

ASTORIA-ALASKA LINE PROMISED

New York Capitalists Lay
Plans Before Citizen's
Mass Meeting.

Modern steamship lines with 1,000 ton vessels connecting Astoria with Valdez, Catalina and other Alaskan ports, and 5,000 ton ships plying between Astoria and the Orient is the promise made to the city at the mouth of the Columbia river by William H. Garland, a New York promoter, conditioned upon the citizens of Astoria subscribing \$500,000 in cash, or its equivalent, to a \$2,500,000 mortgage bond issue covering all the franchises and property of the corporation.

A mass meeting of Astoria residents was held yesterday, at which Mr. Garland made a comprehensive and detailed statement of his plans for making Astoria one of the leading ports on the Pacific coast. The name of the new corporation is to be the Astoria Steamship & Transportation company, and its general offices and headquarters are to be in Astoria. The capital stock of the corporation is to be \$5,000,000, with a bond issue of half that sum, \$2,500,000 of which is to be subscribed by Mr. Garland and his backers, and the remainder is to be taken by residents of Astoria.

Operate Three Northern Steamers.

The specific object of the organization will be to place as early as possible three modern vessels in service between Astoria and Alaska ports, for both passenger and freight service. After this service has been established the company proposes to place in direct service to the Orient from Astoria a line of first class steamers for both passenger and freight, service to begin some time during 1909.

Steamboats will also be operated on the Columbia river, with Astoria as the base of operations. Mr. Garland assured the mass meeting of Astoria citizens that he personally expected to put \$1,000,000 into the enterprise, and that he had the money ready at any time. He also said that he was there for business, and meant business; that he had made no proposition to any other port, because he and his associates deemed the Astoria harbor in every way desirable, and wanted that port as the American terminus of their steamship lines.

Astoria Is Enthusiastic.

The Morning Astorian of yesterday has the following to say of the meeting: "Mr. Garland spoke as a man of affairs, and left no ambiguities to worry over; what he said was in the most unmistakable terms, and he said it all with sheer business purpose and nothing else; he pretended to nothing, nor did he permit a shadow of misconception to hover around any point in his statement. It was such a talk as has not been made in this city for long years, if ever before. The whole city is enthusiastic over the prospect of having steamship lines connecting with Alaskan and Oriental ports, and has set to work with a will to raise the necessary \$500,000."

MAYOR FEE DEFIES WARREN COMPANY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Dec. 20.—The Warren Construction company threatens to bring suit, alleging that the city still owes it \$1,900. For several months there has existed a difference between the city's figures and those of the company.

Attorney S. A. Lowell, who represents the company, asked that some action be taken at the last meeting of the council. Mayor Fee declared the company had entered into a contract to do the work specified, for the sum of \$10,000, which had been paid. As for the alleged balance of \$1,900 he declared it did not exist and would not be paid. It is thought the company will not give up and the filing of a suit is expected.

PENDLETON FAIR OFFICERS CHOSEN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Dec. 20.—The Eastern Oregon Fair association has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: C. E. Roosevelt, president; Lee Teutich, first vice-president; W. O. Minor, sec-



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and vice-president; A. L. Knight, treasurer; Thomas Fitzgerald, secretary. Knight, Fitzgerald and Minor were re-elected. For the past two years Leon Cohen has been president of the fair society. The last two fairs have been very successful. The directors are: R. F. Boyd of Heppner, Frank Frazier of Pendleton and H. M. Cockburn of Milton.

PURE SPRING WATER TO FLOW TO MILTON

Milton, Or., Dec. 20.—If nothing happens to hinder the construction work, Milton will soon have the new gravity water system in operation. The construction has been in progress for more than a month. The new reservoir sev-

eral miles above the city is 100x40 feet internal dimensions, and is 10 feet deep. It is fed from a perpetual spring of pure water. This will give the city one of the best systems in the country. Heretofore there has been much mud and sediment in the water. Changing the piping and establishing the new system involves an expenditure of several thousand dollars.

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