

PORT DEVELOPMENT OF COLUMBIA URGED

Improvements Suggested for City and River Mouth.

BIG PROGRAMME ADVOCATED

H. H. Ward Points to Hampton Roads as Example of What Could Be Done for Shipping Here.

"If the Columbia River roadstead would come into its own and assume its rightful place as one of the great harbors of the world, it must be done by developing its greatest strategic points regardless of their particular geographic location on the river," said H. H. Ward recently in an address before the Portland Realty Board on "The Unused Columbia River—Portland's Problem."

"This would include modern facilities at Portland," he said, "for such types of ships as will come up the river to Portland; and also the development of great terminals at the mouth of the river for big liners which will not come up the river. All of this suggested improvement is on fresh water, with all the advantages of a fresh water harbor."

The Columbia River, as a seaport, today is at the most critical period in its history. Will Portland grasp the opportunity now before her, and, united with other ports on the river, make possible a great Port of Columbia? Will she insist on all vessels coming up the river, at loss of time and expense, thereby forcing ships and commerce to other harbors? To successfully meet the competition of San Francisco Bay and Puget Sound, Portland and the Columbia River must furnish equal privileges at tidewater for the large liners, which will not come up the river.

"No amount of coxing will bring ships to the Columbia River unless it is to their financial advantage to do so, in preference to competitive ports," Mr. Ward said. "The Government has spent \$20,000,000 on Columbia River improvements, and that the total navigable mileage on the Columbia, Willamette and Siuslaw rivers made possible by these improvements is approximately 1000 miles."

"The above expenditures and distances would give the impression of a vast commerce and the movement of an enormous tonnage of freight," he said, "but in reality probably no large river in America has in recent years lost its volume of trade as has the Columbia."

The speaker pointed out that Seattle and Puget Sound in shipping in 1890, the balance of trade had shifted to Seattle, until in 1917 Portland's trade total was \$9,533,360 and the Sound's \$512,665,977.

River Mouth Logical Place.

"The logical place for the development of heavy shipping of the speed type on the Columbia River is at its mouth," said Mr. Ward. "On this theory Hamburg, Bremen, Philadelphia, Baltimore, London and other up-river ports were created. Hamburg has her Cuxhaven, Bremen her Bremerhaven, Baltimore her Harford Road, Philadelphia her Wilmington, London her Thames mouth, and even New York has her Long Island terminals. Some of the smaller ships will always make the upper river ports, but the big liners will stop at tidewater ports."

As an example of what port development of the Columbia River as a port would do for the Columbia River Valley and Portland, Mr. Ward pointed to Hampton Roads as almost identically the same kind of a roadstead.

Plan Includes Willamette.

"Here is the greatest undeveloped opportunity in the Pacific Northwest," he said, "the upbuilding of great port terminals at the mouth of the Columbia River, to be used in conjunction with those on the Willamette River."

"In view of all the facts in the case and of the failures of the past and present, it certainly will do no harm for the people and interests of Portland, Astoria, the Columbia River country and Oregon to give serious thought to the establishment of a Port of Columbia or Columbia River Corporation, by the cities of Portland and Astoria and all other Columbia River and Oregon interests working in co-operation for the solution of Portland's problem and Astoria's problem, which, after all, is the problem of the entire Columbia River and of Oregon."

TRUST COMPANIES EXPANDING

Resources for Fiscal Year Just Closed Total \$9,380,886,051.

J. F. Daly, Portland representative for the United States Mortgage & Trust Company, of New York, has just received a copy of the last edition of "Trust Companies of the United States," which is the 16th annual publication of the Eastern company.

"In presenting the 1918 edition attention is directed to the statistics of the growth and influence of these in-

stitutions for the fiscal year just closed, during which trust company resources reached a total of \$9,380,886,051, or \$123,374,214 more than a year ago," reads the preface of the volume.

It is a satisfaction to record a large accession to the membership of the Federal reserve system from the ranks of the trust companies, it being worthy of note that of the total resources above shown over 50 per cent are held by companies now included in the system."

NEW BUILDINGS ARE PLANNED

Brick Structure 66x100 Feet Will House Steam Laundry.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—With building restrictions in force during the war now removed, plans for new buildings in Albany already are being considered. Plans are being prepared for a new brick building to be

JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER EN ROUTE TO PARIS.



