

CHAMBER TAKES UP PROBLEM OF RATES

While Many Go to Astoria for Celebration, Others Are Busy on Portland Plea.

REVIEW PROMISED TODAY

At Members' Luncheon J. N. Teal and J. H. Lothrop Expected to Review Recent Rule; Plan of Procedure May Be Outlined.

While a large party of Portland business men went to Astoria yesterday to help Astoria celebrate its victory in the Astoria rate case, other business men and students of the rate situation remained at home and busied themselves in plans to extricate Portland from the difficult position in which the city finds itself as a result of the Interstate Commerce Commission's recent decision.

The Astoria excursionists left on a special train over the North Bank road at 2 o'clock. Included in the party were many members of the Chamber of Commerce and others who have business connections at Astoria. Inasmuch as the excursion had to be planned in more or less haste the party was not as large as would have been the case had the business men of Portland had more time to prepare.

Personnel of Excursion Given.
As it was the city which was well represented in the party which was made up in part as follows:

- M. Clark J. Failing
- Julius L. Meier J. L. Brackett
- John P. Daly J. P. Jaeger
- W. Taylor E. S. Simon
- Marshall N. Dana Edward N. Weinbaum
- B. Seelye W. H. Borchert
- J. G. W. Smith A. J. Hale
- John E. Yeon John E. Cronan
- Mr. H. Houser William M. Colvig
- David Morrison Dr. Charles B. Frisbie
- H. H. Urdahl Leslie Hart
- E. V. Hoagland Dr. Andrew C. Smith
- Thomas C. Burke Dr. David N. Rogers
- W. C. Smith Ed. Money, Spanish
- John W. Tait Fork, Utah
- C. Gilman A. J. Spanish
- John F. Deugal Fork, Utah
- John M. Matham, Jr. A. H. Averill
- John S. Beall C. J. Mathis
- David M. Dunne A. C. Spencer
- General Charles P. Beebe F. N. Clark

Meanwhile members of the traffic and transportation bureau of the Chamber were preparing for the special meeting of the executive committee of that bureau at noon today. It is expected that J. N. Teal, traffic attorney, and J. H. Lothrop, traffic manager for the Chamber of Commerce, will present an analytical report of the Commission's recent ruling at today's meeting.

Chamber Action Assured.
It is fairly well determined beforehand that the Chamber will want to take some action to obtain recognition from the commission of Portland's advantageous position at the foot of the water grade from the interior and at a point on the river fully 100 miles nearer the distributing territory than Astoria.

In other words, Portland will seek a lower rate than either the Astoria or the Puget Sound rate.

Although the commission, by its decision, seems to take the ground that rates to the Columbia River ports, as well as to Puget Sound, are fixed by the cost of the haul across the Cascade Mountains, Portland will seek to have a rate established independent of mountain haul—a rate that will take into consideration the economic advantage of carrying traffic on a water grade instead of over a mountain grade.

The bureau of traffic and transportation, it is expected, will have a tentative report ready to submit to the board of directors of the Chamber, which has been called to meet tonight.

The position of the Chamber was foreshadowed in the resolution it adopted a few months ago regarding the Astoria rate case, in which it went on record as favoring the equalization between Astoria and the Sound provided Portland was to be given the further reduction rightfully due her because of her advantage of geographical position.

ASTORIA FOLK ARE GAY

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It within her power to accomplish much under the latitude given her by the recent rate decision, and the people should profit by concentrating their forces in this direction.

Banquet is Rousing Success.

The banquet tonight was a rousing success and among the guests were railroad officials and business men from all sections of the Columbia Basin. The visitors arrived on the Astoria train at 5 o'clock this afternoon and included among their number more than 60 members of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and others from the local Chamber of Commerce and were taken in automobiles to the municipal wharf, where they had an opportunity to inspect the docks and warehouses, as well as the bulk grain elevator now in course of construction, and see the preparations that Astoria is making to handle the great ocean commerce that she expects will soon be knocking at her doors.

On returning to the city the party proceeded to the Weinhard Hotel, where a short informal reception was held before the banquet hall was thrown open. This feature was attended by more than 300 men and

LOSS OF APPETITE

Most Successfully Treated by Taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

