

"LET THE NEW ROAD COME IN," CRY THE BUSINESS MEN

Call on Port of Portland to Approve Engineers' Choice of a Site Near St. Johns.

TWO HUNDRED TO THREE

Chamber of Commerce Overwhelmingly Favors Letting Northern Pacific Build Bridge at Drydock.

WHEELWRIGHT MUSTERS ONLY TWO SUPPORTERS

J. Couch Flanders Introduces Resolutions and W. B. Ayer, J. P. Sharkey, A. H. Devers, B. J. Cohen, L. A. Lewis, T. D. Honeyman, W. H. Corbett and W. L. Boise Support.

Whereas, The chamber of commerce welcomes the entrance of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railway companies into the city of Portland, Oregon, over the line of the Portland & Seattle Railway company, and, Whereas, Such Railway companies should be permitted to make such provisions for entrance into said city as will permit them to handle in and out of the city business not only of the present but also of the future, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the judgment of the chamber of commerce, the Port of Portland should, without further delay, grant to the Portland & Seattle Railway company the right to bridge the Willamette river at the site proposed; that the determination as to the height thereof and the character and width of draw should be left to the secretary of said company, and be it further

Resolved, That such permission should be accompanied with a provision permitting of the use of such bridge by other railway companies upon payment of a reasonable compensation therefor.

With but three dissenting votes a gathering of nearly 200 well-known Portland business men yesterday afternoon adopted the above declaration. The resolution voiced the overwhelming sentiment of a called meeting of the Portland chamber of commerce held at 4 p. m. in the auditorium of the chamber. It is said the same proportion of affirmative votes would have been the result had there been present 2,000 instead of 200 Portland business men.

The meeting had been called by Vice-President Edward Newbegin, in response to a petition signed by 15 leading firms represented in the chamber, for the purpose of testing the sentiment of the organization with reference to a memorial that had been adopted by the chamber's navigation committee. This memorial, liberally interpreted, was taken by many members of the chamber as an utterance hostile to the Portland & Seattle company's proposed bridge across the Willamette river at the drydock site. The members were not content to permit the chamber to rest under a charge that it was being used to further the opposition of the Harriman lines against the Hill roads now seeking entrance to Portland.

Representative Gathring. When the hour for calling the meeting to order came the room was crowded with prominent business men, including representatives of factories, lumber, wholesale houses, retail firms, banking houses and railroad companies. J. Couch Flanders started the ball by introducing the aforementioned resolution and making a speech in support of its passage. He related briefly the history of the Willamette river navigation lines eastward giving shorter routes than the present line of the Northern Pacific, told how the project of Mr. Hill on the north bank was begun and how glad Portland people were to realize the good news. He cited the resulting activity of the real estate market and referred to the large purchases of terminals and rights of way by the Hill companies, which have spent more than \$1,000,000 for property to give them entrance into the city.

Secretary of War to Decide. The decision of the Port of Portland commission, even after long-drawn controversy over the questions raised against the bridge, would not be binding, and the whole matter must ultimately be passed upon by the secretary of war, he held. He said the Hill commission had early received a suggestion that their railroads should come in over the steel bridge, and their engineers had made an examination with a view to reconstructing and making that a double-track structure, but the proposition had been found impracticable. The companies were, he said, asking nothing unreasonable, and he believed it proper for the chamber of commerce to assert itself, and say whether or not it reaches the desire of the city's business men that these railroads enter Portland. Applause followed his remarks.

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Journal Girls in Hawaii, and Their Escort. Reading from left to right, they are: Standing—Miss Phillips, Miss Brown, Miss Courtemanche, Miss Parsley, Miss Heavren, Miss Crossen, Miss Nash. Sitting—Miss Madigan, Miss King, Mr. Kekum, Miss Probstel.

PLET TO BLOW UP CALDWELL JAIL

Dynamite Is Stolen From Powder Magazine at Boise to Use in Prison Deliveries.

CONSPIRATORS FOILED BY CHANGE IN PLANS

Lodging Orchard at Hotel Instead of Placing Him in Cell Prevents Carrying Out of Plot—Attack Feared on State Penitentiary.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boise, Idaho, March 3.—Information from a mysterious source reached Sheriff Nichols at Caldwell tonight that plans were made for blowing up the county jail at that place Thursday night. The only reason the plan was not carried out was that Orchard was kept at the hotel in place of being lodged in jail the night he stayed in Caldwell while giving his evidence before the grand jury.

