MELLEN'S WORDS MAKE PORTLAND ALL THE MORE DETERMINED TO HAVE THE LEWIS AND CLARK FAIR

Merchants Will Urge That the People Rally About the Exposition.

Indiscreet Remarks Have the Reverse Effect Than That Intended and Puts New Life Into the Movement.

People Also Requested to Support the Goldendale Line That Is Being Built by Portland Capital.

The statements made by President Mellen of the Northern Pacific detrimental to the Lewis & Clark Fair, as exclusively published in The Journal on Monday, has caused a great deal of unfavorable comment among the leading business men of Portland, who are indignant at Mr. Mellen's insult to the people of Portland.

The Manufacturers' Association will hold a meeting this evening, at which this matter will come up for discussion. The Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Trade and the Lewis and Clark Fair Board of Directors will also take the matter up at their next meetings

President Mellen of the Northern Pacific Railroad predicted that it would not, and that is just the reason why the citizens of Portland have determined to show the promoters of more northern cities than Portland that forecasts of failure will not come out as estimated by them.

President Mellen's words to the effect that the fair will pever be held has argused the people of this city as they soon bever been before. They feel that the gauntlet has been thrown down to them by those interesteed in the development of other communities and they have decided to accept the challenge. Mellen's interview has injected a vigor into the movement in favor of the fair that insures its success, for the honor and reputation of Portland is at stake.

At first the merchants of Portland were inclined to take Mr. Mellen seriously. nant at his indiscreet utterances. Today they have settled down as having a reverse effect from that which it was probably intended to have. They feel that Mr. Mellen, unintentionally permore good than anyone of its promoters, though they have worked tooth and nall for its advancement. They feel that it requires just such expressions, generated by interest in things not Oregonian, to put determination and energy into public movements that might otherwise pall. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY.

This morning all of commercial Portland was talking about the Mellen interview and the sudden impetus it has given the The Chamber of Commerce, the Manufacturers' Association and kindred erganizations have determined to fight my enemy of the Lewis and Clark Exposition who may hereafter appear. They will also make war on any enemy of Portland, whether it be a corporation or an individual.

When a discussion of the booming of outside tewns, by rathronds doing most of their heavy business with Portland, was brought up yesterday, it was incidentally nientioned that a thoroughly Portland concern was being menaced by the North-ern Pacific. Some years ago enterprising Portland capitalists noticed that a rich country was being neglected in the ity of Goldendale, Wash. They subscribed money and started the construction of what is known as the Lyle-Goldendale

SUDDEN OPPOSITION. Recently it was published in the dis-patches in newspapers that the Northern Pacific, noticing that Portland was at tempting to assist her merchants by opening up new territory to them, had decided to parallel the Goldendale line

and head off this city. GOOD OUT OF EVIL. Here again is good coming out of what may be metaphorically termed evil. Nearly every business man in the city has commenced to have a kindly feeling for the Goldendale proposition. In this matter every man, they say, should put his shoulder to the wheel and give his personal support to those who for Portland's sake

have risked their money and have expended their energy. MERCHAN'TS' ATTITUDE. for his indiscreet sayings, but others were of the opinion that something for the public prints should be tendered. All praise The Journal for handling a subject

that is being treated with fearsome si-lence in other more timid journalistic President H. W. Corbett, of the Lewis

and Clark Fair, said that he did not care advertise the fair. His opinion is ento say anything about the matter, but he tirely unsolicited and uncalled for." looked volumes MR. WOLFE'S OPINION.

Adolphe Wolfe, e of Lipman, Wolfe & o., who is a director of the Lewis and Clark Fair, and also a trustee of the ident Mellen, and resolutions of censure Chamber of Commerce, was asked this passed.

A PAINFUL WOUND.

While tying a sack of rubber with wird yesterday, A. Shulman, of 312 First street, had a painful injury inflicted by the wire breaking and striking his left arm below the elbow, inflicting a painful lacerablood poisen sets in.

morning what he thought of the

Mr. Wolfe said: "I would rather say nothing at all about it, as I might say too many hard words. At the last meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, The Journal was lying on the secretary's desk, and we intended taking the matter up, but it was 12:30 and we were in a hurry to go to luncheon, so laid it over to our next meeting; when there is no question the matter will be taken up. This will also without doubt he taken up at the next meeting of the board the directors of the Lewis and

GREATLY SURPRISED. Director Leo Friede, of the Lewis and

Clark Fair, said: 'It is a great surprise to me that a man intrusted with such semi-public responsibility should be so indiscreet as to express an epinion contrary to public sentiment, even if he had a personal doubt. The interests he represents in this city and the enormous traffic his road secures here would have warranted him in exto business and now regard the interview | pressing a sentiment tending to co-operate and develop this Northwest, rather than to blockade the hopeful signs that have been created since it was first anhaps, has done the Lewis and Clark Fair | nounced that the Lewis and Clark Fair would be held in this city in 1905."

