

LARGE SUMS FOR WORK IN OREGON

Over Two Million for Improvements at the Mouth of the Columbia River

Bill May Be Reported Tomorrow, but Senator Hopkins Threatens to Play Dog in the Manger and Prevent Its Passage at This Session.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—Senator Fulton, who has kept close on the trail of the house rivers and harbors committee, has assurance that a bill will probably be reported tomorrow that will contain the following items: For improvements at the mouth of the Columbia river, \$2,000,000, of which \$750,000 is to be cash and the balance continuing for the \$500,000; for improvement of the Columbia river between Portland and the sea, \$300,000; Copulla river, \$150,000; for a coast dredge, \$100,000; for the Columbia river above Celilo, \$120,000; also adequate appropriations for a Coos Bay survey, Willamette river improvements and maintenance at Tillamook bay.

GUGGENHEIM MAY HAVE TO ANSWER

President Investigates Smelter Trust and Evidence is Secured for Future Use.

Denver, Jan. 14.—Opponent of Simon Guggenheim, who is almost certain to be elected to the senate Wednesday, declared that President Roosevelt indirectly entered the senatorial fight and ordered an investigation of the smelter trust, which is owned by the Guggenheim brothers. It is claimed the president doesn't like Guggenheim's trust affiliations and is in possession of indisputable information as the result of the Rays investigation now in progress.

SHIPPERS ASK JUSTICE OF RAILROADS

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 14.—The courtroom was crowded with business and railroad men this morning when the hearing before the interstate commerce commission commenced. Brooks Adams made a statement of the case for the plaintiffs; W. W. Cotton of Portland appeared on behalf of the railroad. Representatives of jobbers at Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and San Francisco are all interested as intervenors for self-protection.

ANOTHER ENGINEER DIES BENEATH MACHINE

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 14.—There was another wreck on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad this morning at Delavan, when the Chicago express collided with a switch engine in a fog. Engineer Myers was killed and Fireman Lewis was fatally injured.

COLD WAVE HAS DONE NO DAMAGE TO WATER MAINS

Reports of a break in the Bull Run water main reached Superintendent Dodge of the water board Saturday night, and caused him to begin a trip of inspection of the lines from Portland to the head works on the Sandy river. Reports received this morning state that there is no trouble with the mains.

CONTRACT HAD TO BE CANCELLED

Judge Wolvorton Holds State School Land Commission Did Right in De Laitre Case.

SUITS WAS BROUGHT TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATE

One Had Been Issued Through Fraud to George P. Cook, and Lands Later Passed Into Hands of De Laitre and Johnson.

Judge Charles E. Wolvorton decided in favor of the state in the federal court this morning in the case of John De Laitre and Samuel S. Johnson against the state, and threw the case out of court. The plaintiffs brought suit to compel the state to issue a deed to certain school lands on which a certificate had been issued through fraud to George P. Cook. The land eventually passed into the hands of De Laitre and Johnson, but before all the payments had been made the board discovered the fraud and cancelled the certificate.

Judge Wolvorton held that the board had a right to cancel the certificate according to the law, and that it would have been derelict in its duty to do so. The certificate in a sense evidenced a contract between the board, on the one hand, and the applicant, but it is a contract of sale, before it could be enforced, the law requires that the board should properly administer the sale of such lands, and to see that right is done to both the purchaser and the state to the satisfaction of the purchaser. Ordinarily the state, or the general government would, I presume, like an individual, be required to tender back the purchase price upon rescission of the contract of sale, before it could insist upon its cancellation; but the present is not a case of that kind. The contract is not as if it were made between private individuals, where, if a contract is rescinded, the law requires that the state should return the purchase price, and, if it has been imposed upon by a fraudulent application, it cannot, notwithstanding, issue the deed contrary to law.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC'S EAST MAIL WRECKED

Engineer Kiesly, of Salt Lake, Killed, and Many of Train Crew Injured.

Ogden, Utah, Jan. 14.—The Southern Pacific fast mail, westbound, with three mail cars, baggage, diner and four Pullmans, went into a ditch at Garthney, 11 1/2 miles west of this city, at 8 o'clock this morning.

