

WOULD ACQUIRE STEAMBOATS OF OPEN RIVER LINE

Outlook Seems Favorable, it is Said; Lewiston Tackles Problem of Caring for Fruit Crop in Section.

"The most important problem immediately confronting the citizens of Lewiston and Clarkston is the conservation of the fruit crop of the wonderful valley of which these cities are the center," said Wallace R. Struble, secretary-manager of the Idaho-Washington Development league, this morning.

"Last year approximately 4000 tons of magnificent peaches literally rotted on the ground in Lewiston orchards because of lack of drying facilities to quickly conserve the crop for market. This represents in dollars and cents about \$112,000 direct loss to the growers and the community. That this waste will be quadrupled within the next two or three years is inevitable unless facilities for drying, canning and by-products manufacturing are provided speedily in the judgment of growers and well informed business men," declared Mr. Struble.

Tackling Big Problem.

"We are entering seriously upon a campaign for the solution of this problem," he continued. "The Idaho-Washington Development league has named a standing committee of leading bankers and railroad men, who are cooperating with like committees of the Lewiston Commercial club, Clarkston Chamber of Commerce and the Lewiston Orchard association in an intelligent effort to provide a remedy for these conditions of waste. Data being formulated by these committees embrace the entire scope of the situation from crop to dryer and cannery, and already negotiations are partially advanced for the location of dryers to be conducted on the most modern systems of evaporation. The committee have in hand the promotion of adequate canning establishments for the district also.

Fruit Best Asset.

"The selection of bankers and railroad men for active work on such committee is made because the question is primarily a banking and transportation problem. Later, in due order, the correlative problems of storage and markets will be dealt with.

"It is not overstating the case to say that the production of fruit of all varieties constitutes the present most extensive and important resource of the Lewiston-Clarkston valley, and that it is the duty of our citizens, working through their commercial and other organizations, to secure the maximum conservation of this wealth for the producers and the community in general goes without saying. This is the problem which our committee have in hand, and they will give it the same intelligent, persistent attention which has hitherto been given our livestock, public and public improvement activities, resulting in record breaking achievements.

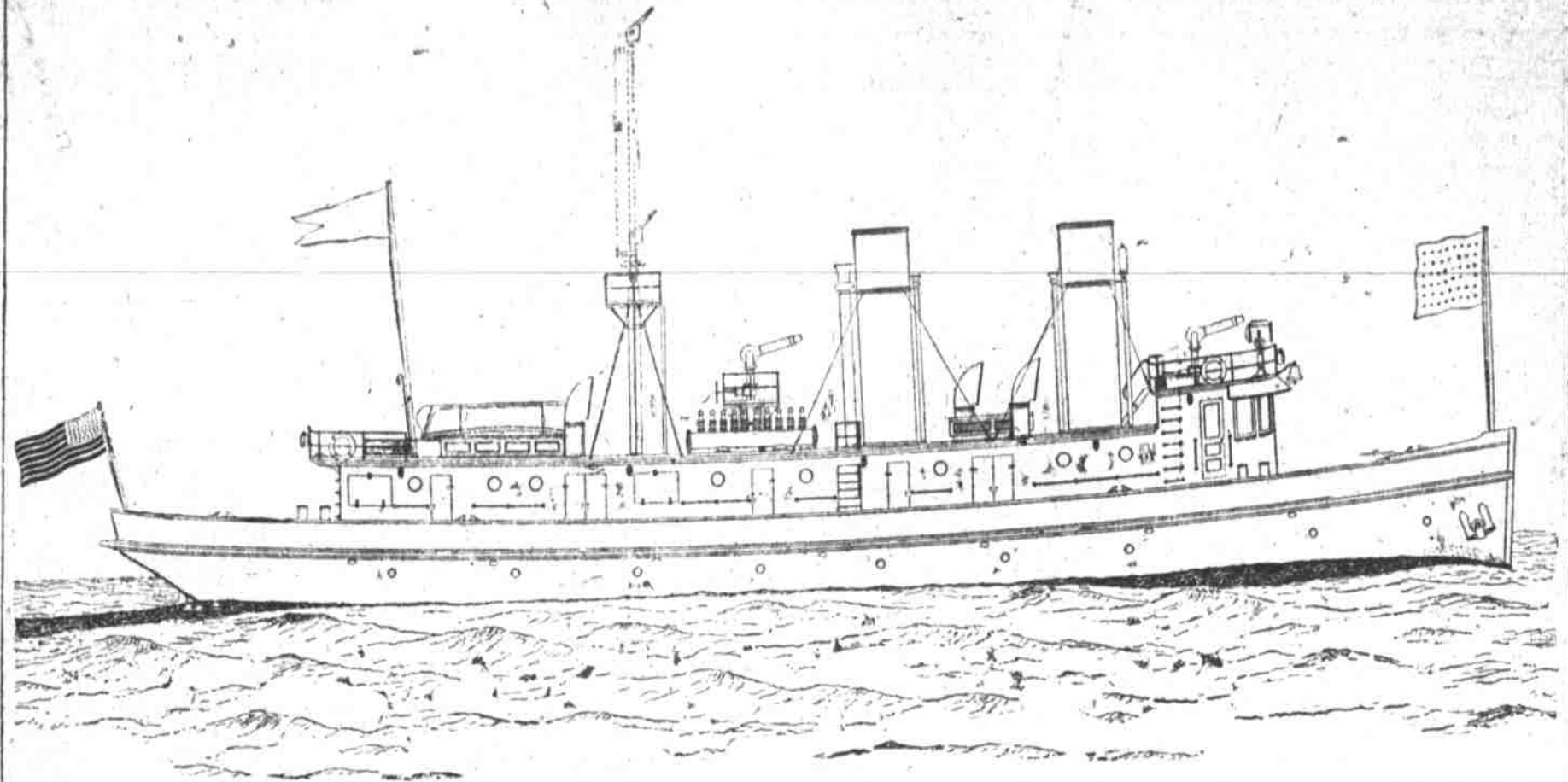
To Take Over Open River Line.