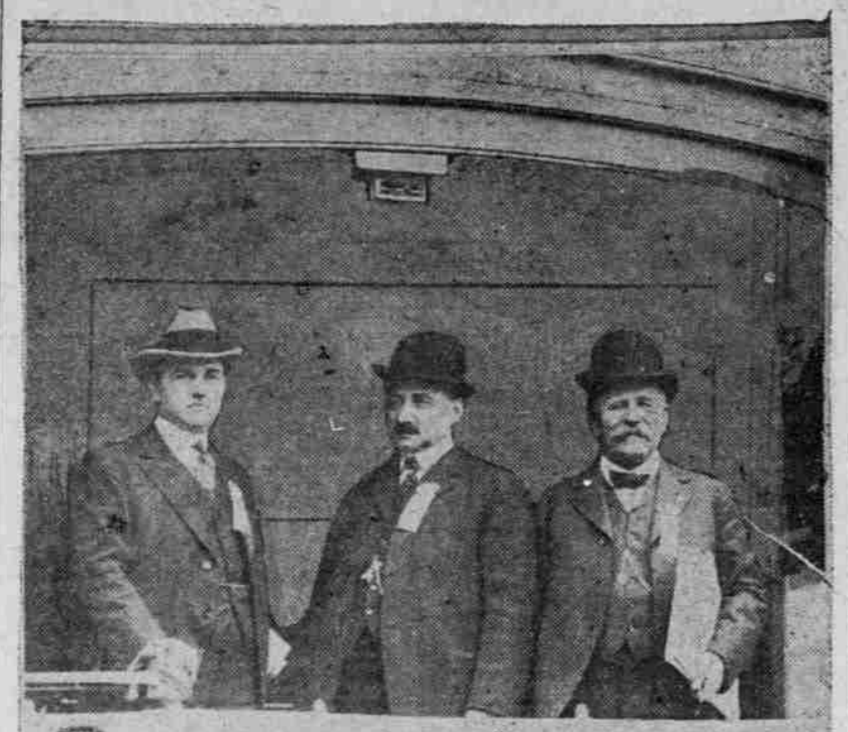
Loss of appetite is accompanied by loss of vitality, which is serious. It is common in the Spring because at this time the blood is impure and impoverished and fails to give the digestive organs what is absolutely necessary for the proper performance of their functions.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, the old reliable all-year-round medicine, is especially useful in the Spring. Get it from your druggist today. By purifying and enriching the blood and giving vitality, vigor and tone, it is wonderfully successful in the treatment of loss of appetite and the other ailments prevalent at this time. It is not simply a Spring medicine—it is much more than that—but it is the best Spring medicine.

Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the rich red blood the digestive organs need.

BELLANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

PORTLAND BUSINESS MEN PHOTOGRAPHED ON REAR OF SPECIAL TRAIN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON STARTING FOR ASTORIA.



Portland Chamber of Commerce SPECIAL



TOP, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT—JULIUS L. MEIER, JOHN B. YEON, O. M. CLARK, LOWER—A. H. AVERILL.

women, and R. S. Shaw officiated as toastmaster.

Mayor Johnson greeted the visitors on the part of the city, saying: "The slogan which we have adopted is not a greater Astoria, but a greater Columbia River basin, as this day marks the birth of a new era in the development of this vast valley."

More Prosperity Predicted.
Father Waters followed with a short but highly interesting discourse on Washington, speaking of his tenacity of purpose and determination and likened him to men who have fought for years to remove the rate barriers at the mouth of the Columbia River.

In a few well-chosen words J. H. Smith welcomed the visitors on behalf of the citizens of the Lower River district. He said no one could say what is occurring just at the present, the opening of the Panama Canal, the clearing up of the Upper River to unobstructed navigation, the deepening of the bar channel, the revival of the lumber trade, and last, the granting of parity rates. Each of these, he said, means more prosperity for Oregon.

D. M. Clark, representing President Colt, of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, responded, saying "Oregon first has always been my motto. That is the reason that I have been in favor of granting parity rates to this district. Now all pull together and we can accomplish anything."

M. H. Houser Sounds Warning.
M. H. Houser, the leading grain exporter on the Pacific Coast, spoke on the line of wheat exporting. He wanted to congratulate, he said, "on what you have accomplished, but your work is not yet completed. It has just begun. I cannot and no one else can say what will be the ocean business. Commerce will always follow the natural advantage. It depends on the facilities and the ability to get ships."

The main address was made by ex-Senator Fulton. He said, in part: "The fight for the victory which we are now celebrating has been a long one. It began in 1875, with the building of the Farmers' dock in Astoria, but that was swallowed up by the O. S. N. Company. Then we built a barge and built the line to Portland, but even that didn't bring our coveted rates, and it was only when we had aroused Portland to a realization that the destiny of both cities hung together that we achieved victory. If this victory means

good only to Astoria, it amounts to nothing. It is more; it means added prosperity for the whole Columbia River basin, and the one to receive the greatest benefit will be Portland, which is the financial center."

Railroads Expect Adjustment.
A. C. Spencer, of the O.-W. R. & N. Company, said he did not assume the transportation companies in this field will have any great difficulty in adjusting themselves to the new conditions if this decision is found to be final.

"The main question is whether there will be any further adjustments," he said. "A settled condition is what the railroads want. All they ask is that the matter be adjusted on a permanent basis."

