PASSAGE OF RIVERS AND HARBOR BILL URGED

Transportation Committee of Chamber of Commerce Also Denounces the Recent Advance in Freight Rates and Advocates Purchase of Locks.

Resolutions strongly urging the passage of the national rivers and harbors bill at the present session of Congress have been passed by the transportation committee of the chamber of commerce. The bill is now hanging in the balance and its fate will be decided at a committee meeting tomorrow. The committee also recommended that an appropriation be made by the state legislature for the Oregon railway commission to fight the advance of transcontinental freight rates made by the railroads this month.

The primary reason for the meeting was to hear the report of the subcommittee appointed to examine into the recent advance in freight rates. The subcommittee has been going into the details of the new rates carefully ever since the first of the traffic was received in Portland, and have looked into the question not only from the side of the shippers, but from that of the railroads as well. The effect of the advances was contrasted with the reasons given by railroad men as to why they are necessary and the financial reports for the past year of the transcontinental lines were also gone over carefully.

Advances Are Not Justified.

After studying the rate situation the members of the subcommittee unanimously agreed that the advances are not justified and that furthermore they place an unnecessary additional tax on the commerce and products of this country. This is particularly true of the varying industries affected. It is these advances especially that the committee thinks the state should protect its shippers against. The full report of the subcommittee will be made public later, but that resolution regarding the fighting of the advance by the state is as follows:

"Resolved, that the Multnomah delegation in the state legislature be requested to support a sufficient appropriation permitting the railroad commission of Oregon to contest strongly before the interstate commerce commission the recent advances in freight rates on natural products of Oregon."

Purchase of Locks.

Another matter of general interest discussed at the meeting was that of the purchase by the state of the locks at Oregon City. The committee is opposed to the suggestion that the legislature refund or withdraw the $300,000 appropriation for the purchase of the locks. The resolution adopted concerning this matter is as follows:

"Whereas, the transportation committee of the chamber of commerce believes that the opening of the Willamette river to free navigation and its improvement will be of vast benefit to the people of the Willamette valley and to the city of Portland, and to the state of Oregon, now, therefore,

"Be is resolved, by the transportation committee of the chamber of commerce:

"First—That the Multnomah delegation in the state legislature be requested to oppose any measure having for its purpose the withdrawal or restoration to the general fund of the appropriation heretofore made by the legislature of the state of Oregon of $300,000 to aid in the purchase of the locks at Oregon City.

"Second—That said delegation be requested to support any measure having for its object the extension of the time in which this fund will be available for the use and purposes intended by the original act appropriating said money.

"Third—The secretary of this committee be requested to furnish a copy of these resolutions to each member of the Multnomah delegation."

Telegram Sent Burton.

In connection with the rivers and harbors bill the following telegram was sent to Honorable Theodore E. Burton by the committee and also to Honorable Joseph E. Ransdell, a member of the rivers and harbors committee and president of the national rivers and harbors congress:

"Honorable Theodore E. Burton, House of Representatives, Washington D. C.: The transportation committee of the chamber of commerce of Portland congratulates you and the nation on your approaching election to the senate of the United States. They also urge before your retirement from the house the absolute necessity of rivers and harbors bill of adequate amount this session. As business men and taxpayers they had hoped under your leadership the day of intermittent appropriations and unnecessary waste and loss had passed. You are familiar with conditions here and know the importance of continuous work. Our people feel a bill should be passed and that congress should provide the means by bond issue if necessary."

"Honorable Joseph E. Ransdell, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.: What probability is there of rivers and harbors bill? Transportation committee chamber commerce, representing commercial interests of this city and state, insist it is duty of congress to pass adequate bill this session. Otherwise great waste and loss will ensue, and if necessary the means should be provided through bond issue."

The Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers' association yesterday sent a telegram signed by President Lloyd J. Wentworth to Senator Wesley L. Jones at Washington, D. C., urging him to do all in his power in support of the passage of the rivers and harbors bill, the lumber manufacturers realizing the importance and necessity of securing appropriations for the continuation of the work now in progress on the Columbia river.

FEWER LAWS THE BETTER

Congress Sticks to This Program and Wrangles With the President.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 9.—A program based on the proposition advanced by the leaders at the beginning of the session that there is not any need for additional laws was closely adhered to by congress the past week. The special secret service message from the president was pitched into the arena Monday. Interest then centered in the work of the Perkins special committee until Friday, when the heavy artillery of the house bombarded the executive mansion and met with a quick return in the publication of the president's letter regarding Senator Tillman.

The senate took its shy at the president in the adoption of a resolution directing the committee on judiciary to inquire whether he had authority to permit the absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron company by the United States Steel corporation.

