

# PORTLAND CHARMS THE COMMISSION

## Congressmen Seeking Solution of Shipping Problem Spend Day Viewing the Sights What They Have Done on Their National Tour.

The members of the marine commission arrived in Portland last night from Tacoma, where they held their last hearing. They were met at the union station by a committee from the chamber of commerce and escorted to the Portland hotel. The party is composed of Senator J. H. Gallinger, chairman of the commission; Congressman and Mrs. E. S. Minor of Milwaukee; Congressman and Mrs. Thomas Spight and their daughter of Mississippi; Congressman and Mrs. W. E. Humphrey of Washington; Winthrop L. Marvin, secretary of the commission; and Thomas F. Shuay, the commission's stenographer.

This morning several members of the party took a trip about the city in street-cars. Congressman Minor and Spight, being wearied by travel and having some private correspondence to attend to, did not accompany the party, which was composed of Senator Gallinger, Congressman and Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Thomas Spight and her daughter, and Mrs. P. J. Mann, representing the Portland Women's club. The women went independently, under the guidance of Mrs. Mann, who took them over the line of the Portland railway and around the new loop on Portland heights. They were delighted with what they saw and pronounced Portland the most beautifully located city they had visited.

The men of the party went in an observation car of the City & Suburban railway and visited Mt. Tabor, Irvington and south Portland. The sky was clear and fine views of the mountains were secured. Frequent exclamations of admiration from members of the party were in evidence of their favorable opinion of Portland as a residence city. The conductor of the observation car proved a valuable ally of the tourists.

Returning to the Portland hotel the party took luncheon, and at 3 o'clock this afternoon they boarded the U. S. lightship tender Heather and took a very interesting trip on the Willamette as far as the Columbia river, securing a good idea of Portland's waterfront and harbor. Portland women who accompanied them on the afternoon trip were: Mrs. E. P. Fraser, Mrs. Win Johnson, Mrs. Dalton, Mrs. Dr. Norris Cox, Mrs. Rose Hoyt, Mrs. H. M. Carlock and Mrs. P. J. Mann. The evening reception at the Commercial club parlors will be for the men, and the women will be the guests of the management at the Baker theatre. Tomorrow there will be street car rides, but no set program, and most of the day will be before over to rest.

Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Commercial club rooms the commission will open its hearing for Portland American shipping interests, merchants, and American seamen. Senator Gallinger says:

"We find that it costs, according to the testimony of shipbuilders, from 30 to 50 per cent more to build ships in America than in foreign ports. It costs more to operate American ships with American seamen under American regulations than it does to operate foreign ships. The result is that American shipping is on the decline. We find a strong sentiment is opposed to any direct subsidy to American bottoms, but nearly everybody admits that there is great need of some measure that will enable Americans to revive American shipbuilding.

"Among the plans suggested is that of postal subvention. We are now paying a million a year to ships that carry the mails, under the act of 1895, which was a compromise measure, granting only three-quarters of the amount for mail service that had been contemplated in the original bill. Had the full amount been granted it would have gone far toward restoring the desired conditions. Were more money available for mail carrying, more encouragement could be given to American lines and new ones could be established. James J. Hill favors a bounty on American exports, such as grain, lumber and meat, but that is expressly forbidden by the constitution. We have received much valuable information on this trip, and from it we hope to form the basis of a measure that will lead to revival of American shipping over the seas.

"The commission, which was appointed for this purpose, started its inquiry at New York City, May 23, devoting three days to that port. Then we went to Philadelphia three days, Baltimore one day, Boston two days, and then took a recess, resuming the inquiry at Detroit after the Chicago convention, where we spent one day, then went to Cleveland for two days. At Cleveland we held one of the most important sessions, for the reason that this is a center of American manufacturing for export trade. Manufacturers testified that they were greatly handicapped by lack of American ships, as the facilities offered by foreign ships are inadequate, especially for the South American and oriental trade. They say the middle-west has as large an interest in the question as have the seaports.

"After a recess we resumed the inquiry at Milwaukee, and then came west to Seattle. Here we held a two days' session, and then spent two days at Tacoma. From Portland we go to San Francisco, a very important point on account of the number of American steamship and sailing lines operating in the foreign trade. Several days will be devoted to the hearing there, and then we go to gulf ports and back to the Atlantic coast.

# RETAIL COMBINE AGAIN EFFECTED

## LOCAL LUMBER MILLS FORM ANOTHER AND STRONGER ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THEIR CITY TRADE—MANY REASONS GIVEN FOR COMBINE.

The Portland Retail Lumber company effected an organization this forenoon, the following mills being represented: Inman-Poulsen company, by Johan Poulsen; Eastern and Western Lumber company, W. B. Ayer; Portland Lumber company, L. J. Wentworth; Jones Lumber company, H. H. Jones; Standard Box and Lumber company, S. B. Cobb; East Side Lumber company of Sellwood, J. M. Nickum. The following officers were elected: President, Johan Poulsen; vice-president, L. J. Wentworth; secretary and manager, W. C. Francis.