MR. FENTON'S OPINION. Hon. W. D. Fenton, the prominent attorney, who is also one of the directors of the Lewis and Clark Fair, had this to say about the matter:
In my opinion I do not think the

Northern Pacific could afford to stand by the statement of Mr. Mellen, on account of their pecuniary interest in the result of the Lewis and Clark Fair. The grounds are located on their line and they will be as much, in fact, probably more, affected than any other road. However, I don't think Mr. Mellen's opinio will be shared by officials of his com-

BOARD OF TRADE. President F. E. Beach, of the Board of Trade, said:

There is considerable unfavorable comment among the merchants of this city at the statements made by Mr. Mei-The Board of Trade will take the matter up at their next meeting. I think was an uncalled-for slur on Portland. Every one has a right to have an opinion on the matter, but I don't think it is proper to say anything detrimental to the undertaking, especially where the Northern Pacific would derive as much benefit from the fair as the next rail-

VERY IMPOLITIC. President S. M. Sears, of the Chamber of Commetce, said: 'I think it was very impolitic and un-

called for on Mr. Mellen's part." ALL ARE ANGRY. The Manufacturers' Association will take the matter up this evening. The Chamber of Commerce and the Board

of Trade will also take the matter up at their next meeting.

MADE A MISTAKE.

Postmaster A. B. Croasman said: "I think that Mr. Mellen made a mistake, and it is bound to come home to him with interest some of these days. His road is interested in Tacoma, which Many of Portland's prominent men were city the Northern Pacific practically put opposed to openly censuring Mr. Mellen upon the feet. This probably accounts for upon to feet. This probably accounts for his uncalled-for opinion."

A VERY SMALL TOAD. "Secretary James M. Moore, of the Board of Trade, said: 'Mr. Mellen is a very small toad in the puddle and the fair will be a success despite any of his statements. A little opposition is what will strengthen and

RESOLUTIONS OF CENSURE. It is rumored among leaders of the various commercial organizations that an explanation will be demanded from Pres-

WOULD REVIVE OLD CLAIM

BOSTON, Nov. 21 .- A petition has been filed here by a local attorney who wishes to be appointed administrator of the estate of John Hancock, hero of the Revolutionary War. There is a technicality the elbow, inflicting a painful lacerathrough the working of which it is claimed a large sum of money may be secured from the government.

MAYOR MAY VETO THE OIL ORDINANCE.

A delegation of twenty prominent residents of the East Side met Mayor Williams in his chambers at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon and a more rigorous protest against the oil "istrict ordinance was never made.

It can be said that in all probability Judge Williams with veto the measure. In fact, the ordinance, as it reads, is such a hazy document that it fails to provide for the provisions for which it was intended by its promoters. In speaking of the matter prior to receiving the delegation this afternoon, Judge Williams said: "I have gone over the ordinance quite carefully. I spent nearly two hours studying the queer document this morning, and I am free to say that in my judgment it provides for so special district, but leaves it optional for the council to grant permits for other tanks, that may be requested by different companies to be special in any section of the city. I dislike exclusive franchises, and whereas this ordinance probably was intended to create one, still it is now lax in its construction, for it states plainly that other grants to other companies to erect tanks of various sizes may be given should the council so direct.

"Anywhere in the city, I take it, is not excluded by the wording of this oil district ordinance."

Judge Williams continued by reasting the councilment on getting into a body and calling it a "committee of the whole" and passing on a matter when in truth a committee of the whole could not be established except by action of the council in regular session. Judge Williams concluded by saying: "The councilmen meet and imagine they are acting as a committee of the whole, when they concoct some ordinance that is full of holes."

Mr. Studebaker led the delegation before the mayor this afternoon and made a strong argument against the East Side district by saying that not a single resident wanted it greated there, and from the fact that the ordinance did not protect any other part of the city from like intrusions, the document should be destroyed.

COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED

From Lewis and Clark Fair Directors.

President Corbett Appoints the Following Committees in Accordance With By Laws.

President H. W. Corbett, of the Lewis and Clark Fair, today appointed the fol-owing standing committees. This is in lopted at the last meeting: Executive Committee-H. W. Corbett, hairman; Messrs, Dresser, Ladd, Mailory, Mills, Scott, Wheelwright, Wessin-

Finance and Supply-A. Wolfe, chairman; Messrs. Devers, Ladd, Mills, Wes-

Ways and Means W. 33. Feeton; man; Messrs, Bates, Devers, Fleischner, Friede, O'Shea, Wolfe. Concessions and Privileges—Leo Frielle, chairman: Messrs. Riddle, Van Dusen, heelwright, Willis.

