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## DEPTHS OF RIVER AT OREGON CITY

J. H. WALKER HAS TAKEN MEASUREMENTS DAILY FOR TEN YEARS—GREAT IMPORTANCE OF THIS INFORMATION TO THE MANUFACTURERS AT THE FALLS.

District Forecaster Beals will soon be supplied with data giving the exact stages of the river at Oregon City for the period of ten years. The information will be given him by J. H. Walker, superintendent of the Willamette Paper & Pulp company, who has taken readings of the river at that place every day, both above and below the falls.

Careful note is taken of the rise in the river at Oregon City for the reason that when it attains a certain height all the mills and other leading industries there are compelled to close down. When the river becomes so high that there are no longer any falls apparent to the casual observer, the power plant ceases to work, which necessitates a general shutdown of the mills and factories.

Naturally, the people up that way are very much interested in all river information from the various points above Oregon City, and Mr. Beals keeps them fully apprised of the situation. In this manner they know just about how high the water will be the following day, and can make preparations accordingly if there is any likelihood of the danger point being reached.

At Salem the river rose 5 1/2 feet yesterday, and is now 11 1/2 feet above the low water mark.

At Eugene it is 11 feet above zero, but the last report from there was that it had begun to fall. Mr. Beals does not expect the rise to be more than 10 or 11 feet at Portland from the recent rains, but if they continue the situation will assume a different aspect.

### FLIES CHILEAN FLAG.

The bark Andromeda, owned by the Charles Nelson company of San Francisco, must remain under the Chilean flag until by an act of congress she will be able to assume American registry. Andromeda was formerly a British bark and was purchased by the Charles Nelson company more than a year ago, when she put in at Honolulu with her masts gone. She was taken to Eureka, repaired and placed under the Chilean flag. Later the bark flew the colors of this country, and it was under the American flag that she sailed from Eureka for Sydney last July. It now appears that the Australian authorities have refused to receive the Andromeda as an American vessel and her captain has been compelled to resume the Chilean colors.

### TO JOIN COMBINE.

The German shipowners have unanimously resolved to enter the International Sailing Shipowners' union; they control 223 sailing vessels of 287,927 tons. The French, with 206 vessels of 366,000 tons, are heartily in favor of the movement. There remain the British owners, with 710 vessels of 1,300,000 tons still to come to a decision.

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## FIRE EXITS FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS

SPECIAL COMMISSION APPOINTED TO EXAMINE THEATRES, SCHOOLS AND TENEMENTS DEVISES PLAN OF ACTION—OBSERVATION OF ONE MEMBER.

The special committee appointed to examine into the fire protection of the theatres and other public buildings organized this morning and postponed action until tomorrow.

From a careful review of the statements made by the commissioned appointees, it is almost certain that the plan of action will be as follows: Calling attention of the proper officials to the fact that the present ordinances are not enforced, the committee has made a personal inspection of the theatres and will be pretty well informed upon what line of work they shall carry out when the work begins.

Compelling the theatre owners to extend the center aisles through from the orchestra pit to the street exits. Compelling the Arcade theatre to provide another exit which shall lead directly from the gallery to Seventh street.

Other matters pertaining to this subject will arise during the course of the work and will be disposed of as the committee sees fit. The labor is to be thoroughly done, however, and when the committee finishes its mission there will not be a public gathering place, hall or building in this city that will not be fitted to cope with fire or accident and to insure the greatest degree of safety to those present.

The results of one member's trip to the theatres on Saturday are especially interesting. In his own words they were as follows:

"At the Marquam Grand I had no good chance to observe the conditions, for there were a light attendance. At the Arcade, under normal conditions, a packed house emptied in two and one-half minutes. There was also fairly good egress at the Baker. The Empire was dark, so I did not visit the place. However, from the previous visits, I can say that it is splendidly provided with exits and conforms more completely to the ordinances than any other local playhouse.

"One flagrant violation that I noticed at both the Marquam Grand and the Baker, and for which evidently the management is not responsible, is a neglect to observe the clause 'and no seat shall be removed farther than six seats from an aisle.' The center aisle in those two houses extends to the loges and there stops. These must be extended through to the orchestra pit. The other features of the ordinances, touching fire proof curtains, etc., must also be lived up to."

Copies of proposed ordinances from other cities are being eagerly sought for by members of the commission and by selecting the best features of each, the commission hopes to be able to frame up a law that will cover the field of theatres and other places mentioned in an entirely satisfactory manner.

The committee of five will probably be divided into five sub-committees and each of these sub-committees can be appointed to look out after one line of buildings.

The session has been called for 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the city hall.

