DEMOCRATS ARE AGAIN IN SESSION

TICKET IS PRACTICALLY COMPLETED AND WILL BE FINISHED BY COMMITTEE—LEGISLATIVE NOMINEES MADE—RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED AT AFTERNOON SESSION

For county assessor—D. F. Campbell.
For county clerk—Frank Lee.
For county treasurer—T. S. Struble.
For county surveyor—R. C. Bonser.
For county superintendent of schools—H. W. Herron.
For coroner—Dr. J. W. Morrow.
For justice of the peace on the east side—A. J. Vandever.
For constable on the west side—William Miller.
For the state senate—F. V. Holman, A. F. Flegel, John Lamont, Max Fleischner.
For the house of representatives—George Shaver, W. L. Brewster, John Van Zante, Cecil Bauer, Arthur Brock, W. H. Grafton, T. P. Dabney, D. M. Donaugh, Robert Brady, Oglesby Young, R. W. Montague, J. A. Newell.

The Democratic county convention assembled at Hiberian hall this morning, and with the exception of passing on the report of the committee on resolutions, completed its labors. The candidates given in the foregoing were placed in nomination and the executive committee of the county central committee empowered to fill all vacancies which may occur by death or resignation, and to name candidates for the offices left vacant by the convention.

An important matter was the decision of the convention that the delegates to the state convention should also serve as delegates to the congressional convention of the second district and the judicial convention of the fourth district.

The committee appointed by the caucus held last night to name candidates for the state senate and house of representatives brought in a report favoring a fractional ticket. The report was favored by several leaders, but raised such a storm that a full ticket was afterward submitted.

The convention adjourned to 2 o'clock this afternoon, when the report of the committee on resolutions was brought up for discussion. A resolution indorsing the presidential candidacy of W. R. Hearst was given the committee this morning. Believing that such a question should come only before the state convention, a majority of the leaders endeavored this morning to persuade the committee not to report on the resolution at all, either favorably or unfavorably. It is the common opinion that if the resolution gets before the convention it will be adopted by a large majority. In any event a lively debate is expected.

A Small Attendance.

The convention was called to order at 10:50 o'clock. Only about one-third the total number of delegates were in the hall at that time, but a few came in afterward. Several proxies were read by Secretary B. E. Haney and accepted by the convention. It was noted that a majority of the fighters were absent. Before proceeding to business W. L. Brewster was appointed assistant secretary by L. T. Peery, the chairman.

Nominations for county clerk were first in order. A long silence followed the announcement. It was ended by J. T. Milner moving that the next order of business be taken up.

Assessor Comes First.

D. F. Campbell was placed in nomination for county assessor by Thomas Guinean, who declared he would be "a tower of strength to the party." He hoped the nomination would be unanimous. William Foley seconded the nomination, which was by acclamation, the secretary being instructed to cast the ballot. Campbell made a speech, saying that if elected he would try to do justice to all concerned.

J. S. Strubel was nominated for county treasurer by J. T. Milner. No other candidates appeared and he was the unanimous choice of the convention.

R. C. Bonser was nominated for county surveyor by acclamation. His name was proposed by D. Taylor.

D. M. Donaugh was named for county superintendent of schools by J. T. Milner. In seconding the nomination William Foley declared he was "the handsomest man in the party, excepting the chairman."

One Man Refuses.

Donaugh refused the office, whereupon James Gleason remarked that he "might not get it." The office was then passed.

William Miller was nominated for constable of the west side by James Gleason. P. H. Maher was named for the office by John Horan. There were several seconds, and the ballot was closed. H. B. Adams and John Grussi were appointed tellers, when Maher's name was withdrawn and Miller was declared the nominee.

There were no nominations for justice of the peace of the east side or for justice of the peace or constable of the Mount Tabor district.

"We don't really need constables or justices of the peace out there," humorously remarked Gleason.

Morrow for Coroner.

Dr. J. W. Morrow was nominated for coroner. Nobody else appeared to desire the office. Dr. Morrow was in the race four years ago.

The rules were here suspended and Prof. H. W. Herron placed in nomination for school superintendent by D. M. Donaugh. He said he had called Prof. Herron up by 'phone and had received his assurance that he was willing to make the race.

