

PACIFIC MAIL & S. S. SAN FRANCISCO CONCERN, HE SAYS

R. P. Schwerin's Attitude Toward Portland Is Clearly Shown by Testimony Given Before Senate Committee.

The depth of the regard for Portland and its interests borne by R. P. Schwerin, vice president and general manager of the Pacific Mail and Portland & Asiatic Steamship companies, is shown by his own sworn testimony before the inter-oceanic canal committee of the United States senate, March 10, 1910.

On that occasion, after being put under oath at his special request, Mr. Schwerin said:

"I want to say in regard to this that the Pacific Mail Steamship company has for 50 years been absolutely a San Francisco organization.

"There is not any question on this; there should not be any mistake about it. It is not a Tacoma, Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles or San Diego institution—it is San Francisco, lock, stock and barrel.

Works for San Francisco.
"As stated, the Pacific Mail has worked to the interests of San Francisco.

"I am frank to say that I did my level best and, just as long as I am in this business, I am going to do my level best to keep San Francisco the queen of the Pacific."

In view of this statement by Mr. Schwerin, made so emphatically and publicly at the time when the Portland & Asiatic Steamship company was said to be losing more than \$100,000 a year, just preliminary to its withdrawal, Portland shippers do not hesitate to say that Mr. Schwerin wanted the line to lose money so that it would have to be withdrawn.

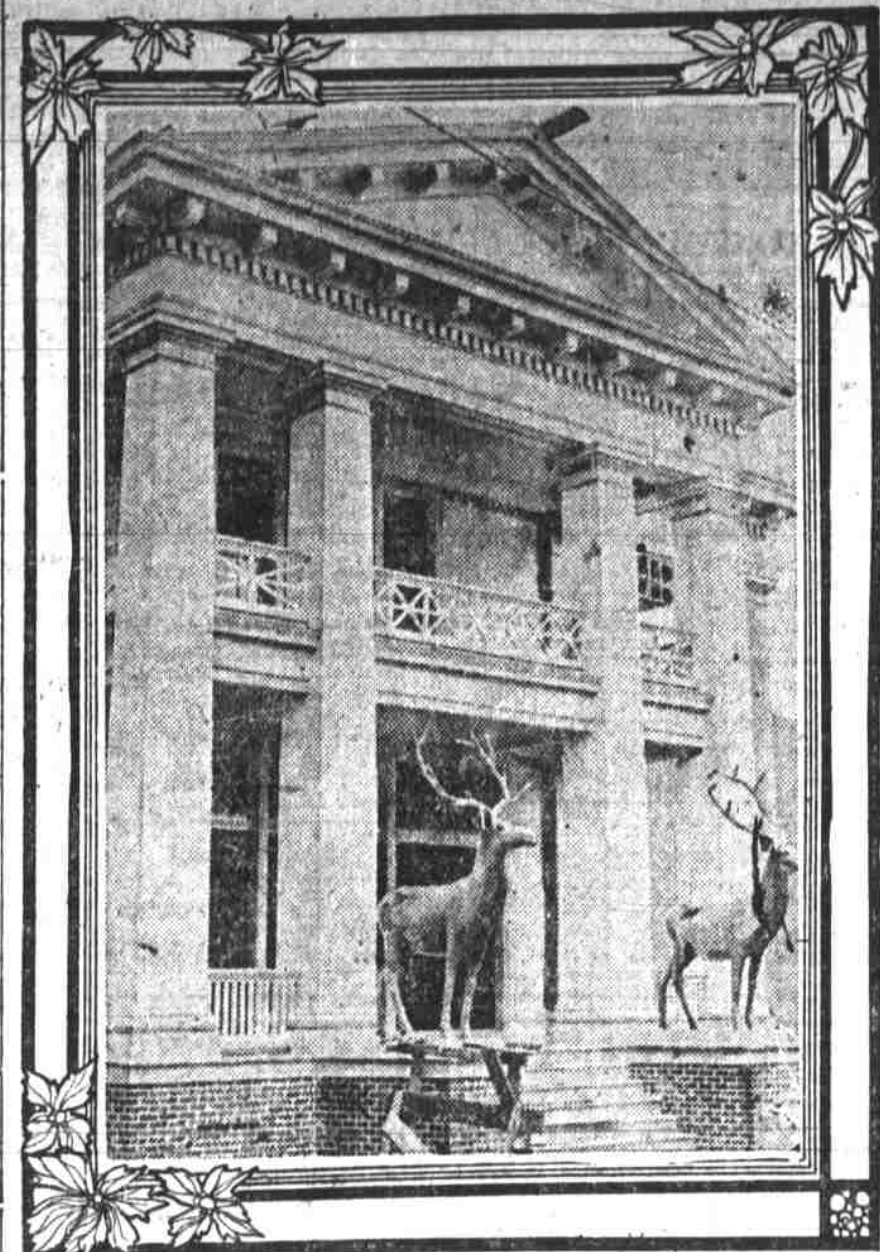
This also, is taken to explain his hostility to the project to establish now a direct and permanent line from Portland to the orient, on which a special committee from the chamber of commerce is working. It is pointed out that Portland was never given a fair deal by Mr. Schwerin from the Portland & Asiatic Steamship company, which made this port subordinate at all times to San Francisco.

