

NEW SCHEME FOR STEAMER LINE

Alaska Amalgamated Copper Company May Establish One With Valdez.

WILL NEED BOATS TO CARRY OUT ITS ORE

In Event Mines Prove as Rich as Expected, Company Will Decide Also to Build Smelter in Portland, Says L. C. Dillman.

That country. The men carry with them more than \$1,000 each for an emergency. The ore from the mines is now sold in very rich, ranging from 15 to 25 per cent. "As to a steamship line between here and Valdez, and the creation of a copper smelter in Portland, I am not at liberty to say much at this time. We are building great hopes around our company and if things progress as anticipated it will be found impracticable to ship our ore to Omaha for smelting purposes. Our business will be done through Portland. A line of steamers may be found necessary to handle our ore. In that event we would need a smelter close by. If we do business through Portland a smelter here to handle our output would be a natural consequence."

SHARP ROCKS CUT SHOES OF PUPILS

The experiment of making walks at the Harrison school of crushed basaltic rock has proved a failure. The sharp stones not only cut the shoes of the pupils, but are carried into the rooms, where they grind the floors.

At the meeting of the board of school directors yesterday afternoon it was decided to place a coating of sand over the sharp stones and roll it down with a heavy roller. Thomas Jones, superintendent of construction, will make the repairs immediately. About 50 defective seats which have been the cause of much dissatisfaction at the Chapman school were ordered replaced with new ones. The seats pitch forward and children slide downward, placing them in an extremely uncomfortable position. Director I. N. Fleischer made an investigation Wednesday and reported that it was a disgrace to the city of Portland to force children to sit in such seats.

M. E. Freeman, who was awarded the contract for building the east side high school of Tenino blue sandstone, informed the board that he was prepared to proceed with the work without delay. It is desired to have the building ready for occupancy by next September.

Entertainment by Boys' Club. An entertainment will be given to-night at 8 o'clock at the Fourth Presbyterian church, First and Gibbs streets, by the boys' club of South Portland. This will be the first entertainment given by the club. The entertainment is free, and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

"It was almost a miracle. Burdock Bitter cured me of a terrible breaking out all over the body. I am very grateful." Miss Julia Ellbridge, West Cornwall, Conn.

AYER OPPOSED TO LOW BRIDGE

Addresses Communication to Port of Portland Commission Expressing His Views.

SHOULD BE SIXTY FEET ABOVE LOW WATER MARK

Bridge Only Thirty-Nine Feet Above Low Water Mark an Obstruction to Commerce, Declares Mr. Ayer—High Bridge Better Every Way.

That the bridge of the Portland & Seattle Railroad company across the Willamette should be 60 feet above low water mark, rather than 39 feet, as provided for in the plans, is the contention of W. E. Ayer in a communication addressed to the Port of Portland commission. He argues that a bridge only 39 feet above low water mark is an obstruction to commerce. Mr. Ayer states that there was a general understanding when the steel bridge was constructed that no more 39-foot bridges should be built. His communication in full is as follows:

Portland, Jan. 14.—To the Members of the Port of Portland Commission—Gentlemen: Referring to the communication of the engineers of the Portland & Seattle Railway company, published in this morning's Oregonian, covering their arguments against raising the proposed bridge across the entrance of our harbor to 60 feet above low water, I would call your attention to the following:

"When the right to span the river was granted to the owners of the steel bridge the feeling was pronounced that at no future time and under no conditions would another bridge be permitted to cross the river to further obstruct our harbor and to hinder navigation; and to that end the following clause was inserted by the legislature in the grant to the O. R. & N. Co.:

Legislative Provision. "That the legislative assembly of this state shall have the right, power and authority at any time to prescribe such rules, regulations and rates of toll for transit and transportation over said bridge and the management thereof as may be deemed proper and reasonable, except that the county court of Multnomah county is hereby authorized to fix, alter and establish from time to time the rates of toll to be charged by such corporation or its assigns for the passage of footmen (footmen), vehicles and ordinary travel other than rail provided, that said corporation or its assigns shall permit any other railroad corporation or its assigns to use said bridge in the same manner and under the same rules and regulations as said corporation or its assigns authorized to construct and use said bridge as may be prescribed for its own traffic across said bridge on paying a reasonable compensation therefor; and in case said companies shall not agree, then the governor, secretary of state and treasurer of this state shall constitute a board to determine what said compensation shall be, with power to send for persons and papers and compel attendance and production thereof, and to administer oaths and take testimony for the purpose of arriving at a correct decision in reference to the compensation to be paid; and this decision shall be final unless altered or changed by the legislature."

"Now comes the Portland & Seattle Railway, owned jointly by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railway companies, ignoring their right to cross the steel bridge, making independent surveys and demanding the right to place an obstruction across the entrance to our harbor, and considering any modification of their plans which tends to lessen the damage to our port as hostile and uncalled for.

