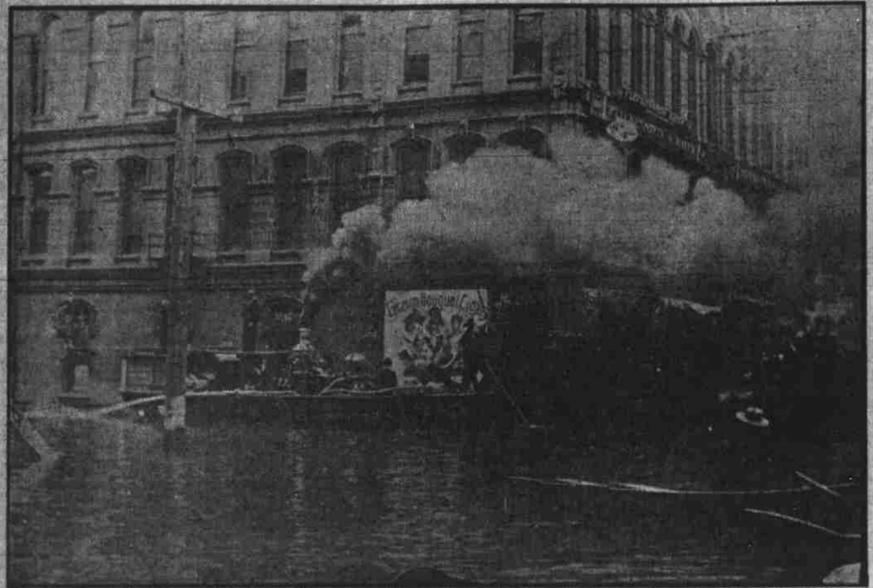


TRUE STORY OF CITY'S ORIGINAL FIRE STEAMER



PORTLAND'S FIRST FIRE-BOAT, A REMINISCENCE OF FLOOD TIMES.

"What's all this talk I hear about a new fire boat?" asked the oldtimer, peering out from beneath his weather-beaten hat at the group of whittlers sitting in front of engine house No. 1.

"Why, we wuz discussin' the George H. Williams, the first fireboat the city ever owned," remarked the tall fireman, who was busily engaged in choppin' down a telephone pole with a jackknife. "She's a beaut, too. Jest been commissioned."

"Say, sonny," drawled the old man, "do yer know what yer talkin' about? Portland's first fireboat? Why, the George H. Williams ain't no more the first fireboat this town ever owned than you're the chief."

The ancient inhabitant eyed with withering scorn the half dozen firemen in front of him, and the six returned his gaze with silent wonderment. Not the

first fireboat! That was strange, indeed.

"Well, uncle," said one of the boys, "you appear to know so much about this subject; please give us a little information."

"I see you boys never can remember anything," he began, "but for two cents I wouldn't tell you. But I will. It was during the big flood of '94," and the old man mentioned the date in a faraway voice that would have done for 1864.

"The water in June, if you'll remember, come up so high that people had to be taken out of the second story of the chamber of commerce in boats. People went to the Marquam theatre in steam launches and the Baker theatre was used for a bathing tank."

"The water got so high at the police station that officers on duty had to report in by means of a breeches buoy,

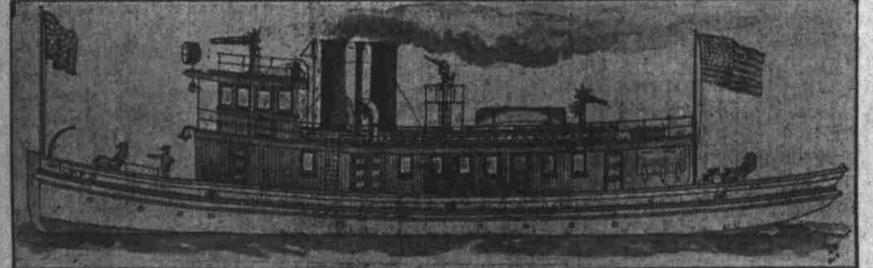
The fire station next door was flooded and the engines were saved only by placin' them on scows. You young fellers may think I don't know what I'm talkin' about, but them steam engines used to puff around the streets and put out fire."

Waxing eloquent, the oldtimer told of how the fire chief was dubbed commodore and the engine drivers were called bo'sns, and commands were given with an aye, ave, sir and cuss words, ports, starboards, and lists were common talk.

"Ah, what yer givin' us?" broke in an incredulous listener.

"Look at that picture," then snatched the old man, fishing out a photograph from his ragged pocket. It was that of two fire engines working from scows at Oak and Second streets.

