

WORK ON BAR COMES FIRST

After That Is Finished It's Time to Talk of Dredging Astoria's Upper Harbor.

SENTIMENT OF THE CHAMBER

Government Maintains Large Fleet of Vessels at Astoria and Merchants Should Provide Dock for Them.

The extent to which the dredge Chinook will be permitted to work in and about the mouth of the Columbia river was the subject of considerable discussion at Monday night's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. While the dredge was unable to work on the bar during the heavy weather of the past winter (according to the calendar, the spring season has set in) she put in her time deepening the inner harbor and at many points effected material improvement. But it is hoped the Chinook may be permitted to eventually devote some attention to the upper harbor, where she could do great work.

The appropriation "for the improvement of Astoria harbor," which was available for many months, has, it developed at the meeting of the chamber been expended in the removal of the Sylvia de Grasse reef. Astoria harbor is therefore now without any fund for its improvement. It will be recalled that Senator Fulton has undertaken to have Astoria placed in a separate improvement district, distinct from Portland and the bar, and, while there will be no appropriation for this purpose at the present session, it is probable the senator's effort will be successful, as he seldom fails to gain his point.

When Astoria is made a separate improvement district there will be an appropriation for harbor work, and under that appropriation the dredge will be enabled to work in the upper harbor. Sentiment is unanimous that proper improvement of the waterfront means extension of all of the wharves to the pierhead line and dredging of the channel beyond its present northern confines. The Chinook could provide a wide and deep channel here, and might eventually be utilized even above the Tongue. Her inner harbor work has been very satisfactory, and during the winter storms she increased the depth at many points from 12 or 14 feet to 22 and 24 feet.

It was the general opinion of the members of the chamber that the first great task was improvement of the bar. When the Chinook cuts a 40-foot hole in the obstruction at the river's mouth and an extended jetty insures the permanency of the improvement, it will be time to take up the matter of inner harbor improvement. The big vessel is a Columbia river feature and there is ample time for her to make all the improvements in this neighborhood which may be found necessary.

The return of the Chinook from Portland, where her boilers are being repaired, is anxiously awaited. Captain Dunbar and all the other officers of the dredge have repeatedly asserted that they will provide 40-foot depth on the bar with 30 days' good weather, and those to whom the bar improvement seems the greatest of all public works in Oregon are impatiently waiting to see whether or not the Chinook will make good. Major Langfitt says a few weeks will suffice to put the boilers of the vessel in shape, and if all goes well she should be back at Astoria by April 15.

The fact was not chronicled in the Portland papers, but it has leaked out that the Chinook has had rather a disagreeable experience since going there for repairs. It appears she was moored at an old dock, the piling of which is rotten. The big dredge broke loose from her moorings and started

down stream at considerable speed, and for a time it was feared she would be damaged. By prompt use of six or seven anchors, however, she was brought to a stop.

GOVERNMENT'S LARGE FLEET.

Ten Vessels Here and Merchants Should Provide Dock For them.

The proposal that a government dock be provided for the accommodation of the government fleet at Astoria is a matter that will receive the serious attention of the Chamber of Commerce. Astorians perhaps do not fully appreciate the amount of money which the government spends at this port every month. There are three large lighthouse tenders, Columbine, Maunanita and Heather; the bar dredge Chinook, the tug Mendell, dredge Ladd, tug Major Gug Howard, quarantine tug Electro and customs tug Patrol, and the revenue cutter Perry.

The cost of maintaining this fleet is very great, the expenditures of the Chinook alone being in the neighborhood of \$10,000 a month. The quarantine station entails a monthly expense of \$1600, practically every dollar of which is spent in Astoria. The extent of the government's maritime interests justifies the donation of a dock for the convenience of the vessels and the business men of the city could well afford to provide the necessary wharf. The matter is to be given the careful consideration of the Chamber of Commerce, which will hear the report of its committee on commerce and navigation at the next meeting.

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Marine Notes.

There was not a movement yesterday in or out of the harbor. The bar was not unusually rough, but it was one of those quiet days that occasionally comes around.

Captain Hoben, Lloyds' surveyor, was down from Portland yesterday for the purpose of making an official survey of the French bark La Fontaine, which stranded on the middle sands. Captain Hoben found that La Fontaine had not been damaged by stranding and pronounced her to be in seaworthy condition.

The master of the schooner Mable Gale, which arrived a few days ago, reported having sighted the barkentine Chehalis, from Honolulu for this port, off the mouth of the river. It is now believed to have been the barkentine Arago, which has arrived at Willapa Bay.