Again suspending the rules, Frank Lee was named for county clerk by G. H. Thomas, who said he would stand as good a chance of election as anybody that could be named for the office.

On motion of J. B. Ryan it was decided that all vacancies on the ticket which may exist or may occur later be filled by the executive committee of the county central committee.

A. J. Vandever was placed in nomination for justice of the peace of Multnomah district, the rules again being suspended. There was no opposition, and Vandever was placed in nomination.

It was moved by N. A. Peery that the delegates selected to the state convention be also the delegates to the congressional convention of the Second district and the judicial convention of the Fourth district. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

L. T. Peery resigned the chair in favor of J. B. Ryan to hear the report of the caucus committee. It was read by A. F. Flegel. The signers were Flegel, Richard W. Montague, John E. Lathrop and George W. Allen. Gen. H. B. Compson, a member of the committee, was not present. The report of the committee drew attention to the fact that a minority should not be excluded from representation, and that it was believed by putting up only two candidates instead of four for the senate, and four for the house of representatives instead of 12, the candidates would stand a better chance of election. The candidates suggested were: For the senate, Frederick V. Holman and L. T. Peery, and for the house George Shaver, W. L. Brewster, John Van Zante and Cecil Bauer.

Chairman Peery, before again taking the gavel, declined to make the senatorial race. He favored a fractional ticket. R. W. Montague spoke in the same strain. He said nobody not insane would claim that with a 5,000 Republican majority a full ticket could win. With a partial ticket he believed many Republicans could be induced to vote for the Democratic candidates.

"I believe the time has come for shirt-sleeve politics as well as shirtsleeve diplomacy," he asserted. "These are not pleasant things to say in convention, and I don't know that they were ever said before, but we might as well look this thing squarely in the face. We are putting up only Democratic candidates, and we should pursue a policy that may gain us victory."

Report Is Criticised.

Newton McCoy bitterly criticised the committee, saying it had not done its duty. This was the first straight-out Democratic convention in the history of the county, he said, and the strength of the enemy should be tested.

Flegel stated that enough opposition had developed to satisfy the committee that a full ticket should be named. The announcement was applauded. Flegel declared that in justice to the committee it should be stated that McCoy and N. A. Peery, despite their earnest objection to a partial ticket, had refused to be candidates.

Peery resigning, the name of A. F. Flegel was substituted. A motion to adjourn was voted down, and the report of the committee was adopted by unanimous vote. The candidates selected are as follows:

For the senate—Frederick V. Holman, A. F. Flegel, John Lamont and Max Fleischner.

For the house—George Shaver, W. L. Brewster, John Van Zante, Cecil Bauer, Arthur Brock, W. H. Grafton, P. P. Dabney, D. M. Donaugh, Robert Brady, Oglesby Young, R. W. Montague and J. A. Newell.

An adjournment was then taken to 2 o'clock this afternoon, at which time the report of the committee on resolutions will come up for discussion. Resolutions indorsing Hearst as a presidential candidate have been placed in the hands of the committee, and an effort was made by prominent members of the party to have the committee fail to report on them. They express the opinion that such resolutions should only come up in the state convention. It is believed they will be adopted if brought before the convention.

BATTLESHIPS WILL RACE ACROSS OCEAN

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, April 16.—Plans have been completed for putting the battleships of the American navy through such an endurance test as no war vessels of any nation ever have been subjected to. Within a few days the battleship squadron of the North Atlantic fleet, with several cruisers, will be rushed across the Atlantic and into the Mediterranean. They will visit Trieste, Villa Franche and Lisbon, and will recross the ocean.

This is a part of the comprehensive scheme for the improvement of the navy worked out by the general board, of which Admiral Dewey is president. It is intended further to impress the world with the serviceability of American naval ships and develop any possible weaknesses that less severe tests have failed to reveal. On his way to Europe it is probable Admiral Barker, commanding the squadron, will meet the British North Atlantic fleet, which is to be sent racing across the ocean in a similar test of speed and endurance.

CONVICTED FOR THE MURDER OF PARTNER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Helena, Mont., April 16.—George H. Hlobik has been convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of his traveling companion, George Sedlacek, near Neihart. The men left Washington state together and were traveling overland to a mining camp near Neihart when the deed was committed, the state asserted, for the purpose of robbery, Sedlacek having had $1,000 in cash on his person.

