

DUAL BRIDGE IS LATEST PROJECT

ALL WORK FOR FREE LOCKS PLAN

Port of Portland Favors Double Deck Structure on Site of Steel Bridge—Comptent Engineers Declare That Plan Is Feasible.

Legislators-Elect Say They Will Support Any Reasonable Measure Looking Toward the Opening of the Willamette River.

The much mooted high bridge question has assumed an entirely new twist. This time it is in the form of a dual bridge, with independent draws, on the site of the present steel bridge, and the Port of Portland, headed by President Swiger, wants it. Representatives of the port met with the city council committee and east side citizens this afternoon and discussed the question.

Legislators from Multnomah county all declare themselves to be in favor of an open Willamette river. Different members of the Multnomah delegation are discussing the question of the purchase or acquisition of the locks at Oregon City state in positive terms that they are believers in the idea that locks should be no charge on freight passing up and down the river, and say that they will follow any reasonable plan for the abolition of the present charge of 50 cents a ton.

According to the plans of the Port of Portland, the new bridge would be constructed on the site of the present steel bridge. The west approach would be in relatively the same position it now occupies, though the east approach would be further down stream. The bridge would be of dual construction, the decks built side by side, but one lower than the other, with the draws of each deck working independently—one of the other. The lower deck would be for the use of trains. This draw also would be kept open except when in actual use for the passage of a train. This arrangement would permit of the passage of ordinary river traffic under the upper draw without delay or the necessity of opening the upper draw.

There is some difference of opinion among the different members as to what method should be adopted in securing the control of the Oregon City locks. Some members of the delegation contend that it is the duty of the federal government either to buy the present locks or to build others. These members point out that the government has the general charge of all navigable rivers and harbors and it is therefore up to congress to grant appropriation sufficient to secure the old locks or to build new.

However, the upper draw could be opened to permit of the passage of the tall ships coming up the river to load at the mills or unload at the docks. This arrangement would cause the upper draw to be opened only occasionally. The upper draw would be used for teams, foot passengers and streetcars. These three classes of traffic therefore would meet with but occasional interruption. The scheme has been declared feasible by competent engineers to whom it has been presented by the Port of Portland, who have an exhaustive examination of the subject.

Build New Locks. On the other hand, there are members of the delegation who believe that the state should buy the locks or build new ones, and these men argue that if the state did take them over, it would be a saving investment, aside from the abolition of tariff charges. Power could be sold to manufacturing plants, electric power could be generated and sold, and the water power turned into beneficial use generally to a profit. Still others of the delegation contend that the final solution of the question will be found in the organization of a district similar to that of the Port of Portland, the issuance of bonds and the local control of the locks project by the people of the Willamette valley.

WITNESSES TO SAY WHAN CHANG INSANE

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Declaring that in Whan Chang, the assassin of Dr. James White, the trial for the murder of the diplomat, was crazed by fancied wrongs inflicted on Korea, by a Korean, today told the jury that Chang was unable to judge right from wrong. Lee, who took part in an attack by Koreans on White at the Fairmount hotel the day before Stevens was killed, said Chang continually talked about the woes of his country and when recounting Korea's troubles would weep and strike his chest. Several other witnesses were placed on the stand by the defense to show that Chang was insane on matters relating to Korea.

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I visited the exhibition and feel it of sufficient importance to say to you to let your children do likewise. It is something that they may never see again. It will teach them more geography, more natural history and give them more experience in a half-hour's visit than they can get in a year of reading history of the far north. Yours truly, H. WITTENBERG.

JACK FROST ON RUN, SAYS WEATHER MAN

The cold snap has been broken and District Forecaster Beals says it will be warmer tonight. Southerly winds are predicted and with them rain. A storm has raged along the coast for several days and yesterday afternoon warnings were ordered at the mouth of the Columbia river and Marshfield. Up till that time the blow made itself felt chiefly off the southern Oregon coast.