Head is Welcomed. "Every citizen of Portland greets with open arms the coming of this road, and every one desires that there should be no unreasonable obstacle placed in their way. Neither do we desire that our port should have obstructions placed across it when the same can be avoided by the expenditure of a comparatively small sum of money, an amount insignificant when compared with the millions spent on our river by the Port of Portland and the United States government, and after all our labor, past present and future, to make and maintain a port.

"The river commerce of this city is large and constantly growing, and with the opening of the obstructions at Cello will increase many fold. The character of steamer engaged in this traffic is the flat-bottom, light-draft wheeler, and must be held in position by hog chains passing over posts. These posts regulate the height above the water, and from measurements taken vary from 40 to 57 feet in height. By some modifications they can be reduced 10 or 15 feet, bringing them down to 45 feet. In the construction of new boats this can possibly be still

further reduced; but even 45 feet, with a bridge 60 feet above low water, will give a clearance of 15 feet, allowing all of this traffic to pass under the bridge and not through the draw span, except during the summer high water, when there is no current in the Willamette river. The government records show that during the past five years there have been a total of only 28 days between August 1 of one year and May 1 of the next year when the water was 15 feet above zero. If all of this river traffic is removed from the channel leading through the draw, it will leave it clear for the passage of ocean-going craft, and greatly lessen the obstacles to navigation. This ocean traffic is increasing rapidly, and with the removal of the bar at the mouth of the Columbia and the completion of the Panama canal will increase enormously.

Great Growth of Commerce. "To illustrate the growth of our commerce, take for example the increase in our lumber shipments. We shipped from Portland by water:

1902... 47,000,000 | 1904... 113,000,000
1905... 60,000,000 | 1906... 120,000,000

"And to quote from the communication to your body by the Oregon Lumber Manufacturers' association, an association containing over 70 members scattered throughout the state:

"The competition for foreign lumber cargo is very keen, and every impediment which results in higher port charges necessarily increases the charter rates and has a decided tendency to drive commerce to more favorably situated ports. The foreign lumber trade of Portland has been developed at a great expense, and it would be most unwise and unfortunate at this time to throw any further obstacles in the path of commerce by the erection of a low bridge across the entrance to the harbor at Portland."

"The objection of the engineers to increasing the height of the proposed bridge is on account of the initial cost and increased expense of operation. From the maps filed with you it is shown that the grade from the Columbia bridge to the Willamette bridge as located gives an up grade for about half the distance of two tenths of 1 per cent, and then a down grade of two tenths of 1 per cent. By raising the height to 6 feet it gives them an all up grade of two tenths of 1 per cent, consequently down two tenths of 1 per cent of the same; so the grade across the peninsula is not changed. It simply reduces the depth of the unsightly cut. It is practically four miles from the west end of the draw to the Columbia bridge to the North Pacific Lumber company's plant, and in this distance they have to drop, if the bridge is lifted to a 60-foot clearance, less than 35 feet; in which distance they can easily maintain a low grade.

The engineers state in their communication that the O. R. & N. Co. has built at great expense 20 miles of road around St. Johns to avoid the grade through Bullwinn's gulch. And yet the Portland & Seattle objects to the comparatively slight expense entailed by lifting its tracks for less than one fifth of this distance. It has not advised you what the grade of the proposed cut-off of the O. R. & N. will be. As they refer to the matter, it is proper for you to be informed, and I find upon inquiry that several surveys have been made, and the one that will probably be selected will have a maximum grade of five tenths of one per cent. If the west approach to the Willamette bridge were to be the same it would cover a distance of less than two miles, but whenever the grade established it would be a down grade into Portland and will thus be an advantage rather than otherwise.

"You are aware that practically all of their business originates east of Pasco, and it is fair to ask what grades exist between that point and Spokane. While I cannot answer definitely, I believe that it exceeds 1 per cent in many places.

"You will observe from the plans filed with you that there is also an approach from the west end turning north, connecting with the Northern Pacific line running to Goble, thus enabling them to move the traffic originating down the river across the bridge to their proposed making-up yards on the Columbia without coming into their Portland yards.

WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU.

Many People Realize the Importance of Good Digestion Until It Is Lost.

Many people suffer from dyspepsia and do not know it. They feel mean, out of sorts, nervous, do not sleep well, do not have a good, keen appetite, do not have the inclination and energy for physical or mental work they once had, but at the same time do not feel any particular pain or distress in the stomach. Yet all this is the result of poor digestion, an insidious form of Dyspepsia which can only be cured by a remedy specially intended to cure it and make the digestive organs act naturally, and properly digest the food eaten. Bittera, after dinner pills and nerve tonics will never help the trouble; they don't reach it. The new medical discovery does. It is called Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and is a specific for dyspepsia and indigestion. It cures because it thoroughly digests all wholesome food taken into the stomach, whether the stomach is in good working order or not. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, by digesting the food, instead of making the worn-out stomach do all the work, gives it a much needed rest and a cure of dyspepsia is the natural result.

When you are nervous, run down and sleepless, don't make the common mistake of supposing your nervous system needs treatment and fill your stomach with powerful nerve tonics which make you feel good for a little while only to fall back farther than ever.

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