"Tag, you're it," weakly replied the chagrined fireman.



THE "GEO. H. WILLIAMS."

SULLY'S METEORIC FLIGHT IN COTTON

STORY OF HIS MANIPULATION OF THE MARKET DURING TWO YEARS—SAID TO HAVE CLEARED \$6,000,000—TAKEN FORTUNE DESSERTED HIM.

The announcement last Friday that D. F. Sully, the cotton king, had been made a bankrupt, did not create as much surprise among speculators in this city as had been anticipated. Indeed, for the most part the failure of Sully was anticipated by men who speculate in the southern staple.

According to stock exchange brokers, the Portland speculators have sold cotton short for some time with the expectation that the boom would soon end. By selling cotton short is meant that Mr. A. could sell in January to his friend, Mr. B., 1,000 bales of cotton for March delivery. Mr. A. has until that time to give Mr. B. his cotton and if the market should go lower than the price he sold for he is that amount ahead of the game. If, on the other hand, the price of cotton goes beyond the figures sold by Mr. A. he would be compelled to pay Mr. B. the difference between what the cotton was bargained for and the price for which it could be obtained at the end of the stated period.

Highest Price Since War.

The swaying of the cotton market under the bull leadership of Sully was amusing. Under his guiding the price touched 15 cents a pound—the highest figure since the Civil war, when it reached the dollar mark. The lowest price of cotton since that time was in

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POLICE DRIVE BOYS FROM THE OBERON

DETECTIVE WEINER NOTIFIES PROPRIETORS TO OBEY THE LAW AGAINST SELLING LIQUOR TO MINORS—GRAND JURY INVESTIGATES ILLEGAL PRACTICE.

Those naughty little boys who have been accustomed for some time to frequent the Oberon, tickle their ears with the inspiring notes of the "coon shouters," and admire the "dance artists," clothed in abbreviated skirts and "come-back-to-the-greenroom smiles," are in mourning. The edict of Shambook & Mathena has gone forth—henceforth those same little boys must shine as "gallery gods" or seek some variety house the proprietor of which is willing to risk the law relative to minors for the price of a few glasses of beer every evening. The Oberon people are not looking for a session with the grand jury.

By the advice of City Detective Weiner, about a dozen of the youngsters were notified to leave the Oberon last night. None demurred, but two little fellows aged about 14, one wearing a very small cap and the other a blue sweater as distinctive articles of apparel, slipped back when they thought nobody in authority was watching. They were promptly collared by the watchful Shambook and forcibly ejected. Detective Weiner followed them outside and threatened them with arrest in case he found them in the theatre again.

Sent Outside to Cool.

When the detective entered fully a dozen youths were scattered around the room. He walked to the rear and noticed Proprietor F. Shambook. The latter explained that he is rarely around the front of the house and had been kept so busy in the rear that he had overlooked the lads. No time was wasted in sending them out into the cold night air, where blue-coated guardians of the peace are supposed to watch a chance to enforce the curfew ordinance.

"I threw a number of these boys out the other night. I happened to notice them while I was out in front talking to the cashier," said Shambook. "I have notified all the waiters to keep boys out of my place."

Many Witnesses Called.

The grand jury had 20 or 30 persons before it as witnesses last week while conducting an examination into the practice of saloonkeepers in allowing minors to frequent their places. Grimes & Schneider, who are accused of selling liquor without a license at Montavilla, and of permitting minors to frequent their saloons, may be indicted. The evidence secured against them was said to be strong. The grand jury will continue work on this line.

MINISTER APPROVES CURFEW ORDINANCE

PASTOR OF MIHPAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SAYS STREET LOITERING PREPARES BOYS FOR CRIMINAL LIVES—CHRISTIAN HOMES NEEDED FOR CHILDREN.

Rev. Jerome R. McGlade, pastor of the Mihipah Presbyterian church, on Powell street, preached a strong sermon last night on "The Curfew Ordinance." His subject had been suggested by a meeting of the mother's club held at his church last Friday night when the ordinance was discussed.

Mr. McGlade said that he would not attempt to defend the curfew as originally carried out in England and New England for the reason that modern conditions are entirely different from those of two centuries ago. "I do not believe that the old law instituted by William the Conqueror nine centuries ago and more or less followed until a hundred years ago was just," he said. "It demanded that when the curfew sounded at an early hour in the evening all fires should be covered and the people retire to their homes. It could not obtain now. I do believe, however, that our city law which compels children under 16 years of age to leave the streets at 8 o'clock last Wednesday and at 9 o'clock during the summer months is a good one."