The jail is a brick structure, veneered with brick. It has an iron roof, it stands at the outskirts of the town, with no buildings nearer than 500 feet from the two sides. It was known that it would be impossible for Orchard, to relate his confession in one day and that he would remain in Caldwell over night, being kept in the same jail which he occupied from the time of his arrest until after the preliminary examination.

To Dynamite Walls. The plan formed was to pipe a large quantity of giant powder against the rear wall of the building, exploding the same and destroying the jail and killing all the inmates.



Canyon County Jail at Caldwell.

100 SOUTH SEA ISLANDS DEVASTATED BY TIDAL WAVE AND HURRICANE

Greatest Disaster in Modern Times Overwhelms Society Group—Twenty-Eight Thousand Persons Affected and It is Feared Six Thousand Perished—Tahiti in Ruins.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.) San Francisco, March 3.—Tahiti and all the islands of the Society group were swept by a tremendous tidal wave on the night of February 7 and the tidal wave was followed by one of the most disastrous hurricanes ever known in the South seas.

More than 100 islands were devastated, the principal island, Tahiti, probably suffering less in proportion to its importance than any of the others, and about 8,000 persons were affected by the great disaster.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.) Papeete, the capital of the island and the largest town in an area of 100,000 square miles, is in the northwestern part of Tahiti protected by a coral reef and an inside lagoon a mile in width from the wash of sea. Along its waterfront on made ground are the principal public buildings and all the stores and shops.

At 5:30 p. m. the lapping water was over the quay and at the doors of the first street of shops and offices paralleling the shore. At 9 o'clock the water was rolling through the streets and washing about in the first stories. It advanced steadily, doing more damage every hour, and by 1:30 a. m., February 8, had submerged that part of the town. It was a great warm wave 40 feet high that swept over the coral reef and rolled inland. It came from the northwest.

HAVING THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES

Oregon Journal Girls Welcomed to Fair Hawaii and Entertained Most Royally.

WIN PRIZE IN PARADE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Territorial Officials and Princes of the Blood Exert Themselves to Make It Pleasant for the Fair Visitors.

(Special Correspondent of The Journal.) Honolulu, Feb. 23.—The floral parade of the midwinter fiesta took place yesterday on Washington's birthday. In it the Oregon Journal girls won fresh laurels. The young women, dressed in white, wearing native garlands, drove in a gaily decorated tallyho, drawn by four prancing steeds.

The day was perfect. The sky was slightly overcast with fleecy clouds, with glimpses of blue sky between. The parade itself was a bewitching display of color. The people and the city were at their best. From early morning there was tooting of horns and whirr of wheels as handsomely decorated vehicles went whirling up the street to the place of assembly. A bevy of pa-u riders with flying skirts and rainbow colors would dash by and then would come a yellow cloud of cowboys. Crowds of barefooted children, gay in holiday dress, greeted the paraders with huzzas and waving of flags.

Summer in Winter. The parade started at 10 o'clock at Thomas Square and moved into the business quarter, past the hotels and along the residence sections on the Walkiroad to the grandstand at Kapiolani park. Here the paraders lined up, and the prizes were awarded in the presence of all Honolulu and the kaleidoscope of color made by the moving vehicles. The parade was originally designed to illustrate to the world the summer and winter that prevail in Hawaii and to call attention to the fact that the islands are perennially flowering lands. In the parade were 30 decorated automobiles, speaking themselves of the progress of civilization in Honolulu. The decorations showed artistic talent of a high order. But the crowning glory of the parade was a revival of the pa-u horseback riding by the island ladies, the name being derived from the flowing divided skirts of the riders. Hawaiian women have discarded the sidesaddle from the beginning, and through the de-signing of the pa-u skirt and wearing it in colors have made a costume highly picturesque.

JOURNAL THROWS DOWN THE GAUNTLET TO OREGONIAN

Has \$1,000 to Prove That Its Circulation Exceeds That of Either Morning or Evening Siamese Twin, By Any Fair Judge.

