

OLD MAPS HURT CITY

War Department Knows Only the Depth of Water at Mouth of Columbia as It Was Years Ago—One Reason for Slight.

In the musty tomes of the bureau of navigation and in the reports of the coast survey at Washington are some venerable maps that purport to be records of the depth of water at the mouth of the Columbia river. Copies of these maps are on file at the war and navy departments and each official of the service is possessed of his "official reproduction" to which he may refer when the question of port channels is brought up.

Strang to say, as much as Portland has agitated the subject of her fresh water harbor, fought for appropriations to allow of its development and sounded the merits of its river anchorage through its commercial bodies, there never has been an effort made to have the old maps removed and the soundings of present times placed at the immediate disposal of the heads of departments. The war and navy departments have recent maps of the Columbia furnished by United States engineers, but where these valuable diagrams are kept is a question thus far remaining unanswered.

Only 19 Feet Shows.
"Three years ago," writes Henry M. Webburn, a former United States engineer, to a friend in Portland, "I was compelled to go to considerable trouble here (Washington) to find correct maps of the mouth of the Columbia. I had occasion to use them, but found that the maps then in use showed only a few inches over 19 feet of water on the bar. I had been given to suppose that at that time there were at least 23 feet of water, which was expected to be increased to 35 feet by the scouring operations by the jetty. It would be well for Portland to furnish data concerning the bar to officials here and also to insist that the department maps be kept up to date."

The recent controversy over the sending of warships and transports to Portland has brought out the fact that nearly every bureau man here is under the impression that between 19 and 20 feet is all that the Columbia bar can boast, and it is up to the representatives of the state to have the damnable old drawings that are responsible for this error of conception uprooted by maps that show the correct soundings.

Argument on Transports.
Correspondence from Washington has further developed the argument that has been made by the war department against sending transports with troops for Vancouver barracks to Portland direct from the Pacific. The expense involved is greater than sending them to San Francisco even though rail fare has to be paid, the claim being made that the ship has to return to San Francisco empty and has to involve loss of time and expense for maintenance and coal during the additional trip involved.

It is pointed out that the Oregon delegation might request the Pacific to meet transports arriving from Manila instead of sending them to San Francisco. Why is it not as cheap to send the men encamped at San Francisco and awaiting service duty in Manila to Portland over the Southern Pacific as to have them sent to Vancouver barracks from San Francisco by rail? Any way the arrangements are figured out the expense is absolutely offset by hard facts in Portland's favor.

Webburn further writes: "The necessity of continually forcing the proper data on the department officials here regarding depth of water on the bar is just as apparent as the necessity of working for appropriations. The departments seem to play a good many favorites when it comes to rivers and harbors improvements."

LEGAL COMPLICATIONS IN A BOOZE FIGHT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Astoria, Or., May 12.—A peremptory writ of mandamus has been issued by Judge McBride directing the county court to order a local option election on June 1 in Astoria precincts Nos. 2 and 3 and allow five days in which to ask to have the writ quashed.

C. J. Curtis, who represents the interests opposed to holding the election, says he will leave this evening for Oregon City to file his answer in the case and a petition to have the writ quashed. These will be argued before Judge McBride at some date yet to be fixed.

Judging from present indications numerous complications are liable to arise should Judge McBride decide after hearing the arguments to sustain the writ directing the calling of the election in the first place, the county court has adjourned its session for the term and a special session cannot be legally held without 10 days' notice being given by the county judge to each member of the court. Again, the local option law says the order directing the holding of a local option election must be placed in the hands of the sheriff not less than 30 days before the date of election, and as the general election is to be on July 2, the 20 days began to run last night. Lastly, the local option law specifically provides that the county court shall have final jurisdiction in all matters relating to these petitions.

Building Permits.

Otto F. Brander, erect flats, Clay between West Park and Tenth, \$18,000.
A. T. Calkins, erect dwelling, East Twenty-third between Alberta and Mildred, \$1,200; E. L. Sanborn, erect

May Inducements.

Fine old table claret, 75c quality 50c per gallon, \$1 quality 75c per gallon; fine old white wine, \$1 quality 75c per gallon, \$1.50 quality \$1 per gallon. National Wine company, Fifth and Stark. Phone Main 6499, A-4499.

INVENTOR WANTS HIS SHARE OF BIG FRUIT-BOX BUSINESS

With a market whose extent is shown by the fact that 6,000,000 fruit-boxes are shipped from Portland every season and an equal or larger number from Gray's Harbor, Washington, it is no wonder that a Portland man, C. D. Edwards, feels enthusiastic about a new folding fruit box which he has recently invented.

