

# BOATMEN SAY THEY HAVE RIGHT OF WAY

Many Shipowners Are of the Opinion, and Act Up to It, That They Need Not Consider the Convenience of the Public at the Bridges.

## MEETING CALLED TO DISCUSS OPEN DRAW NUISANCE

Interesting Statistics Show How Many People Are Daily Inconvenienced by the Selfish Acts of River Captains Who Whistle for Openings Before They Leave the Dock

A tug-of-war over the closing of drawbridges across the Willamette river during rush hours will begin this week, with the general public and the county court on one side, and the river men and Mayor Williams on the other. The issue is, whether the drawbridges shall be kept closed an hour morning and evening for accommodation of people living on the east side.

Webster of the meeting and asked him to be present. The judge has not yet accepted the invitation, but is disposed to attend the meeting and hear the question discussed from the standpoint of a compromise.

Mr. Campbell, manager of the Regulator line, said: "No bridge draw should be opened for a boat that can run under a bridge. It should be an imperative rule that no captain may whistle for a draw until the boat is in proper position before the bridge and ready to pass through. I have seen a steamboat captain whistle for a drawbridge while his boat was still tied to the dock, and after the bridge was cleared, and the draw opened, his boat was still tied up and waiting for some belated passenger or package of freight. This should not be tolerated."

Mayor Williams and the following persons and firms, all directly or indirectly interested in river transportation, have been invited to attend: Charles T. Kammer, E. Graham, Capt. O. Kellogg, W. J. Kelly, O. J. Brown, W. A. Dempsey, Charles Nelson, R. D. Inman, L. J. Wentworth, S. E. Wrenn, W. E. Fehlbauer, F. Linn, H. H. Jones, J. M. Nickerson, Capt. W. H. Pope, Captain Snow, Capt. Patterson, Captain Emkens, Capt. Archie Pease, F. B. Baumgartner, Smith & Howard, D. C. O'Reilly, Capt. George Conway, B. A. Worthington, W. P. Fuller & Co., W. H. Marshall, Charles Steel, Captain Asa Morrill, Capt. E. W. Spencer, Capt. James Good, Capt. J. W. Shaver, Capt. O. W. Hoxford, Regulator line, Standard Box Factory, Davis Fuel company, Joseph Supple, Capt. F. E. Jones, Pioneer Woodyard, Brown & Hicks, Vancouver Transportation company, Kellogg Transportation company, Ernest Kellogg, Ben Albers, Nickum & Kelly, W. C. Francis, H. J. Griffin, Brown Shingle Mill, Oregon Lumber company, Portland Shipbuilding company, Inman-Poulsen Lumber company, Portland Lumber company, Multnomah Box Factory, Day Lumber company, Oregon Furniture Manufacturing company, Jones Sawmill, Bellwood Sawmill, Oregon City Transportation company.

## SCHEDULE OFFERED.

Mr. Webster suggests half-hourly periods for closing the draws. Portland, Feb. 18, 1922.—To the Editor of The Journal.—A. Objections have been urged against keeping the bridge draws open one hour at a time. I beg to suggest the following schedule instead: Opening the draws between 6:30 and 7, and between 7:30 and 8 a. m., and again in the evening between 5 and 5:30 and between 6 and 6:30. It would seem that by closing the draws by the half hour, instead of by the hour, that all objections to this concession should be done away with, as this plan would make it possible for all steamers to arrange their times of arrival and departure without trouble.

There is another matter to which I desire to call attention, and that is, the great number of times which all the draws are opened when there is no reason or call. A great many steamers on the Willamette river could pass under the bridges, except perhaps the Hill bridge, if their owners would do it. Again, nearly all the steamers could pass under the bridges if they had a hinge placed in their smoke stack on rivers where there are drawbridges. For instance, the dock where the fireboat is moored a pile could be marked to indicate when the fireboat could run the bridges. So all such crafts could be so operated that they would not be calling for the draws to swing open, for they could run under. Captain Hackett runs his boat under the draws when he has but six inches to spare, and others could do the same and do away with much annoyance of the public by the unnecessary opening of the draws.

JOSEPH BUCHTEL.

## MAKING READY FOR RETURN TO OREGON

Senator Mitchell and Clerks Busy Packing Up—Williamson to Come Soon.

## FULTON NULLIFIES PLAN FOR SHUTTING OUT STATE

President Gives Assurance That Local Appointments Will Not Be Held Up.

(Washington, Feb. 18.—Senator Mitchell and his clerks are busy packing up the books and papers of the senator preparatory to his return to Oregon. Mitchell states that he expects to leave for home at the close of the present session. Representative Williamson will return as soon as the fate of the bill to create an additional judicial district in Oregon is finally settled. Williamson has not appeared at the capitol since the announcement of his indictment a week ago today. His action, apparently, has influenced Hermann, who has kept away from congress during the past three or four days.

Senator Fulton took prompt and effective steps today to nullify the plan to deprive Oregon of appointments in the service of the interior department, post-office department and department of justice during the pendency of the land-trust cases in the state. This plan was conceived by Secretary of Interior Hitchcock, who is said to have proposed it to Postmaster-General Wynne and Secretary Moody at the president's reception Thursday evening, and to have received the acquiescence of these officials to it at that time.

# POISON GIVEN TO SENATOR'S WIDOW

Attempt is Made to Murder Mrs. Jane Stanford in Her Nob Hill Mansion.