SLIPS ON ICY DOCK AND DROWNS IN RIVER

August Brun Meets Death in the Willamette Before Help Can Reach Him.

August Brun, a wood rigger, was drowned off the dock of the Portland Fuel company, near the east approach of the Morrison street bridge, at 7 o'clock this morning. Brun had been employed by the fuel company to assist in unloading a barge of wood, and it is thought that in going down the slip from the dock to the barge he slipped on the frozen snow and went into the river.

DAVEY IS ELECTED SPEAKER OF HOUSE TODAY

Little is known of Brun, except that he had odd jobs around the woodyards. He roomed at the Red Front lodgings house at Burnside and Second streets.

SCHOONER ALICE M'DONALD FLOATS OFF THE BEACH

A message from Astoria to the Merchants' Exchange states that the schooner Alice McDonald, which went on the sands at the mouth of the Columbia river about two weeks ago, was floated at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon. The schooner went on at night during a thick snowstorm. She will come here to load lumber for San Francisco.

CITY COUNCIL PROPOSES PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE PUTTING STOP TO THE PRACTICE OF TURNING WATER ON AT NIGHT IN ORDER TO AVOID PLUMBER'S BILL FOR REPAIRS.

At the meeting of the council Wednesday an ordinance will be introduced providing for the punishment of people who waste water. The ordinance will be directed against householders who turn on their faucets during the night without sufficient fire protection, and it is against this the council wishes to take precaution.

"A blaze which has swept the whole east side," said Councilman Masters this morning "Why a water main burst new house at 573 East Madison street, and I could not get a drop of water. There was no water in the fire hydrant. I couldn't get a drop of water." The ordinance will be introduced Wednesday night. It will be directed against householders who turn on their faucets during the night without sufficient fire protection, and it is against this the council wishes to take precaution.

TABLOID HOTEL TO BE THE LATEST BUILDING CREATION

"Bunk" hotels of the style described by the immortal Sam Weller in "Pickwick Papers," are to be established in Portland, only on a much smaller scale. The striking and novel variation from the type of the polite riums afforded by Dickens' creation of the London commoner and knocker.

DRINKING WATER END OF COON'S CTS

Washington Lieutenant-Governor Snubbed Resolution That Appointees Be Confirmed.

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 14.—Both houses of the legislature were called to order today. Lieutenant-governor Charles E. Coon was dealt a body blow in the organization of the state senate this morning when a resolution was passed by the senate appointing Charles E. Coon as secretary of the senate. This was a complete victory for the insurgent members who say that in the past the legislature appointments had been given to the old members.

TRIAL OF LEE COOPER TO BE HELD SATURDAY

The trial of Lee Cooper, an employe of the Portland Gas company, charged with larceny from a dwelling and assault with a dangerous weapon, has been postponed until next Saturday at 10 o'clock.

MAGNIFICENT FUNERAL FOR THE ARCHBISHOP

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—The remains of Archbishop Montgomery were interred this afternoon. The services at the church and the funeral parlors were the most magnificently impressive in the history of the coast. Fully 8,000 members of Catholic societies formed part of the funeral cortege.

MINE OPERATORS SEEM TIRED OF THE STRIKE

Nevada City, Cal., Jan. 14.—Business men are circulating a petition asking the mayor to act as intermediary to settle the miner's strike. It is reported there is a discussion in the ranks of the mine operators, and one big company has threatened to put the men to work on the union schedule if the other companies do not settle their troubles in one week.

OSCAR LINDGREN IMPARTS IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO POLICE

Although expressing constant fear of assassination at the hands of a desperado, whom he was instrumental in capturing, Oscar Lindgren, a prisoner at the Garfield hotel, furnished important information to the police.

"Days on the rooftop" finished the reporter. "The offender ought to be fined from \$5 to \$50," said Councilman Masters. "I do not care about the offense because I am hit in a particular instance, but I believe the people at large should be protected. They want water for fire protection and they do not get it. Fire is a danger to the city. The only way we can get at them. We have no ordinance for their punishment at present, but one will be introduced. We cannot let the small property-owner suffer from the loss of water. We want to save a plumbing bill."