GUARDSMEN ARE COMMANDED TO OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY

Adjutant-General Finzer, O. N. G., has issued the following circular addressed to the Oregon National guard reminding the guardsmen of the near approach of Memorial day and requesting them to participate in the usual observances of the occasion:

MISS BESSIE ABBOTT IN RECITAL

By G. I. W.
The great Bessie Abbott has been here and has gone away again, and left us cold and untouched. Emanating not a particle of warmth, utterly lacking in the camaraderie that makes Schumann-Heink take you straight to her heart, or that makes Blauvelt of the lesser artists sparkle before us that amid the turmoil of life and rapid progress of events that we halt for a space and pay our tribute of love and duty to the departed ones with flowers as a token

ness in her voice and with no particular need of soul. And she sang them well. Mrs. Beach's old favorite, "The Year's the Spring," Honchel's picturesque imitative spring song, and the well-known "Frühling Lied," with its tribute to the beauty of spring, were sung splendidly. The Paria waits a weird accompaniment was the chief beauty of the program. The pianist, by the way, Edith Moxon Gray, is a charming person to hear. There is a simplicity and directness and absolute disregard of pose that brings her near to the audience. Her music is a part of her and she plays it because she loves it. The Grieg "Wedding Day" music was interesting; the Schumann aria was rather pretty, but the Debussy "Danse" was a delightful number in its original flavor, and the interest she put into it. She plays cleanly and with precision. Her accompaniments were intelligent.

Her first number was a Bonizetti aria, from Lucia. Personally I have slight use for an operatic aria on the concert stage. A few—a very few—can stand to be transcribed from their original setting of scenery, orchestration and natural sequence, and still retain beauty and intelligibility. The mad scene from "Lucia" is not one of these. Still, it served to show her splendid vocalization, her range and power. Her technical work left nothing to be desired. It was pure and fine and good and her tones were as direct and pure as the tone of a bell, or a bird's note or the brook's song, or any of the old standard comparisons. But you waited for her to warm up. In her encore, the dainty "Mighty Lak a Rose," she was a little more human.

Her spring songs, of which she sang three, were her best work. Here she could imitate the pure sounds of the birds and sing of the life and joy of the season with resonance and joyousness of the public.

YOUNG WOMEN

are often great sufferers for want of proper advice at just the right time.

Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., has always issued to young girls a special invitation to write to her about their sickness. She is a mother, and fully understands.

In nine chances out of ten your case will be just the same as those of the young ladies whose letters follow.

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND

is what you need to restore health. Miss Abby F. Barrows, of Nelsonville, Ohio, writes to Mrs. Pinkham:

"When I wrote to you I was very nervous, had dull headaches, backache, and was very irregular. Doctors did me no good. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and your advice made me regular, and health and strong. I am now better health than ever before."

FACTS FOR SICK WOMEN

For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness, or nervous prostration.

THE PLAY

Star—"The Merry Widow's Return."
The merry widows are just having one grand time at the Star this week. What with all sorts of fluffy short skirts and big black hats and a chance to sing Gus Edwards' "School Days" with no one around to stop them and a whole soda fountain all to themselves, the presentation of "The Merry Widow's Return" is bound to be a memorable one for all concerned.

Grand—Vaudeville.
"The Laughing Horse" seems to be the really strong feature of the Grand's show this week. It is a circus travesty, requires an unusually large company to present it and the horse features seem to strike a responsive chord in popular favor. It is not an act that can be adequately described.

JEAGER WANDERED TO A DISTANT NEIGHBOR
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Wileville, Or., May 12.—J. W. Jeager, the old man who left his home through a window in his bedroom Friday night, has been traced to a distant neighbor on account of his superb physical and mental condition, was found at the home of Henry Ortman, five miles distant, at Wileville. He was placed at 5 o'clock Saturday morning. The Ortman have no phone and not until noon did Mr. Ortman take any steps to notify Mr. Jeager's people. Ortman arrived at the Jeager home at 2 p. m. with the news of the old man's whereabouts.

BLACK DRESS GOODS.

Great Sale of Fine Black Dress Goods and Silks.
Every Portland woman knows the quality of our dress goods, and will take advantage of the great bargains we offer tomorrow. The show is in the third window, McAllen & McDowell, Third and Morrison.

