

OPEN DRAW IN SAUCE WILL SOON BE ABATED

No Inconvenience to Boats Leaving on Schedule If Public Has the Right of Way.

Whole City Is Interested in the Fight Which Will Be Fought to a Finish With Success for the People.

This evening from 5:30 to 8:30 o'clock a man will be posted on Burnside street bridge, whose sole duty will be to keep a record of every boat that passes through the drawbridge in that hour. Tomorrow morning from 7:15 to 8:15 o'clock he will be there again, to perform the same duty. He will be there twice daily at these hours for two weeks, at the expense of Edward Newbegin, manager of the agricultural implement house of R. M. Wade & Co. Mr. Newbegin firmly believes the drawbridges could be kept closed at these hours for the convenience of the public, without seriously inconveniencing river traffic, and he has taken the method of proving or disproving his proposition.

Bridge tenders and the advertised schedules of transportation lines operating on the Willamette and Columbia rivers, support Mr. Newbegin's contention with a force that is practically irresistible. "In view of the publicly announced schedules, which they jealously defend in this controversy, the rivermen must admit that their boats will have left the city every morning before the proposed hour of closing the bridge. If they fail to get away, they are violating their schedules," says a member of the east side improvement association.

These are the plain facts, as shown by the rivermen's own schedule advertised in local official time cards. I do not understand how they can go before the county court and set up the claim that should these draws be closed for the hour requested, there would be a congestion of boats waiting to leave on the daily trips to these various points. This list covers boats running between Portland and all points having boat connections. Where there are any boats to congest after all these have left on their daily trips?

ALI BABA AND THE FORTY THIEVES.



Puzzle Picture—Find All Babs.

POISON MEN PAST 60, SAYS DR. OSLER

No Man Amounts to Anything After He's Forty, Diagnostician Declares.

WITHIN FOUR YEARS OF CHLOROFORM HIMSELF

Physician Makes a Singular Speech on Exchanging Johns Hopkins for Oxford.

Baltimore, Feb. 23.—Though yesterday was observed as usual at the Johns Hopkins university as commemoration day, it was called "Oster day" in honor of the famous diagnostician who made the farewell address, May 11, Dr. Osler sails for London to assume his new post as Regius professor of medicine at Oxford. In his address Osler said: "I have fixed ideas, well known to my friends. The first is the comparative uselessness of men above 40 years of age. This may seem shocking, and yet, if we read aright the world's history, it bears out this statement. Take the sum of human achievement in action, science, art and literature, subtract the work of the men above 40, and while there should, alas, great treasures, even priceless treasures, we would practically be where we are today. "My second fixed idea is the useless-

CO-ED RIOTERS ARE ROUTED BY KISSES

Attack Faculty Who Call Boy Students to the Rescue.

"KISS 'EM ALL" WAR CRY OF CHARGING ATHLETES

Volley of Smacks Brings Surrender After Prolonged But Futile Resistance.

Vermillion, S. D., Feb. 23.—Sixty pretty co-eds who live in the ladies' boarding hall of the state university are in a state of demoralization as the result of a riot that occurred at the dinner hour, which originated from a grievance of the girls on the third floor against the matron because of special restrictions as to hours and privileges. At dinner the girls suddenly attacked the women faculty members who sit one at each table, and proceeded by main force to take down their hair. The faculty made a desperate but futile resistance, finally appealing to the young men students, who serve as waiters in the hall. These hesitated to engage in the combat, and while they waited the riotous girls turned on them and proceeded to tear off their neckwear, and dishevel their hair. The young men having been in train-

700 ARE KILLED IN STREET FIGHTING

Bloody Conflict Rages in Baku and Thoroughfares Covered With Dead.

COSSACKS ATTACK GIRLS FROM MOSCOW SCHOOLS

Riots in Poland and Southern Russia—Funeral of Ser-gius is Held.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—It is reported that 700 persons have been killed in a result of street fighting in Baku. All the official and private offices are closed, and many dead bodies are lying in the street. Racial disorders in the Caucasus have developed into actual revolution in the cities of Batoum, Tati and Cutais, at the east end of the Black sea, under the lead of Armenians, who have set up a provisional government after imprisoning most of the officials and officers, aided by part of the troops and the reservists. A report from Riga this afternoon states that during the street fighting many persons were wounded and several factories badly damaged. A dispatch from Warsaw states that in a fight between the girls of the high school and the police, the Cossacks were called out and drove the girls to their

CONGRESS CALLED TO MEET IN EXTRA SESSION MARCH 4

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—The president today issued a proclamation calling on the senate for an extraordinary session to assemble March 4, at noon, to dispose of executive business. The session is called presumably to take action on the Esch-Townsend railroad rate bill, which the senate has refused to act upon at this session. The best trust prosecution will also be acted upon as will the peace treaties recently rejected by the senate. The president is determined to force action by the senate upon the railroad rate business and his proclamation is a notice to the senators that he intends to enforce his policy of legislation regarding the establishment of rates and the strengthening of the inter-state commerce commission.

