

BRIDGE TENDERS SUSPEND ORDERS

Non-Enforcement of County Court's Rulings Witnessed in Evenings.

OPEN SPAN HALTS TRAFFIC

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Theoretically, the County Court's recently issued orders establishing closed periods for the Morrison-street and Burnside-street bridge draws during the evenings are in effect but practically they have been suspended, especially in their application to passenger, ocean-going and regularly scheduled freight traffic.

The non-enforcement of the orders has been practiced by the bridge tenders for the past ten days, but last night was the first time that it resulted in annoying complications for the people passing over the bridge. This was caused by the coincidental appearance of more than the usual number of vessels during the closed period.

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From Baker City, Or.—H. S. Bowen, J. A. Gritten, at the Flanders. From Seattle—J. D. Thagara, at the Hotel Astor; M. G. Hutchinson, at the Albany; E. J. Kohnman, at the Navarre; Miss H. Penfound, at the Herald Square.

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