Mr. Struble is in the city at this time directly in the interest of a proposition on the part of the Clatskanie and Hordford transportation companies of Portland to take over the boats of the Open River Transportation company for regular operation between Portland and Lewiston and other upper Columbia river cities. Several meetings have been held with representatives of the Open River line in Portland during the past two days, and the outlook seems favorable to the consummation of the proposed deal. Dr. N. G. Blalock of Walla Walla, Captain W. P. Gray of Pasco, Dr. J. B. Morris of Lewiston, A. S. Stacy and Frank Thompson of the Lewiston-Mercantile company, Lewiston, and Mr. Struble, on behalf of the commercial bodies and shippers of the Columbia-Snake basin, have been in consultation with J. N. Teal and the repre-

Fireboat David Campbell Nearly Finished; Boat May Be Launched This Week

New Vessel Declared to Be One of Best of Its Kind in the United States

Fireboat David Campbell, which is nearing completion; craft is designed after most modern pattern; craft will be an oil burner and will be capable of developing unusual speed for boats of her kind; force of men is working hard with expectation of having job done at an early date; boat is named after the late fire chief, who lost his life while in the performance of his duty.



Portland's "made in Oregon" fireboat, the David Campbell, will be launched the latter part of this week, probably on Saturday afternoon.

The keel of the vessel was laid six weeks ago by the Smith & Watson Iron Works, which is building the craft in Supple's yard on East Morrison street. Since then a force of 50 men has been busily engaged assembling the various parts and progress has been so rapid that Alfred F. Smith, president of the boat works, announced today that the boat will be slipped from the ways this week.

"The David Campbell will be one of the best boats of her kind in the United States," said Mr. Smith today. "She is solidly built, equipped with the latest

machinery and will develop great power. Simplicity is the keynote in her construction, and in building we aimed to make a fire-fighting machine that would stand up under all conditions."

To Have Twin Screws.
The new fireboat, which will be propelled by twin screws, is 125 feet long, with a 27-foot beam, and will draw nine feet of water. When completed she will cost approximately \$149,000. Power will be supplied her two high-pressure, double-cylinder, direct-action engines by two Ballin water tube boilers. And she will be capable of developing 1500 horsepower. Her estimated speed will be 15 miles an hour, six miles faster than the fireboat George W. Williams.

