

### BIG PROJECTS GIVEN CHAMBER BACKING

Line of Steamers to Carry Northwest Products More Reasonably Proposed.

### MOUNT HOOD PARK SOUGHT

Location of Families on Farms and Building of Factories to Handle Raw Material of District Also Projected.

Four important projects, closely associated with the industrial and commercial development of the city, received a definite pledge of support yesterday from the Portland Chamber of Commerce, which outlined a working programme. The enterprises to which the organization committed itself are: Financing of a line of ships to handle the tonnage of the Port of Portland, especially that developing from the great wheat crops of the Columbia Basin; inducing capital invested in other securities to undertake the financing of manufacturing plants for the city; aiding those who are seeking farm homes in the state, and conducting a campaign to create a new National park around Mount Hood.

Three committees were authorized to handle the three first activities, at the meeting of the members' council yesterday, and these committees will be named as soon as possible by E. L. Thompson, president of the members' council. The other committee was named at once.

**Profits for Farmers, Aim.**  
The first committee will work out a plan for financing shipping lines to handle the business of the port. Especial care is to be given in the programme of this committee for the transportation of the inland Empire wheat crops abroad, at a beginning which will leave a reasonable margin of profit to the farmers producing them.

The plan on which the second committee is to work will deal with the financing of new manufacturing industries in Portland. It has been ascertained that there are millions of dollars of capital in the hands of individuals of different types, which could be made available for the helping of industrial enterprises in the city, the state, and the aim of the second committee will be to induce investors to divert some of this capital into the channels of industrial promotion.

The third committee will undertake to aid those who are seeking homes on the land, either newcomers to the state or the relocation of families who are now crowding the labor markets of the big cities.

**New Park Projected.**  
A fourth project taken up yesterday was the proposal to create a new National park around Mount Hood and along a proposed road at a beginning which will leave a reasonable margin of profit to the farmers producing them.

The road would be an extension of the Columbia River Highway and would give to the tourist a comprehensive glimpse of Western Oregon, the magnificent scenery of the highway, a glimpse of Hood River and The Dalles, and a clear vision of what Central and Eastern Oregon are like. It would be a 20-mile road, costing \$50,000, rising to 5,000 feet at its greatest altitude, and making it possible to establish a variety of health resorts suitable to the needs of the invalid of any character.

This proposition is to be submitted to Forester Graves when he reaches Portland this week, and he will be asked to recommend to the President that the areas desired be eliminated from the forest reserve and dedicated as a National park. The committee to present this matter is Rufus Holman, L. A. McArthur, F. C. Riggs, John F. Carroll and J. C. Ainsworth.

**Retrospection Is Asserted.**  
By Eilers precipitated action at the luncheon yesterday when he declared that if the activities produced by the manufacture of, and trade in, munitions of war, mostly contraband, were taken out of trade affairs today this Nation would be going backward, and that at a time when the country had the biggest crop in its history, Mr. Eilers said bankers predicted that money to handle this season's crop will be the scarcest it has ever been, although the banks of the country are bulging with coin. He also said that the probable charge for transporting wheat over the ocean route would be 60 cents a bushel. He pointed out that the South was embarrassed financially, although her warehouses were full of cotton, and not a dollar of American money has been forthcoming to build factories to manufacture that cotton.

Mr. Eilers denied that the Federal Reserve banking law had made money any easier, and urged that the Chamber of Commerce undertake financing the things necessary to be done to make Portland prosper.

**Need of Factories Asserted.**  
He called attention to the fact that the Pullman Car Company had recently refused an order for millions of dollars' worth of freight cars, for the reason that they could not get a rate by which the Oregon fir could be shipped to their plants, made into cars and reshipped to the Coast for transportation to Russia. The American Car Company has the order and will make up the cars from Southern pine, Mr. Eilers insisted that it should not be necessary to ship timber twice across the country, and that if Portland undertook the matter of stimulating the lumber industry, through helping manufacturing concerns to locate here, the market could be opened.

The speech created a sensation, and the authority to appoint the committees was conferred upon Mr. Thompson without a dissenting voice.

