

COLUMBIA SLOUGH DREDGING FAVORED

Proposal Made to Get Government to Give \$500,000 to Help Pay for Work.

COST WOULD BE MILLION

City Commissioner Barbur Says, in Addition to Federal Aid, State, City and County and Port of Portland Could Assist.

Co-operation of the state and county and an appropriation by Congress of \$500,000 is sought by A. L. Barbur, Commissioner in charge of the Department of Public Works, for the development of the Columbia River dredging Columbia Slough for its entire length in order to provide an adequate outlet for sewerage and drainage facilities, as well as a waterway for industrial purposes.

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NO FOOL WORK DONE

Kilburn Investigation Finds Suspicions Baseless.

Chief Engineer Removed; Practically New Crew Shipped; None of Old Force Arrested; Trouble Is Due to Inexperience.

ASTORIA, Jan. 3.—(Special)—Repairs to the machinery of the steamer P. A. Kilburn have been completed. The vessel was inspected this afternoon by deputy Federal inspectors of hulls and boilers, Edhofer and Weidman, and pronounced seaworthy. An assistant engineer and other are to arrive tonight to complete the crew and the steamer will probably go to sea tomorrow.

So far as known here there will be no further investigation of the Kilburn's troubles and the impression appears to be growing among the officials that much of the trouble was occasioned by wear and tear on machinery that had not been properly kept up and the operation of the craft by an engine-room crew a portion of which comprised inexperienced men. The investigation that has been in progress for three days for the Department of Justice has ended and it developed nothing that would throw suspicion of foul play on any member of the crew.

No arrests have been made and none are expected. The sensational report published in a local paper that five men had been taken into custody was not only baseless, but was in direct violation of the Federal censorship.

It is true that the steamer's pumps went wrong in a mysterious manner, one of the sea-cocks was left partially open and flooded the hold to a depth of four or five feet and the fresh water drained from at least one of the tanks. But the responsibility has not been placed.

There was practically an entire new crew in the engine-room when the Kilburn sailed from here on last Sunday evening. The chief engineer had been removed and several other men, including two assistant engineers and most of the officers, walked out. Some of the members of the new crew are said to have been without previous experience.

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NEW SERVICE PLANNED

NIGHT STEAMER TO PLY BETWEEN PORTLAND AND SALEM.

Pomona Mentioned as Vessel That Will Be Put on Run—Schedule to Be Effective January 15.

Night steamer service to Salem by the Oregon City Transportation Company has been decided on as a result of a petition from Salem. The business men there asked for such accommodation and in return promised support that will warrant the departure. Officials of the line plan to start the first trip about January 15, though they will depend on water conditions.

YACHTING JETTY TO BE BUILT

Extension Contract Let to Portland Firm for \$393,000.

NEWPORT, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special)—Bids were opened here today for the construction of the south jetty of the proposed Yaquina bar project. A. C. Berry, of the Miami Construction Company, of Portland, was the successful bidder. His bid was \$393,000 for the work complete, including all construction material. Robert Wakefield, another Portland contractor, was second with a bid of \$468,000.

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THE WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Minimum temperature.	Maximum temperature.	Precipitation past 24 hours.	Direction and force of wind.	State of Weather.
Baker	34	44.02	41E	Rain	Cloudy
Boise	40	44.01	41E	Cloudy	Cloudy
Boston	42	52.00	18NW	Snow	Cloudy
Calgary	32	54.00	18NW	Clear	Cloudy
Chicago	38	52.00	18NW	Snow	Cloudy
Denver	40	50.00	12W	Clear	Cloudy
Des Moines	38	50.00	12W	Clear	Cloudy
Duluth	10	20.00	8S	Clear	Cloudy
Fargo	34	52.00	6S	Clear	Cloudy
Galveston	44	58.00	8SE	Clear	Cloudy
Hartford	34	50.00	12W	Clear	Cloudy
Jacksonville	34	48.00	12W	Clear	Cloudy
Juneau	32	42.00	12W	Clear	Cloudy
Los Angeles	50	62.00	10S	Clear	Cloudy
Marshallfield	44	56.00	12SE	Rain	Cloudy
Madison	40	50.00	12SE	Rain	Cloudy
Minneapolis	32	48.00	12SE	Cloudy	Cloudy
Montreal	32	44.00	12SE	Cloudy	Cloudy
New Orleans	42	52.00	12SE	Cloudy	Cloudy
New York	42	52.00	12SE	Cloudy	Cloudy
North Yankton	34	44.00	12W	Clear	Cloudy
Phoenix	44	54.00	12W	Pt. cloudy	Cloudy
Pocatello	28	38.00	12SE	Clear	Cloudy
Portland	46	56.00	12W	Pt. cloudy	Cloudy
Roseburg	44	50.00	12W	Rain	Cloudy
Sacramento	40	48.00	12SE	Cloudy	Cloudy
St. Louis	32	48.00	12SE	Cloudy	Cloudy
Salt Lake	34	52.00	12W	Clear	Cloudy
San Diego	52	62.00	12W	Clear	Cloudy
San Francisco	44	52.00	12W	Cloudy	Cloudy
Seattle	44	54.00	12W	Pt. cloudy	Cloudy
Sioux Falls	34	48.00	12E	Cloudy	Cloudy
Spokane	30	40.00	12W	Cloudy	Cloudy
Tacoma	42	50.00	12W	Cloudy	Cloudy
Tulsa	38	48.00	12SE	Cloudy	Cloudy
Valdese	28	38.00	12W	Snow	Cloudy
Wallace	34	44.00	12W	Cloudy	Cloudy
Washington	42	52.00	12W	Clear	Cloudy
Winthrop	4	40.00	10E	Rain	Cloudy

Portland and vicinity—Rain; strong southerly winds.

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EDWARD L. WELLS, Meteorologist.

U. S. Naval Radio Reports.

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