

PUBLIC LIMELIGHT FALLS ON MEN OF MANY LANDS AND OCCUPATIONS

Quoted New York Commission, Swedish Nobel Prize Winner, Norwegian Foreign Minister, Titled English Actor, Bishop of Buffalo, Raul Madero, Chicago Railway Director, Spectacular Spendthrift Prominent in News.



Prof. R. Wilstetter H. Robert Fowler Nils C. Ihlen



Raul Madero Osgar Straus



Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree J.G. Shedd

JUDGE E. E. McALL, who was put out of the Public Service Commission of New York for owning stock in a corporation which came under the jurisdiction of the commission, had not been transferred to his wife as he maintained, has been succeeded by Oscar Straus. Mr. Straus has done much public service. He formerly was Ambassador to Turkey, and his latest activity was as Progressive candidate for Governor of New York.

ARCHITECT EXPLAINS CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR PORTLAND AUDITORIUM

Special Attention Is Paid to Exits and Accommodations Will Be Provided to Suit Various Public Activities in Building, Declares J. H. Freedlander—Floor Area Will Approximate 10,000 Square Feet.

BY JOSEPH HENRY FREEDLANDER, Architect Portland Auditorium. THE PORTLAND AUDITORIUM, designed to house the many public activities of the City of Portland, will be located on the site known as the Market block, bounded by Third, Second, Clay and Market streets.

The gridiron is 70 feet above this same level. A spot light gallery has also been installed at the main switchboard and dimmer vault are placed at the left. The central portion of the stage floor, covering an area of 50 by 35 feet, is made movable so that any size opening for traps, etc., can be adjusted in any part of the floor.

Scenery Doors Provided. Three scenery doors are provided in the rear wall in order to facilitate the entrance and removal of scenery if necessary while a production is in progress. Automatic louvers are built in at the top to provide ventilation. The stage communicates on one side with the assembly hall and on the other with the dressing-rooms. The latter are self-contained and shut off from the rest of the building by means of fireproof walls. The stage entrance is on Second street.

Particular attention has been paid to the matter of exits. Thus the audience in both assembly halls may exit directly on Market and Clay streets as well as into the main lobby. Both rooms and the Auditorium proper can be emptied in a few minutes.

Direct exit from the mouth of the balcony is provided by means of reinforced concrete fireproof runways. Those from both balcony levels lead directly to the sidewalk. Two exits from the rear of the Auditorium may be held in reserve in case of fire. This comprehensive system of exits is in addition to the wide staircases which serve all of the various levels throughout the building.

The lighting of the auditorium is accomplished by means of a direct method and has been carefully calculated to produce a brilliant but not glaring result. The lighting of the stage has been made in accordance with the latest modern practice. A sprinkler system has been installed throughout the stage and dressing rooms to insure the safety of the building.

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YOUTHFUL WRITERS DISCUSS CITY AND ITS FUTURE AS GREAT PORT

William A. Grout, Washington High; Eileen Hault, Ockley Green and Adda Zurcher Win First Prizes in Each Division Under Chamber of Commerce Auspices—Needs Are Emphasized.

THREE essays received first prizes in the essay contest participated in by the students of the Portland schools under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. "Portland As a Seaport" was discussed. Awards were made Friday.

William A. Grout, of Washington High, was the winner of first prize in the high school division. Eileen Hault, of Ockley Green School, won first place in the eighth-grade students, and Adda Zurcher won first among the students in the fifth and below that grade. Following is Mr. Grout's essay:

"The words, 'Portland As a Great Seaport' bring a picture to my mind. It is a picture of miles of busy docks, of saucy tugs whistling forth their greetings of sturdy steam freighters, of lary windjammers lying at rest in the stream and of thousands of men busy at their daily tasks.

On every side of this city extend large valleys filled to overflowing with the houses of the great trade. The products of wheat come daily to this city to be reshipped to Europe and the Orient. By ship and raft millions of feet of lumber are exported each year. I see thousands of acres of waving grain, billions of giant trees, countless herds of cattle. To reach the market the products are always bear this sign: 'Via Portland, Oregon.'