Miss Helen Lucas sailed from New York December 2 on the steamship Balmoral Castle for England, en route to Paris, where she will serve in the business women's unit of the Y. M. C. A. Miss Lucas was a teacher at Jefferson High School for several years and was prominent in the Red Cross and Liberty loan drives conducted in the schools.

erected by J. W. Cusick & Co. on the north side of First street, between Ellsworth and Lyon streets. The proposed structure will be a one-story brick building 66 by 100 feet and probably will be occupied by the Albany Steam Laundry. The building formerly used by this laundry was burned last summer and since then the plant has been operated in conjunction with that of the Magnolia Steam Laundry.

Merrill Man Acquires Ranch.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Guy Merrill, a well-known resident of the Merrill section, has purchased the J. A. Brown 100-acre ranch in the locality for \$10,000.

The ranch is highly improved and has the reputation of being one of the most productive of any in the county. Among its other assets is a fine orchard. Mr. Merrill traded in his town property on the deal. He takes immediate possession and will operate the ranch himself.

GIRLS SELF-SUPPORTING

CO-EDS AT CORVALLIS DO VARIOUS KINDS OF WORK.

3800 Hours of Work, Valued at \$1140, Shown for Present Semester.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Self-support, either partial or entire, is practiced by many girls of O. A. C. Through an employment bureau conducted under the direction of Mrs. Mary E. Fawcett, dean of women, the work is secured for the co-eds who do many kinds of service to help pay their way through college. Since so many boys were absent in service or in the S. A. T. C. here, girls were called upon to do more stenographic and clerical work than ever before, in addition to housework and other types of work which they have always done.

The report for this semester shows that more than half a hundred girls were engaged in doing work by the hour. Estimated at 30 cents per hour, the girls have earned \$1140 and have done 3800 hours of work.

Mrs. Fawcett is now busy arranging the return of the women to the two large dormitories, Waldo and Cashorn, which have been used as barracks for the soldiers. All furniture used in the small halls of residence, which belongs to the dormitories, and that in storage is being assembled and will be taken back for the use of the girls.

SUPPORT PROMISED TO HOME CAMPAIGN

Mayor Baker Appoints Additional Committees.

MANY STRUCTURES NEEDED

Effort Will Be Made to Increase Portland's Fame as City of Home Owners.

There are assurances that the "Own-Your-Home" campaign under the auspices of the Portland housing committee, headed by the Mayor, will receive support from all commercial, industrial and professional interests in the city.

Mayor Baker says that in his appointment of additional committees he was actuated by a desire to call into service prominent men and women of the city, representing every field of activity, and to create a great community movement.

The campaign management is outlining plans to carry through one of the snappiest and most energetic campaigns ever undertaken here. Fred H. Strong, chairman of the finance committee, is confident that liberal financial support will be given to the movement. R. F. Powers, one of the active supporters of the Government's program to provide housing facilities for the industrial classes, fostered by the Portland housing committee, has consented to continue in connection with the enlarged organization, and in connection with the management of the present campaign. Together with J. L. Hartman, banker, who will act as treasurer of the campaign funds, and Paul C. Murphy, he will be a member of the managerial committee.

Skothelm Named Secretary.

O. H. Skothelm, who has just finished a membership campaign for the Interstate Realty Association, has been secured as secretary and chairman of the committee on campaign publicity and methods of campaign work. The campaign management will have offices in the new bungalow at the corner of Fourth and Stark streets.

"The situation today reveals the fact that the city is in actual need of several thousand homes, which under normal conditions would have been partly supplied during the past three or four years," says Mayor Baker, "and which now are urgently necessary in order to create satisfactory housing facilities for thousands of people who are coming to the city since the war began."

"Portland is known throughout the Nation as a city of beautiful homes and where the conditions are especially favorable as a residential city; where the home makers' happiness blends with nature's most generous contribution to individual and community welfare. We must continue to spread the fame of Portland as the city which thinks first of all of the welfare of its people. This leads me to the observation that there are hundreds and probably thousands of Portland families today who are living in homes which are unfit from the standpoint of sanitation and moral elements."

Modern Dwellings Needed.

"Overcrowding of large families in unsuitable homes is a social and economic crime. It is an undisputed fact that a very high percentage of Portland's industrial population occupy homes which are dangerous both to the public health and public morals. The solution is the construction of properly arranged and properly ventilated dwellings upon lands suitable for home construction."

"Portland's industrial activities will expand rapidly in numerous directions; new industries will spring up and operations which have suffered from recent limitations and restrictions, will receive new incentive and attract to themselves those who may be shifted from the war industries. In other words, Portland expects not alone to keep its industrial population properly and profitably employed, but will make a strenuous endeavor to attract to itself new industries with a consequent increase in population and prosperous endeavor."

