

TO CLOSE BRIDGE DRAWS

SUCCESS OF EAST SIDE MOVEMENT SEEMS PROBABLE.

Captain W. C. Langfitt is directed to investigate proposal to regulate traffic.

The efforts of the East Side Improvement Association to secure to the County Court the right to regulate the opening and closing of the draws of the bridges across the Willamette River at Portland will probably be successful. The statistics gathered by Joseph Buchtel, chairman of the committee on bridges, and the statement by W. D. Fenton, president, to the War Department, showing the necessity of some regulation, were forwarded to Senator Mitchell, who submitted the matter to that department. It has now been referred back to W. C. Langfitt, Captain Corps of Engineers, United States Army, at Portland, to investigate. The following letter from Captain Langfitt is self-explanatory:

"United States Engineer Office, Portland, Or., March 21.—The East Side Improvement Association, Portland, Or.—Gentlemen: Your letter to the Hon. John H. Mitchell, relative to the closing of the draws of the bridges across the Willamette River at certain hours, has been referred to this office for investigation and recommendation.

"Before taking further action I would like to have the hours at which your association wishes the draws to be kept closed stated definitely.

"Perhaps it would be less of an embargo on commerce if the draws should be kept closed for two separate half hours instead of for one solid hour both in the morning and evening; for example, 6:30 A. M. to 7 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. to 8 A. M.; also 5 P. M. to 5:30 P. M. and 6 P. M. to 6:30 P. M. By such an agreement it would seem that both laboring men and business men would be accommodated better than by having the draws closed for a single unbroken hour. At noon the travel would probably be principally within the hour from 12 M. to 1 P. M. A full reply, giving reasons for any recommendation you may make as to hours of closing and duration, is requested. Very respectfully,

W. C. LANGFITT.

The negotiations will be conducted with Captain Langfitt, and the committee, which has power from the association to act, will furnish him the information bearing on the subject. It is not the purpose and desire of the association to place any embargo on commerce on the river, nor is it thought it will, if the draws should remain closed for certain specified and known hours of the day when the traffic is heavy.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS SUCCESSFUL.

They Are Proving Helpful to Both Teachers and Parents.

Mothers' meetings in the schools have been found very helpful and interesting. Last week several were held on the East Side, and this week a meeting will be held in the Stephens building Wednesday afternoon, and in the Thompson Thursday afternoon. The talks of Superintendent Rigler have been plain and direct. He wastes no words in his addresses. His purpose is to bring the parents into closer relations with the teachers in the public schools for the improvement of the schools and their better government.

He says that too few parents ever visit the school, and that a considerable majority know nothing about the schools, as they are seldom inside of them. These are always ready to blame the school if their children do not get along as well as they should, but if they visited the school they could find out the difficulty and the teacher in remedying it. The meetings have all been well attended, and seem in every way successful. They are indorsed also as one means of combating the cigarette habit.

DEATH OF FRED R. LEWIS.

He Died at His Home in Morgan Hill, Cal., Friday.

Fred R. Lewis, formerly a pioneer business man of Russellville, brother of Leander Lewis, of that place, died Friday afternoon at his new home in Morgan Hill, Cal. He sold out his store at Russellville and left for California last July, in the hope that change of climate would restore his failing health. Morgan Hill he bought a farm and engaged in fruit raising, but his old disease caused his death. A wife and five children survive him.

He was born in Illinois 23 years ago, and had lived at Russellville for 20 years, where he was proprietor of the store and Postmaster. He was well respected in the community as a business man, and was known to many of the farmers in the county. The body will be brought to Portland next Tuesday morning, at 2 P. M. of the same day the funeral will be held from the Mount Tabor Baptist Church, on the Base Line road. Interment will be in Multnomah cemetery.

FREIGHT DEPOT FOR SELLWOOD.

Residents Will Provide Lot and Railroad Company Put Up Building.

The Portland City & Oregon Railway Company will build a freight depot on Sellwood. A lot will be secured by the residents of Sellwood. E. B. Madden, of the committee appointed to take the matter in hand, said yesterday that the depot is sure to come, as all the conditions will be complied with. The lot for the depot, says Mr. Madden, will be secured south of Yamhill avenue, where it will be both central and convenient to the public.

The depot will be a great convenience to the business men of Sellwood and vicinity who receive freight. Heretofore it has been dumped out anywhere. It will be needed now more than ever, with the woolen mills and shoe factory in operation.

Captain Sperry Here on a Visit.

Captain J. L. Sperry and wife, now of Skagway, formerly of Portland, have arrived for about two months' stay with their daughter, Mrs. Halliwell. They have been in Alaska four years. Mr. Sperry says that while he is a delegate-at-large from Alaska, he wants it understood that he is not a local candidate. Some of his former Democratic friends heard that he was in the city, and forthwith began mentioning his name for Mayor, but his declaration that he will only remain a few months, and under no circumstances would be a candidate, makes it necessary for him to look elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. Sperry are on their way to Nome, and will start up there in about two months. Mr. Sperry is in the best of health. Alaska climate seems to agree with him in every way. He is satisfied with condition and the outlook in Alaska, and thinks it a great country. Since his return Mr. Sperry has been busy exchanging greetings with his old friends.

Powell-Street Improvement.

A petition for the replanking of Powell street, between Milwaukie and East Twenty-first streets, is being circulated. Already a number of the property-owners have signed, and it appears probable that the improvement will be carried. The cost of replanking the street will be small. It is a 50-foot street. The car track takes up seven feet of the roadway. The cost will be about \$18 per lot.

Propeller for Cannerymen.