The temperature was down to 32 above zero in Portland last night and the crust of sleet and snow was hard again this morning at daylight. But it began to melt with the rising temperature, however, and in another day all signs of the snow will have disappeared unless a snow storm springs up. This Mr. Beals says is not likely.

SNOW FALLS; HEAVY FREEZE IN KLICKITAT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Goldendale, Wash., Dec. 22.—The sharp, freezing weather of the past week terminated in a snow last night, about four inches falling in the Klickitat valley. Parties coming in from the Simcoe foothills report a snowfall of about 10 inches in the mountains. The snowfall has been looked for by the farmers for several days, as the late wheat is suffering. Ice cutting started this morning and the best ice is being obtained that has been put up at Goldendale for a number of years.

PRESIDENT NEWMAN OF ERIE RESIGNS

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 22.—President W. H. Newman of the New York Central lines tendered his resignation today to the board of directors of the road. President Newman has been considering resigning for two years but has been awaiting the completion of certain work before taking the step. He will remain a director of the road. The resignation will become effective February 1, 1909.

LIFE SAVED BY PRACTICAL JOKE

Doctor Summoned to Mythical Santa Claus Fire Finds Real Thing.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Marysville, Cal., Dec. 22.—Miss Violet Heyl is in a serious condition from burns sustained while, she was acting the part of Santa Claus at an entertainment last night. Her life was probably saved by the fact that Dr. J. H. Barr, to whom a loving cup was presented, had been summoned to the hall by being told that Miss Heyl was burned. This was suggested by the girl herself and was taken as a quick means of bringing the doctor to the scene. When he arrived with bandages and ointments, he found the call was a hoax. He entered into the spirit of the occasion, however, and remained as the guest of honor. Half an hour later a candle set fire to the clothing of the girl and he rushed to her aid. It was after much discussion that Miss Heyl agreed to impersonate Santa Claus. The entertainment was given by the Native Daughters of the Golden West. Some of the members thought a native son should be called into the plan to play the part of the good old saint, but despite lack of precedent Miss Heyl agreed to become the female impersonator of St. Nicholas. Her face, neck, chest and hands were badly burned. Her eyebrows were removed by the fire and her hair was badly burned. A large flowing gray beard proved highly inflammable and burned fiercely about her neck. It is believed she will recover.

HARRIMAN MAN FOR RECEIVER

Burt Follows Stickney and Will Also Follow Him as President.

(United Press Leased Wire.) St. Louis, Dec. 22.—Horace G. Burt today became one of the receivers of the Chicago, Great Western railway, which, it is predicted, will be free of its financial entanglements within six months. Burt, who was formerly president of the Union Pacific, was appointed by the federal court following the resignation of A. B. Stickney, who has been acting as receiver with C. H. F. Smith. Burt has been representing the English stockholders during the receivership and he has made a full investigation of the road and its affairs. Although Stickney continues to act as president, it is now generally understood that Burt will be elected president when the receivership terminates. Discussing the change in the receivership, Stickney said: "The time is close at hand when a reorganization plan must be agreed upon. Several committees have been formed representing the different classes of securities. Of course each committee will naturally attend to the interests of its own constituents. I am still president of the Chicago, Great Western, and as such feel it my duty to give my undivided interest not to any special class of stockholders, but equally to each and every class. I feel therefore that I should be free to act, if necessity should arise, as a sort of mediator between the various interests."

WILL REMAIN ON CHARTER COMMISSION

C. M. Ryerson and Dr. C. H. Chapman will remain on the charter commission. The judiciary committee of the council made this assured by placing on file yesterday a communication from C. K. Henry in which the attention of the council was called to the alleged fact that the two members in question were not taxpayers. A representative of the Portland Trades Council appeared and showed the committee that Mr. Ryerson is a taxpayer. Dr. Chapman also paid taxes. The communication was filed for the reason that it assumed conditions that did not exist.

Fire at Bishop's House.

A chimney fire in the residence of Bishop Scadding, 625 Everett street, brought out the firemen at 7:50 last evening. The blaze was extinguished without any damage being done.

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