"I feel that there is no movement which in a more efficient manner would unite our people in a great effort of creating and conserving confidence in Portland and loyalty to its great commercial and industrial future than an active and energetic campaign to build, beautify and increase Portland homes."

"No man or woman with patriotic impulses can fail to enter with enthusiasm into the purposes of our 'own-your-home' campaign and render every service possible in making it an achievement of such magnitude that, as a result of its final success, Portland's name will be heard throughout the Nation as the city which staged the first 'own-your-home' movement in celebration of permanent peace for the world."

Woodburn Masons Elect Officers.

WOODBURN, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—At the annual election of Woodburn Lodge No. 106, Ancient Free and Ac-

cepted Masons, held Monday evening, the following were elected: Charles H. Wakefield, worthy master; H. M. Austin, senior warden; Hiram Overton, junior warden; J. M. Poorman, treasurer, and G. H. Beebe, secretary.

Officers appointed were: Blaine McCord, senior deacon; R. M. West, junior deacon; George Beach, senior steward; Thomas Sims, junior steward; E. E. Settlemyer, marshal; H. H. Gilbert, tyler.

Masonic Lodge No. 106, Royal Arch Chapter No. 23, and Evergreen Chapter No. 41, Order Eastern Star, will hold a joint installation Monday night with Worshipful Grand Master F. W. Settlemyer and Grand Worthy Master Mabel Settlemyer as installing officers.

FARM MAY BE ENLARGED

Tract Is Available for Southern Branch of O. A. C.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—On receipt of notice that another valuable tract of land is available for purchase as an addition to the Southern Oregon branch station farm in Douglas County, Dean A. E. Cordley, director of the O. A. C. Experiment Station, left last night for Talent to inspect the property. He will confer with the superintendent of the branch station, Dr. F. C. Reimer, and the members of the County Court. In view of the value of the branch station in solving some of the most vital agricultural problems of the district, the County Court passed an appropriation of \$10,000 to buy additional land. A 40-acre tract adjoining the station farm has been favorably considered, and it is expected that at the coming conference final selection of all available tracts will be made.

CAMPAIGN IS SUCCESSFUL

INTER-STATE REALTY ASSOCIATION GROWING.

Sentiment in Favor of License Laws in Northwest Gains Ground, Members Report.

"The Interstate Realty Association is just finishing the last mile or two of one of the most interesting and widely-advertised membership campaigns ever undertaken by any organization in the Pacific Northwest," said O. H. Skothelm, the campaign manager, yesterday.

"One of the outstanding and most beneficial results in connection with this campaign is the creation of a universal sentiment throughout the territory in favor of introducing a license law in every state and also in the Canadian provinces. One of the prominent realtors of Portland, Paul C. Murphy, is efficiently directing this work for an early submission in the next Oregon Legislature. Today we received a letter from C. T. Cross, of Victoria, stating that in the campaign just closed in Vancouver, which resulted in the organization of a realty board and a large number of members for the Interstate Realty Association, the projected license legislation for registered men held the center of the stage, and attracted favorable attention from every member of the profession in that city."

"The most recent events in connection with the membership campaign have been a series of local campaigns

DAIRYMEN SET MEETING

STATE BODY TO CONVEGE AT HILLSBORO JANUARY 14.

Gathering Is Expected to Replace Farmers' Week of Oregon Agricultural College.

The 26th annual convention of the Oregon Dairymen's Association will be held in Hillsboro, January 14 and 15. This meeting will be largely in the nature of an institute. Practical farmers are to speak. Representatives will attend from Eastern Oregon, from the Tillamook country, and from Southern Oregon, as well as from the Willamette Valley.

The eradication of tuberculosis will be discussed by Dr. J. A. Kierman, who is in charge of tuberculosis eradication for the bureau of animal industry, United States Department of Agriculture. This important feature will interest a large number of dairymen and scientific men.

Dr. E. T. Simms, of the Oregon Agricultural College, will give an address on a disease known as contagious abortion, and there will be demonstrations of the treatment of cows. All persons interested in practical farming and dairying are invited to attend the meeting.

S. Fine, of the Department of Dairy Husbandry, will speak of the experiments conducted at the Agricultural College, in feeding cows.

No farmers' week will be held at Oregon Agricultural College this year. The association gathering doubtless is to take the place of that event.

PENDLETON BANK PLANNED

Portland and Spokane Capital May Be Interested in Movement.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—It is understood here that there is a possibility of the establishment of a third bank for Pendleton. C. E. Wallis, a Northern Idaho banker, has been in the city for several days and it is understood that he was here for the purpose of looking over the situation with that end in view, as the representative of Portland and Spokane capital. It is said that the plans for the new bank include a capitalization of \$250,000 and that it is to hold a state charter and to have Federal Reserve Bank connections.



