

ALASKA'S MARKETS OPEN TO PORTLAND

Growth of Trade Must Result in Line of Steamers to Northern Ports.

WEST COAST BUSINESS SHOULD COME HITHER

Views of Wideawake Man Who Has Studied Industrial Conditions in the North.

A gradual strengthening process is taking place in the business relations between Portland and Alaska territory. More local houses are sending representatives to that country, and there will be a larger volume of business done during the coming year. This growth of trade can have but one result—the establishing and maintaining of a line of steamers between Portland and Alaskan ports.

Mr. Melius, representing the Marshall-Wells Hardware company and the firm of Closset & Devers, is the latest commercial recruit from Portland in the Alaskan trade. Mr. Melius departed Sunday night for the north. He is an Alaska man, formerly a commercial traveler in the hardware line, and well known all through Pacific coast territory. A few years ago he went to Alaska, and became connected with the purchasing department of the Alaska Central railroad, which is being built from Seward to the interior, and heading toward Fairbanks, the metropolis of the Tanana river basin.

Portland's Opportunity. "In my judgment, right now is the best time Portland ever had to get into the Alaska trade," he said. "No other wholesale and manufacturing point has advantages over Portland, either in distance or in the favor of Alaskan merchants, for the trade of the west coast. By that I mean the vast country lying between Sitka and Dutch Harbor. This is the best part of Alaska, and has the greatest prospects for the immediate future. It is being developed with amazing rapidity."

"There is a great deal of eastern capital going in there. If Portland men are not willing to invest money in actual development operations, they should, at least, arouse themselves and take advantage of the trade possibilities in that country. Chicago capital is building the Alaska Central railroad. Coal, copper, tin and gold exist in vast quantities in that country. Heretofore the mines could not be developed by individuals, owing to the fact that every pound of food had to be packed into the diggings, wherever it might be, and by the time a man got there he was of grub again and must go back for more."

"But all this is changing. With the building of the Alaska Central railroad the heart of Alaska will be opened up, and development will proceed rapidly. There are anthracite coal veins 30 feet thick along the route of this road, and the greatest copper deposits in the world are there. Other minerals are found in abundance."

Millions for Railroads. During the next season the Alaska Central will have 1,600 men at work, and between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 will be spent pushing the road to completion as far as the Matanuska river, 140 miles, where the first large coal deposits will be tapped. The road when finally completed will extend from Seward, on the coast to Fairbanks, on the Tanana river, 32 miles in the interior. Its manager is G. W. Dixon, formerly a superintendent on the Northern Pacific. Sheds and their friends of Chicago are furnishing the capital, and John Bellaine of Seattle is secretary of the company, with headquarters at Seward. Mr. Dixon has said that within 10 years there will be 10,000,000 people in Alaska.

"There are many thousands of people already in the country between Seward and the Tanana," continued Mr. Melius. "Seward today has about 1,000, and this number will be largely augmented as

PORTLAND GIRL SUNG HERSELF INTO FAME



Miss Diamond Donner.

A Portland girl who began at the very foot of the ladder of theatrical fame is coming home next week as prima donna soprano of one of the largest organizations on the road—Klaw & Erlanger's "The Billionaire." Her name is Diamond Donner.

And this is no stage name, either. Her father was in business in Portland for many years. He had three daughters and each was named after a jewel; the other two were christened Pearl and Ruby.

Diamond was known to nearly every resident of Portland from her daily appearance in a Shetland pony trap. This was when she was a pretty, curly-haired tot. Eventually she became a soon as spring opens. Fairbanks, at the other end of the route, has about 5,000 people. Atwood has a few hundreds, and other points have many inhabitants. The days of wild-cutting and rush in Alaska are over. The country has settled down to a solid basis, and business from this time will be steady and safe. Merchants in Alaska do not ask for credit, but if they did the average for good credit would be high. The country is healthful and the climate salubrious. The harbor at Seward is the finest on the west coast. It is deep and sheltered, and the town lies right against the harbor.

"Seward is only one of a number of harbors that are opening good territory along the west coast. The development that is going on in the oil and coal fields at Kynak and Kakutat is attracting larger population every season, and during the next year shipment of oil and coal will begin offering return cargoes for ships that carry merchandise to Alaska."

LANE SEEKS FAVOR FROM ROOSEVELT

Franklin K. Lane of San Francisco, who spoke in Portland during the recent national campaign in support of Parker, is receiving the endorsement of many commercial bodies for appointment to a place on the interstate com-

OREGON HAS AN ANTI-TOBACCO LAW

Passed Years Ago, and Prescribes Penalties for Selling Cigarettes to Minors.

MORE HONORED IN BREACH THAN IN OBSERVANCE

Effort Will Be Made to Have the Legislature Pass More Drastic Measure.

Oregon has a law against the use of tobacco in any form by minors and the terms of that law are unequivocal. Not only the dealer, but the minor himself, is liable to fine and imprisonment for its violation.

The intention now is to circulate copies of the anti-tobacco law among the pupils of all the schools and in all of the stores which handle tobacco.

The first law against cigarettes was passed in 1889, but it was mild—too mild, in the opinion of the W. C. T. U., which organization went to work at once to strengthen it. Under the leadership of Sarah M. Kern, an amendment was passed, and if this new law could be enforced strictly the ends of the Anti-Cigarette league would be assisted materially.

Last year the W. C. T. U. secured over 100,000 signatures to an anti-cigarette pledge, and two states, through the influence of the union, passed an anti-tobacco law.

