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COMMISSION TO MEET SOON AND DRAFT NEW PORT LAW

Francis H. Clarke Will Set A Time For Meeting of Members.

PREPARED A DRAFT WHILE IN PORTLAND

And has Conferred With Others Who Will Be Affected by the Measure.

Francis H. Clarke has returned home from Portland where he has been on business in connection with the commission appointed by Gov. Chamberlain to draft a general port law for the navigable rivers, bays and harbors of Oregon. The governor in compliance with a resolution passed at the Oregon-Idaho Development congress held in Marshfield, August 25 last, appointed the following to serve on the commission: Francis H. Clarke of Marshfield, Peter Loggie of North Bend, F. C. Flanders, attorney for the port of Portland; Herman Wise of Astoria, and F. B. Weatherston of Florence.

The governor has requested Mr. Clarke to appoint a time and place for the commission to meet in Portland and prepare the law in question so as to have it ready for the legislature when it convenes January 12. Mr. Clarke, who went to Portland in relation to this matter on behalf of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, reports that he has completed a draft of a law for the organization of ports and that he has conferred with parties in various districts to be affected and that the law as drafted has met with great favor. Mr. Flanders of the port of Portland, has also prepared a law, and the two have been merged so as to meet the various needs along the coast. Mr. Clarke will designate the date of the meeting of the commission sometime the latter part of next week.

The law as now prepared designates what shall constitute a district in which it shall be possible for the people to organize and incorporate a port. The port of Portland now exists under a special law but the measure which it is intended to present to the legislature makes it possible for the organization of a port in any district where there is a natural drainage basin.

The advantages of a port organization, which of course are many, can under this law be enjoyed by a number of districts in Oregon, as well as Coos Bay and the Coquille river in this county.

The commissioners will meet at the time which will be set by Mr. Clarke and will then come to a definite conclusion as to the law they wish to present and when this is agreed upon by all it will be presented to the legislature and every effort made to secure its passage.

CLUB HAS AN ELECTION

Members of the Millicoma Corporation Select Directors and Officers.

At a meeting held last night at the Millicoma Club, the directors of the corporation owning the club were elected. By a vote of the stock holders the following men were elected directors: J. H. Flanagan, J. A. Matson, Dr. E. Mings, C. E. Nicholson and G. W. Kaufman.

After the stockholders' meeting, the directors met and organized and elected the following officers: President—J. H. Flanagan. Vice-president—Dr. E. Mings. Secretary—G. W. Kaufman.

Buy your Christmas CANDIES where they are made FRESH every day. STAFFORD'S.

Foot Balls at MILNER'S.

TROUBLE IS PROBABLY OVER

Appears That Difficulties Between Venezuela and Holland Are At End.

(By Associated Press.) WILLEMSTAD, Dec. 22.—The new Venezuelan administration revoked the decree prohibiting the trans-shipment at Willemstad of the Gomez destined for Venezuelan points. This revocation is regarded by well-informed persons as practically a settlement of the dispute between Venezuela and Holland.

WERE SURPRISED. BERLIN, Dec. 22.—Castro and associates received the news of the formation of a new Venezuelan cabinet with surprise and apprehension. The news is not confirmed.

LOSING POWER. CARACAS, Dec. 18, via Ponce, Dec. 22.—There has been no repetition in this city of the anti-Castro demonstrations of December 13 and 14, but the enforcement of the resignation of the Castro cabinet, which occurred yesterday, is regarded as gone forward sealing the fate of President Castro in Venezuela.

GOATS AND HINDUS IN CAR.

Laborers Carry Private Dairies at Vancouver. VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 22.—Hindu laborers and nanny goats in the same car, eating, sleeping, all together, is the unusual sight near this city. The railroad companies hire Hindus for construction work near Vancouver and furnish cars for them to live in. The Hindus dislike the condensed milk furnished, so to overcome this they carry their own dairy in the form of live and wooly goats.

DREAM FORECASTS DEATH.

Montesano Girl Had Presentiment of Fatal Accident. MONTESANO, Wash., Dec. 22.—Miss Hazel Douglas, who died from burns received in the explosion of a kerosene lamp last Thursday, had a presentiment of her awful fate. Early that morning Miss Douglas awakened her roommate, Miss Kate Scott, and related to her a dream which so impressed her that she made a request that her body be buried near her mother's grave in California. Later in the day she was fatally burned.

NEWMAN RESIGNS.

President of New York Central Retires From Office. (By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—W. H. Newman has resigned as president of the New York Central Railroad to take effect February 1, 1909. It was accepted. It is expected he will continue as a member of the board of directors.

Recent geologists have confirmed the statement of Louis Agassiz that the whole of New England was once covered with an ice cap a mile thick.

KILLED WHILE DUCK HUNTING

Allan F. Gill, Prominent Spokane Man Accidentally Shot at Moses Lake.

(By Associated Press.) SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 22.—Allan F. Gill, manager of the Independent Asphalt Company, ex-city engineer and prominent in the Democratic party, was accidentally killed last night at Moses Lake through the accidental discharge of his gun while duck hunting.