ANTI-LOBBY BILL PASSED BY IDAHO HOUSE

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 13.—The senate today a bill introduced to prevent discrimination by railroads in the matter of furnishing cars to shippers; also a bill to regulate shipments of livestock. A petition from citizens of Genesee asking for a Sunday rest law was received.

WATER PIPE EXPLODES AND WRECKS KITCHEN

Resulting from the extreme cold weather, which caused water to freeze in the pipes of many houses, a serious explosion occurred this morning at the home of L. J. Hicks, 505 Tacoma avenue, Sellwood. His son, Claude Hicks, narrowly escaped injury.

NOT GUILTY, BROWN AND WIDDOWSON PLEAD

Baker City, Or., Jan. 14.—The motions on behalf of Alex Widdowson and Ira Brown to quash the information against them was overruled by Judge Smith this morning and each defendant entered a plea of not guilty.

HEYBURN READY TO FIGHT RECIPROCITY

Washington, Jan. 14.—Senator Heyburn of Idaho today said he would fight against the proposals of the eastern delegates to the national convention for the extension of commerce, for reciprocity on products of the west with Canada in favor of eastern manufacturers, which issue is expected to come up before the convention.

WANT INFORMATION ON BLACK SAND SMELTING

Washington, Jan. 14.—Senator Warren today introduced a resolution calling for a report from the geographical survey on the experiments in the electric smelting of iron ores and black sands at Portland and the expression of the director's opinion as to whether or not they should be continued.

BILL FOR A SQUARE DEAL IN OIL RATES

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 14.—In the assembly debate today bills were presented to prevent discrimination in oil carrying; also a bill making it a felony punishable by imprisonment from one to 10 years to set fire to a forest.

ELECT HAINES FOR PRESIDENT

Washington County Man Receives Seventeen Votes on the First Ballot, Defeating Hodson of Multnomah.

Salmon, Or., Jan. 14.—The proposition to eliminate both Hodson and Haines from the contest made by the Hodson caucus to the Haines caucus this afternoon was rejected by Haines. Hodson offered to select an equal number from each caucus, eliminate all possible presidency candidates, including Hodson, Haines and others, and agree on a candidate from the remaining caucuses. Wright, of the Haines camp, declared it a "cold-blooded proposition," that all negotiations were off, and that balloting would begin when the senate convened this afternoon.

ICE BARS DOORS OF SCHOOLS

Bellingham Has the Coldest Weather It Has Experienced in a Century.

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 14.—This city last night experienced the coldest weather it has known in the present century. With the thermometer hovering over the zero mark and a fuel famine growing worse each hour, the city is in a pitiable condition. The two large mills which furnish Bellingham with 50 per cent of its wood are closed and no coal is available from that source until the weather moderates. Appeals for fuel continue to stream into the bureau of associated charities, but it is powerless to render assistance.

HEAVY ICE AT ASTORIA

Astoria, Or., Jan. 14.—Astoria's temperature is 18 degrees above. Water pipes are frozen all over the city, causing untold inconvenience, amounting almost to suffering. The Tongue Point sewerage works, which usually drain this morning on account of frozen water pipes.

HOQUIAM WATERLESS

Hoquiam, Wash., Jan. 14.—The coldest wave in years is now sweeping Grays harbor and doing considerable damage. The ground is covered with snow and a high east wind is blowing. There is no coal, residences and buildings where furnaces are installed are burning wood, with poor success in making heat. The thermometer was 13 above zero this morning.

WISCONSIN GRAFTER FINED SIX HUNDRED

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 14.—John Dittman, former supervisor, this morning pleaded guilty to two indictments for grafting and was fined a total of \$600. The trial of Tony Klifich, a committee clerk, on the same charge is in progress.

DISMISSAL OF NEGROES PLEASES THE TEXANS

Austin, Tex., Jan. 14.—The house today unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing the president's dismissal of the negro troops.