The week closed with the adoption of a resolution in the house calling for an investigation of the use of the mails by the departments of government funds for secret service purposes.

The senate passed the census bill during the week, and the house a number of minor bills, including one for the appointment of 30 dental surgeons in the navy.

Next week in the house will begin with a Sunday session, when the members will meet to hear memorial addresses on the late Senator Proctor of Vermont.

The following six days will be devoted mostly to appropriation bills. The pension and post bills will be reported later in the week.

Senator Tillman's speech in reply to the accusations of the president implicating him in an unpleasant way with an Oregon land deal will be the star feature of Monday's session in the senate. Senator Foraker, who expects to discuss the latest phases of the Brownsville affair on Monday, decided to leave the field clear for Tillman but he will take the floor on Tuesday.

The postal savings bank bill is still the unfinished business before the senate and on either Monday or Tuesday Senator Carter of Montana, who has it in charge, will make a request that a day be set when a final vote shall be had on the passage of this measure.

Miscellaneous business will occupy the attention of the senate for the balance of the week.

WATER SUPPLY OF CITY IN DANGER

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reservoirs, two on each side of the river, with a total capacity of 66,000,000 gallons. The Bull Run pipe line has a flow of 22,750,000 gallons every 24 hours. This supply has been used and the water in the reservoirs has been steadily and rapidly falling. There are only 5,000,000 gallons left in the main reservoir on Mount Tabor, and all because the people are allowing the water to run all night to prevent the pipes freezing.

Heavy Fine Provided.

"There is a city ordinance against this waste and a penalty of $100 is provided for each violation. But our inspectors are powerless to discover any violations. If an inspector calls at a house, shows his badge and asks to see the faucets the owner tells him to wait awhile, and when he is admitted the water has been shut off. As soon as the inspector's back is turned the water is again turned on.

"There are nearly 35,000 separate water consumers, and it is easy to see that with even half of these disregarding the ordinances a water famine must inevitably come.

"If people will take the trouble to drain the pipes every night by means of stop and waste cocks in the basements there will be no danger of the pipes freezing, and what is of vital moment, do danger of a great fire. I earnestly ask all citizens to heed this warning."

Deliver Fuel Today.

With a view to trying to prevent a fuel famine as serious as the water famine threatens to be, the fuel dealers of the city have decided to deliver coal and wood all day today. They are far behind on their orders on account of the difficulty which the drivers experience in making deliveries through the snow. Most deliveries made are small. A man who ordinarily would not think of buying less than one to five cords of wood may think himself lucky now if he gets half a cord to tide him over the cold snap.

The milk man also has his troubles. It is no joke to drive a wagon at night along the snow piled streets, jump off at every other house or so, clamber over a snow pile from one to three feet high, and leave a bottle of milk or cream on the doorstep of some householder who is peacefully snoring beneath warm blankets or thanking his lucky stars that he does not have to be out in the cold.

The bright idea of one dairyman resulted in tying up one of the streetcar lines for some time and depriving a lot of housewives of their morning supply of milk. He took the body of his milk wagon off the wheels and put it on runners and started gaily out to make his deliveries. Everything went well until the runners of the improvised sleigh struck the tracks of a streetcar line. The sleigh skidded wildly and overturned and driver and milk bottles cluttered up the air.

Milk Bottles in the Air.

When the atmosphere was cleared of milk bottles and language, it was found that a few dozen quarts of milk had been spilled on the tracks. This quickly froze and the first streetcar that came along was unable to pass. The wheels buzzed and revolved rapidly and the motorman made remarks, but the car failed to make any progress. The liberal use of sand finally got the car over the slippery place—but the milkman had reason to cry over his spilled milk.

Icicles are a rare sight in Portland, but there are plenty of them now. One firm is making a profitable business out of removing them from overhanging eaves by the use of an apparatus for throwing a jet of steam, combined with a hook for tearing down the loosened masses of congealed water.

Injured While Coasting.

Several accidents have already resulted as a direct result of the cold weather. Two boys have sustained broken legs while coasting. Yesterday afternoon Harry Conley, living at Tremont Place, broke his leg while coasting down the Woodstock hill. He was brought to the city on a Woodstock car, taken off on Yamhill street where the car turns to go back, and allowed to remain out on the sidewalk in the cold with his fractured limb for at least 15 minutes before some one came along who had sense enough to have him removed to one of the stores until the ambulance came to take him to the hospital.

Bitter complaints are being made by the unfortunate patrons of the streetcar system against the failure of the company to provide any method of heating the cars. A few of the cars on some of the suburban lines have electric heaters, but only a few of them.