Superintendent Looney suggests strengthening even the present law. It is desired that the "cotton balls" be outlawed entirely by the raising of the license to a prohibitive figure. The law which now exists reads as follows:

The Law As It Stands.

"An act to prohibit the sale of tobacco, cigars or cigarettes to minors under the age of 18 years, and the use of tobacco, cigars and cigarettes by such minors in any public place, and to repeal the act entitled, 'An act to prohibit the sale of tobacco, cigars or cigarettes to minors under the age of 18 years, approved February 15, 1893, enacted by the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon:'

"Section 1. It shall be unlawful to sell, barter, trade, give or in any manner furnish to any minor under the age of 18 years any tobacco, cigar or cigarette in any form, or any compound in which tobacco forms a component part, without the written consent or order of such minor's parent or guardian, and when such minor has no parent or guardian, then in that case consent may be given by the county court, sitting for the transaction of county business, upon the proper application in the county in which said minor may have his residence.

Small Fine Imposed. "Sec. 2. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall, upon conviction, be fined in any sum not less than \$2 nor more than \$5.

"Sec. 3. It shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of 18 years, to smoke, or in any way use any cigar, cigarette or tobacco in any form whatsoever in any public highway, street, place, square or resort.

"Sec. 4. Any minor violating the provisions of this act shall, upon conviction, be fined in any sum not less than one nor more than ten dollars, or by imprisonment at the option of the court, two days for each offense.

"Sec. 5. Justices of the peace shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court for all offenses arising under this act.

"Sec. 6. The act entitled, 'An act to prohibit the sale of tobacco, cigars, or cigarettes to minors under the age of 18 years,' approved February 15, 1893, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed. Inasmuch as the present law upon the subject is incomplete, and an emergency exists, this act shall be in force from and after its approval by the governor."

merce commission to succeed James D. Youmans of Iowa, whose term expires December 31. The North Pacific Coast Manufacturers' and Jobbers' association has endorsed Mr. Lane, and is requesting the various boards of trade to do so. At a meeting of the executive committee of the Portland board of trade last evening favorable action was taken in response to this request, and the result was telegraphed today to President Roosevelt.

The committee elected J. D. Lee to succeed him as secretary of the board. The list of standing committees for the ensuing year will be prepared by President Allen and Secretary Lee, and presented to the next meeting of the board. Short reports were heard from J. W. Bailey, who has returned from attendance at the St. Louis meeting of the national dairy and pure food departments, and T. S. Townsend, a delegate from the board to the Trans-Mississippi congress. It was decided to petition congress for immediate passage of the interstate commerce law. Senator John H. Mitchell and J. N. Williams were appointed to attend the annual convention of the American Forestry association, which meets at Washington January 2.

PORTLAND MAN SEEN IN DIFFICULT FEATS

A well known Portland man has been seen during the past two weeks on the local vaudeville stage with more than usual interest. Edward Marshall, who performed the difficult trapeze act and balancing feats at the Bijou, was prominent in the old Portland Athletic club as boxing and fencing instructor for several years and had many friends. As a member of the Fourteenth infantry, which was stationed at Vancouver for so long, Mr. Marshall went to the Philippines during the early days of the war there. A relic of those days is introduced in his performance, which, however, the public does not appreciate. The bandurra, played while the athlete sits in a chair, which is poised on two legs on the slender trapeze bar, was captured during soldier days in one of the long campaigns of the valiant Fourteenth. The quaint instrument is played sweetly, and recalls to soldiers some of the old Spanish airs.

THE BILLIONAIRE WILL GO TO COLUMBIA

At the conclusion of a conference of managers interested, it was definitely announced yesterday that "The Billionaire," which has already been widely heralded in Portland, will be played at the Columbia theatre on Friday, December 16 matinee and night. The night prices will be \$2 and down.

Those who participated in the conference were John Cort, the theatrical magnate from the north-west; Calvin E. Heilig of the Marquam; Sam Thall, representing the Klaw & Erlanger attraction, and Arthur Wards, business manager for Florence Roberts. Every inducement was offered Mr. Wards to

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37 1/2¢ For assorted colors 75c Sweaters.
87 1/2¢ For basket weave, all worsted \$1.75 Sweaters.
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take his star to the Columbia—solely for the reason that the Marquam's seating capacity is much the greater of the two—but he respectfully declined to break into his week, even for the one night.

"The Billionaire" carries exactly 81 performers, with Thomas G. Seabrooke in the title role. It is one of the largest combinations that will be seen in Portland this season, and calls for the removal of every stitch and silver from the stage of the Columbia, although that house is fully equal to the accommodation of the production.

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JENNINGS' DIVORCE HAS ITS SAD CLIMAX

Mrs. Helen C. Jennings is a patient at Mount Tabor sanatorium. This is the climax of the sensational divorce case of a few weeks ago, the strain of which was too great for her meekness. Mrs. Jennings was divorced by Orville Jennings, on the grounds of infidelity, and he secured the separation. He likewise was awarded \$5,000 damages against John S. Seed for alienating his wife's affections.

Jennings was an engineer on the Southern Pacific and his frugality has resulted in a fortune of something like \$20,000. He was given the custody of their child.

ALTAR SOCIETY'S MEETING.

St. Michael's Altar society will hold its regular monthly entertainment on Wednesday evening. Progressive whist, with prizes, refreshments and music will be the order of the evening.

"CAYUSE PETE" AVENGED.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal). Tekoa, Wash., Dec. 7.—Archie Doyle, convicted of robbing "Cayuse Pete," was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary. This is the longest sentence given any convict this term of court.

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