

PORTLAND MUST ACT QUICKLY OR SEATTLE WILL GET THE TRANSPORT TRADE WITH THE PHILIPPINES

The Sound City Forges Ahead in the Race and Only Energetic Action Will Win the Day for Oregon's Metropolis.

Whether or not Portland secures the contract for the transport service business with the Philippines, she has been thoroughly advertised all over the country as a competitor. Yesterday afternoon and last night press dispatches were sent broadcast announcing that "Portland, Oregon, is in the fight for the transport trade." Do you know what this means? It means that the city has been made known to the people of the country at large as an enterprising community.

Portland should never overlook the opportunity to let the world know that she is a progressive commercial center. The city has been altogether too slow in bringing itself to the front. If it elects to remain passive while other cities act, then it will gradually, rich as it is, disappear from public view.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—It was announced at the War Department today that the lowest bid for the transportation of troops and army supplies from the Pacific Coast to Manila is that of the Boston Steamship Company, of Seattle, which bids \$4.25 per ton for freight, \$10 per 1,000 feet for lumber, \$100 per head for first-class passengers, \$25 per head for soldiers without rations and \$25 with rations.

Next Tuesday decides whether Portland, Seattle or San Francisco is the favored one in the mind of Secretary of War Root in relation to the transport business. Portland has at least weakened the realization that she is a factor and will endeavor to prove it. Portland has the port, the people, the money and the ships, so why should she not get the trade?

Through the efforts of The Journal, as stated in yesterday's issue, the Chamber of Commerce has taken the matter up, telegraphed to Senator Mitchell to urge the recognition of Portland in the award of the contract.

Private companies are rather shy of bidding on the transportation of men, as they claim it is a risky business. As it is, when transports come to San Francisco with soldiers—mainly for ill health, there is a bowl raised as to their accommodations. If a private company undertakes the job, such ill not worse conditions would prevail.

Regarding the commercial end of this matter, Maj. Devo of San Francisco said some time ago: "There has always been more or less talk that the government was spending a mint of money on its transport service, even in Congress. I do not see how any private concern can conduct the business so as to save the government anything."

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MAY NOW SETTLE ALASKA LANDS
So Says Bill That Passed House Today.

Miners May Now Secure Title to Their Claims—Pension Bill Also Passes.

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IT MAKES HIM LAUGH.

ARGUE THE USE OF TERM "SCAB"

Heated Discussion Before Strike Commission.

Father Curran Declared "Scab" to Be a Detriment to the General Community.

SCRANTON, Dec. 5.—This being Saturday, members of the strike settlement commission announced their session would be short in order that members might be given an opportunity to visit their homes on Sunday.

He declared conditions as he had found them in Wilesburg to be deplorable. Hardly had he taken his seat before he was placed under the conversational microscope and every effort possible was made by the operators' attorneys to secure damaging admissions.

Curran said there never was necessity for calling out troops and that the conditions specified in Governor Stone's military proclamation did not exist. The civil authorities were abundantly able to cope with the isolated cases of lawlessness.

Andrew Chippe, a 12-year-old breaker boy, was the next witness. He had been in school for one year. His father was killed in the mines and owed \$50 to the company at the time. The boy was working out the old account as well as having to pay rent and fuel. The child had been working for four months and had never received a penny.

James Gallagher, a miner, was the next witness. He had been employed at Markle for 17 years and nine months. During that time he only drew \$20.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The early morning bulletin does not give the condition of Thomas B. Reed as being as favorable as last night. His stomach is so weak that no nourishment can be retained and the patient suffers from nausea. Symptoms are considered very discouraging and physicians do not disguise the fact that there is little hope for Mr. Reed's recovery.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—A delegation is to be sent from Nebraska to appear before Congress and ask that a special commission be sent to look into the status of the land laws. Rumor has it to be removed by a Government representative and the people of that state do not believe conditions are accurately understood.

DISASTROUS FIRE
Five Sailors Overcome by Smoke and Fireman Drowned.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6.—Five sailors were overcome by smoke in the foremast of the steamer Baxon which burned at the wharf here this morning, and one fireman was drowned while attempting to put out the fire. He fell overboard and the smoke was so dense the accident was not discovered until too late to save him.

PORTER WANTED
Police Seeking Mack Fassett of the Lincoln Hotel, Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—There is another now likely to get into serious trouble as a result of the Lincoln Hotel holocaust here. The police are searching for Mack Fassett, porter of the hotel, who was on duty at the time of the fire. The fire inspector has rendered a report which says that not a life would have been lost had the alarm been turned in within a reasonable time.

PELEE'S FIRES.
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FORT DE FRANCE, Dec. 6.—With a cloud of fire-lit ashes extending for five miles into the air above the crater, Pelee is again in most violent eruption. Descending debris falls many miles from the mountain. Although many have already fled from the vicinity of the mountain, there is no panic and it is understood this place is in perfect safety.

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PORTLAND CLOSE TO AUSTRALIA

A Direct Cable Service Opens on Monday.

Southwest Beneath the Pacific and Indian Oceans--Tolls Are Also Reduced.

On Monday for the first time in the history of Portland it will be possible for those who desire to communicate with Australia direct by wire without the message having to travel across the American continent, beneath the Atlantic Ocean, through an English office and then away again parallel with the coast of Africa and along a thin steel cable to the far away Southern Island.

OLD TIME FUN IS NO LONGER IN IT

Two Idaho Sports Undertook to "Shoot Up Town" and One of Them Is Dead at Lenis as a Result.

Telegraph people. The newly opened cable reaches the following places: Fanning Island, Norfolk Island, Fiji Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand. A reduction of rates to these points is also announced from \$11 per point as at present, to 45 cents for all points except Fanning, that to be 46 cents. The shortening of the distance is responsible for this curtailment of the price of messages.

BY VANCOUVER.
The new service will be by way of Vancouver Island, B. C. North along the American coast the messages will be carried over the wires of the Postal Company, and from Victoria it will dive beneath the waves and journey toward the Southwest.

LOTUS BUDS RELEASED.
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CUBA WILLING.
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ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 6.—Several young Livadian students have been arrested for alleged complicity in a plot to assassinate the Russian Czar.

TO SHAKE UP THE POLICE
Not a police officer from the chief down but must face Mayor Williams when the time comes to reappoint such officers under the new charter.

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