PITTSBURG HAS A BIG SCANDAL

Seven Aldermen Charged With Graft and Are Placed Under Arrest Together With Two Bankers.

(By Associated Press.) PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 22.—Following the sensational arrests here last night of eleven councilmen and two bankers for alleged corruption in conducting the municipal affairs, it is intimated more startling developments are to come either today or tomorrow. The scandal caused a furore. The arrests were the result of an investigation by the Voters' League, and according to the best information obtainable, the scandal in San Francisco is insignificant compared to the alleged grafting here. The following men are already accused: Councilmen William Brand, John F. Kellin, J. C. Wasson, T. L. Atkinson, Jacob Siffel, W. H. Melaney, Hugh Ferguson and former

President W. W. Ramsey, and former Cashier A. A. Hilsack of the German National bank.

The seven councilmen, it is formally alleged, conspired with each other and with other persons unknown to secure the passage by bribery of the members of the select and common councils of ordinances and resolutions designating depositaries for the city.

The measures in which the alleged grafting was carried out are a bridge ordinance, bond ordinance, one for freeing bridges between Pittsburg and Allegheny, an ordinance for additional filter beds for the new filtration plant, a street railroad ordinance and other municipal matters. All the councilmen are candidates for re-election. The preliminary hearing will be held tomorrow.

This afternoon reports are in circulation that a number of men have left the city as a result of the disclosures of the municipal graft scandal.

OFFICERS ARE GREATLY CONFUSED

Curious Conditions Arise When Men Suspected of Train Robbery Are Placed Under Arrest at Portland.

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—The sheriff's office, railroad detectives the local police are confronted with a curious array of contradictions in the matter of the identification of the men alleged to be implicated in the robbery of the Portland and Chicago special, on the O. R. & N., near this city, Thursday night.

Yesterday afternoon, the engineer and firemen of the train positively identified Oscar Johnson and Harry Benson as being two of the three men who robbed the train. Last night, William Burke, who was arrested as a suspect in the robbery of the train, confessed to his part in the crime, implicating one Jack Hayes, alleged to be an ex-convict of Folsom prison in California, who was arrested

Sunday. Burke did not know of Hayes' arrest and when the latter was placed where Burke could see him, he positively identified him as one of his confederates in the train robbery. Burke named another man for whom the police are searching as the third man in the robbery. The sheriff's officer arrested Burke upon what appears to be a conclusive evidence, but the police department, which arrested Johnson and Benson are emphatic that the sheriff has the wrong men and that Benson and Johnson are two of the train robbers. They were arrested for holding up a saloon and were connected with the train robbery later. How the O. R. & N. train crew will reconcile their positive identification of Benson and Johnson with Burke's confession that he, with Hayes and another man, committed the train robbery, is puzzling. The theory advanced in some quarters is that Hayes, Burke, Benson, Johnson and several others are really members of the same gang.

PLANT HERE ANOTHER DAY

Detained Because of Loading Lumber and Will Not Leave Until Tomorrow.

The steamer M. F. Plant was expected to leave today for San Francisco but will not get out until tomorrow. The steamer had lumber to load at North Bend and was not ready to sail today. It was intended to reach San Francisco Christmas eve, but on account of the detention the steamer will not get there before Christmas morning. Last year there was rough weather and the boat did not get away when it was expected and the passengers spent Christmas at sea. This time it is expected to get them there in time for Christmas dinner anyway.

The following is the list of outgoing passengers on the M. F. Plant: Harry Anthony, Capt. Simpson, W. F. Dickson, H. Lockhart, L. C. Reynolds, H. L. Williams, Mrs. Williams, Thomas Beldoin, Mr. and Mrs. Dollar, C. P. Pierson, R. W. Bedillion, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Scott, R. W. Hannaford, Mrs. Hannaford, Mrs. Scott, Nita Lattermore, H. G. Butler, E. M. Simpson.

Alliance Meets. The steamer Alliance left North Bend about 11 o'clock this morning on her regular trip to Portland. The passengers who went were as follows:

M. W. Hunt, Mrs. Jenkins, Miss Jenkins, Master Jenkins, A. Evanson, L. N. Gilnett, John Greene, V. L. Holbrook, Mrs. Holbrook, Albert Holbrook, Henry Holbrook, Mrs. A. Kellogg, Tan White, Charles Getty, Mrs. Charles Getty, R. S. Wilson, F. L. McClellan, A. M. Wheeler, F. O. Weeks, Mike Lewis, A. R. Willard, C. H. Hardy, C. Fredericks, J. LeRoy Smith, Mrs. L. D. Smith, Joe Davis, Louis Stanyeck and five steerage.

BELL APPLIES FOR FRANCHISE

Appears Before City Council At Coquille But Matter Is Laid Over.

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 22.—Seymour H. Bell of Marshfield, appeared before the city council last night and filed a petition for an electric light and power franchise in this city. Owing to the fact that Mayor Hawkins was out of the city, the matter was laid over and will come up again Thursday night.

It is understood that Mr. Bell will also make application at Myrtle Point for a franchise.

It is understood that some of the business men here will meet tonight and take the matter up for discussion.

Just what Mr. Bell's plans are is not known in detail. If he secures the franchise, he will probably buy the present plant here.