A young man and woman coming in on a Montavilla car last night solved the problem of keeping their feet warm. Evidently they came from back in New England, for they used the old fashioned method in vogue in the country districts there of putting hot bricks under their feet. They sat in the end of the car, apparently warm and comfortable, while the other passengers shivered and stamped their benumbed feet and looked enviously at the bricks.

There has been no school since last Wednesday, but Superintendent Rigler stated last night that he hoped the pupils and teachers would be able to resume work tomorrow. This, however, depends upon whether or not the streetcars continue to run.

MARION GROWERS PLAN FOR UNION

Will Pack and Prepare Willamette Valley Fruit for Market.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 9.—The first step toward the organization was taken today at a meeting of the horticulturists of Marion county. The union will be formed after plans adopted from the Hood River and Wenatchee organizations. It will be incorporated and will have for its primary purpose the packing and preparing for sale of all kinds of fruit. The union will have charge of virtually all of the fruit raised in the valley, including apples, cherries and prunes, and the uniform pack to be adopted. Uniform packers will be hired to do the packing.

It is also proposed to build a cannery at Salem for the purpose of canning fruit as well as selling green fruit. To this end the assistance of the Northwest Fruitgrowers' association will be solicited. A committee has already been appointed for the purpose and actual operations have begun for taking care of the fruit during the approaching season. Much interest is manifested in the movement and it is believed in all quarters that it will be as great a success as similar movements have been at Hood River and other points.

BEN TILLMAN PLACED ON DEFENSE

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the California & Oregon railway grant lands. Among other interesting statements that he will make is one that he personally told Attorney General Bonaparte that he had tried to buy some of these lands and that he was ready to conclude the purchase as soon as the necessary legal steps had been taken. It was early in July when he conversed with the attorney general relative to the bringing of suits by the government to enforce compliance with the conditions under which the grant was made, that the lands should be sold to actual settlers at $2.50 per acre.

Some Sort of Retaliation.

The senator will claim that he fully informed the attorney general of his intentions.

After he has got through defending himself, it is understood, Tillman will proceed to make a retaliator attack. Just what line this will take he has not disclosed but it is known he has been in consultation with several Republican senators who are antagonistic to the president, especially in his forest reserve policy.

At the conclusion of Tillman's speech the question will arise as to what action, if any, the senate should take in the matter. The course to be persued has not been determined. It is quite likely, however, that the senate will appoint a committee to investigate and report on the facts. This responsibility will be placed on the special committee, consisting of Hemenway of Indiana, Clay of Georgia and Gallinger of Vermont, which has already been appointed to consider the general subject of the activities of the secret service. The probability, however, is that a separate committee will handle the Tillman case.

If that is done it will have called to its attention the following charges against the South Carolinian:

That he used his official position to further his private interests; that on February 19, 1908, he arose in his place on the floor of the senate and after denouncing what he termed the unauthorized use of his name in connection with the Oregon land deal, declared positively that he had not bought any western lands and had not undertaken to do so, whereas only four days before he had actually sent an order to his agents to purchase for him eight quarter sections, the payment for which was to be determined upon later; that in denouncing Bryan R. Dorr of Portland as a swindler he did an innocent man a grave injustice; that in using his official frank for private correspondence he violated a statute which carries with it a penalty of $300 for each offense.

If Senator Tillman is found guilty on these counts, censure by the senate would be the mildest form of punishment that could be recommended. More likely, it is thought, the recommendation would be that he be expelled from the senate.

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SOME FIGURES ON FUNDS SET ASIDE FOR THE SLEUTHS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 9.—The committee to investigate secret service expenditures provided for in the resolution passed by the house today will be named on Monday. Chairman Tawney or Judge Smith of the committee on appropriations will be chairman of the committee. In the report of these investigators it will be set forth that many dollars have been provided by congress for secret service work in the various departments. For special agents and inspectors and the execution of laws the interstate commerce commission was allowed last year $1,000,000. The treasury secret service was allowed $110,000; the customs service, $200,000; the interior department for protecting timber lands, $500,000; for the enforcement of the anti-trust laws $250,000; for the department of justice, $560,000; for the special pension examiners, $250,000; for Indian inspectors and police, $275,000, and for postoffice inspectors, $900,000. The total as it appears in the report will probably be $7,000,000.

$50,000 FOR CRATER LAKE ROAD; DOUGLAS TO SPEND THOUSANDS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 9.—The county court today fixed the tax levy for road building purposes at 2.9 mills. This amount will raise $70,000, and with the special district levy will bring the total amount for road work up to nearly $107,000, the largest by far that has ever been had for road building.