The MOST in Value **Roberts Bros.** THIRD AND MORRISON The BEST in Quality

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- 44-IN. SHADOW STRIPED WOOL TAFFETAS—A new and very clever weave, rich and beautiful; comes in a full assortment of the latest shades, Copenhagen blue, marine, navy, golden brown, new tans, new hunter's green, etc.
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IN A FULL ASSORTMENT OF FASHIONABLE WEAVES, WITH PRICES TO SUIT ALL. You will always find here a complete assortment of the most wanted and fashionable fabrics; just now we are showing a full line of

- Read's Celebrated Cream Serges
They are made of finest selected yarns, thoroughly scoured and free from specks and spots; they are very firmly woven and beautifully finished; they will launder as nice as linen; these qualities to choose from—
38-inch Serges, special values at.....65¢
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48-inch Serges, special values at.....\$1.00
50-inch Serges, special values at.....\$1.25
54-inch Serges, special values at.....\$1.50

Attractively Priced Specials in New Wash Goods

Unsurpassed Assortments in the Most Wanted Kinds
The enthusiastic patronage accorded our Wash Goods section the last few days proves more forcibly than any words of ours the unusual value giving in this section. Below we list a few of the special values that cannot possibly fail to interest every woman; for instance—

- PERCALES AT 8¢
At this price we offer choice of a large assortment of pleasing styles in medium and dark colors and although the price is exceedingly low the quality is dependable.
- PERCALES AT 10¢
In this assortment you will find an unlimited assortment of new designs in both medium and dark shades; good reliable colorings that will wash satisfactorily; they are 32 inches wide.
- PERCALES AT 12 1/2¢
An unsurpassed assortment to choose from, in dots, stripes, checks and neat figures in colors navy, cadet, gray, red, black, etc.; standard made goods of absolutely fast colors; they are 36 inches wide.
- PERCALES AT 15¢
About 10,000 yards in this lot, comprising a full assortment of the newest and best designs, both color and quality guaranteed to be the very best; they come in light, medium and dark shades and are 36 inches wide.

- NEW DRESS GINGHAMS AT 12 1/2¢
A great showing of over 20,000 yards best standard Dress Gingham in every wanted style and color in both plain and fancy shades; exceedingly good quality at this price.
- NEW SCOTCH GINGHAMS AT 25¢
A large shipment of new Scotch zephyr Gingham just received; checks, stripes, plaids and plain colors in an endless assortment; very best quality, full 32 inches wide.
- MERCERIZED TAFFETAS AT 25¢
One of the most popular new wash fabrics; mercerized Taffetas, made with a beautiful lustrous finish as pretty as silk, will launder nicely and wear splendidly; comes in neat checks and plaids in all the newest colorings.

Fancy Embroidered Hosiery

AT 25¢—We have just received and place on sale tomorrow for the first time a line of women's black cotton Hose of excellent wearing quality; they are silk embroidered in a large variety of attractive designs; come in all sizes and are unusual values at this price.

New Polka Dot Stockings

AT 50¢—We are now showing a full line of polka dot Stockings in all size dots and in all the popular new shades, black, white, blue, Copenhagen, pink, cardinal, gray, tan, brown, etc.; high grade stockings that are exceedingly durable as well as fashionable; all sizes now in stock.

"Tapering Waist"
R & G Corsets
Perfect style and absolute comfort are the features that distinguish the new R. & G. models for spring from all other ready-to-wear corsets. In the complete line of R. & G. models carried by us you will find your exact style and size—a corset that fits your figure just as if it had been made for you. The model for medium figures, as illustrated, is one of the most popular corsets ever produced. High bust, deep hips, long back, made in coutil (C 32); price.....\$2.00

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36 Inches Wide, Best \$1.50 Quality
Judging by the way Black Silks are selling this sale will eclipse any like event held here. This is a great offering of a manufacturer's overstock which we bought for less than actual cost and we are selling this silk to you the same way. See to it that you do not overlook this most extraordinary sale—about 50 bolts.

YARD WIDE BLACK TAFFETA SILK of unquestionable quality, guaranteed not to tear, split or cut; spot and acid proof, beautiful rich finish, deep black, the finest silk ever made to sell in the regular way at \$1.50 a yard—priced for this sale at 98c only

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PRETTY PRINTED JAP WASH SILKS
Two Lots to Choose From
A wonderful assortment to choose from, neat printed designs, dots and small figures in an endless variety of colors; silks that will launder nicely and are very desirable for summer wear. Prices reduced like this:
27-inch Japanese Wash Silks priced at 59c
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Two Qualities Underpriced
Warranted to wear; genuine Shan Tung Pongee Silks, nothing more fashionable, no silk more durable, has a richness of finish not equaled by any other Pongee Silk; this season's most favored fabric; prices reduced like this:
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