

OLD PORTLAND IS WELL IN THE LEAD

She Overtops Seattle on Her Business Houses. AND IN POPULATION 115,000 People Live Here as Against 110,000 in Seattle.

PORTLAND INCREASED GREATLY The Willamette City's Figures Have Never Been Swelled by Suburbs.

"Our estimate of the population of cities is obtained either from the census, national or state, or the conservative opinion of reliable authorities," said C. J. Wellman, of this city, superintendent of the Bradstreet Co. in the Pacific Northwest, when his attention was called to the fact that his company credited Seattle with a population of 110,000 to only \$1,000 for Portland.

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READY FOR WORK Neill Company Arrived Here Yesterday to Begin Rehearsals. The Neill Stock Company has arrived in the city to prepare for the opening week at the Baker theater.

SAGE DON'T WANT COMBINATIONS. NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—In an interview printed today Russell Sage says he does not agree with Mr. Morgan regarding the consolidation and combination of all the great industries.

FIGHT THE TRUSTS

Their Agent Thurber Is Scored at Minneapolis. (Scripps-McRae News Association.) ST. PAUL, Aug. 21.—The trust question was openly precipitated in the House of Representatives this morning when William Eustis, of Minneapolis, moved that the address of F. B. Thurber be expunged from the records.

NO ALASKA LINE

A Meeting of Steamship Committee Held This Morning. ANOTHER COMPANY IN FIELD Many Express Their Opinions, But Nothing Definite Is Done.

It is very doubtful whether Portland will have a steamship line to Alaska this fall for the reason that no business-like proposition has been made to the Portland merchants for them to risk their money in.

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WORK IS STOPPED

Government Will Not Repair Juanau-Skagway Cable. (Journal Special Service.) TACOMA, Aug. 21.—The United States Government has ceased efforts to repair the Juanau-Skagway cable, which has been in operation only a few days since it was laid last fall.

DEMENTED

Said to Be Alphonso's Condition. ACTIONS PECULIAR

THE RULER OF SPAIN BY HIS MANY EXCENTRICITIES CAUSES ALARM TO HIS SUBJECTS.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) MADRID, Aug. 21.—Your correspondent has learned confirmatory details regarding the suspicious eccentricity in King Alfonso's behavior during his recent provincial tour.

SCHWAB SAILED.

States That He Was Not so Ill as Reported. (Scripps-McRae News Association.) NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Schwab sailed this morning for Europe and went unaccompanied.

TESTIMONY

In the Bartholin Case Continues Sensational. (Scripps-McRae News Association.) CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—An inquest was begun today to determine officially the cause of Mrs. Annie Bartholin's death and the cause therefor.

FEW LINE INTERVIEWS.

Secretary McInnes, of the Manufacturing Association: "We are working hard, my boy, for the welfare of Oregon. We have established numerous factories here and we expect to establish more."

EUPHRYSINE HERE.

The British ships Euphrysine and Brambletye arrived in port this morning from the mouth of the Willamette river, where they had been lying the past week waiting for the channel to be deepened.

KNIFE WIELDER ARRESTED.

At one of the river-front warehouses yesterday afternoon, in a row between two stevedores, Timothy Driscoll stabbed and slashed Emil Hansen with a pocket knife.

ROSS ISLAND FIRE.

Late last night, a building on the lower end of Ross Island was destroyed by fire. It was unoccupied and valued at about \$500.

DILLMAN'S HURRIED VISIT TO PORTLAND

NO SHAM BATTLE TODAY.

ROCKPORT, Mass., Aug. 21.—The morning broke clear and pleasant and the atmosphere was all that could be wished for the vessels of the squadron that is defending the coast from the much heralded attack which was to have been made today.

WILMINGTON, DEL., PULP WORKS.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 21.—Up to noon today 13 men are known to be dead as the result of an explosion in the Delaware Pulp Works yesterday afternoon.

MESSENGERS STRIKE

Merchants and Brokers Are Seriously Handicapped as a Result. (Scripps-McRae News Association.) CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—The merchants and brokers of this city today are forced to do without messenger boys and all business depending upon telegraph service is seriously obstructed.

MRS. FAIR'S WILL

Its Contents Have Been Made Known. ESTATE AGGREGATES \$300,000. Relatives Offered Her Entire Estate—No Contest for Fair's Property.

WATERS MISSING

Pacific Steamship Company's Agent Supposed to Have Absconded. (Scripps-McRae News Association.) SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21.—Alexander W. Waters, who for many years has been the city agent of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company at this place, has resigned his position.

PRICE ON COAL

Weich Operators Will Deliver at \$5 to \$6.68 Per Ton. (Scripps-McRae News Association.) NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—A local coal journal says that the Welch coal operators agree to deliver their product at the wharves in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore at from \$5 to \$6.68 per ton, according to the quality.

CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 21.—The Doherty brothers of England and Ward Davis, the American champion of 1901, met in finals for the tennis championship today, the Dohertys winning.

RAW SHELL FISH

That Is the Reason of Cholera Spreading in Manila. (Scripps-McRae News Association.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—In their reports to the War Department, the health authorities at Manila attribute the spread of cholera largely to the eating of raw shell fish.

JIM HILL'S RIGHT HAND MAN WAS HERE YESTERDAY.

WHAT DID HE WANT?

A Very Brief Conference With N. W. Rountree and a Hasty Flight. FOLLOWING MELLEN'S PROMISE

IT MAY MEAN THE EXTENSION OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC AS PROMISED.

L. C. Dillman, of New York, right-hand man of James J. Hill, arrived in Portland yesterday morning at 5:15 o'clock, had a hurried conference with N. W. Rountree, of Rountree & Diamond, maintained strict silence concerning the object of his visit, and left at 11:30 a. m. for Seattle.

It is positively known that Mr. Dillman came upon a mission of vast importance, but it is impossible to learn just now what it was his nature. Mr. Dillman is the man whom Jim Hill trusts with big interests. He handles matters that require secrecy and ability, and where he goes railroad people watch for things to drop sooner or later.

MIGHT BE N. P. BUSINESS.

It is not too great a stretch of the imagination to connect Mr. Dillman's sudden blowing in and out of Portland with matters concerning the Northern Pacific entrance into Portland. Mr. Hill is president of the Northern Securities Company, the merger concern that controls the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern.

A RACE RIOT

Four Whites and Ten Negroes Killed in Mississippi. (Scripps-McRae News Association.) NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 21.—Advices from Tupelo, Miss., state that a race riot broke out there this morning in which four whites and ten negroes were killed and wounded.

RELIGIOUS FANATIC

Abuses the Portlanders for Writing the Catholic Bible. At Third and Alder streets, this morning, Mrs. McGee, by her violent ranting attracted a considerable crowd.

Did They Buy Street?

A great deal of protest is being made on account of the action of Smyth & Howard, contractors, in using the roadway on North Union avenue and East Davis street as dumping ground for sand and gravel.

Small Fire—Little Damage.

A still alarm was sent in last evening about 7 o'clock for a small fire in the Knight Packing Company's warehouse on East Alder street between East Eighth and East Ninth streets. The damage was nominal.

TROUBLE OVER BEDSTEAD.

A warrant was sworn out this morning for the arrest of William A. Dunn, proprietor of a second-hand store on Union avenue near East Stark street. The trouble arose over the sale of a bedstead.