Klamath Falls, Or., Jan. 9.—The county court of Klamath today pledged $50,000 for the Crater lake road. The court will make the levy when the state and government appropriations are secured.

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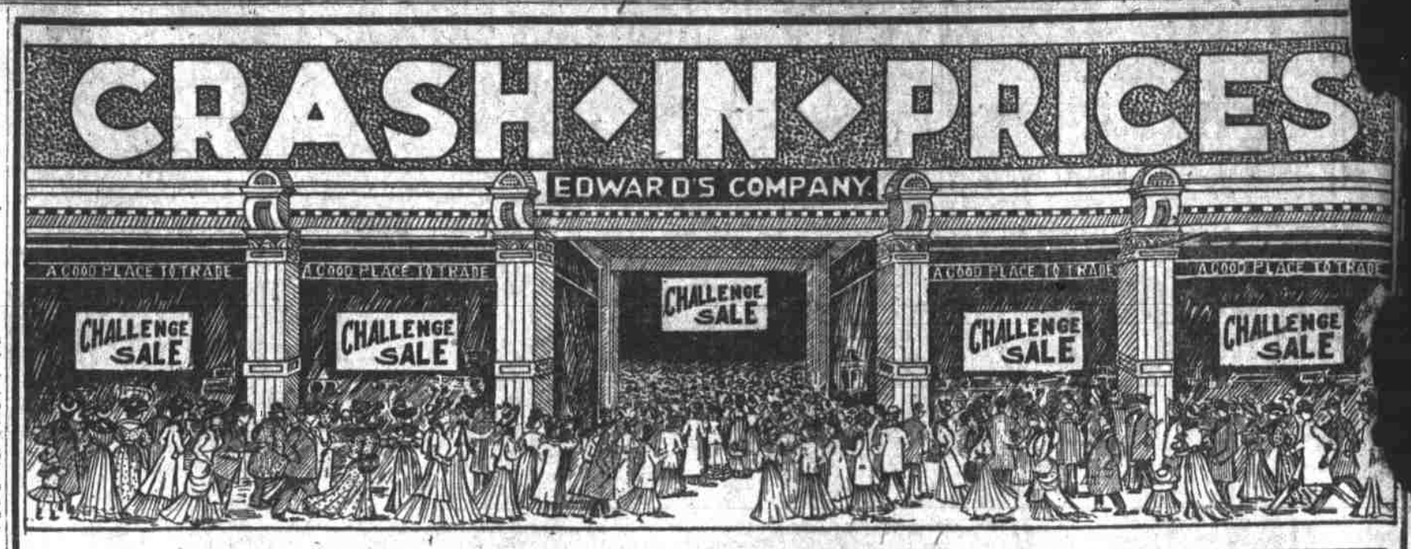

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$3.50 Cotton Top Mattresses	$2.50
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$6.00 Cotton Combination Mattresses	$4.00
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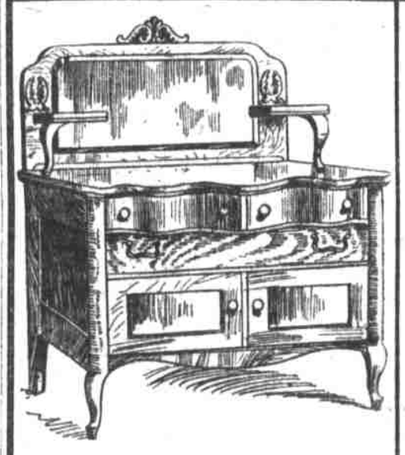
$1.60 Velvet, yard	$1.25
$1.60 Axminster, yard	$1.25
$1.90 Body Brussels, yard	$1.40

Challenge Prices

75c Wood Chairs	50¢
$2.00 Kitchen Tables	$1.35
$4.00 Household Treasures	$2.50
$5.00 Kitchen Safes	$3.35
$6.50 Couches	$4.75
$7.00 Sanitary Couches	$4.90
$8.00 Kitchen Safes	$5.25
$10.00 Kitchen Safes	$6.50
$12.50 Hardwood Wardrob	$9.75
$16.50 Cook Stoves	$12.25
$20.00 Extension Tables	$13.00
$25.00 Buffets, oak	$18.50
$30.00 Dining Table	$21.50
$35.00 China Closets	$24.00
$40.00 Dressers	$28.50
$50.00 Parlor Cabinets	$32.00



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No. 84—Buffet, beautiful grained oak, as illustrated, French mirror, 17x30, size of top 20x42; regular $20—Sale price $15.00

No. 955—Solid quartered polished oak Buffet, $25.00 value, top 22x43, mirror 10x38—Sale price $19.50

