

PORTLAND HARBOR FROM HERE TO SEA!

Walter C. Smith Urges Discard of Sectional Rivalries in Address.

CLARENCE REAMES SPEAKS

Realty Board Hears Plea for Consolidation of Ports of Astoria and Portland and Secret Service Talk.

If all forces along the Columbia River will discard imaginary sectional rivalries and work unitedly for the building of commerce at the mouth of the Columbia River, declared to be Portland's harbor, Portland will soon become the metropolis of the Pacific Northwest.

This was the central idea of a forceful address delivered before the Portland Realty Board at the Hotel Benson yesterday noon by Walter C. Smith, who spoke on the subject, "Portland's Choice: The Columbia River or Puget Sound."

After reciting the superlative advantages endowed by nature, Mr. Smith explained the points of superiority which the Columbia River harbor has over Puget Sound and over all fresh water ports in the country and declared that the Columbia drains an area twice as large as the harbors of San Francisco and the Puget Sound combined.

Mr. Reames introduced.

The first speaker to be introduced by the chairman of the day, H. L. Joleman, was Clarence Reames, United States District Attorney, who spoke eloquently on the secret service system of the United States.

They can talk all they choose about the German spy system, but I want to tell you that for efficiency, strength and thoroughness the United States has the best secret service department in the entire world," said Mr. Reames.

After the war is over and its history written Mr. Reames says that the name of a Government official who is now little known will occupy an important place in the roll of honor. He referred to A. Bruce Bielaski, chief of the Government bureau of investigation, who receives daily reports from field agents located in every city and town in the United States.

Methods Cannot Be Revealed.

Mr. Reames confessed that it would not be ethical for him to tell the methods pursued by the bureau of investigation in ferreting out disloyal persons in this country, but mentioned the work accomplished through the agency of the dictaphone. He also remarked that stenographers usually are true to their Government rather than to their employers when the question of loyalty is brought to an issue.

Mr. Smith, who spoke on the destiny of the Columbia River as a port, has given the general subject of water commerce more than 25 years of serious study and has, during that time, visited nearly all of the great harbors of the world, South America excepted.

Portland Has Advantage.

"Let us consider the more important advantages of our splendid Columbia harbor over Seattle and Tacoma," said Mr. Smith. "They have mountain grades; we have a water-level grade. They had great timber resources, but we have 10 times as much tributary to the mouth of the river. They have a drainage area of 40,000 square miles and we have 200,000 square miles. They are 500 miles farther, on a round trip, from almost every port of destination than is the mouth of the Columbia River. And the same is true of the Panama Canal.

"Commerce, like water, seeks a gravity route to the sea; not to The Dalles, not to Vancouver, not to the Willamette River, but to the sea. We have in our hands incomparably the best port on the Pacific and it is down-grade everywhere. Its use means everything to Portland. By joining with Astoria and making it our own, we shall thereby make Portland the most important city of the Northwest. We have the population. We have the wealth. We have the hundreds of miles of trade. We have the resources, and no other city can ever have such an advantage as that harbor will give us.

"To gradually develop an import and export business on the Columbia, under modern conditions, will require regular lines of steamers calling frequently for fractional loads. This is the heart and vital of the whole matter.

Commercial Club Director Named.

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The new Fall and Winter Society Brand clothes feature the smart civilianized military lines that appeal to men who, though not in khaki, are none the less "doing their bit" in civil life.

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Georgette Crepe Neckpieces \$1.25—Dainty models in plain hemstitched effects, some with touches of hand embroidery, others with filet lace trimming.

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that will give you comfort, warmth and wear during the Fall and Winter months. Such qualities you will find in the garments we offer today and there is a strong price inducement that should impel every prudent man not to put off for a single day longer the purchase of seasonable undergarments.

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Borsalino Italian Felt Hats at \$6 And the new hats from this famous Italian manufacturer are as good as ever.

M. & F. Special Felt Hats \$2-\$3 (best made at the prices). Mallory Cravenette Hats \$3.50 upwards.

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We have seen nothing in the clothing markets—you will find nothing in town—to compare with our comprehensive showing of new Fall and Winter models in Sampeck clothes—the standard of America in boy's clothing.

Sampeck suits are best—Sampeck overcoats are best—Sampeck clothes are best for boys, look best, wear best.

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High-grade coats in the latest and most desirable styles and colors. Coats of zibeline, velvet, wool velours, etc.

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Wool Middies Just received an assortment of navy wool cloth middies.

Silk Raincoats Fancy plaid raincoats in light weight rubberized silk.

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