A propeller is being built at Johnston's boatyard, East Water street and Hawthorne avenue, for F. M. Warren, Cannery-

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THIRD AND OAK STREETS

GREAT YEAR FOR FRUIT

REPORTS FROM MANY QUARTERS ARE HIGHLY PROMISING.

Slight Damage in Some Quarters, but on the Whole the Outlook is Good.

The outlook for fruit in the Northwest this Spring was never better. Correspondents of districts east of the Cascades report that trees have passed the winter well, and in most places are budding rapidly. Unless there should be an untimely frost, the fruit crop will be very large. At the Dalles, Elberton, Lewiston and Milton peach trees have suffered a little from the rigors of winter. At Wawawai, Whitman County, Washington, the fruit crop promises to be 25 per cent short. These are the only places from which notable damage has been reported. The Dalles-Cold weather in February killed about half the peach trees in this territory. Cherries were a little injured, but there should be nearly a full crop. Crawford peaches will be almost a total failure. No damage to vines or grapes. Hood River—Prospects were never better for a good fruit crop in this vicinity. No reports of damage to trees or vines. Sap has not yet started.

Pullman, Wash.—In good apple crop could not be better. Trees and vines wintered well. No damage tributary to Pullman. Trees are not budding. Weather is rather cold and sap is not started.

Union, Or.—With very few exceptions all trees and vines are in excellent condition. Trees are beginning to bud. Everything is favorable for a large fruit crop.

Lewiston, Idaho—Fruitgrowers report that they are almost certain to have a large crop. The past winter damaged a few varieties of peaches, especially Early Crawford and Albarina. Many growers assert that the damage will prove a benefit in the end, as it will prevent the yield from being too great and will produce a better quality of fruit. Apples, pears and cherries show no damage. It is still early to tell much about apples, but trees are healthy. A great many young orchards in Clarkston and Lewiston on Snake River will begin bearing this year, and a few which began producing last season will make heavier yields. Orchardists are busy spraying trees. Apples are in bloom in many places, and trees of all varieties are budding.

Moscow, Idaho—Fruit trees have done well, but none have started to bud. Weather has not yet been warm enough to start growth. Fall-sown grain has begun to grow and looks quite green.

La Grande, Or.—Fruit trees and vines have come through the winter in good shape. Sap is hardly started in apple trees, but pear and cherry buds are swelling and promise a bountiful crop.

La Crosse, Wash.—All fruit trees have passed the winter without damage. Earlier varieties have budded, sap has started, and prospects are very favorable for a good crop. Many trees have been received here in the past month, mostly from New York, and many new orchards have been set out.

Oakdale, Wash.—Fruit trees wintered well, trees are in good shape, sap is running and trees are budding. No damage whatever is reported. Damage to Fall-sown grain amounts to 25 to 50 per cent. Very little Spring grain sown as yet.

Farmington, Wash.—Crop of fruit promises to be heavy. No damage to grain. There should be at least between 75 and 80 carloads of fruit for shipment from here this season.

Garfield, Wash.—No complaint of any damage to fruit trees. Trees are not budding yet.

Elberton, Wash.—Buds of apples, pears, plums and peaches are free from injury. Berries are also in good condition. Peaches are considerably damaged. Buds have not yet started, owing to cold weather. Prospects are that the apple

CHINESE LABOR SCARCE.

Salmon-Packers Have to Hunt for Celestials.

Chinese are in great demand among Pacific Coast salmon-packers. The Celestials are getting to be so scarce that packers are wondering where laborers for canneries are going to be obtained in a few years. "It looks as if ultimately we shall have to go out of business," said a packer yesterday.

Do not the Pacific Coast control the market of the world, and can it not therefore raise prices and pay such high wages that other laborers than Chinese would be available?" was asked.

"No," the Pacific Coast is ruled by world-wide conditions of supply and demand," was the response. "It cannot pay wages above the power of the world's consumption to return. Even if Pacific Coast prices could be advanced, the attendant lessening of consumption would very much reduce the industry."

"Is it not possible to use machinery as a substitute for Chinese labor?" "Yes; this may be a means of relief from the labor trouble, and, in fact, may be the salvation of the industry. A large number of hands would be needed, however, to do the work of the Chinese. To be so skilled as without machinery. To be sure, competent superintendents would be needed, but they could be supplied readily in comparison with the present difficulty of obtaining hands. Much machinery has been introduced in canneries in recent years, but the progress of such improvements hardly keeps pace with the exodus of available hands."

The movement of the Alaska cannery to Japan for their laborers each year, instead of engaging them in America, and could not this be done profitably, especially by the northern fisheries? "It has not thus far seemed feasible. In the first place, the Japanese are not so good workmen as the Chinese. In the second place, skilled labor is required, and that which would be brought from Japan would be 'green.'"

On the Columbia River last year about 500 Chinese were employed. Two of the large canneries at Astoria hired 100 Chinese each. On Puget Sound, in British Columbia and in Alaska, a large percentage of the labor was Japanese. In these northern regions the proportion of laborers to the output is smaller than on the Columbia River, owing to the larger use of machinery at those places. Indians are very little used, owing to their laziness and inefficiency.

The movement of Chinese and Japanese to the north will soon begin. The packing season in Alaska opens toward the latter part of June, and extends to the beginning of August. About 300 Chinese will sail north from the Columbia River. Between 100 and 150 have been demanded as "advance money" this year. The wages of Chinese in Alaska have been raised by the contractors this year from 50 cents to 60 cents per case, although some engagements have been made at the old rate. On the Columbia River 40 cents is the wage.

Jerome in the Tenderloin. NEW YORK, March 23.—Following the publicity given through the newspapers as to alleged wide-open gambling in this city, District Attorney Jerome has made a personal tour of the tenderloin, accompanied only by one of his assistants. He

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\$15.00, and \$18.00

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