

Colonel Roessler Favors Improvement on West Side of Swan Island.

PORT COMMISSION TO ACT ON BONDS

Special Meeting Will Be Held Tuesday When Resolutions Will Be Passed Toward Obtaining Funds Authorized by Recent Election.

As soon as funds become available, work will be commenced on a project recommended by Colonel S. W. Roessler, United States engineer, providing for a channel for low draft boats and tugs on the west side of Swan Island.

In order to allow boats to pass to the westward of the island at the foot of the harbor, about 100 feet of dyke running from the mainland to the island will have to be torn out to a depth of about five feet, below the extreme low water mark.

Planes for Mooring Boats. General Superintendent J. B. C. Lockwood of the port work will thereupon be recommending an extensive improvement in the lower harbor, above Swan Island, for the purpose of mooring for deep draft vessels.

Proposition Discussed Before. Several years ago there was talk of dredging the west side channel in that time it was stated that such a project would be impractical if not impossible, because of the river bed consisting of concrete.

Bridge Alters Conditions. The construction of the north bank road's bridge across the Willamette makes it doubly desirable to open the west side channel, because through it shipping would have a straight course for the draw opening, whereas the old channel is somewhat crooked.

Other Improvements Planned. Many other improvements are contemplated in the river and harbor as the Port of Portland commission will hold a special meeting for the purpose of passing a resolution calling for the issuance of bonds for the purpose of carrying out the various projects.

FOR NEW CROP WHEAT.

French Barks Crillon and Sully Are Placed on A Route List.

STEAMER ILFORD COMING.

Will Carry Valuable Cargo to Hamburg and Copenhagen.

The British steamer Ilford was chartered yesterday to carry a cargo of lumber from this port to Hamburg and Copenhagen.

Breathing Is a Business for Fat Folks in Hot Weather.

Watch a fat man or woman breathe this sultry season and you will see some earnest work. The air goes in with difficulty and it comes out with still more difficulty.

torer will have the British steamer Dulwich here from Zealand and the Norwegian steamer Taboo to load for Australia.

CALMS ALONG COAST.

Hydrographic Office. Issues Pilot Chart for Month of July.

The hydrographic department pilot chart of the north Pacific ocean for the month of July is just out and according to it calms will be frequent along the American coast.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The steamer Alliance sailed for Coos bay last night, carrying a delegation of members of the Hoop Hoop, who are to attend conventions at North Bend and Marshfield next week.

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MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, Or., June 20.—Arrived at 5:30 a. m. and left at 10 a. m. steamer Astoria for Portland.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

Regular Liners Due to Arrive.

Breakwater, Coos Bay, June 21. State, San Francisco, June 22.

Vessels in Port.

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Sloop Guiding Star and the three men who made the daring run from Victoria, B. C., to Portland. The picture in the upper right hand corner is that of Leopold A. Bernays, captain; in the left hand upper corner is the picture of B. Hancock, mate, and in the lower right hand corner is the picture of F. Wilson, steward, cook and sailor.

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Second Close Call.

About an hour later the sloop again had a narrow escape from disaster. The fog made it impossible to keep the sloop from striking the whale.

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Cape Flattery after having sailed from Puget sound with a cargo of lumber. The sails were carried away as was also the deckload and for several days the big craft drifted about helplessly until the storm finally abated.

Cool Work Saved Boat.

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CITY OFFICIALS SOLD TO CHANGE IN CHARTER

Councilmen Emphatic in Declaration That Present Mode of Regulating City Too Antiquated for Use in Village—Business Men Take Similar View.

"If there is any person in the city of Portland who thinks the present city charter should not be revised, all I have to say to that person is to invite him to attend a meeting of the city council or the city executive board."

The time has passed when we should be governed by hide-bound prehistoric rules. Portland is developing into one of the greatest cities in the United States and those persons who have in the past few months spent any time in visiting other principal cities bear me out in what I say.

Charter Change Needed. In this manner Baker disposed of his opinions about the present city charter and confirmed the report in yesterday's Journal to the effect that he would introduce a resolution calling for the appointment of a commission to revise the present antiquated charter.

City Engineer Thomson of Seattle paid Portland's city engineer, D. W. Taylor, a visit yesterday and said that Taylor was accomplishing more than most engineers could accomplish in the matter of revising the primeval laws that prevail in Portland at the present time.

Complaints on All Sides. Wherever one goes about the city hall he hears nothing but complaints about the charter. These do not all come from city officials, but from persons who appear to be unacquainted with certain requirements they are expected to fulfill.

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Perhaps no man in the city government has had a better opportunity to study the results of the operation of the city business than the present charter than City Auditor Barbur, and while a new man at the game and conservative as that, he has found many things which should be revised to insure the city a better administration than the present antiquated charter.

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SOCIETY EAGERLY AWAITING INITIAL NIGHT OF "TOY SHOP"

Society is contemplating dolls this week, and all eyes are turned toward the "Toy-Shop." Every day some new and charming feature is added to the opera which will be given Monday and Tuesday evenings and Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons for the benefit of the settlement work of the Institute club.

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The cast is a long one, numbering some 15 children. Some of the principal parts are cast as follows: The Toy-Maker, J. A. McMillan; the Paris Doll, Winnie Lewis; the Japanese Maiden, Doreen; the Chinese Doll, Mrs. Pillsbury; Phelps Carson; Rag Doll, Edwin Shevlin; Johnny Doll, George Blier; The Child, Mrs. MacEwan; Mrs. Peggy Boyer; The Baker, Gretchen Smith; Captain Blockton, Ford Tarpley; Captain Woodhead, Gavin Dryett; The Fox, Herbert Hill; Roy Colgate, Crosby; The Lady Dolls, Helen Ladd, Louise Caswell, Elizabeth Malbon; Noah, Malcolm MacEwan; Mrs. Noah, Ford Smith; Shen, Walter Korell; Janet, Howard Stokes.

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TIRED SCHOOL MA'AMS PURCHASE TICKETS TO VACATION LAND

The high school teachers are beginning to scatter to the scenes where they will spend the vacation months. Several plan to spend their time or part of it in study and others will devote it entirely to rest.

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Miss Gertrude Yager, will go to the family ranch in southern California. Mrs. W. V. Green expects to go to Harvard and will put in part of his time at the summer school there.

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LAZY TO CHECK RESOURCE GRAB

Proposed Statute Will Provide State Ownership of All Unused Waterpower.

State ownership and control of all unused waterpower in Oregon, the end of all grants in perpetuity, rental for the use of power and the diversion of all funds so derived to the irremediable school fund of the state—these are some of the points to be incorporated in a bill before the next legislature for the conservation of the water power resources of the state.

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A Slow Remedy. From The Bellman. The father of a seven-year-old boy was physically and when the child complained of finding difficulty in getting to sleep his father was ready with a remedy.

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