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WEATHER.

Western Oregon, Western Washington—Rain or snow; easterly winds. Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho—Snow.

"PORT OF COLUMBIA" FORSOOTH!

For astonishing, raw and bloodless nerve, the new bill authorized by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and introduced in the Oregon legislature by Multnomah representatives, attempting to create the Port of Columbia the sole and specific object of the existence of which shall be to maintain the pilotage and towage interests and functions at the mouth of the Columbia river, through the medium of taxation upon the counties of Multnomah, Columbia and Clatsop, is the last and worst type of Portland domination in this state yet heard of. It exceeds all the bald and feeble manipulation that ever preceded it, and is so palpably an outrage that the very Oregonian itself gags in its peevish attempt to bolster it. It is a shameless and senseless subterfuge, and even if it shall work its fool way through the legislature, the courts of the State will be instantly invoked to lay bare its rat-like conspiracy to steal the maritime prestige of the Columbia bar and fasten it to the skirts of Portland, while the onus of its cost shall be shared by two counties 100 hundred miles away to render a return of solitary cent's worth of profit or increment, and that share dictated by the subsequent and skillful manipulation of the metropolitan county of the state.

That Clatsop county should be included in the tribute of counties to carry the load indicated may, perhaps, be accounted for on the hypothesis that she lies next to the bar, and is the most deeply interested in any scheme of development arising in that relation, but that Columbia should have been named as a factor, is the silliest expression made in the measure, since nothing on earth can inure to her in the proposition by any stretch of human imagination. Clatsop herself, would be, practically, in the same dish of "soup" provided for her sister next up the river, and the whole idiotic program is of a piece with these screaming injustices. Yesterday the county court of Clatsop went on record, swiftly and plainly, with a resolution condemning the scheme and protesting against its consideration at Salem, and this official protest will be quickly followed by Columbia county, and the representation from this end of the valley in the Oregon legislature, will get orders of the most unmistakable sort as soon as the mails can deliver them.

We do not know who the author of the bills, nor do we care a tinker's darn; the conception is essentially of Portland, and is too rankly offensive to pass muster even in a legislature where the interests of Portland are, naturally, and quite properly, considered pre-eminent on any fair and square deal of a state-wide character. But this bill out-Portland's Portland, and will meet the fate it deserves. If the State of Oregon has not wisdom enough to frame up a law to better govern its pilotage interests, without handing over the flesh, blood, hide, bones and hair of the Columbia river commerce to the one city whose ravenous chops are agape for it; if she cannot control a simple and single element of her own business without the intervention of such conspicuously rotten "grab" as this, she had better cast down all barriers at the bar and on the river, throw the whole system of pilotage and towage wide open to the independent skill and business

acumen of men familiar with such things, and save herself the glaring discomfiture that would follow the passage of such an act as the "Port of Columbia Bill."

"TRAIL OF THE SERPENT."

Feeling confident that the legislature at Sacramento will not do it any harm, the Southern Pacific, through political agents, is watching, quietly and closely, certain combinations in the Oregon and Nevada legislatures, which it deems unfriendly and inimical. These agents were in town for two days. Having got their instructions, they are off to Salem and Carson to accomplish their respective jobs.

Harriman does not want the Oregon legislature to create a State Railway Commission, nor to pass a reciprocal demurrage law. Nor does he want the Nevada solons at Carson to create a State Railway Commission and reduce the maximum passenger and freight rates which are now respectively ten cents a mile and twenty cents a ton per mile. The Hill people are lending him support in Oregon, where they have interests. Herrin has his men at Salem, assisting Hill's political emissaries. In Nevada, Herrin is going it alone, save for a little assistance the Brock syndicate of Philadelphia, owner of the Tonopah Goldfield Railway, is giving his agent.

In Nevada, the Southern Pacific and Brock people have made a proposition to the leading shippers and gold-mine owners to grant concessions to them and thus remove the cause of their present grievances, provided, all anti-railway legislation at Carson is shelved. Strong pressure in this direction is being made, and J. C. Stubbs has been called on to frame traffic and rate concessions that will enable the company and the Nevada shippers to meet on common and satisfactory ground. Stubbs is to have the proposition ready for submission early next week. It remains to be seen if the tactics will have the desired effect.—S. F. Examiner.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Mr. Shonts leaves the Panama canal to take a subway job. The strap-hangers are to have a chance as well as the interoceanic tourists.

Uncle Sam is rich enough to build a canal by day's work, and contractors should get down to business without any frills.

Rumor says that E. M. Wright, of the Oregonian, framed the "Port of Columbia Bill." For the sake of saving our own face in really liking Mr. Wright, we hope that rumor lies!

The Journals of the Oregon Senate and House will make radically different reading from that in Senator Holston's "Journal," after the legislature is through with his bill to make the Associated Press a common carrier!

Thus far northern states have appropriated \$573,599 to memorial monuments at the Vicksburg national park. Missouri is as yet unrepresented, though it had many soldiers in both armies in the famous struggle.

Leave the personnel of all your public service commissions to the People, Gentlemen of the Legislature! They know a thing or two, and several reliable men, as well, and can carry the responsibility of blundering with better grace than you can! You frame up sensible, decent, operative rules for the commissions, and the people will do the rest. They elected you, remember! Did they blunder?

Neglected Colds Threaten Life. (From the Chicago Tribune.)