Judge Colvig, of the Southern Pacific, said in part: "We are not directly interested in this parity rate question as it does not affect our territory, but we are not far away and don't you Astorians forget we will be here. Our officials are now arranging tariffs for the new line to Coos Bay, and I hope that within a year they will be fixing the tariffs to Astoria."

Addresses were also made by Mr. Morrison, Marshall Dana and L. B. Seelye, of Portland, and Mayor Morton, of St. Helens.

Lipman Wolfe & Co. Merchandise of Merit Only

Important Skirt News New Arrivals

Our weekly shipment of Skirts, just arrived, includes some of the prettiest models we have ever shown. Several especially clever effects are carried out in the much-wanted silk taffetas.

—Any of these skirts will make a noteworthy addition to your Spring wardrobe.

—There is also a group of entirely new, totally different wool skirts, consisting of **Wool Velours, All-Worsted Checks, Poppins, Serges, etc.**

—We make a specialty of the woman hard to fit, and always carry a complete line for stout figures.

—The prices are reasonable and range from

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Third Floor.

BILL TO BAR BRIDES

20,000 Japanese Women Admitted by Picture.

MAJORITY NEVER MARRY

Friends of Literacy Test Measure Boost They Have Enough Votes to Pass It Over Veto of President Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The woes of the "picture bride" were revealed here today in connection with the perennial immigration bill fight, with its threat of international complications, that is near in the House.

The "picture bride" is a woman who pretends to marry by proxy in Japan and then comes to the United States, or its territories, to meet her "husband," whom frequently she has never seen.

These couples seldom marry, according to the chairman, but usually part soon after the woman is safely landed, never to meet again. Statistics filed with the committee show that 2000 "picture brides" entered Hawaii last year and 18,000 came to the United States.

Friends of the literacy-test measure, which probably will be brought on the floor late this week, boasted today that they had enough votes to pass it over another veto by the President, which is confidently expected if the bill ever reaches him.

Reporters of the Asiatic exclusion bills are making a determined effort to have one of them reported, despite the purpose of the State Department to prevent consideration of any such legislation this session. Mr. Burnett said today he expected one of these measures would be reported next week. He hopes that either his bill or that of Representative Raker, of California, can be amended so as to cause the State Department to withdraw opposition.

As it probably will be reported, the Asiatic exclusion measure would be without many of the features to which the State Department objects, but would require both Chinese and Japanese to register on entering the United States. The present "gentlemen's agreement" with Japan regarding the entrance of laborers would not be disturbed.

FRANCIS WILL ACCEPT

MISSOURIAN WILLING TO BE AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA.

Inquiry to Be Made at Once as to Acceptability at Petrograd, and Nomination Will Follow.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—David R. Francis, Secretary of the Interior in President Cleveland's Cabinet and ex-Governor of Missouri, told President Wilson today he would accept the post of Ambassador to Russia to succeed George T. Marge, who has resigned. His nomination will be sent to the Senate as soon as an inquiry can be made of the Russian government whether he is acceptable.

Mr. Francis called on the President today with Senator Reed, of Missouri. Later he conferred with Secretary Lansing at the State Department about his duties.

The President and Secretary Lansing attach unusual importance to the embassy at Petrograd at present, because of questions growing out of the European war and the problem of inspecting the large detention camps in Russia in which are held thousands of German and Austro-Hungarian prisoners.

Mr. Francis received an offer of the post of Ambassador to Arab which was in the present Administration, but declined because of the press of personal business.

MUTINY IN EGYPT RUMORED

Berlin Gives Italian Newspaper as Authority for Report.

BERLIN, Feb. 22.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Reports from Cairo that a rebellion recently occurred among the reserves there are printed under the date of February 10 in the Italian paper L'Ordine, says the Overseas News Agency. The reports say that 35 persons were killed and 40 wounded.

"During the mutiny it is declared a British Major shot an Arab who would not allow his shop to be searched."

"According to the advices there were 10 executions in Cairo during January."

LEPER MAY BE RETURNED

Man Who Traveled Unguarded Is Under Investigation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—Henry Neubaumer, said by Dr. William C. Hassler, city health officer, to be a leper, is held today in the city's leper hospital.

NEURASTHENIA THAT FOLLOWS THE GRIP

Rest and a Tonic Is the Proper Treatment Distinguished Medical Authority Says

There is a form of neurasthenia that follows the grip. Doctors call it "post-grip" neurasthenia.

One of the foremost medical authorities of New York City in a lecture in the international clinics said: "Broadly speaking, every victim of the grip will suffer from post-grip neurasthenia also. Loss of nervous tone with increased irritability is the most striking effect of the disease, languor of mind and body, disturbed sleep and elsewhere. The treatment calls for rest and a tonic."