CHARGED ROBBERING CITY.

Man Arrested for Hauling Municipal Lumber to Residence.

San Francisco, March 29.—John P. Killilea, a carpenter residing at 305 Devisadero street, was arrested last night and charged with grand larceny. A. A. Martin, a special officer for the telephone company, and Policeman R. R. O'Brien took Killilea into custody.

Killilea was arrested at his home as he was eating supper. The prime cause for his taking is the alleged theft late yesterday afternoon of a load of lumber belonging to the city. Killilea was employed by the election commissioners in the razing of voting booths. Yesterday afternoon he was to have removed a load of lumber from demolished booths from the corner of Scott and Haight streets. Instead of taking it to the corporation yard Killilea, it is claimed, removed the lumber, which is valued at \$100, to his own home.

Martin has suspected Killilea for some time of robbing telephone boxes. For this reason he has been shadowing Killilea. Martin alleges he saw Killilea haul the lumber to 305 Devisadero street. Martin claims to have proof of telephone burglaries committed by Killilea.

APPALLING FLOOD SITUATION.

River Attains Width of Thirteen Miles and is Twenty Feet Deep.

Petersburg, Ind., March 28.—The flood situation in this county is appalling, while the river above here is 13 miles wide in places and 20 feet deep in the channel.

The Patoka river, which flows through the county's center, is three miles wide for nearly 40 miles. The loss already has reached \$250,000. It is feared there will be two more feet of water, which will quadruple the loss.

If persons who have changed their residence or place of business since being interviewed by the directory solicitor will call at the office of the company in The Astorian building and make known the fact, they will help to make the forthcoming city directory accurate and complete and avoid confusion during the next year or two in regard to their locations.

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Republican Primaries.
Notice is hereby given, that the republican primary election will be held in the city of Astoria, Clatsop county, State of Oregon, on Saturday, April 2, 1904, for the purpose of electing 44 delegates to the Republican County convention to be held in the City of Astoria, on Saturday, April 9, 1904, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various county offices to be filled at the general election to be held on Monday, June 6, 1904. The following is the number of delegates, polling places and judges and clerks appointed for said primary election:

Ward No. 1.—Polling place, No. two's engine house; Judges, J. G. Trullinger, C. H. Stockton, James Ellsworth; clerks, Jas. Hannaford, Chas. Abercrombie; 17 delegates.	Astoria No. 1..... 17
Ward No. 2.—Polling place, Welch office; Judges, Jas. W. Welch, Sam Gallich, E. C. Foster; clerks, T. R. Davis, W. C. Curtis; 17 delegates.	Astoria No. 2..... 17
Ward No. 3.—Polling place, W. F. McGregor's office; Judges, Wm. Paint-	Astoria No. 3..... 10
	John Day..... 3
	Svensen..... 3
	Walluski..... 3
	New Astoria..... 5
	Warrenton..... 4
	Clatsop..... 4
	Seaside..... 6
	Melville..... 3
	Chadwell..... 3
	Youngs River..... 3
	Olney..... 3
	Knappa..... 3
	Clifton..... 5
	Westport..... 4
	Vesper..... 3
	Jewell..... 3
	Mishawaka..... 3
	Elsie..... 3
	Push..... 3
	Total..... 118

The committee recommends that the primaries be held on Saturday, April 2, 1904.
G. C. FULTON, Chairman.
C. J. CURTIS, Secretary.

er, L. Agren and John Nordstrom; clerks, W. P. O'Brien, Geo. Leeland; 10 delegates.
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Republican County Convention.

Notice is hereby given, that a Republican County Convention for Clatsop county, State of Oregon, will be held at the City of Astoria, on Saturday, April 9, 1904, at the court house at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for the purpose of nominating the following county officers to be voted for at the state election to be held on Monday, June 6, 1904, and electing 10 delegates to attend the Republican state convention to be held at the city of Portland, on Tuesday, April 13, 1904, and 10 delegates to the congressional convention:

- Two representatives,
- One county clerk,
- One sheriff,
- One treasurer,
- One county commissioner,
- One coroner,
- One assessor,
- One surveyor,
- One school superintendent.

Justices of the peace and constables in the various precincts. The various precincts of the county are entitled to one delegate at large and one delegate for every 25 votes or fraction over of the votes cast for F. L. Dunbar for secretary of state, the apportionment being as follows:

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