Hlobik admitted the killing, but said that he did so in self-defense; that Sedlacek had thrown whisky in his face, and he thought he would be killed if he did not fire. Hlobik was captured at Fargo.

MAIL CARRIERS GIVE SUCCESSFUL BALL

The first annual ball of the local Letter Carriers' association was held at the Armory last night and was largely attended by members of the association and their friends. The proceeds of the event were devoted to the sick benefit fund established by the letter carriers.

The fund was begun last September on the return of the delegates from the Syracuse convention of letter carriers. At the convention it was announced that such funds had been established in many cities and had been of great benefit to men in the service who were ill or needy.

The ball last night was the means of raising a considerable sum for the fund. Music was furnished by the letter carriers' band and was warmly applauded.

BULL RUN RESERVE BILL WILL PASS

Mayor Williams yesterday wired Congressmen Hermann and Williamson at Washington to try and get the bill for the protection of the Bull Run water reserve through this session. In reply he received word that the bill will probably pass, but there is some opposition to it on account of its drastic restrictions. The mayor also wired congratulations to the congressmen on their renomination.

RAIN PREVENTED GAME.

The scheduled baseball game between Hill Military academy and Bishop Scott teams was declared off this morning on account of rain.

CHIEFLY PERSONAL.

Rev. J. R. T. Lathrop and Rev. William E. Randall have returned from a short trip to Newburg, where they went in the interests of the local option campaign.

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OFFICIALS CLAIM TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE

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struction nearly passes all belief.

The boats are to be put through exhaustive tests at the yards, and will then be shipped in sections overland to Port Arthur, where they will again undergo the strain of actual try-outs before being put into action.

With these boats at hand it would be a comparatively easy feat for the Russian navy to reverse the tide of battle if Port Arthur can hold out that long. The port affords a base for operations and the Japanese rendezvous is but a comparatively short distance from there.

Affairs at Port Arthur.

All advices from Port Arthur indicate demoralization. The bombardments have not been as ineffectual as the war office has been prone to state.

Letters occasionally get by the rigid censorship of the port and some of them contain details that are ghastly. The stories of artillerists fighting in clouds of smoke, behind guns that are heated to the danger point, while at their sides lie dead or wounded companions would not add confirmation to the official statements showing that the Japanese have always failed to get the range.

Indeed some of these letters indicate that the range was found with deadly accuracy and that the Russian "man behind the gun" has had excellent reason to know that this is true.

There is a point where the most dogged resistance and fighting power becomes a hopeless task, and indications are that the recent reverses at sea have nearly taken the heart out of the valiant garrison of Port Arthur.

But with the navy matters are even worse. The seamen are demoralized and go to battle with prayers for the dying upon their lips, confident that death for all lurks near at hand, in every wash of the wave, in every darkened spot of water, in every shrieking projectile. And well may they so believe, if events of the last few da ys throw light upon conditions.

China May Take Arms.

The Peking correspondent of the Gazette says that renewed activity in China is causing fear that a breach of neutrality is planned. This adds to the unrest.

Chinese troops according to this correspondent are being heavily armed and are rushed with all haste possible to the frontier of Manchuria. Long trains of supplies are being sent with them though the heavy traveling of spring and mud laden roads are becoming furrowed and gullied by the passing of clumsy artillery.

Gen. Ma Yun Guen has been appointed commander in chief of the army which has arrived on the borders of Manchuria. The appointment of a man of his stamp shows the seriousness of conditions.

The Chunchuses are growing braver as continuous skirmishing is indulged in with the result that from being merely a rabble of reckless bandits, they are becoming a veteran fighting force with a certain wild discipline and organization that makes them effective enemies and splendid raiders, a force to be reckoned with.

They are constantly attacking the Russian troops in Manchuria and are causing considerable losses.

But throughout all these warlike preparations and actions, the Chinese diplomats remain serenely ignorant, according to their own announcements, of anything more than a plan to check Manchurian brigandage.

BY JAPANESE MINE.

Togo's Official Report Shows Russian Loss Was Due to Enemy's Skill.

(Journal Special Service.)