Government Indicates Faith. "From Astoria to the mouth of the Willamette all that is necessary to keep the channel in first-class condition are several large dredges. By this simple means the channel could be kept in excellent condition, as there are no serious impediments to navigation, such as rocks or falls. Then, within the port itself, there is evidence to show that this condition is only temporary.

Grade Is Water Level. "This route is also the cheapest method of overland transportation from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific. It is a route of 4000 feet or more for the reason that while this line has a water level grade through the Cascades, all other lines are forced to climb to 10,000 feet or more.

Distance, in Fact, an Advantage. "In addition to these illustrations, in fact, the 100 miles of water advantage to us. Haulage charges are always cheaper on water than by rail. Statistics show that one ton of cargo on the railroad rates range from 90 cents to \$1. This includes cost of coming empty up the river, whereas on the water the vessel is always laden with cargo.

OREGON WHEAT AND BARLEY LEAD. "Portland is also the port of thousands of acres of fertile farmland, the products of which come favorably to this city in the entire country. In fact in the two staples, wheat and barley, Oregon far outstrips its nearest competitors and has also achieved the lead in the production of hops. The yield of 1913 has been estimated by experts to be approximately 15,000,000 bushels. The production of the United States is quoted at 170,000,000 bushels.

are practically damaging themselves, for richness of the community must help to reflect to their interests.

Portland As a Shipping Port. Portland, the largest city and financial and commercial center for the entire state of Oregon, has a population of 235,510 people, and is situated on the Willamette River, 12 miles above the point where that stream joins the Columbia River and 110 miles from the Pacific Ocean. The area within the city limits is 51 square miles. The altitude is 30 to 1050 feet.

Along the waterfront converge the commercial activities of the city. Here at anchor are the great vessels from every climate and port, bringing with them the romance of sea and foreign lands. Dynamic little tugs haul huge barges or rafts of logs. Passenger or freight boats from river or coastwise points are making dock. Portland is the natural outlet to the best markets of the coast, Europe and the Orient, for the immense territory drained by the Willamette and Columbia rivers. Steamers are coming from all parts of the world. The principal steamers are those of the Portland & Astoria Steamship Company, American-Hawaiian Steamship Line, Portland & San Francisco Company, and many others.

Smelter Is Proposed. "Another great aid to Portland would be a number of manufacturing plants. China has mines of iron which have scarcely been touched. If some plant could be established here for smelting and rolling large quantities of this pig-iron, the consequences would be far-reaching. Factories would spring up to manufacture articles from the crude iron. Ship lines would be necessary, and the materials for the smelters and foundries. In fact the result of such a manufacturing system would be beyond comprehension.

Portland As a Great Seaport. Portland is situated on the Willamette River. It is also the terminus of large ocean liners because it is just across from China, south of Alaska and north of the Panama Canal. It is the county seat of Multnomah County and the largest city in Oregon. Portland has a large tract of land to draw from. This land contains many acres of grain, lumber and vegetables. All of this land is equal to the 13 original states excepting Georgia. All of this land is drained by the Columbia River. The slopes around Portland are very favorable for shipping by rail, and for that reason people from Eastern Washington, Idaho and Oregon send their produce to Portland to be shipped out by boat. The trains from the above-mentioned states come through a gap in the Cascade Mountains. This gap was formed by the Columbia River. Portland is 100 miles from the Pacific Ocean. It lies between the ports of the Willamette and Columbia rivers. These rivers are some of the world famous rivers.

Portland is the greatest stock market of the Pacific Northwest, and it is also noted for meat packing. It is also noted for its canning factories. There are 100 canning factories in the city, and the total of the produce in 1914 was \$12,550,000. Some of the foreign exports are wheat, valued at \$2,257,938, and wheat flour, valued at \$1,237,026. And this gives proof that Portland is a great seaport.

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