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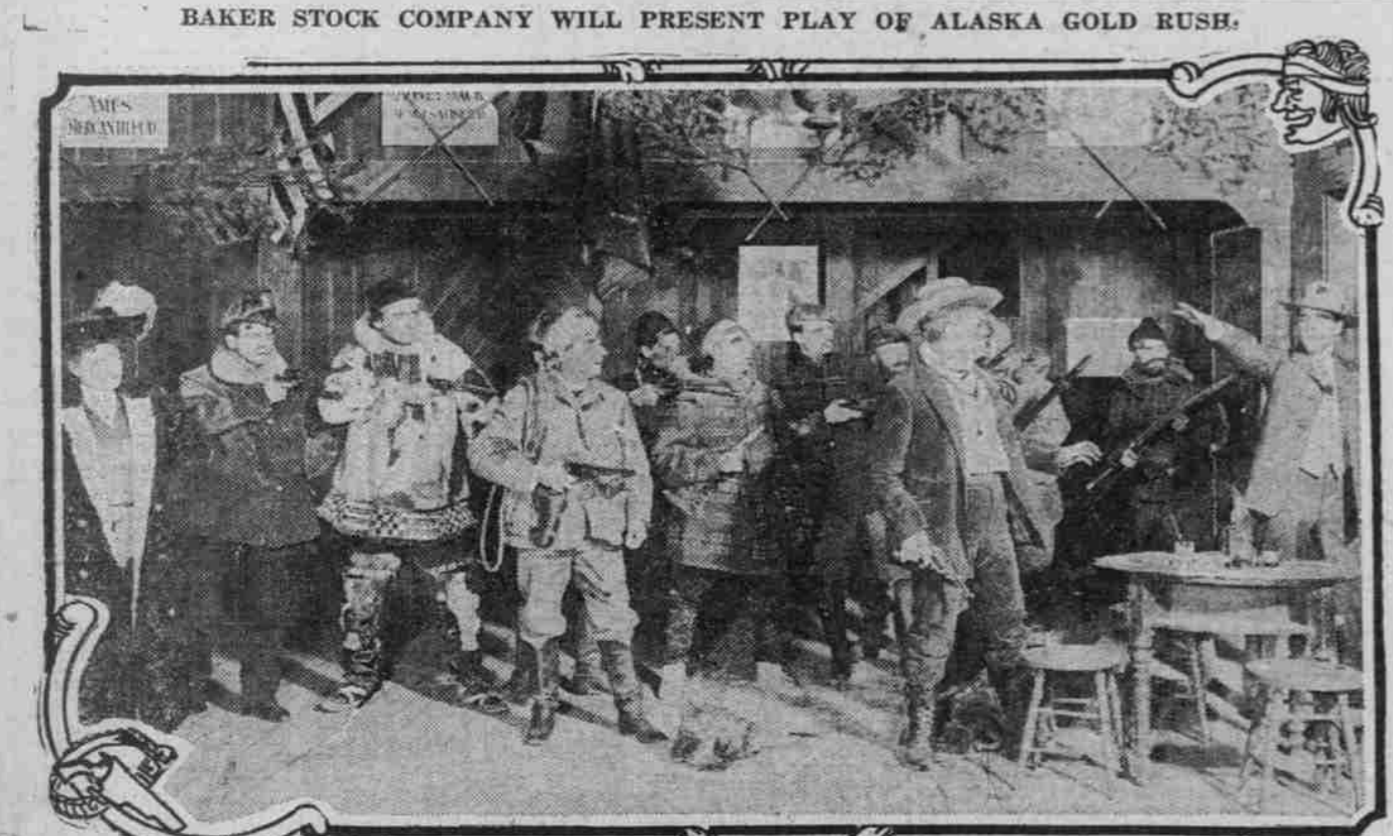
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SCENE FROM "THE SPOILERS."

"The Spoilers," created from Rex Beach's famous novel of Alaskan life during the days of the gold rush in '96, will be produced this afternoon and evening and during the coming week by the Baker Stock Company as a special holiday attraction.

"The Spoilers," with its vitality of northern life, is particularly interesting to many Portlanders, especially those who know persons who went to the Yukon country. The plot centers around the Midas mine controversy, in which a number of Portland men were involved. Cherry Malotte, heroine of "The Spoilers," is said to act the part of a woman familiar to many old-timers in the Northwest.