Tokio, April 16.—In the minds of the correspondents as well as the people of Japan the exact cause of the sinking of the Russian battleship Petropovlovsk has been definitely stated and forever decided by the official report of Admiral Togo which was received here today.

The admiral states that on Tuesday night torpedo boats sank a chain of mines and then when dawn approached the Japanese steamed toward Port Arthur. This plan of campaign was taken with the knowledge that Admiral Makaroff, in his bravery, would most certainly sally out of the port to give battle.

Fifteen miles out from the city were the mines placed, and upon these, by an apparently retreating fight, were the Russian ships decoyed. It was on one of these mines, says Togo in his report, that the battleship was sunk.

It is regarded here as almost certain that this was the report which was also made by the Russians to St. Petersburg, but the officials, desiring to prevent further fear of the Japanese naval skill, suppressed this portion and will continue to do so.

Battle Still Draws Near.

The news has been received at the Japanese information bureau that 20,000 Russian troops are massing on the right bank of the Yalu river and that a corresponding increase is being made in the Japanese force on the left bank of the river.

Everything points to a battle between the two forces in the near future, and as usual the Japanese quietly predict a complete victory for their arms.

WILL LAND TROOPS.

London, April 16.—The report that Admiral Togo will attempt to capture Port Arthur by direct assault is not believed by war experts here, who think that his next move will be to land an army division in the rear of Port Arthur and march upon it.

MEADE STREET NINE WINS CLOSE GAME

The Meade street ball nine defeated the South Portland team this morning at Fulton, the score being 6 to 5. James Shea pitched for the victorious nine and struck out clever men. The lineup was:

Meade Street.		South Portland.
Shea	P	Brown
Jenson	C	H. Scott
Bobby	S S	Williams
Burke	1 B	O. Amacher
Amacher	2 B	Hardin
A. Bloom	3 B	E. Scott
Trice	R F	Batter
W. Bloom	C F	Vincent
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GENERAL RAPSON GUEST OF HONOR

WOODMEN OF CITY AND STATE DO HONOR TO THE VISIT OF THEIR CHIEF OFFICER TO THE EAST SIDE CAMP OF THE ORDER—WOODMEN BAND.

Brigadier-General William E. Rapson, commander of the department of the west, uniform rank, Woodmen of the World, was the guest of honor at a reception given last evening at the East Side Woodmen hall.

Four degree teams of west side camps assembled at Woodmen hall, Tenth and Washington streets, to escort General Rapson to the hall. They were under the command of Colonel H. L. Day. The general was attended by his staff, made up of the following: Chief of staff, Colonel C. E. McDonnell of Portland; assistant adjutant-general, John L. Moy of Portland; assistant inspector, J. H. McKibben of Portland; assistant commander, William Reidt of Portland; assistant surgeon, G. W. Gelniour of Oaklough; brigadier mustering officer, Al. Carden of Pendleton; brigadier signal officer, Lee B. Tuttle of Elgin; brigadier chaplain, J. F. Day of Hillsboro; assistant judge advocate-general, R. G. Morrow of Portland, and aide-de-camp, P. E. Snodgrass of Eugene, and Colonel Jones.

The general and his staff were escorted to the stump by the degree team of Multnomah camp, and were introduced by Colonel Jones, who was in command.

After the introduction the Multnomah company escorted the Woodman band to the stump and presented it to Brigadier-General Rapson. The band was mustered in by Captain F. E. Coulted, chaplain of the 1st regiment. General Rapson read the general orders creating the Woodman band. It is a strong organization of 25 pieces under the leadership of William Weber. Captain H. A. Stiles is business manager. The band played several selections and acquitted itself very creditably.

Nine candidates were then initiated, the degree work being exemplified by the Multnomah degree team. Commander W. A. Minar presided and Colonel Jones acted as master of ceremonies.

Teams in full uniform were Multnomah, No. 77, commanded by Colonel Jones; George Washington, No. 261, by Captain Woelm; Albina, No. 191, Captain Hall; Prospect, No. 140, Captain Barnes; Prosperity, No. 396, Captain Cramer; Portland, No. 107, Captain Brown.

The companies of the 1st regiment were commanded by First Major North of the 1st battalion, and Major Bradley of the 2d.