On their return trips from the orient the Portland & Asiatic steamships went first to San Francisco, where they unloaded most of their imports before coming to Portland. Often this process delayed them so much that steamers would be 20 to 30 days behind schedule when they reached Portland, shippers here being the sufferers. Under such management, using the line merely as an auxiliary to the Pacific Mail line, and working for the interests of San Francisco and not Portland, shippers say it is small wonder that the line did not pay.

"Mr. Schwerin's own words speak best

Oregon City Elks Finish Fine Home Handsome Building Overlooks River

Elks Lodge Building at Oregon City, Or., Now Almost Ready for First Lodge Meeting.



(Special to The Journal.)
Oregon City, Aug. 20.—The home of the Oregon City Elks, which is now completed and is being furnished, is one of the most beautiful lodge buildings in the state. It overlooks the river from two large porches, one on the second floor and the other on the main floor. On the lower floor stand two full size Elks with illuminated horns.

Upon entering the building, on the right is a ladies' rest room, in which will be writing tables, telephones and other conveniences. There is a roomy lobby and a stein room adjoining. In the stein room is a fireplace. To the

right of the lobby is a billiard and card room. On the left is the library, which also overlooks the river. Large tables and leather furniture will make this a much sought room. The secretary's office and cloak room are to the left of the lobby, also the buffet, kitchen and store room.

On the second floor is the lodge room, which is a credit to the Elks. It contains a stage with dressing rooms. There are several committee rooms on the second floor, and a large banquet room and kitchen.

The first meeting in this new structure will be the latter part of this month, Henry O'Malley is exalted ruler.

just as long as I am in this business I am going to do my level best to keep San Francisco the queen of the Pacific," states his position exactly.

"I wish every resident of Portland and every citizen of the northwest would read and reread these statements

of Mr. Schwerin, the representative of the interests owning the Pacific Mail, until they are firmly fixed in his memory. Why should Portland constantly fool itself? Must Portland citizens wait until the shipping is gone before they act? Must we be knocked on the head and dragged out before we realize that San Francisco and the Pacific Mail Steamship company are the interests which Mr. Schwerin, and those he represents, propose to protect?

"On the other hand, if Portland is laboring under a discrimination on the bill of lading and bonding question, and the same rules are not enforced at Seattle, Tacoma or San Francisco as here, this fact should be known and corrected. The Chamber of Commerce should institute an inquiry at once. It should not be delayed an hour.

"The investigation should not be merely on the surface, but should be thorough and the real facts ascertained at once. Such an examination should be conducted by experts."

ROSARIANS INVITE 1915 FAIR PRESIDENT HERE

President C. C. Moore of the 1915 Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco is planning to come to Portland with the exposition's flying legion on August 31. In such event, he will be orator of the day at a mass meeting in one of the plaza blocks under the auspices of the Royal Rosarians. Governor West will probably introduce President Moore.

A tentative program has been telegraphed to the exposition management at San Francisco, subject to their approval, by Julius L. Meier, chairman of the Oregon exposition commission.

ROSE SWALLOWED BY HEN IS FOUND WEEKS LATER IN FULL BLOOM

(Special to The Journal.)
Chenawah, Or., Aug. 20.—An almost fully blown Martha Washington rose was discovered encased in a double sack of protective tissue in a Plymouth Rock hen killed by Mrs. Florence Matthes yesterday. Despite that several weeks must have elapsed since the swallowing of the bud to enable it to have come so coated, the flower had not undergone decay.

Model Husband Falls.

Before marriage, William A. Stephens was a model young man, but two weeks after the ceremony, "thoroughly intoxicated," was the condition in which he came home, according to testimony given by his wife, Hazel Anita Stephens, before Judge McGinn this morning in asking

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