If you have had the grip read those symptoms again: "Languor of mind and body, disturbed, fitful sleep and elsewhere. The treatment calls for rest and a tonic."

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Only Four More Days In Which to Take Advantage of

Our Semi-Annual Shoe Sale

For Women, Misses, Boys and Children

—This Semi-Annual Shoe Sale has been the most overwhelming of any previous shoe occasion.

—If you supply your Spring shoe needs in this sale, you cannot make a mistake on either cost or style, for we are offering here all the best styles of the season at prices that are the lowest of the year.

WOMEN'S BRONZE DRESS BOOTS
\$9.00-\$10.00 Button Boots for \$7.95
\$6.00-\$7.50 Button Boots for \$4.45
\$8.00 Dress Button Boots for \$6.95

WOMEN'S BOOTS OF PATENT LEATHER DULL CALF BRIGHT KID
\$10.00 Boots for \$7.95
\$8.00 to \$9.00 Boots for \$6.95
\$6.50 to \$7.00 Boots for \$5.85
\$5.00 Boots for \$3.85

Special Sales for Children Today
FOR MISSES AND CHILDREN
—Patent leather and dress shoes, and shoes for school.

\$1.50 Shoes for \$1.35
\$2.00 Shoes for \$1.80
\$2.50 Shoes for \$2.25
\$3.00 Shoes for \$2.70
\$3.50 Shoes for \$3.15
\$4.00 Shoes for \$3.60
\$4.50 Shoes for \$4.05

\$3.50 Shoes for \$2.95
\$2.75 Shoes for \$2.45
DULL CALF SHOES
\$2.00 Shoes for \$1.80
\$2.50 Shoes for \$2.20
\$3.00 Shoes for \$2.65
\$3.50 Shoes for \$3.15

\$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00 Felt Slippers for 95c
—For Misses and Children.

Second Floor

colony while state and Federal authorities determine whether he shall be sent to the island of Molokai, T. H., for permanent residence or returned to his home in Cleveland, O.

Neubaumer arrived here a week ago and announced he was a leper on his way to Molokai. Investigation showed Dr. Hassler said, that Neubaumer came here upon the suggestion of a Cleveland physician, expecting aid from the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, of which he is a member.

Federal authorities at Washington, Dr. Hassler said, now are seeking to learn if the physician who sent him here knew that Neubaumer was to travel without the prescribed precautions in violation of interstate commerce law.

Seaside Union High Director Quits.
ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Fedor Kablos, of Nectanicum, has filed his resignation with the County School Superintendent as a member of the board of directors of the Union High School district, embracing Seaside and vicinity. This leaves only two members of the board, J. O. Tysberg, of Gearhart, having resigned some time ago, and C. N. Bennett, of Clatsop, having moved from the district.

The first light-house constructed by the United States Government is still standing on Cape Henry.

BAR AGAINST CRITIC LEGAL

Theater Manager Has Right to Exclude Writer, Holds Court.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 22.—The right of the proprietor of a theater to refuse admission to any person whose published criticism of dramatic per-

formances might injure the business of the theater was upheld unanimously by the Court of Appeals today.

A dramatic critic of a New York newspaper who had been barred from a theater appealed from a lower court decision upholding the right of the management in revoking the license conferred by possession of an admission ticket. The critic invoked the civil rights act, forbidding discrimination, but the respondents contended there was no discrimination and that he had been barred from the theater solely in his capacity as a critic.

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At Prices That Cannot Be Duplicated

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—Being fortunate in placing this order before the great rise in prices enables us to offer them to you this week at these radical reductions.

—While today is the third day of this sale, we can still guarantee a splendid assortment of both sizes and styles, as the quantity was a large one in the beginning.

Of Crepe de Chine and Society Satin in White and Flesh Tint

—In plain tailored effects and styles that are exquisitely trimmed with laces, ribbons, rosebuds and hemstitching.

GARMENTS OF SOCIETY SATIN
\$10.00 Gowns \$7.45 \$7.00 Gowns \$5.95
\$2.00 Camisoles \$1.29 \$4.50 Chemise \$3.39

GARMENTS OF CREPE DE CHINE
\$6.00 Gowns \$4.95 \$2.50 Env. Chemise \$1.79
\$1.75 Camisoles \$1.00 \$2.75 Env. Chemise \$1.98
\$2.50 Bloomers \$1.98 \$3.25 Env. Chemise \$2.59

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Spring Suit Fashions

Models of Youthful Ingenuity for the College Girl, Miss and School Girl

These New Models Priced At \$19.95

—Youth is the keynote of these Suits for the younger set, and expressed in an exceptionally attractive assortment of modes.

Made of Fine French Serges, Black and White Shepherd Checks and Large Block Checks
—The jackets of these newest Suits feature the belted style, with pleats at the sides and double patch pockets. The skirts are decidedly full, with full or half bias.
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