

DEPTH OF CHANNEL IN NORTH PORTLAND HARBOR DECREASED

Survey Shows Harbor Has Shoaled to 8 1-2 Feet Since Dredger Quit.

COMMISSION CUTS SALARY

Port Authorities Make 10 Per Cent Reduction in Pay of Employees for Reasons of Economy.

North Portland harbor, which was constructed through government and private subscription for the sum of \$2,242,000, has shoaled to a depth of 8 1/2 feet and a width of 90 feet early in the year.

C. C. Colt, president of the Union Meat company, has asked the Port of Portland commission to maintain a 20 foot channel through the slough to the harbor.

Salaries Are Cut. The belief was expressed by several members of the commission that to maintain a 20 foot channel would necessitate the keeping of one dredger on that channel the year around.

Wood Fuel Again Available. Owing to high water in the tributaries of the Willamette, cut fuel will again be available for the Port of Portland dredgers.

Contracts for furnishing materials for the old machinery of the dredger Columbia, which is to be soon transferred to the newly constructed hull, were let to various contractors.

Bids Are Received. Bids of \$5675 and \$5575 were received from Oscar Strand and P. A. Perry for the work.

After a wait of three months the pilotage company has returned to the Hamburg-American Steamship company and amounting to \$2600 was ordered paid to that company.

NEW CRUISER IS REPORTED French Bark Duquesne Meets Vessel Off the Coast.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 9.—It is rumored that an Australian cruiser in California waters on the lookout for possible prizes.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT After a run of 23 days from San Pedro, the American schooner W. F. Jewett was taken in tow off the Coast.

FOR YOUR VOTE NOVEMBER 3 Non-Partisan League Asks People to Authorize Appointment of a State Tax Commission to Study Present Laws and Draft a New Code.

Measure initiated by the Non-Partisan League, Fletcher Linn, president, Northwestern Bank building, Portland, Ore., Oct. 9.

It is stated in this bill that the tax laws now in force in Oregon are insufficient for the needs of the people and unsatisfactory to citizens and people that general prosperity depends largely upon equitable taxation.

The affirmative argument submitted by the Non-Partisan league to an extent restates the subject matter of the bill, especially in reference to the need of equitable tax law revision.

The present tax laws, when enacted, fairly distributed the burden of taxation, it is stated, but are now intolerable in their results, because of increased conditions.

Prisoners Send Jailer a Present The Dalles, Or., Oct. 9.—Complimenting G. L. Coleman, jailer at the Wasco county court house, for his vigilance when he twice prevented them from breaking jail, C. Jones and John Smith, two Hood river county prisoners, sent him a pearl handled knife as a present.

State Officials Powerless. Workmen are inclined to blame public officials for not taking summary action without due process of law.

Under the hit-or-miss system of passing tax laws, which we have in this state, we spend our money inefficiently, only to find that our property is less saleable than last year—that it is new enterprises stay away from Oregon—that old enterprises leave it—that Oregon is like the leper of Japan, no one will touch it nor visit it, and no one will invest nor loan money in it.

Women Voters Are Much in Evidence Though Monday is Columbus day, the registration office will be kept open from 8 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock at night.

Executive. President Wilson assured callers that Japan had made satisfactory explanation of its intentions in the war against Germany.

Eastern. Petition naming William Sulzer candidate for governor of New York on the American party ticket was filed.

Three ships carrying first contingent of Canadian troops have anchored in Southampton.

What Labor is Doing. Conditions 'Long Shore in Portland Are Almost Normal Again.

Ships Coming in Fast. J. A. Madsen, secretary of the Pacific coast department of the International Longshoremen, says conditions in Portland are almost normal.

Will Erect Brick Building. Early action in awarding the contract for the construction of a three story brick building at the southwest corner of Union avenue and Alberta street is expected from F. Heier, who has his office on the building site.

Mill Will Be Rebuilt. Construction of a new plant to replace the one destroyed by fire has been started at Klamath Falls by the Pollock Bay Lumber company.

Action Postponed for a Week. Action which was to have been taken this week in awarding the contract for the construction of a three story brick building at Fifth and Hoyt has been postponed.

Building Permits. Edward Chin, repair one story frame dwelling, East Eleventh, between East Clay and East Market; builder, same; \$50.

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