"Don't trifle with a cold" is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in the case of a child. Proper food, good ventilation, and dry, warm clothing are the proper safeguards against colds. If they are maintained through the changeable weather of autumn, winter and spring, the chances of a surprise from ordinary colds will be slight. But the ordinary light cold will become severe if neglected, and a well established ripe cold is to the germs of diphtheria what money is to the bee. The greatest menace to child life at this season of the year is the neglected cold. Whether it is a child or adult, the cold slight or severe, the very best treatment that can be adopted is to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is safe and sure. The great popularity and immense sale of this preparation has been attained by its remarkable cures of this ailment. A cold never results in pneumonia when it is given. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

FREE MIDNIGHT MEAL

London Work of Charity Undertaken By Salvation Army.

GIVEN TO THE UNEMPLOYED

Dramatic Picture at Night When the Half Starved Crowds Surround the Messengers of Mercy and Snatch Proffered Food.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The closing picture of night in London—a sight you can find nowhere else than here in the metropolises of the world, a drama of real life, played in the dark shadows of Waterloo Bridge—is the midnight banquet served to a vast company of poverty guests, the dispirited, broken, and outcast element of the unemployed who have no bed for the night, re-enforced by the beaten, penniless, homeless wretches who maybe never had a chance.

The banquet board is the wide pavement of the Victoria Embankment. In the foreground, to remind lookers-on that it is a twentieth scene, one sees the brightly lit electric cars gliding along the embankment, and to give the picture its true London atmosphere we have the sullen Thames, moving along like some inhuman monster whose eyes are the lights of Waterloo Bridge lamps, roving about to see what faces reflect sufficient hopelessness to become his prey to-night. In the background is the line of men—four deep, thinly sprinkled with pale, and wan women—their eyes having the look of those who long ago lost hope, their hands grimy, their faces unshaven, their clothes poor rags, their cheeks sunken from hunger. Presently a murmur runs through the black mass, a murmur of keen animal satisfaction, as the smell of food is borne on the air, for hunger has sharpened the sense of smell of these human watchers. Two covered vans rattle up briskly, followed by a trap driven by a Salvation army officer. Temporary tables—the sideboards of the pavement banquet—are set up, and there arises the noisy clatter of tin bowls. At sight of the steam rising from the hot soup the eager crowd breaks ranks and a rush for the tables is made. But here the police enter. "Take your place in line, or no soup," is the edict that restores order.

A bowl of soup and a hunk of bread to each, and a pinch of salt, if the man be an epicure. There are spoons, but a starving man finds spoonful too slow a process, so he holds his bowl with both hands, gulping greedily, and pausing now and then to utter grunts of satisfaction. Soon the vats of soup are empty and the mountains of bread have vanished. The banquet is served swiftly. There is no time for music or prayers. For the guests, some at least, have come from the uttermost parts of London, walking five or six miles at least for free feast of soup and bread, and, hunger satisfied, they drift back toward the starting point, slouching along the hospitable embankment, up towards the Strand, over the bridges, under the archways, through dark, evil, streets—whither? You ask why the banquet is fixed at so late an hour? It is because it is given only to those who have no bed for the night. For a few minutes the poor wretches are given warmth, and for the rest of the wintry night they must roam the streets in despair.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank

at Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, January 26, 1907.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts, \$477,132.49; Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 7,836.00; U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 25,000.00; Premiums on U. S. Bonds, 500.00; Bonds, securities, etc., 56,930.00; Other real estate owned, 3,000.00; Due from National Banks (not reserve agents), 154,489.85; Due from State Banks and Bankers, 19,501.00; Due from approved reserve agents, 263,349.82; Checks and other cash items, 237.68; Notes of other National Banks, 1,080.00; Nickels and cents, 487.79; Lawful money reserve in bank, viz: Specie, \$175,000.00; Legal tender notes, 130.00; Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation), 1,250.00; Total, \$1,185,924.63

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in, \$100,000.00; Surplus fund, 12,000.00; Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 11,743.54; National Bank notes outstanding, 25,000.00; Due to State Banks and Bankers, 11,712.01; Individual deposits subject to check, \$758,621.89; Demand certificates of deposit, 266,347.19; Certified Checks, 500.00; Total, \$1,185,924.63

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, S. S. Gordon, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of January, 1907. C. A. COOLIDGE, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: G. C. FLAVEL, W. F. MCGREGOR, J. WESLEY LADD, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Astoria National Bank

at Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business January 26, 1907.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts, \$370,387.94; Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 8,887.50; U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 12,500.00; Bonds, Securities, etc., 60,700.43; Banking house, furniture and fixtures, 3,250.00; Other real estate owned, 8,233.41; Due from State Banks and Bankers, 17,334.88; Due from approved reserve agents, 169,600.02; Checks and other cash items, 3,190.99; Notes of other National Banks, 1,105.00; Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents, 1,305.10; Lawful money reserve in bank, viz: Specie, \$79,419.00; Legal tender notes, 2,135.00; Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation), 625.00; Total, \$738,584.27

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in, \$50,000.00; Surplus fund, 40,000.00; Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 12,539.73; National Bank notes outstanding, 12,500.00; Individual deposits subject to check, \$324,134.55; Demand certificates of deposit, 45,776.84; Time certificates of deposit, 253,633.35—623,544.54; Total, \$738,584.27

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss: I, J. E. Higgins, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of January, 1907. GEO. C. FULTON, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: GEO. H. GEORGE, A. SCHERNECKAU, L. MANSUR, Directors.

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