PRISONERS GO TO SALEM

Sheriff Gage Passes Through the City With Rose and Williams.

Sheriff Gage was in the city last night with two prisoners to go to the penitentiary at Salem. They were Rose and Williams, the two young men convicted a few days ago in the case of the Myrtle Point girl. Rose is to stay three years and Williams two years.

OREGON ELECTRIC LINE IS TO INVESTIGATE COOS BAY

WOULD BUILD COOS BAY LINE

London Syndicate Planning to Construct Railway From Snake River, Idaho.

VALE, Ore., Dec. 22.—A London syndicate is considering the advisability of building a railway from Snake River, Idaho, to Coos Bay according to the declaration of Col. Woods in an address before the Oregon-Idaho Development Congress. The Congress was well attended and while Coos Bay was enthusiastically boosted, it was with a view of furnishing means to develop the great "Inland Empire."

An important speech was delivered by Col. C. E. S. Wood, of Portland, agent of the French company, owning the military road grant of 750,000 acres including 25,000 under the Malheur project. The company has been accused of being the chief obstacle to the developing of the country, but Col. Wood denies it. In a clever speech he declared that his company had purchased the land grant with gold coin from the politicians who had secured it, and was therefore entitled to get some returns.

He declared that his company was willing to sign up the land for the government project providing that it is not placed in danger of having the land confiscated by the foreclosure of the land for water before being able to find purchasers. It is believed that the government will be able to make arrangements to protect the company from loss and permit of a fair price being secured for the land. Col. Wood also stated that the whole of the grant is now under offer in London to capitalists who are considering the proposition of constructing a railroad from the Snake river to Coos Bay.

Harriman Refuses Grant.

The speaker said that the grant had been offered to Harriman as an inducement to construct a road and also to the Chicago-Milwaukee & St. Paul interests, the price being \$3 per acre, but that both companies had turned down the proposition in favor of constructing competing lines to those of Hill in Washington. He said that he would advocate the passage of an amendment to the constitution permitting the state to construct a railway in order to have a chance to make the railroads develop the country instead of fighting each other in a territory already provided with transportation.

SIX APE LOST IN A WRECK

British Ship Irada From Galveston Goes Down In a Fog.

(By Associated Press.) CROOKHAVEN, Ireland, Dec. 22.—The British steamer Irada, from Galveston, bound for Liverpool, is a total wreck at Misenhead. The captain and four of the crew and the stewardess were drowned. The remainder of the crew and sixty-five men saved themselves. The wreck was due to a fog.

ASSAULTED AND ROBBED.

Spokane Man Meets With Mishap at Oakland.

(By Associated Press.) OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 22.—Charles D. Jeffries, formerly manager of the Spokane Interstate Fair Association, was assaulted by two foot pads and robbed of \$388. He was struck on the head with a sandbag but not seriously hurt.

Will Send Representative Here to Estimate Cost of Extending to This Point.

RUNS NOW FROM PORTLAND TO SALEM

Move Due to Recent Action On Part of Board of Directors.

With a view of extending the Oregon Electric road into Coos Bay a representative of the company will be here soon to look over the field. The road runs from Portland to Salem and is building other branches south from the latter point.

The Chamber of Commerce of Marshfield has for some time past been in communication with the officials of the road and now the board of directors has decided to send a man here at once to look over the country and make some estimate of the cost of construction and probable business. It is not known who the company will send here but whoever the representative is he will be here in a few days.

Business of the Road. Regarding the business of the Oregon Electric the Statesman of Salem prints the following in a recent issue:

"Net profits derived from passenger business alone by the Oregon Electric for the first six months of 1908 are shown to be \$13,535.31, according to a report filed with the state railroad commission yesterday morning. The first freight service on the road was accorded July 5. These immense profits are largely due to the fact that the road is the only one in Oregon that has no bonded indebtedness.

"The gross earnings of the company for the six months were \$65,340.98. The operating expenses were \$48,805.77, and the taxes were \$3,000. The capital stock of the company is \$2,500,000. The road had 113 employees during the period reported and paid them wages and salaries amounting to \$35,817. With the addition of the freight service and increasing business with the lateness of the year the legislative business of the first of next year, the road's profits will mount way out of sight."

LOSES FINGERS.

W. Seagren, a young man employed at the C. A. Smith mill, lost two fingers in an accident last night. Dr. Dix, who attended him reported that he was getting along nicely today.

QUEEN IS CHEERED.

When Announcement Is Made In Chamber of Deputies. (By Associated Press.) THE HAGUE, Dec. 22.—It was officially announced in the Chamber of Deputies today that Queen Wilhelmina was in an interesting condition. The statement brought joyful bravos except for a handful of socialists who took exception to the loyal demonstrations.

JAUERING IS NOT GUILTY

Jury at Boise Returns Verdict Acquitting the Alleged Murderer.

(By Associated Press.) BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 22.—After twelve hours of deliberations, the jury in the case of Alois Jauerling, charged with the murder of W. C. Simmons at Highland Valley, Sept. 21, returned a verdict of not guilty. Jauerling proved an alibi and showed that Simmons was shot from ambush.