The articles of incorporation of the Portland Lumber company were filed in the county clerk's office yesterday afternoon, and the incorporators were W. C. Francis, H. M. Calk and O. L. Price. The business of the new company will be conducted on the same lines as carried out by the City Retail Lumber company, that dissolved its organization Wednesday afternoon. The North Pacific Lumber company did not become a member of the new combine, as it devoted its attention principally to outside and cargo shipments. The East Side Lumber company and the Standard Box and Lumber company were not members of the old combine, but today joined the new organization.

When it was seen that the City Retail Lumber company was destined to dissolve, W. C. Francis was active in his efforts to form a new company, that would be satisfactory in its methods of conducting business to the lumbermen. As soon as the Southern Pacific company vacates the offices, the company will remove to rooms 4, 5 and 6, Canterbury block, Third and Washington streets.

# FERRY TO BE NAMED FOR JUDGE WEBSTER

County Judge Webster was surprised this morning when occupying the bench listening to an argument by Attorney Charles F. Lord to have Fred A. Ballin, the naval architect, enter the room and whisper in his ear that the new Albin ferry is to be named the Lionel B. Webster in his honor. The boat is almost completed and will be christened within a short time. Her name was decided on by the proper officials at a meeting held this morning.

The craft is under construction on this side of the river at the foot of Mill street. Joseph Paquet is building her, and Ballin is the designing architect. Before she goes into commission a dock will have to be secured at Albin, and it is expected that property will have to be condemned and bought in the interest of the public.

# VICTIM REVIVES AND REACHES THE SHORE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Weiser, Idaho, July 30.—In a cutting affray that took place between two boys named Smith and Rambo on the upper Salmon river, Smith cut Rambo, causing him insensible and threw him in the river. The cold water revived him and he swam ashore. Smith is in jail here.

# KERR-GIFFORD FIRM HAS INCORPORATED

Articles of incorporation of the Kerr-Gifford Warehouse company were filed with County Clerk Fields this morning by Peter, Thomas and Andrew Kerr and J. C. Gifford. The capital stock is \$100,000, and Portland will be the principal place of business. The firm of Kerr-Gifford is well-known as a grain buyer in the northwest.

# ATTACH ROAD HOUSE TO SATISFY CLAIM

After narrowly avoiding being sent to the county jail for failure to pay a fine of \$50, imposed by Circuit Judge Fraser, following the verdict of the jury finding him guilty of shooting E. F. Strack in the foot, A. J. Miller was served with a writ of execution in a civil suit yesterday morning. The twelve-mile house on the Base line road, was attached by the sheriff.

# WHOLESALE ESCAPE AT PENDLETON JAIL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Pendleton, Or., July 30.—All the prisoners confined in the city jail, eight in number, escaped yesterday afternoon and last night through a hole in the rotten floor. All were held for minor offenses. The city marshal says that a new jail will have to be constructed if the city expects him to hold prisoners.

# GOES OVER GRADE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Tillamook, Or., July 30.—Frank Withrow, a teamster, and Ole Olson, a boy who was riding with him, had a narrow escape from death by the overturning of a wagon load of lumber on the Trask road east of this city yesterday. Withrow was rendered unconscious by his fall and the boy was buried beneath the lumber, but was not seriously injured. One of the horses was killed outright.

# REFUSES ROOT'S PETITION

(Journal Special Service.)  
Wilmington, Del., July 30.—Ex-Secretary of War Root appeared yesterday afternoon before Judge Bradford and pleaded that the temporary injunction in the Northern Securities case be modified so as to permit of a distribution of dividends and stock not involved in the Harriman suit. The court refused, although Root pleaded that a hardship was being worked on smaller stockholders.

# BY GAS EXPLOSION

(Journal Special Service.)  
Chicago, July 30.—The Russell Park hotel, on lower State street was this morning badly damaged and three employees of a restaurant more or less injured, as the result of an explosion of natural gas which was used in the restaurant for fuel.

## Mr. Professional or Business Man:

# Did it ever occur to you

What a great advantage you would have in your work the hot summer days and nights by having an electric fan on the top of your desk to relieve the stuffiness and sultriness of the atmosphere?

If you have never tried it you will be surprised and pleased to note the difference in the whole atmosphere of the office, resulting from one of these noiseless little fellows spinning away at a cost of less than one cent an hour.

Some folks say a fan gives them a cold. There is a right way and a wrong way of doing everything, and a fan PROPERLY USED will never give a cold. It is not necessary to get directly in the current of air to derive the benefits of an electric fan. In fact, that is just the way NOT to get the good out of it.

The fan can be so adjusted as to give anything from a zephyr to a gale. It can blow from you, or towards you, with an oscillating fan, in both directions.