Exhibits Transportation and Railroad D. Wheelright., chairman; Messrs. Connell Church, Ladd Miller. Press and Publication-I. N. Fleischner, chairman; Messrs. Friede and Wes-

Grounds and Buildings-Paul Wessinchairman; Messrs. Bates, Dresser,; Ladd, Fenton, Mills, Willis. Ceremonies and Music-A. H. Deversa hairman Messrs. Penton, Mullory,

Mills, Raley. Legislation-A. L. Mills, chairman; Messrs. Ainsworth, Bush, Church, Devers, Fenton, Friede, Mallory, Miller., Ravi ley, Riddle, Scott, Wessinger, Willis, Cooper.

Agriculture-P. L. Willis, chairman; Messrs. Bush, O'Shea, Riddle, Choper, .. Mines and Mining-Leo Friede, chairman; Messrs, Miller, Raley, Riddle, Wil-

Manufacturers-Sam Connell ,chairman; Messrs, Devers, O'Shea, Van Dusen, Wessinger. Fish and Fisherles-J. C. Ainsworth,

chairman: Messrs, Bates and Van Du-History-H. W. Scott, chairman; Messrs. Fenton, Malfory, Raley and Hush.

Amusements-F. Dresser, chairman; Messrs Devers and Wessinger, Advisory-Rufus Mallory, chairman; Messrs, Fenton, Friede, Scott, Wolfe and

DROWNED IN WRECK. BELGRADE, Nov. 21,-Thirty-four per-

sons were drowned in the sinking of a Danube steamer off the Islant of Orsova



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

WOMEN TRAMPLED IN WILD FLIGHT

Heroic Work of Handful of Girls Prevented Carnage and Death in New York Factory.

(Journal Special Service.) COHOES, N. Y., Nov. 21.-Although there were none fatally injured, the presence of mind of several women in a crowd of hundreds was all that pre-vented a frightful loss of life when the Victor Knitting Mill, the largest concern of its kind in the world, caught fire this morning.

From an unknown cause fire caught in the packing room. There are sev-

eral thousand girls and women employed in the factory and as soon as an alarm of fire was turned in a stampede began. Frantic women ran like sheep to the heads of stairways and endeavored to rush down the steep declivities to the floors below. Utterly bereft of their senses many more mounted the window sills and prepared to jump to certain death upon the hard pavements where, in their excitement, they believed their only safety lay.

A few of the cooler ones realized that if the stampede were permitted to go on the casualties would be great. Hastily gathering themselves in bands at the heads of stairways they fought back the rush and permitted only the descent of girls in sufficiently small numbers to reduce the danger to the minimum. Others went about the rooms and dragged back from the openings those who were making ready to jump. In a short time quiet was restored. The fire was ex-

Before the "quieting" brigade became organized and effective several had been hurt, but it is not believed the injuries of any will be serious. A number of vomen were knocked down and trampled upon. This city, located on the upper Hudson River, is the most famous in the world for the manufacture of shirts and knitted goods.

SCOTS SCARED

They Fear American Manufactures Will Enter Their Grounds.

ABERDEEN, Nov. 21. Scotch foolmakers are today holding a meeting as a re-sult of having heard this morning that the American Pneumatic Tool Trust had equired extensive lands near Fraserburg where it is the intention to immediately begin the erection of an immense tool plant. It is feared that the incursion of American manufacturers in to Scotland will create competition that will prac-tically ruin the business for the home manufacturers

SUGAR JUMPING.

Late this afternoon local wholesale men were notified that sugar cents a hundred. All lines are affected by the change.

This move is probably the begin-ning of the end of the spirited war that has been going on for nearly a year between the large sugar ombines. It is very likely that quotations will now go up with eaps and bounds until the normal prices are again reached, and then perhaps prices will go a triffe high. er to make un for the loss the trusts sustained during the rate war. The new rate was received too late to be mentioned in today's market report. Retail prices will be advanced tomorrow to meet the increased wholesale rates.

ROOSEVELT SAYS HE WILL GIVE OFFICES TO MEGROES

The Black Man Shall Not Have All Hope of Recognition Taken From Him in the Future.

Admits Negroes in General Are Not Capable of Assuming the Reins of Power---He Is Pleased With His Trip.

(Journal Special Service.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The special train bearing President Roosevelt home from his bear hunt and the several public catherings in which he took part since leaving here last week, arrived in Wash-ington at 8 o'clock this morning.

One of the results of his trip is the announcement that he has found the negroes in the South to be incapable of assuming the dictatorship of affairs in those states in which they predominate, but at the same time the President is determined that all hope of official recognition shall not be taken from them. He declares that the trip has only avengthened his former belief that there were certain offices which the negro could fill with eminent satisfaction, and it is his intention to distribute office among the colored people where he finds them in conditions to receive it, and treat he honor with proper respect and ap-

HOLD TIGHT REIN. He is more determined than ever to

hold a tight rein on the actions of Federal officeholders throughout the South, and declares that the negro shall be treated with the same respect as any other citizen under the American flag. He thinks that considerable of the hot-headed criticism received from Southern politicians would never have been uttered had these men fully understood his attitude on the negro question.

