

# DOCKS ADVOCATED AND ALSO DEcriED

### Opinion of Shippers and Jobbers Vary Greatly at First Meeting.

### GRAINMEN ARE SATISFIED

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

Divergence of opinion at times 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 Commercial 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 dock 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, chairman of the Commission.

### Some Would Build for Future.

While there were speakers who asserted the docks of Portland should be built to take care of trade that could be 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 people.

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 steambot representatives and jobbers, who asserted that there was no valid reason why public docks should not be all-embracing here as in the case in other systems.

The liability of the river to rise to a point 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 Enticing.

"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 Taylor.

"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" discussion, 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.

### 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, most 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 considered.

### Health Board to Meet

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A plan to compel enforcing of the laws that require reports of contagious diseases, deaths and insanitary conditions will also be considered. While deaths are usually reported, there are frequent instances where reports of deaths are not made, and the health officers are not inclined to blame county health officers for this, particularly in country districts.

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

# WATERS ARE ALSO WATERSHED PART

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

### SUIT OF OWNERS FAILS

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

Holding that a bay, the streams and their tributaries by which it is fed, constitute a drainage basin, and that the

### MEMBERS OF BOARD HERE TO INSPECT PUBLIC DOCKS SITUATION.



W. J. Barney, Second Deputy Commissioner, New York Department of Docks and Wharves. E. P. Goodrich, Consulting Engineer of the Bureau of Manufactures. Charles W. Stanford, Chief Engineer of the New York Department of Docks and Ferries.

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 \$100 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.

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 6 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 interest.

### PITCHERS ARE PRIZES

Northern Pacific Offers Silver Trophies for Northwest Products.

Oregon farmers are offered additional inducements to exhibit products of the exhibit of processed fruits from Products Show that opens in St. Paul today by the prize pitchers to be given by Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific Railway.

One of these pitchers will be given for the best exhibit of alfalfa grown in Central Oregon, and another for the 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, Montana, or 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 reason of being of utility as well as ornamental.

In speaking of the donation of these pitchers, Mr. Elliott said: "The silver pitchers are a new thing 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."

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# WATER LEASING SOUGHT

### 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 Company, 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, and prospecting. 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 demarcation between state and Federal control. I supported the contention of the group of 14 Western states that Congress, by enactment in 1857, divested itself of all rights on un-navigable streams. Though states want Federal control on only the navigable streams, while many Eastern people who have been supporting the position 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 the benefit of the people to be served." Secretary Fisher, of the Interior Department, spoke in favor of regulation along lines that will induce investment of capital where there will be a vest, 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 national monopoly, and that a regulated monopoly would produce better results than competition.

"Without well defined regulation so that long-term leases can be made with reasonable assurances of renewal, much of the water power will remain undeveloped. 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 present session of Congress, but investors and prospecting investors then will be in a position, at least, to know what return 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 absolute need for much of the power available.

Mr. Griffith visited New York, Philadelphia and other Eastern cities on his recent trip. He found business conditions on 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 Government's special train now touring the East is making a decidedly favorable impression among 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 1/2 North Sixth street, for which he was paying \$150 a month, to John Lolocono for \$600 a month, the latter presenting the guarantee of "Chocolate" Nesma, a North End saloonkeeper, that the rent would be paid, the directors of the Holbrook & Lamson Investment Company, which owns the property, began an action for cancellation of lease.

Judge Morrow yesterday decided the case in favor of the investment company. The original lease, given to B. H. Young, contained a provision that the rooming-house could not be sub-leased without the consent of the owning company. Young obtained written permission to turn the place over to West, but the latter sub-

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Advertisement for L. C. HENRICHSEN CO., established in 1861, located at 284 Washington, near Fourth. The ad highlights their quality goods and the slogan "We Help You Buy".

Advertisement for SARANAC LEASE HELD VOID, detailing a legal case where the Saranac rooming-house lease was voided by Judge Morrow in favor of the investment company.

Advertisement for IOWA NEBRASKA KANSAS, featuring German Realty Trust Co. and offering a chance to visit old friends in these states for a few months.

Advertisement for SAPOLIO, a cleaning product that works without waste. It claims to clean, scour, and polish various surfaces. The ad includes the slogan "Free Music Lessons" and the company name Graves Music Co.