## BUTLER DISCHARGED, REASON NOT KNOWN

Wife of Late Bonanza King Has Narrow Escape—Overdose Acted as Antidote.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal) San Francisco, Feb. 18.—An attempt was made to murder Mrs. Jane L. Stanford in her California street mansion within the past month, and private detectives are bending every effort to identify the person or persons who sought the death of the noted woman. Poison was placed in a bottle of mineral water. Mrs. Stanford drank three times of the deadly mixture but the poison had been used in such a large quantity that it served as its own antidote. Mrs. Stanford was taken violently ill. It was found that she had taken poison sufficient to kill a dozen persons had it been used with any judgment.

Walking Nob Hill. Detectives are watching the servants in the Nob Hill residence, and following every clue suggested. There are suspicions, but those who are conducting the investigation will not state them at this time. Mrs. Stanford left the day before yesterday for Japan to recover from the terrible experience that nearly cost her life. She was ill when she sailed on February 3. The exact date she swallowed the poison is not known, but it was after January 30, and before February 3. The fact circumstances seem to fix the time before January 29.

Mrs. Stanford was to have entertained splendidly at her home on California street on February 8, in honor of the society debut of Miss Jeanne Lathrop, her niece, and the daughter of Charles G. Lathrop. Society looked forward to a brilliant affair, when suddenly on February 3, five days before the proposed coming reception, it was notified that all invitations had been withdrawn. The reason given was that Mrs. Stanford was ill. But that was the second proposed social function abandoned by the widow of the university founder.

Left for the Orient. On January 23 it was announced that all invitations had been recalled for a reception at which the members of the board of trustees of Leland Stanford, Jr. University were to be her guests. Within a few days Mrs. Stanford, who has just returned to her home in this city, and announced that she would entertain extensively, suddenly changed all her plans and told her friends that she must leave at once for the orient to rest and recuperate. There are several circumstances that the detectives are investigating. About a year ago Mrs. Stanford returned from a trip around the world. With her on the voyage was Miss Bertha Benner, her secretary, a woman named Beverly, her butler, and a maid. Soon after the return to this city Beverly, the butler, was discharged and another man was employed in his place. Subsequently Mrs. Stanford went to New York and the St. Louis exposition, later coming again to San Francisco.

She spent a few weeks at the Hotel Vendome in San Jose and shortly before Christmas reopened the big house in this city and prepared for a winter of social activity, a revival of the splendid entertainments the mansion had seen. Just what led to the discharge of the butler who had accompanied her around the world, is not known. It is known, however, that Beverly had a particular friend in the person of Mrs. Stanford's secretary, and that Miss Benner made many pleas to have him reinstated in the household. Beverly was not again employed, however, and Miss Benner sailed with Mrs. Stanford on the Korea.

ment would be given consideration, regardless of prosecutions in the laid cases.

At the present time no appointments are being sought for Oregon citizens in either the department of the interior or the department of justice, but in the postoffice department, general recommendations for appointment of postmasters are on file, and these appointments have not been made, presumably, as the result of the decision made by the postmaster-general to make Oregon appointments until a settlement of the land cases.

In view of the delay in making these appointments, Fulton, after his interview with the president, called upon Postmaster-General Wynne and requested that action be taken regardless of the pending prosecutions.

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# FIGHT TO CONTROL NORTHERN PACIFIC

Harriman's Suit Against the Hill Interests Comes Up Monday in Supreme Court.

## RESULT MAY SPELL RUIN TO MORGAN COMBINATION

Victory Would Enable Rockefeller to Absorb Burlington and Santa Fe.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal) San Francisco, Feb. 18.—The United States supreme court will hear arguments in the big suit of Harriman, Rockefeller and Kuhn, Loeb & Co. on one side and J. J. Hill and J. Pierpont Morgan on the other. The case involves the control of the Northern Pacific and a half interest in the Burlington Railroad men here as well as elsewhere are greatly interested in the outcome of the case and look for an early decision.

The case begins on Monday. The United States circuit court of appeals decided against Harriman and that is why he appealed to the highest court. If Harriman should win in the supreme court, Rockefeller and the other people he represents have a far-reaching monopoly in the west. Rockefeller already controls the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road and in the event of victory in the case in question the Northern Pacific will be given the former as an outlet to tide water on the Pacific coast.

Defeat will mean the disruption of Hill and Morgan's present strong system, embracing the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and the Burlington and subject them to dictation at the hands of the Harriman crowd. Victory for Harriman would add greatly to his railway monopoly in California by enabling his formidable combine to get a still stronger hold on the Santa Fe. In the event of Harriman winning the case, railroad men here think Hill and the Santa Fe would soon have to join his combination and that there would be left only two other big systems in the west, namely, the Gould and Rock Island combinations.

The present litigation is the aftermath of the decision declaring the Northern Securities company illegal. Harriman wants the actual Northern Pacific shares he put into that combination and if he can get them it means control of the road Hill and Morgan in dissolving the Securities company offer to pro rate so many shares of Northern Pacific and so many of Great Northern. This has the effect of putting Harriman in the minority in Northern Pacific.

Time That Led to Fortune. "There is a tide in the affairs of men," said the man who quotes Shakespeare, "which, taken at its flood, leads on to fortune."

"Yes," replied the man who had married an heiress, "I remember the tide that led to my fortune well."

"What tide was that?"

"It was eventide, and we were sitting in the garden."

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