The fire-fighting equipment will consist of one eight-inch extension water tower, one six-inch turret that will be mounted on the pilot house, eight four-and-two 11-inch hose manifolds, each containing ten 2 1/2-inch hose connections, for use in close-in fire fighting.

Water for the hoses will be supplied by two two-stage centrifugal pumps, with a maximum capacity of 3000 gallons per minute.

Will Burn Oil.
The boat will be an oil burner. Five steel bulkheads are constructed across the hull, with a view of making the boat as near unsinkable as her construction will permit.

Save for the materials for the hull, which were furnished by Johnson Bros. of Ferrydale, Mich., the machinery, boilers and auxiliaries were constructed by Smith & Watson, in Portland. The bulk of the fire-fighting apparatus was manufactured by the firm in its plant on Front and Harrison.

All patterns, castings and the assembling work was done in Portland. When the David Campbell slips into the Willamette virtually all that will remain to be done to complete the fireboat will be the installation of her boilers and engines. This takes about a month, after which the craft will be tested out and then turned over to the city for service.

representatives of the steamboat companies above named.

Freight Campaign Planned.

In the event that the boats of the Open River line are taken over, as proposed, the new owners will be backed up by the earnest efforts of the commercial bodies and shippers in a campaign for freight.

"We do not feel that the maintenance of the river service is in any sense inimical to the railways, with whom the shippers of the inland Empire are in the best of terms, and whose success we all desire and will labor for," said Mr. Struble; "but it is the judgment of our people that the traffic demands and will support liberally a regular boat service. Besides, it is the universal feeling that the maintenance of open river boats is in some way vitally related to the larger question of the completion of the Cello canal and the opening of the Columbia and Snake rivers to uninterrupted navigation. The citizens of the upper country greatly appreciate the public spirit of Portland citizens in organizing and maintaining the Open River Transportation company. They realize that this has been done at a financial loss to a few progressive, far-seeing men, and frankly admit that this service has had strong bearing with congress in the matter of rivers and harbors appropriations for the Columbia waterway.

Handsome Profits Seen.

"It seems to them, however, that the situation is such at this time that a boat service, predicated purely on business lines, can be made to yield handsome dividends for its owners, while it will at the same time serve the original

idea of leverage for governmental aid for our rivers."

It is understood that a conference will be held tomorrow between the Portland steamboat men interested in this deal and the officials of the Open River Transportation company, at which the details of the proposed transaction will be gone over. The upper country representatives are awaiting the outcome of the negotiations before beginning an active campaign for substantial support of the new line by shippers, commercial bodies and farmers.

LOCK BURGLAR IN KITCHEN THEN CALL POLICE TO GET HIM

Shortly after Peter Schmeer and his family retired last evening at their home, 701 East Ash street, they heard a noise in the kitchen. Investigation revealed a burglar. Schmeer locked the door leading to the dining room, ran around the house and fastened the rear door, thereby locking the burglar in. Patrolmen Schirmer and Bailes went to the place on motorcycles, finding the family guarding the burglar. The burglar proved to be George Sauer, who explained that he was under the influence of strong drink. This morning in the municipal court he was given three months on the rockpile.

NEW MORAL BILL AROUSES CAPITAL

Kenyon "Red Light" Measure Will Become Law if Vote is Taken in House.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, Jan. 21.—Despite an unfavorable report by the Board of District Commissioners, and the opposition of certain elements, advocates of the Kenyon "Red Light" bill which passed the senate Friday declare the bill will become a law if a vote is taken in the house of representatives. Congressman S. F. Prouty, of Iowa, has taken charge of the fight in the house, and will use every influence to have the bill reported out of the committee. Those who are supporting the measure say that if this is done, there is no question of the result. Tremendous interest has been aroused by the bill by the terms of which a disreputable house is declared to be a nuisance, and "whoever shall erect, establish, continue, maintain, use, own, occupy or lease any such house, is guilty of a misdemeanor." To state the nuisance the bill authorizes any citizen of the District of Columbia in addition to the attorney general of the United States, or the United States attorney for the district, to ask the district supreme court for a permanent writ of injunction against the place. Temporary writs may be granted by the courts.