Put in a fan and see if you cannot do your work much more comfortably, if you cannot do more work in a given time and do it better than the man who is perspiring away, wishing he were at the coast or out on a farm, and stopping every few minutes to "Whew, but it's hot," and with another mopping of his brow, and one more hitch at his shirt sleeves, wallow again into his hot and dusty papers. Others appreciate electric fans. So would you.

Call us by telephone and let our solicitor talk the matter over with you.

# PORTLAND

# General Electric

# COMPANY

SEVENTH AND ALDER STREETS

# CHIEF HUNT NOW READY FOR RAIDS

Chief of Police Hunt today declared that if his patrolmen find any open gambling games in Portland he will raid the games. He declared he had instructed the police to investigate and if they found any games running, to make arrests.

Late yesterday afternoon Chief Hunt declared that all of the Chinese fan-tan games were running full blast, with outposts stationed to signal in case of the officers, but today he said he was not positive as to the status of the case.

"I have ordered that all gamblers be arrested, should any of the patrolmen find actual violation of the law," said Chief Hunt. "And you can depend upon it that if the men find any gambling going on, arrests will be made."

"Have you decided to raid the games, should you find any?" was asked of the chief.

"Well, Tom Word seems to be doing a good deal of that sort of thing now, and I hardly care to say just what I shall do, but I have ordered arrests where gambling is found, if it is found."

"How extensive is your order, as to future gambling should it develop that the games should open?" was asked.

"I simply say that my men have orders to arrest gamblers, should they find games running," was the only answer from the chief.

At the time Sheriff Word closed the town as far as gambling is concerned,

it was predicted that the mayor would not permit it to resume. The statement of Chief Hunt today seems to bear out the accuracy of the prediction.

The poolrooms of the city will not be allowed to open, even should they so desire, according to Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald. He stated today that he had looked over the city ordinance against the poolrooms and finds that he can prevent their operation. Mayor Williams closed the poolrooms.

While the proprietors of the gambling houses which were recently closed by Sheriff Word looked on the charges preferred in the municipal court as a matter of little importance and forfeited their bail rather than appear, they take a different view of the proceedings in the circuit court. Demurrers to three complaints were filed in the circuit court this morning by Attorneys Spencer & Davis.

The demurrers are to the informations charging Peter Grant, Nate Solomon and Harvey Dale, of the Portland Club, Eugene Blaxter and August Erickson with conducting games of vintage, or "21," on July 18. These were the first three informations filed on complaint of Attorney D. J. Murphy, representing James McDevitt.

It is alleged in the demurrers that the informations do not contain facts sufficient to constitute a crime. When the case goes to the Portland Club will also be represented by Attorney Ed Mendenhall.

# WITTE WILL NOT BE PLEHVE'S SUCCESSOR

(Journal Special Service.)  
Vienna, July 30.—M. Witte, president of the council of ministers, today denied that he should succeed Minister Plehve, claiming that his ministerial career was closed and that he had no desire to again take up the great responsibilities and burdens of state. This was in answer to dispatches from St. Petersburg which stated that the czar would probably tender him the portfolio made vacant by Plehve's death and that with it would go the title of chancellor.

Dispatches from St. Petersburg today state that mourning throughout the capital continues for the assassination. Requiem services were held last night and prayers will continue until the day of the funeral, which is Sunday.

# SHOT 25 TIMES; ROBBED OF \$3,000

(Journal Special Service.)  
Altoona, Pa., July 30.—F. F. Campbell, the superintendent of the Puritan Coal Mining company at Puritan, and Charles Hayes, his stable boss companion, were held up on the public road one mile from Portage at 10 o'clock this morning, shot 25 times, and robbed of \$3,000. The money was intended to pay their miners. There were three highwaymen, all of whom escaped. Campbell is fatally wounded and the stable boss badly hurt. One report states that there was \$5,000 in the stolen satchel.

# FIVE STUDENTS ARRESTED

(Journal Special Service.)  
Rome, July 30.—A small anti-Russia demonstration was made in Rome today by a body of students, five of whom were arrested.

# JOHNSON WILL NOT SUFFER PROSECUTION

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Pendleton, July 30.—Gun Johnson, who was declared responsible by the coroner's jury for the death of Lehman Springs Wednesday night of Arthur Hainey, through carelessness in handling a pistol, will not be prosecuted.

Coroner T. M. Henderson says that the element of carelessness is not such as to constitute a criminal charge.

# FOG DELAYS LAUNCHING

(Journal Special Service.)  
Santa Barbara, Cal. The launching of the new battleship Ohio, which was to have taken place today, was postponed until next Monday on account of the heavy fog.

# 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL ELOPES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
St. Helena, Or., July 29.—Mary Robinson, the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Robinson of this city, has been missing since yesterday morning, and from statements made to her playmates is believed to have eloped with Edward Lope. Lope is also missing, but his brothers here refuse to believe he is connected with the girl's disappearance. He has always been regarded as a man of good character.