HONEST CANVASS ALL THAT IS NEEDED TO BEAR OUT ITS CLAIM

Figures Can't Lie, But Liars Figure in the Vermiform Appendix, With the Result of Cutting Down Circulation It Claimed

Four weeks ago The Journal printed a map of Portland and its suburbs in which it laid out its 80 carrier districts, designating in each one its own exact paid circulation, the circulation of the Oregonian and the circulation of its Evening Vermiform Appendix. The net result showed that The Journal had in this territory a circulation exceeding that of the Appendix by 2,696 and of the Oregonian by 3,364. At that time, to show its perfect good faith, it offered to submit to a joint canvass of the city by a committee of three, two to be chosen by the parties in interest and the third by these two, The Journal to pay all the expenses in the event it failed to prove it had the largest paid carrier circulation in the city, and the journalistic twins to bear the expense if it succeeded in proving its statements.

The Oregonian, for obvious reasons, failed to take advantage of this fair offer, while the Appendix on the following evening appeared with a page of hysteria which was positively distressing to sober-minded people and a source of shame and mortification to the decent employes of its own office. On the third day when it had caught its breath it announced that it proposed to print a table which would drive all competition out of the field.

CUTS DOWN ITS OWN CLAIMS.

Last evening it achieved this deadly act and nothing more inane and preposterous has lately been encompassed outside the domain of a home for the feeble minded. With sewer rat cunning it divided the city into nine districts, intentionally so cumbersome in size as to be perfectly valueless for details. But its own totals show a claimed circulation in the city proper of 8,947 and in all outlying tributary districts of 1,346, a total of 10,293. On February 3, in response to the original Journal map, it announced that its paid city circulation was 11,803. It thus appears from its own figures that in the brief space of a single month it has lost in Portland alone 1,510 paid subscribers, all of which shows that a successful liar needs a long memory and that whoever handles figures should deal in straight goods or keep a close tab on all his utterances. Or it may be perfectly true that it has actually lost 1,510 subscribers in a month, for as the unsubstantial shadow and hysterical echo of its morning parent it can only make a pretense of independent existence so long as the ligament which binds the Siamese twins is kept out of sight. It may be possible for part of Portland to stand one dose a day of the Oregonian, but a second dose with the kindergarten sewer attachment in the evening would revolt the stoutest stomach and shake the firmest intellect.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

In addition to the so-called map it gives a list of Willamette valley towns with the pretended circulation of The Journal. In Corvallis it credits The Journal with 40 subscribers—it has 60—in Astoria 125 instead of 174; in Eugene 85 instead of 155; in Oregon City 150 instead of 275; Vancouver 155 instead of 320; Salem 250 instead of 457, and although the Vermiform will not bet (except on a sure thing) there is \$1,000 in The Journal office to prove precisely what is here said. In the past few weeks, since the map was printed, The Journal's paid carrier circulation in Portland has increased 235. We haven't secured all of the 1,500 which the Vermiform has confessedly lost; perhaps the Oregonian has got some of them. We hope so, for it needs them.

Maps have now been published by both sides, although the Oregonian, of course, dare not make any showing of its actual paid circulation in the city. But, as we have said, the maps have been published (with what fairness and completeness by both sides The Journal leaves it to fair-minded people to say), and herewith we renew our offer previously made, both to our morning contemporary and its Vermiform attachment, and dare them both to take up the gauntlet then and now thrown down to them. The time has come when the advertisers of Portland want facts, not fiction, when they have ceased to relish bunko and demand straight dealing, and the newspaper which attempts to get business by false pretenses will get the cold shoulder as it deserves.

SALOONMEN TO TEST SUNDAY CLOSING LAW

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Walla Walla, Wash., March 3.—Saloonmen have decided to make a test case of the Sunday closing law and this morning the Walla Walla Liquor Dealers' association instructed Prosecuting Attorney Wilson to issue warrants for the proprietors of the Rogers & Howell company, who kept open last Sunday. Warrants were served this afternoon and the defendants released on \$25 bonds each. The action of the saloonmen will delay a number of other saloonmen who have been waiting for a test case.

PATTERSON SR. SNEERS AT SOCIALISTIC CREED

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.) New York, March 3.—R. W. Patterson, editor of the Chicago Tribune, father of Joseph Patterson, who has turned Socialist, is today in this city. He said that his son was competent to draw his own conclusions, but his opinion would not cause personal differences with his parents. He said that socialism was the religion of the age, and socialism was a ship a wreck, and that if his son were to serve on the Socialist board of the Tribune would not suggest him as being so bad an editor.

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