The President declines to say anything regarding the rumored discourtesies extended him at Memphis, and speaks only n the highest praise of the treatment received while there.

During the run toward Washington this morning the train paused at several small stations, where people had gathered to greet Mr. Roosevelt, and he made brief addresses from the rear platform of his private car. He is greatly pleased with the trip as a whole.

Tomorrow the President will leave for Philadelphia, where he will attend the annual banquet of the Union League

DOCTOR ROASTS MINE OPERATORS

PACIFIC COAST

Care for Life.

Gibbons Will Get No Pay for Doc- He Is Known to Favor Extensive toring Miners Because They Cannot Afford It.

SCRANTON, Nov. 21.-Dr. Gibbons, the ending witness for the miners in their battle for rights before the arbitration commission today, declared the protection offered miners by their employers was insufficient; that the ambulances used in the mining regions were nests for infectious germs and magazines of death. He had attended hundreds of cases where miners were either ill from the effects of work in the mines or had been injured in the shafts, but he did not expect to receive remuneration because the wages of the miners did not amount to enough to enable them to meet the expense.

Expert medical evidence that was ofered to day before the strike settlement commission has a tendency to prove that oal miners in general are sufferers from asthma, rheumatism and several minor Dr. Robert Gibbons was the first witness called. CHILD LABOR

Globons declared that it was not right to allow a child under 15 years of age to enter the mines, and he did not be-

lieve that any miner ought to be em ployed without having first been com-pelled to submit to a medical examinaion to prove his fitness for the work, The ferbidding of employment of with a predisposition to lung trouble would save many a life in the mines.

The largest number of cases that came under his observation during an extensive practice in the coal regions were from burns, explosions and powder ex-He nearly always found that pleces of coal had been driven into the bodies of the unfortunates. Failing coal, the caving of roofs, because of improper timbering, and many other similar accidents have resulted in many former min ers being ertppled for life, unable to earn their own living and forced to become ? burden upon others. It is the opinion of Dr. Gibbons that the protection afforded by the companies is vastly insufficient in matters of this kind.

AMBULANCES ARE NEEDED. "The ambulances are nests of death, said the witness. "They are literally alive with disease germs, and the serv ice is simply rotten. The vehicles are kept in mule stables. It is dangerous to ride in these ambulances, as they are a menace to those who occupy them. I have cared for many miners who have been injured or have contracted diseases in the mines, and there are thousands of dollars standing on my books which never expect to get. The reason for this is that the miners cannot afford to pay doctors' bills, as it takes all the money they can earn to pay their living expenses. They are honest in their efforts and they must have medical care, so it has to be donated free of cost or the men would die by hundreds. ANOTHER DOCTOR.

Octor Butler, superintendent of the Wilkesbarre poorhouse, followed Gibbons, He said 70 per cent of the inmates were (Continued on Second Page.)

He Says They Do Not Burton to Lead Harbors

Improvement on Rivers and Bays in the West.

(Journal Special Service.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 .- The carrying out of the extensive plans for the improvement of rivers and harbors on the Pacific Coast is now practically assured. The dignified course that has been followed by Burton of Ohio has given assurance that amounts almost to certainty that he will be reappointed as the head-of the committee on rivers and harbors. This will mean that he will be in a posi-tion to do much for the Pacific Coast and there is no doubt he will carry out the intentions he is known to have formed inder reorganization following the recent elections Mr. Burton will doubtless wield more power than ever before and it is believed the committee will be guided targety by his views on harbor and river improvement, on both of which he is ad-

mitted to be excellent authority. It is now generally conceded that Canon will be the next speaker of the house, as his cause is gaining strength day by

TARIFF REVISION. WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.-The president's message was almost the sole topic today at the cabinet meeting. The proofsheets were read. The president is said to be opposed to calling an extra session of Congress after March 4 on the mat-ter of tariff revision, believing that even the best informed members of the house have much to learn on this question. He is desirous of appointing a tariff commission to collect all possible information, thus enabling Congress to approach the matter intelligently. He fears an extra session might result in a deadlock between the senate and house.

ARE TOGETHER.

The Carpenters United Today a New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. Amalgamated Carpenters and the Brobate this morning, were finally practically amalgamated into a single union. It will carry the name of the Woodworkers' The charters of the other organizations will probably be revoked in order to make the new arrangement po Ten o'clock tomorrow has been decided upon as the date of election of

REVISE TARIFF.

NEW YORK, Nov. 31.—Specials fr Vashington announce that Preside Washington announce that Roosevelf will favor tariff revi