

RATS' DEATH KNELL RINGS

Commercial Club Committee Finds Entire Waterfront Hugging Cleanly Spirit Commission District Hot After Scalps of Rodents.

"How do you do, gentlemen? Clean up? Of course we'll clean up. We've just been waiting for something to give us a start, but we're going after this waterfront now and we're going to see that it's the best-looking and the most sanitary one on the coast."

If a composite phonograph record had been made of the reception accorded the commercial club's committee that visited the waterfront restaurants and property-owners yesterday to induce them to gather their garbage and destroy their rats the above would represent the result.

Success may be committees everywhere. Most of those seen were a little bit surprised. They had known that there were rats and garbage on their property, but they hadn't thought of them as an element of danger.

Importance of Cleanliness.

"We don't want to create any alarm," explained Tom Richardson of the commercial club, "but the association merchants who looked behind his apple barrels terrified at the disappearing tale of a rat. All we want to do is to impress on you gentlemen the importance of cleaning up your garbage and of destroying the rats which breed disease and spread it over the community which they inhabit."

President Hodson's committees started out 3 o'clock to make a tour of Front street. Secretary Tom Richardson of the Commercial club and W. B. Glafke took the west side of Front street, while Captain A. E. Graham and Herbert Holman took the eastern side of the street. They found it galvanized iron deliveries and of destroying the rats which breed disease and spread it over the community which they inhabit."

The office would come to Portland, Mr. Cooley definitely stated yesterday that the sound city would get the new business. Portland citizens made a strenuous fight for the office and worked wires back and forth between Portland and Washington, but were unsuccessful in their attempts to land the institution.

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WILL ESTABLISH NEW BUREAU IN SEATTLE

Government Officials Leave for Sound to Open Naturalization Offices.

Alford W. Cooley, assistant attorney-general of the United States, and Richard K. Campbell, chief of the federal naturalization bureau, were Portland visitors yesterday on their way to Seattle, where they will establish the head office of the bureau for Washington, Oregon, Idaho and western Montana. Although it had been expected that



Richard Campbell.

LOCAL JAPS ARE ARMED

Little Brown Men of Portland Buy Latest Style Firearms in Anticipation of Trouble—One Dealer Refuses to Sell.

Although they reiterate that they are expecting no trouble and are not preparing for any, every Japanese in Portland is armed with the best of revolvers, many of them carrying automatic guns of the latest pattern.

According to dealers in firearms and ammunition, the Japanese are the best-armed class of people in the country, so far as the modernity of their weapons is concerned. Nothing but the most expensive guns are purchased by them, and although these are not carried as constantly as are those of the Chinese, they are always ready for use.

Since the anti-Japanese riots in Vancouver there have been comparatively few purchases of firearms, dealers explaining this by the statement that all of the Japanese are well-armed without purchasing any additional guns.

Everyone Carries Gun.

"There have been a few Japs here in the last two days," said a Third street dealer this morning, "but there hasn't been the great rush that you might expect. You can take a walk for it, however, and every Jap in town is armed and well armed. For instance, one man came into my store last night and inquired for a revolver he had sold me a couple of months before—he wanted a larger one, I think. When he couldn't get it he purchased it in place a new and better one."

At every store along Third street in the heart of the Japanese colony inquiries have been made by the evidently those who have none are buying them. The Japanese are good patrons of the better class of gunshops, although most of them probably secure their arms through the large wholesale dealers.

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