The 2d regiment was represented by Colonel H. S. Day of Newburg, and Major Fiske of Dallas. A number of prominent Woodmen were present; Banker C. V. Cooper; General Organizer for Oregon George K. Rogers; Consul Commanders Elliott of Webfoot, Wright of Portland, and Buffington of Mount Tabor.

After the candidates were initiated there was an exhibition drill by Prospect camp degree team. Head Banker Cooper welcomed General Rapson and presented the 1st regiment, uniform rank, with a loving cup, to be competed for by companies of the 1st regiment.

General Rapson spoke briefly of the objects of the uniform rank.

Light refreshments were served.

The general will leave Tuesday for Seattle to continue the inspection of his department.

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but I guess a woman could get along just about as well as a man under those circumstances.

Can Manage the Mails.

"The mails on the route we are trying to get are never so heavy that we can't manage them all right. If there is too much at any time we can get a rig or arrange some way to get along."

Along with the papers of the other candidates those of the female competitors wil be examined by the post-office officials and the results of the examinations will be made known as soon as possible. It is said that there are already a few women mail carriers in the state. On the Gresham route Miss Host is said to be one of the most efficient carriers in the service.

"Why, at Salem at the time of the last examination, they tell me there were seven female candidates out of a total of nine applicants," said Postmaster Bancroft this morning. "We haven't had any female applicants for positions on the local force of carriers up to this time, and I have never heard of women engaged in similar work outside this state."

Pianos That Move.

We are sometimes asked if we keep pianos. No, we do not keep them, we sell them. The superior quality of the pianos we are offering at a "cheap piano" price accounts for the fact that we are selling them, not keeping them. Late additions to our list of buyers are: Prof. Streyffeler (who selected a Krakauer in preference to anything in the city), Mr. Alfred Loeb, of the O. R. & N.; Mr. Paul Truitt of Wren, Or., and one to the Patton Home. The purchasing committee of the Patton Home, assisted by a very prominent musician, selected a piano at our store as altogether the best piano they had seen at the price, although we have no special sale on at this time. Many others are now using our pianos, but space forbids. Come in and allow us to introduce you to our pianos, prices and terms. You will not regret the visit, if you are considering the piano question. Wright's 127 Seventh street, between Washington and Alder.

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Attention, Traveling Men.

All traveling men are requested to meet without fail at 69 First street at 10:30 a. m., Sunday, April 17.

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WILL RUSH WORK ON THE DRYDOCK

PORT OF PORTLAND COMMISSSION PRODS DELINQUENT CONTRACTORS AND WILL HEREAFTER MAKE THEM PAY FOR LOST TIME—PORT SUFFERS.

Members of the Port of Portland commission who went to St. Johns yesterday to urge that the work on the drydock be rushed to completion report that their visit will have the desired effect. Commissioner Driscoll states that the Columbia Engineering works promised to have the machinery installed within the next 10 days. With this part of the work completed Mr. Driscoll says that the dock can be put in shape for testing two days later.

"We gave them to understand," said Mr. Driscoll, "that we would not tolerate any further delays. The completion of the dock has been held back entirely too long. As a result the port has been losing business by the laxity with which matters have been handled. I have been in favor all the time of holding the different contractors responsible for the delays which have been caused. They were given a certain time to finish the work, and when they fail to live up to their part of the agreement I am in favor of making them pay for it. To pursue any other course will simply mean one delay after another.

"Manager Woods of the Columbia Engineering works gave as an excuse for the delay that the wet weather a short time ago interfered with the progress of the job. He said that the motor-houses were damp and that it was impossible to install the motors until companionways over the hatches had been built. Before leaving he promised that his part of the contract would be completed within the next 10 days, and we intend to see that he keeps his word."

Commssioners Driscoll and Thomas visited St. Johns and President Swigert and Treasurer Adams made a visit to the local office of the Columbia Engineering works yesterday afternoon upon the same mission, and it is now thought to be very probable that the contractors will make greater exertion to get through with their work as quickly as possible. At least, this is the impression received by the commissioners. They state that it is their intention to keep after the contractors until the desired result is accomplished.

SACRED CANTATA TICKET SALE OPEN

Tickets have been placed on sale at Graves' Music store and Woodard, Clarke & Co.'s for the sacred cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," to be presented Wednesday evening, April 20, at the First Congregational church under Mr. Boyer's direction. This will be the last opportunity this season to enjoy the splendid work of the chorus.