It is probable Mr. Eilers will be made chairman of the ship-building committee and that a co-operative plan will be adopted which will combine the interests of the great wheat belt, the apple-growers, the hopmen and other producers of tonnage which make use of water transportation.

**LIGHTHOUSE OFFICER HERE**  
George R. Putnam Inspecting Service to Learn Needs.

George R. Putnam, of Washington, D. C., Commissioner of the Bureau of Lighthouses, arrived in Portland Sunday morning on an inspection tour of the United States. Mr. Putnam is inspecting the various lighthouse stations and depots in the country. He probably will spend the greater part of today at the office of Robert Warrack, inspector in charge of the Lighthouse District, with headquarters in this city. He left for California last night.

house service of the country with a view of learning what was needed in the way of improvements or equipment or in a change of methods. Asked if he was planning any extensive improvements on the Coast, Mr. Putnam said that no improvements would be put in here until an appropriation could be procured from Congress. "Estimates are to be submitted to the coming Congress," he said, "for general improvements in the signals and lighthouses off the Coasts of Oregon and Washington and for the construction of a new lighthouse on Point Vincent, in California. Included also are estimates for improving the system of signals, buoys and lights off the coast of Alaska."

### SOUSA CONTRACT SIGNED

Noted Band to Be at Oaks Park July 25 and 26.

Edwin G. Clarke, business manager for Sousa and his band, passed through Portland yesterday on his way to Spokane.

### BURNED WHILE FILLING HIS AUTO, YOUNG MAN DIES

Willard St. Martin, who died Wednesday, July 7, at St. Martin's Springs, following fatal burns received in an explosion of gasoline while he was filling the tank of his automobile, was a graduate of the Hill Military Academy of Portland in 1913. He later attended Stanford University in California, and in 1914 went to the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis and to the University of Oregon at Eugene for a short period.

The young man intended to take up law as his life's work. Mr. St. Martin was 22 years old and a nephew of Mrs. Margaret St. Martin, owner of the Springs. He lived for 24 hours after the explosion. The body was buried in the family plot at St. Martin's Springs.

kane, after completing final contracts for the appearance at the Oaks July 25 and 26 of Mr. Sousa. Mr. Clarke was enthusiastic about the success Sousa has had at the exposition, where he has played 10 weeks straight. "The problem at the exposition now is to handle the crowds, not only for Sousa, but for everything," he remarked. "Everything seems to be coming at once."

### THETA CHIS IN CONVENTION

"Typically Eastern" Fraternity Barrier Broken at San Francisco.

EXPOSITION GROUNDS, San Francisco, July 12 (Special). Oregon speakers broke the theme of the 6th annual convention of Theta Chi in session here. It was characterized by the breaking down of a barrier known as a "typically Eastern" fraternity, and possible Western expansion. The first speaker was S. D. Allen, of Eugene, Or., who 37 years ago was an officer at a similar convention in New York City. He was one of the oldest among the delegates here. Continuing the same theme, A. W. Webster, of Portland, referred to the time when the fraternity should consider the great Oregon institution as a field for possible expansion.

### LIEN LAWS ARE EXPLAINED

East Side Business Men's Club Hears T. L. Lewis. Attorney T. L. Lewis explained the lien laws of Oregon and the amendment to the mechanics' lien law yesterday at the luncheon of the East Side Business Men's Club, to an audience of architects, contractors, supply and business men. Mr. Lewis gave a resume of the 17 different branches of the lien law, emphasizing the parts that were of interest to the audience. The amendment, said Lewis, is a great improvement on the original lien law under which the owner of the building under construction had little protection. He offered several court decisions on various phases of lien laws.

### CO-OPERATION IS URGED

President of St. Johns Commercial Club Would Extend Scope. K. C. Couch, president of the St. Johns Commercial Club, speaking of matters that may come up at the mass meeting to be held tonight in the St. Johns old City Hall, said yesterday that property owners and residents should co-operate with the city officials of Portland. Mr. Couch thinks the Commercial Club should retain its organization and extend its scope to include the Lower Peninsula to make practical this co-operation for the development of the district. This will be considered at the meeting tonight.

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