SHERIFF PUTS CLAMPS ON BOXING CONTEST

"We didn't pull off a scheduled four-round boxing match at our smoker, as intended, because Sheriff Tom Word served notice on the committee 'there'd be nothing doing,' we didn't want to get pulled in earnest." Thus Secretary F. W. Mosher this morning explained why the Portland its original program for the smoker given in its rooms in the Multnomah hotel last week. "The plans were to pull off a little boxing match, and four rounds," he continued, "and we had arranged for a couple of police officers to break in and arrest a number of our most popular members just in fun, but it was all off when Sheriff Word sent the committee the notice that there'd be nothing doing." "Of course, we could have pulled off the match and took our chances with the sheriff, but he might have carried it too far. He might have demanded real cash bail, whereas the police would have let us go on our recognizance." So we cut the match, but pulled off the smoker.

SENATE SUSTAINS MORRISON BILL VETO

(Staff Correspondence.)
Salem, Or., Jan. 21.—The senate this morning sustained the veto of the governor on the bill of the 1911 session which certain property in Union county back to the heirs of John Morrison. The committee on judiciary agreed that the bill is unworkable and will present a new bill to accomplish the same object. The land in question has escheated to the state and the new bill will provide that the proceeds of sale, \$14,848, shall be paid by the state to the heirs.

NAVAL MILITIA REPEAL REPORTED UNFAVORABLY

(Staff Correspondence.)
Salem, Or., Jan. 21.—Senator Dimick's bill to repeal the act establishing the

VICE COMMISSION FILES ITS FOURTH, FINAL REPORT

Commission Opposes Plan for Restricted District; Unfortunate Girls' Downfall Laid, in Part, to Low Wages.

In its fourth and final report, submitted today, the vice commission goes on record definitely against a restricted district. As sources of vice among juveniles are given grills, roadhouses, poolrooms, street loitering, lack of instruction, suggestive postcards and roaming about on the streets.

Poor wages, a craving for fine dresses and living beyond their means are held too, as leading many girls from the straight and narrow path.

The commission also holds that women employed in industrial lines should not be required to work more than eight hours per day and should be provided with seats, and that \$10 per week is the lowest wage upon which woman can live in fair comfort in Portland.

Against Restricted District.
In regard to a restricted district the commission reports it has found that restriction does not restrict, but on the other hand has tendency to promote immorality and establishing a double standard of morality. It is held that such a step would be to spread disease and foster debauchery and would encourage white slavery.

It is estimated in the report that there are about 3000 professional and semi-professional women in Portland, and if a restricted district for 500 of these were established 2500 would still operate outside of the district. It is stated that restricted districts are being eliminated in other cities, where they have been tolerated for years, and instead of women being the commission to believe that medical inspection made possible by a restricted district causes a spread of disease by giving a false sense of security. The commission also takes the position that a restricted district would eliminate official graft but would rather encourage political corruption.

Lack of proper home training, evil associates, and surroundings are put down as the contributing causes of the delinquency of a great many young girls. Grills are named as the pitfalls for many of these girls. In regard to women's wages the commission says that \$10 a week is the lowest wage that a self-respecting woman can live on in health and comfort, yet thousands of girls are receiving con-

siderably less. Commission detectives have investigated stores, factories and restaurants and found that wages for girls, and women are far below what they should be, with the result that many girls have felt themselves compelled to lead lives of shame in order to purchase the necessities of life. The need of a greater degree of social responsibility on the part of the public authorities, employers and the community in general, the commission says, is revealed by existing conditions. Limitation by law to eight hours for a working day is urged as desired legislation.

Fire Destroys Winlock Mill.
(Special to The Journal.)
Winlock, Wash., Jan. 21.—Fire at 3 o'clock completely destroyed the O'Connell Lumber company mill at this place yesterday morning. The fire appeared to have started in the boiler room.



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Oregon Naval Militia was reported unfavorably to the senate by the committee on military affairs this morning. It was sent back to committee on a statement by Dimick that opponents of the bill from Portland want to be heard. He promised they will furnish some "spicy information."

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