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL.

Few People Know How Useful it is in Preserving Health and Beauty.

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking, or after eating onions and other odorous vegetables.

Charcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disinfects the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal, and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form, or rather in the form of large, pleasant-tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is, that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but, on the contrary, great benefit.

A Buffalo physician, in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

Trolley Trips on the O. W. P. Tomorrow To Mount Scott, the east side reservoir direct, the golf links, Milwaukie, Oak Park, Oregon City, Canemah Park, Gresham, Eagle Creek, Estacada and Cazadero.

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DREDGE CHINOOK BEGINS WORK

BIG COLUMBIA RIVER CHANNEL-OPENER STARTS MONDAY FOR COMMENCEMENT OF SEASON'S OPERATIONS—REPAIRS FINISHED TODAY.

Repairs to the boilers of the government dredge Chinook will be completed today and the vessel will leave for the mouth of the river Monday morning. It was the intention to convert her into an oilburner, but on account of the season being so far advanced the matter has been postponed. Major Langfitt reports that this contemplated change will not be made before next fall, and perhaps not then. He says:

"I notice by The Journal that the shipping people are becoming very anxious for the Chinook to get in shape to begin operations at the bar. They are not any more anxious about it than I have been. The work of repairing the boilers has been rushed with all possible dispatch. The nature of the work was such that it could not be done any earlier. Apparently the vessel is now in splendid condition, and it is to be hoped that she will last through the season without requiring any further attention. The delay could not be avoided. It is now the intention to operate her steadily every hour that the weather will permit."

The major left this morning for Alaska to inspect the several lighthouse stations up that way. Every year he makes a personal inspection of all government improvements in his district to ascertain if they are up to standard. He went over the Northern Pacific to Seattle, and from there will complete the journey by steamer. He expects to be absent two weeks.

There are six lighthouse stations in southeastern Alaska. They are situated at Tree point, Mary island, Guard island, Lincoln rock, Southeast Five-Finger island and Sentinel island. All the stations are in commission except those at Tree point and Guard island. At the latter places the buildings have not been completed. About May 1 it is the intention to send a force of men up there to finish the construction work started last fall. New stations will also be built at Fairway island and at Point Sherman. It is said that Tree point station will soon be ready to go into commission.

WANT DOCK FINISHED.

Vessel Owners Complain of Delay on Structure.

Those interested in the shipping business are becoming anxious about the drydock not being finished. They say that it should have been completed several months ago, but at the present rate the work is not likely to be ready for business for some time to come. They state that several vessels would have been taken on the dock for treatment before now had the structure been ready for operation. Among the vessels mentioned is the barkentine James Tuft, which is about to sail for the orient with a cargo of lumber. It is said that her owners were anxious to have the vessel put in drydock in Portland. Another example cited is that of the schooner W. H. Talbott, which will reach the harbor tonight from Honolulu. The owners have been anxious to put her on the drydock, and have corresponded about the matter of having the work done here, but as the dock is not likely to be completed for a month yet, it is said that the schooner cannot be held here that long waiting to have a little work done.

INVERNESS IS SPEEDY.

Having finished taking aboard her oats shipment, the steamer Inverness shifted across the river this morning to the Eastern & Western mill, where she will finish her lumber cargo. The Inverness has made good time since being in port, and it is thought that she will be ready to sail the latter part of next week.

GOES TO ORIENT.

Loaded with lumber for the Orient, the barkentine James Tuft was towed down below the bridges this morning. She will probably leave for the sea tomorrow morning.

ON THE WATER FRONT.

Word has been received by M. C. Cheal, local agent, that the steam schooner Chico is en route from San Francisco to Coos bay. She will stop at the latter place and take on a cargo of coal and matchwood for Portland.

AURELIA IS COMING.

The steam schooner Aurelia will reach port tonight from San Francisco with a cargo of general merchandise. She will dock at the foot of Oak street.

ELDER IS IN PORT.

The coast liner George W. Elder reached port last night from San Francisco with 1,400 tons of general merchandise.

ALLIANCE SAILS NORTH.

Tomorrow morning the steamer Alliance will sail from San Francisco for Portland by way of Coos bay.

We Have Often

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