"The night school of the streets is a preparatory one for the reform school and for the penitentiary. The teachings of home is that which is required for our boys and girls. God pity those who have no homes and it is the duty of Christian people to provide them."

ARRANGES THE SALOONS.

A. Foster Stone, a W. C. T. U. lecturer, delivered two addresses in Portland yesterday. In the morning he spoke at the Haslam-street Congregational church and was very forcible in his arguments against the liquor traffic. He said that Christian citizens, or rather members of churches, held the balance of power if they would only turn out at the polls. He called attention to the primary elections held in the city last Wednesday and asked where the church vote had been placed. Answering the question himself, he declared that it was a stay-at-home vote regardless of the fact that the issue was to determine questions vital to the city.

Last night Mr. Stone spoke at the Cumberland Presbyterian church, on practically the same subject. At both lectures large audiences greeted him. Tonight he will lecture at the Second Baptist church, at East Seventh and Ankeny streets. Wednesday he will go to Astoria en route to California.

REV. W. S. GILBERT'S SERMON.

"The Garment of Humility" was the subject of the sermon preached by Rev. W. S. Gilbert at Calvary Presbyterian church yesterday morning. Mr. Gilbert discussed the story of the teachings of Christ and his wanderings and trials. He said in part: "Christ talked to crowds and multitudes. He saw not the people; he saw only their hearts. A poor woman broke through a crowd and touched the hem of his garment that she might be pure. To Christ the act was nothing. He saw the woman's heart and knew that she was repentant. When weary of sin we offer a prayer. We touch the hem of Christ's garment

GOOD WORK DONE BY THE CHINOOK

Government Dredge Withstands Heavy Seas Nicely—Much Progress to Be Made During Summer Months—A Deeper Channel.

While the government dredge Chinook is the largest in the world, there are others having greater power. But her capacity is sufficient to do all the work required of her at the bar. She is the only dredge of the kind in existence. All others were made for dredging, while she was built from a government transport, and in general appearance is entirely different from the numerous vessels engaged in similar work.

The ordinary-sized dredge would be of little avail at the Columbia river bar. Her great length—445 feet—enables her to extend over three seas and in a moderate storm she retains her equilibrium with ease. Shorter craft would be swept in the trough of the seas, and after bumping on the bottom of the bar would likely receive damages to place them out of commission.

Captain Dunbar says that a dredge shorter than the Chinook would be of comparatively little use at the mouth of the river. In order to keep from dipping a vessel must necessarily be of great length.

Touched Bottom Once.

"During the time I have operated the Chinook at the bar," said he, "she has only touched the bottom once, and then it was such a slight bump as to be hardly perceptible. The bar was rough and a strong sea was raging. There was some danger of her being swept in the trough between the waves. She was gradually being turned around, but before she had gone far one of the engines was reversed. After that she was quickly righted and again stretched out over the breakers, holding perfectly level and drawing a uniform depth of water. Had she been lengthwise between the seas the vessel would have pounded on the bottom and been badly damaged."

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From the Philadelphia Press.

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"Ah! And you're afraid he won't come?"

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and we are saved if our hearts are honest, which our Heavenly Father sees."

Mr. Gilbert told the story of Helen Keller's life. Born deaf, dumb and blind the girl at last became able to read, write and converse in signs. She became a devout believer in Christianity and preaches in her silent way today.

Mr. Gilbert closed by saying: "We must keep in touch with God. We may be blind, deaf and dumb but we may all touch the garment hem of the Infinite Creator."

AS TO SENSATIONALISM.

Rev. George Crosswell Cressney, D. D. of the Unitarian church took for his topic yesterday morning, "Dignity vs. Sensation in the Pulpit." He began by saying: "The growing tendency to sensation in the pulpit is not incidental or fortuitous; it is not chiefly the result of personal caprice or desire for cheap popularity. It has a psychological basis and a definite occasion. This occasion is found in the waning belief in the creeds."

"It is the tendency of some institutions to seek to inure and perpetuate themselves at the expense of human welfare. All institutions of a permanent character rest upon some necessity or truth of human nature, but their efforts for self-preservation or aggrandizement are often at the expense of the essential truth for which they stand."

"After a lengthy discussion in which examples bearing out the above arguments were given, Dr. Cressney said: 'Dignity and decorum always characterize the pulpit. True pulpit dignity is always free from self-assumption and self-exploitation. Reverent, humble, decorous should be the words and manner of him who speaks to others of the mysterious, the inscrutable, the divine.'

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