INSURGENT GOVERNMENT FORMED IN CAUCASUS

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—Caucasia, the largest district in the Caucasus, with more than 75,000 inhabitants, has revolted and established an insurgent government. The authorities fear that Poland will follow suit. Two army corps have been detailed to crush the Caucasian rebellion. The notorious Jew-baiter, General Ignatius, has been appointed governor-general of Poland, with unlimited power. The general situation is alarming.

UTAH INVESTIGATION IS AGAIN RESUMED

Salt Lake City, Feb. 23.—The investigation by a committee of the legislature into the crooked work of the Utah commission at the St. Louis fair was resumed this morning. A number of former state officials, bankers and others were examined. This afternoon an attempt was made on the part of the committee to show that S. T. Whittaker, director-general of the commission, kept his private and state funds in the same bank account.

MUCH YELLOW FEVER PREVAILS AT PANAMA

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—Advises by steamer today from Panama are to the effect that an epidemic of yellow fever prevails there, and also much sickness of other nature. The tearing up of the streets is believed to be responsible. The cruiser Boston, with a number of cases of yellow fever on board, is still anchored in Panama bay.

WOMAN BURNS TO DEATH COACHMAN IS MISSING

Montclair, N. J., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Hannah B. Ross, an invalid aged 70 years, and reported to be wealthy, was burned to death in the fire which this morning destroyed four residences. The woman's coachman is also missing. The police are working on the theory that it is a case of robbery, murder and arson.

CAPE MAY BURNED

Cape May Courthouse, N. J., Feb. 23.—Fire destroyed the business section of the town today. The loss is \$100,000.

NEBRASKA IN LINE

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 23.—The house today passed a resolution expressing sympathy for Kansas in the contest now being waged against the Standard Oil company and bidding President Roosevelt godspeed in his efforts to protect the public interests against the encroachments of monopoly. The resolution also contained statements notifying the public that the erection of a building by Rockefeller in connection with the state university shall in no sense be regarded as an apology on the part of Nebraska people for the disreputable methods that the Rockefeller monopoly has employed.

ASKED AND GOT BRIBE BUY OUT OIL MEN

Affidavit by Bridges That George B. Thomas Demanded Money.

PAID FOR ACTION AS PORT COMMISSIONER

Drydock Builder in Plain Fashion Tells How the Bribery Was Done and Produces Sworn Expert's Corroboration.

J. B. Bridges has filed with District Attorney Manning an affidavit charging that George B. Thomas demanded and accepted \$500 from the firm of Wakefield & Bridges, who were building the city drydock, being at the time a member of the Port of Portland commission. The affidavit relates in minute detail the alleged facts of the transaction. This affidavit is supported by one filed by Malcolm Macauley, who swears that he experted the books of Wakefield & Bridges, and that while so doing was informed by Mr. Wakefield and by his bookkeeper, A. C. U. Berry, that \$500 had been paid to Thomas. The charges contained in the two affidavits are unequivocal and circumstantial as to details. The exact date when the \$500 was paid in two \$250 installments are given, and entries quoted from the firm's books that record the payment of the money. District Attorney Manning has subpoenaed Mr. Bridges, Mr. Wakefield and Mr. Berry to appear before him tomorrow, when he will begin an investigation into the charges that have been made by the affidavits. The standard has in open debate on the floor of the house said that Thomas, as a member of the Port of Portland commission, took bribe money to influence his action in connection with the drydock. The Interstate Consolidated companies are the highest producers of oil in the independence field, and according to Mayor Bowen control passed into the hands of the Standard last Wednesday. Knapp is the owner of the tank line which was taken out of business when the Standard's pipe line was completed last August. Upon figures shown by the books of oil producers are based the charges of conspiracy between the railroads and the Standard. This is taken to mean that the Standard will bid defiance to the government and state and from now on there will be open war.

CONGRESS INVESTIGATES

Secretary Hitchcock Asked to Furnish All Data Regarding Oil Land Lease.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The house committee on Indian affairs today favorably reported the resolution calling on the secretary of the interior to furnish the house with complete information concerning the leasing of oil lands in the Omege Indian reservation, including copies of the lease.

SLIGHT RISE NOTED IN WILLAMETTE RIVER

Because of line trouble, the weather bureau received no report this morning from North Head. There was a south-easterly wind at that point yesterday of 44 miles an hour. However, the bar cannot be very rough, as a number of coasts crossed in and out. The indications are that there will be rain at Portland and in the valley tonight and tomorrow. The river rose two cenths of a foot during the 24 hours, and is now standing at 5.2 feet above the low-water mark.

CORVALLIS SUN OUT

Corvallis, Or., Feb. 23.—The Corvallis Gun club's big shoot closed last night at dark. It was successful, 3,990 shots being fired. There were 20 entries and a large sum was realized. The prize money of \$100 was divided among the winners. G. Palmer of Salem and F. Haggan of Albany tied for the highest average, each making 83 out of a possible 100.

KANSAS AFTER BARRIERS

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