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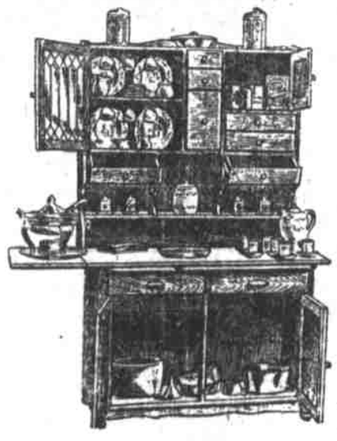

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No. 1—Kitchen Cabinet, spruce, high top, treasure base, reduced from $12 to $9.00

No. 2—Large Spruce Cabinet, high top, base divided into 1 bin, 3 drawers, 1 door; regular $14.50, now .. $11.00

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PROVISION PRICES ARE INCREASED BY THE SNOW STORM

Fresh eggs at 60 and 65 cents a dozen in the retail markets and 50 cents in the wholesale market—and not a quarter enough to supply the demand at that—is the result of the cold snap upon the Portland market. Egg receipts have been scant of late, and the hens can not be induced to work even quarter time.

Fresh meats are going higher almost every day simply because the price in the stockyards is advancing by great bounds. Not only is meat very high, but a famine threatens unless weather conditions change soon. The butchers who usually keep their beef in cold houses for a week in order to prime their condition, have been forced to kill the cattle on day and sell them the next because of the lack of a surplus in storage.

Coffee without sugar may suit some people, but the majority of the people prefer it with a lump or two. Continued cold weather may cause a change in the diet of the latter, however, because sugar is scarce, and one of the leading wholesalers has already limited the supplies he will sell to the retail trade. The trouble is that practically all the sugar consumed here is brought by steamer from San Francisco and floating ice is liable to interfere greatly with shipments.

The consumer is being hit another blow by the cold weather, for if you'll take a second look you will find that onion and other vegetable prices are mounting higher every day, and it's very hard to secure what you want even at the advanced prices.

Had the cold weather remained away butter would have been fully 10 cents a square cheaper than now, but since the freeze started the creamery men have been unable to fill all the demand for fresh stock even without cutting prices.

TELLS STORY OF THREE HOURS ON AN "ICEBERG"

Portland, Jan. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal—In reading in The Journal last evening, we find President Josselyn's comforting remarks that the snowstorm will not hinder the streetcar service. Thanks, Mr. Josselyn, for your assurance, but if you had been on the car I was on last night, or I mean all yesterday afternoon and evening, trying to get to St. Johns, you would think very differently.

In the first place we only had to wait from one to two hours for a car going to town, then when we started back home this is what we did: We saw a car standing at Second and Alder street at 3 o'clock, the second car since noon. It was already full, but we thought it would be a chance to get home before night, so we got on the car and waited, waited and w-a-i-t-e-d, for the car to start. After a while the conductor came in with the news that "there is a car off the track and it may be an hour or two before they get it on," but there is a car we can take from Third and Washington, and this is his warning: "It is an iceberg."—a car without a heater, which, by the way, is very common on all lines in Portland—but even with this warning we thought perhaps we would get home sooner than to wait until they got that car on the track.

We went fairly well until we crossed the steel bridge, then our real trouble began—snow on the track—cars off the track. But let us not linger on our troubles. But if President Josselyn could only have been on that "iceberg" from 3:30 until 7:30 or 8 o'clock, cold and hungry as we all were, I fully believe that by our next snowstorm Portland cars would be well fitted with heaters and snowplows which he spoke about, but which were certainly not very much in evidence.

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NEWBERG CLUB GIVES BANQUET

President F. H. Caldwell Delivers Address at Function.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Newberg, Or., Jan. 9.—The newly organized Commercial club celebrated the opening of its clubrooms here last night by a banquet and musicale.

Following the banquet there were addresses by President F. H. Caldwell and other prominent members of the club. Judge M. C. George of Portland, who was here acting as judge at the high school debate, gave an interesting talk on the advantages of an organized commercial club to the small city.

The club starts off with nearly 100 members. It has fitted up quarters in the new Edwards building. Pool and billiard tables have been added and game rooms and a fine piano will add to the social features.

The primary object is for the advancement of this flourishing community, and every member of the club is an enthusiastic booster for a greater Newberg.

Plans are being laid for an advertising campaign in the spring and literature is being prepared for distribution to all parts of the country.

The Oregon Electric is to build through here, and it is expected that the next two years will see the population in this city doubled.

The officers of the club are: President, Senator F. H. Caldwell; vice president, C. J. Edwards; secretary, C. C. Ferguson; treasurer, A. C. Seely.