None of the fire alarm boxes on the streets are within a block or two of any of the local theatres, except the Empire, and some time would be lost in going to them.

Chief Campbell states that fire boxes in the theatres would afford much better protection than there is at present. He points to the fact that in case a still alarm were sent in under the present call system the department would respond without sufficient men to handle the apparatus, while there would be a great delay even if a box alarm were sounded. Many of the larger buildings and not a few of the manufacturing institutions of the city have installed private alarm boxes. These cost about \$125 each, but the city is not under obligation to place boxes in private institutions. The call cards show alarm boxes provided by the following: St. Vincent's hospital, Eastern Lumber Co., Inman-Poulsen Co., Ainsley mill, City & Suburban shops, Portland hotel, county jail.

### TROUBLE ON THE EDENMORE.

The trouble that has been brewing on board the British ship Edenmore culminated in the arrest of Carl Johanson, the carpenter of the vessel, says the San Francisco Examiner of recent date. Johanson is charged by Captain Kendall with having stolen four cans of paint. Johanson vigorously denies the charge and asserts that the skipper is trying to compel him to desert the ship in order to avoid paying him his wages. The Edenmore is at present unchartered and, according to the articles which the men signed, they are to remain by the ship until she reaches Newcastle, Australia.

### JAMES DOLLAR SOLD.

The Alaska Pacific Navigation company has purchased the steamer James Dollar from the Dollar Steamship company of San Francisco, and will place her in the Copper river and Resurrection bay route. The steamer was sold for \$130,000 and will be transferred to her new owners on January 20.

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## COL. WILSON AND THE FOLDING BED

GOOD STORY ON THE POPULAR TEXAN—WOULDN'T STAND FOR A "CON" GAME IN CHICAGO HOTEL OR ANYWHERE ELSE ON EARTH, YOU BET.

Colonel L. F. Wilson of Texas, vice-president of the Independent Packing company, settled in the Lone Star state when a huge revolver was a part of a man's wearing apparel, just as much as was his hat. One of the colonel's friends, who begs that his identity be kept secret, tells the following story of the Texan's first visit to Chicago:

"It was during the world's fair," remarked the national secretary, in a guarded tone, so as not to attract the colonel's attention. "The Great Northern hotel had just been completed and, armed with his Colt's revolver which he wore concealed, and a small telescope grip, Wilson went to the new inn and registered. He was shown a room, and in about five minutes suddenly appeared before the clerk and demanded that he be given apartments with a bed in them.

"I know I'm from Texas," he declared, "but I'll be darned if you can run any con games on me. Where's the bed?"

"Why, there's a bed in your room," explained the startled clerk.

"Don't call me any names," shouted the colonel. "I know better."

"The trembling clerk motioned for the customer to follow him, led the way to the room and exposed to the gaze of the Texan a folding bed.

"I'll jist be," exclaimed Wilson, and then he pulled off his boots, unbuttoned his revolver, blew out the gas and turned in."

## MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF SILK

One million dollars' worth of silk is being brought by the Oriental liner Indrasamha which sailed from Yokohama yesterday for Portland. The shipment consists of 250 tons, which is valued at more than \$4,000 a ton.

Immediately upon the steamer's arrival the silk goods will be transferred to cars and given rapid transit East. The consignment goes principally to New York.

Six cars will be required to transport it, and the train will make passenger time. Baggage cars will be used, and it will be the first time in the history of the O. R. & N. that a train of that character ever ran over its line.

A freight train composed of box cars, it is explained, would answer the purpose fully as well were it not for the great value of the goods. It would be possible for handlites to hold up the train crew and cart away several thousand dollars' worth of silk. With a passenger train such a plan could not be so easily carried out.

The Indrasamha is bringing a full cargo. All told it will amount to 126 cars. A big portion of it consists of exhibits from Manila for the St. Louis exposition—probably enough, it is said, to make 150 cars. There is also a big shipment of jute and hemp coming from the Philippines, and in addition to the

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regular cargo of Chinese merchandise and other ware the total value of the freight will run up to about \$1,500,000. The vessel is coming direct to Portland.

The goods are mostly of that character which are entered free of duty, and the big shipment will net but a small revenue to the government. There is no tariff on raw silk, hemp, jute or tencel; neither is there on the exhibits which are being taken to the St. Louis exposition. The latter are designated as bonded goods, and at the close of the centennial will be taken back to the Orient. In the event, however, that they should be disposed of, the owners will be compelled to pay the regular duty before a transfer of ownership is made.

For this reason the officers at the custom house say that the big cargo which is en route will mean nothing to the government but a lot of hard work for its employes.

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