number consisting of intricate drills and fancy foot-flinging. The remarkable thing about this act is its "team work"; they even wink their eyes and draw their breaths in perfect unison, but why not after five years of doing it as "one"? after five years of doing it as "one"?

Caryl Wilbur, who doubles up on himself and plays twins, is sponsor for a delightful liftle eketch. Helped along by a dainty bit of blonde femininity named Maude Terry, in the role of the landlady's niece, a most unsophisticated maden. Mr. Wilbur plays the dual roles. landlady's niece, a most unsophisticated maiden, Mr. Wilbur plays the dual roles of a minister and a young chap just expelled from college. The cituations, which hinge on the natural mistake the niece makes in taking each for tother, are of a laugh-provoking kind, and Mr. Wilbur excellently portrays the comedy role of the "black sheep," as well as preserves the sanctimonious air of the divine.

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A duo of song writers—Kellar Mack and Frank Orth—have a highly comic number called "The Wrong Hero," Re- open at 6:45. Wedding at 8:20.

could do in the way of noise to express its appreciation could lure the high-priced bandsters to play again. Lamb's manikins, a production of 50 mechanical figures in a miniature vaudevile show, is another elaborate act. Wilson and Cumby entertain with their skit, "The Band Man and His Band." Dressed as two Darktown bandmen, they give two or three musical numbers, alternating with coon songs and dances.

Dave Nowlan gives two songs and a monologue.

James A. Smith and company are seen in a playlet called "The Man from Denver." Ruby Belle, an adventuress, is told by one of her victims that unless she produces the husband she boasts he will kill her. Ruby sends her maid out to find a temporary hus-band. Molly finds a derelict in China-town, a "dope" field, whose slang terms add humor to the playlet.

Empress.

LIENRY SCHNIFF, the leading character in a condensed version of the play, "The Girl Behind the Counwhich is gunning this week at the Empress Theater, causes general consternation when he shows his ignorance at mixing sodawater, and sets off the soda fountain like an engine exhaust. Nat Fleids plays this part. Lottle Freemont takes the part part. Lottle Freemont takes the part of Mrs. Schniff, nee Mrs. Willoughby, in whom the unexpected acquisition of wealth has awakened a desire for so-

cial conquest. Henri Duval, a Parisian expert in millinery and lingerie, and manager of the "Universal Department Store," dis-covers that shop-lifting is going on in his store to an alarming extent. He therefore telephones to Scotland Yard for a detective. Schniff responds to the call, and is himself mistaken for a thief, when he attempts to wipe away a tear with a bunch of neckties hang-ing nearby. He is placed behind the soda counter after making known his identity. Frank Wailace plays the part of the Parisian store-keeper. Of the musical numbers, "Baby, Save Your Klsses for Me," is exceptionally well sung by Elizabeth Mayne, "Beautiful Doll," "On the Boulevard" and "The Band-Box Girl," are also on the

William J. Sullivan and Pasquelina Clarice win applause in the "C. O. D. Package." Vilmos Westony, pianist, gives a pleasing selection from "Tannhauser," and responds to encores with "Alexander's Ragtime Band," played as a funeral march.

Lyric.

T HERE isn't much plot to "The Hen Peck Family," the current attraction at the Lyric, but there is a good deal of fun. Just when one thinks he understands what it's all about, in comes a chorus and his un-derstanding fades away. Mrs. Peck, it seemed, had recently married again, and had just arrived with her new husband to visit her daughter and son-in-law. To please his young wife the son-in-law soon after the relatives' arrival, bought a second-hand plane from his mother-in-law's new plano from his mother-in-law's new husband and was having it repaired, when the trouble-making mother-inlaw mistook the conferences of the young man and the pland-mender to be something scandalous. There are all sorts of complications arising from this state of affairs. All ends hap-

There are a number of pretty choruses and solos and the dancing is more graceful than ever. Edward 8. Allen maintains his place as the best actor in the company with his portrayal of Doc. Knott, the plano-mender. Lillie Sutherland plays the part of Mrs. Hen Peck. Stella Gayboy is pleasingly given by Maybelle Baker. Jack Wise is good in the part of Willie Peck and in the song, "Baseball," sung with a chorus of girls in baseball suits, gets a lot of applause. Other song hits are There are a number of pretty chor a lot of applause. Other song hits are "Jack and Jill," "Nothing too Good for You, Dear," "Patricia Salome," "Dinah" and "Don't Forget the Number."

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