PORT NEEDS URGENT TO RETAIN SHIPPING TRADE, SAYS BURKE

People Must Combat Influencecs Working for Benefit of Sound, Asserts Collector

"NIGGER IN WOODPILE"

Differential of 90 Cents a Ton at Mouth of Columbia Barrier to Inland Empire.

In spite of indisputable figures that Portland's offshore commerce is being constantly absorbed by Puget sound from year to year, Judge Thomas C. Burke, collector of customs, is conducting almost a lone fight. He is trying to protect this port and to rouse the people of Portland and the Inland Empire to the consciousness that the millions spent for river and harbor improvement will be for naught unless definite and positive use is made of them.

"With every natural advantage in our favor and seven times the territory to draw from that Seattle has," Judge Burke declared, "does any one know what the trouble is and, if so, what is going to be done about it?"

Judge Burke on several occasions has called public attention to the fact that very few offshore ships are making Portland. He has repeatedly shown that Portland's own merchants are allowing their imports to be cleared at the customs houses of other districts rather than insisting that they be sent here in bond for clearance at this port. He has repeatedly pointed out the enormous sums expended in lowering the Columbia river bar until now any vessel that plies the Pacific can cross it with impunity.

People Too Apathetic.

The collector is inclined to believe the real cause for the decline of Portland's prestige is the apathy of the people. There are other factors that complicate this attitude of the public, such as the discriminatory freight rates that now prevail to the mouth of the river, the higher cost of handling cargoes at this port, the "divided interest" that some of the most influential importer and exporters have—with connections at Puget sound as well as at Portland.

"From time to time I have made public some facts relating to this port, startling enough, I supposed, to bring the entire state of Oregon to its feet," said Judge Burke. "They were intended to show how the commerce, and therefore the material growth of Seattle has, for years, been going steadily at the expense of Portland and the towns on the Columbia.

"Thus far I have refrained from pointing to anything more definite as a remedy than direct traffic between the orient and the Columbia river. It was reasonable to assume that every board interest in the state would be up in arms looking for the cause and determined to remove it as soon as it was understood that the sound cities were absorbing the commerce which nature intended should come and go through the Columbia gateway.

Sound Area Exceeded Mere.

"But there has been no call to arms so far as I have heard, and I want to add a few things in a more definite way to strengthen the idea I tried to convey before it is entirely forgotten.

"First, let it be known that there are 300,000 square miles of territory tributary to the Columbia river and only 40,000 tributary to the sound. Naturally, therefore, the outging products through the Columbia should be at least seven times what they are through the sound. Naturally, also, ships bringing products from abroad will land them for distribution where they can get a return cargo. Importations, therefore, through the Columbia should also exceed seven-fold those coming in through the sound.

"In the fact of this natural condition what has happened? Fifteen years ago this port collected in revenue about $1.50 where Seattle collected $1. At present Seattle is collecting about $3 where we are collecting $1. Going back even farther, to 1890, the total value of the merchandise passing both ways through Puget sound ports during that year was about $3,500,000, while for the same time nearly $4,500,000 worth of merchandise passed through the port of Portland.

Portland on Decline.

"Ever since then, however, the absorption of the Columbia river commerce by Seattle has been not only constant but rapid, and for the fiscal year just closed the total value of the product passing both ways through Puget sound has been about $110,500,000, while the value of those coming and going through the gateway of the Columbia, which is 150 miles nearer the sea, was only about $17,500,000. The last fiscal year compared with the preceding one registers a decline in the revenues of this port of about $200,000.

"With every natural advantage in our favor and seven times the territory to draw from that Seattle has, does any one know what the trouble is, and if so, what, if anything, is going to be done about it?

"I can conceive of only one way to prevent the commerce of the Inland Empire from going out at the mouth of the Columbia, and the commerce of the orient coming in to meet it, and that is to block the columbia channel in some way. There are two ways in which that may be done—piling obstructions on the bar and making it impossible for anything larger than a fish boat to get over them, or erecting a toll gate there and making the tolls as nearly prohibitive as possible for commercial boats going and coming and at the same time impose as many delays and expenses on them as possible, if they should attempt to ascend the river.

"Nigger in the Woodpile."

"The millions expended in lowering the bar at the mouth of the river and opening the channel for hundreds of miles inland, stand in the way of anything so manifestly rank as reblocking the channel physically. In fact, work continues at large expense in reducing still further everything in the way of a physical obstruction to commerce along the Columbia. We must look then for the 'toll gate' and other annoyances to Columbia river commerce as the only alternative in our search, not for a physical obstruction in the river, but, so to speak, for a 'Nigger in the woodpile.'

"Does the 90 cents a ton imposed at the mouth of the river on all products of the Inland Empire attempting to go out there, explain it? This represents the difference in terminal rates enjoyed by all the other cities on the coast, and it plugs the mouth of the Columbia to outgoing commerce only a little less effectively than sinking an ironclad on the bar; and as incoming commerce preserves a certain fixed ratio to commerce going out, the entire situation is illuminated, as I see it, from this angle. Anyway, if this does not explain it—what does? The facts are incontrovertible—something is driving natural commerce of the Columbia over to the sound, and the burning question remains—What are Portland and the Inland Empire going to do about it?"

COUNTY COURT NEWS

The county commissioners directed road viewers to straighten a county road as petitioned for by E. E. Coovert and others and lay out a road petitioned for by G. Hutchinson and others.

The board established a gateway from property of J. Frank Legg and B. Lee Paget to the Sandy road, allowing costs and damages of $408.67.

A warrant of $50 was ordered drawn in favor of H. C. Thompson against the trust fund of the county in which that amount had been placed by the W. L. Fleidner estate to pay Mr. Thompson for services as appraiser of the estate.

Sheriff Hurlburt was directed to give notice of sale of lands bid in for taxes due in 1907, 1908 and 1909 and to sell the lands August 23, 1915, for at least the amount due the county against each tract.

Treasurer Lewis notified the board that $12,500 allowed county fairs of Multnomah county under the state county fair law should be divided as follows on application of the president of the organization: Pacific International Livestock exposition, $5000; Oregon Poultry and Pet Stock association, $1500; Multnomah County Fair association, $1000, and Manufacturers & Land Products Show, $5000.

A request by Fred K. Hill, 5723 Pasadena avenue, Los Angeles, Cal., for information as to the personal effects of his brother, Harry Don Hill, a former employe at the county farm, now dead, was referred to H. D. Griffin, clerk of the board of relief.

The request of the city for authority to establish grades of Lance avenue, a county road, was granted.

TODAY'S BEAUTY SUGGESTIONS

Face powder simply covers up an unattractive complexion and leaves no lasting benefits. Those who have tried a simple spurmax face lotion find it much better, as it removes skin discolorations, such as freckles and tan, and makes the skin smooth, white and velvety. This lotion is made by dissolving four ounces of spurmax in one-half pint hot water, then adding two teaspoonfuls glycerin. This complexion beautifier does not rub off or show like powder, and gives a more refined appearance. It removes both shininess and sallowness, rapidly giving the skin a permanent healthy, youthful appearance.

An especially fine shampoo for this weather can be had at trifling expense by dissolving a teaspoonful of canthrox in a cup of hot water. Pour slowly on scalp and massage briskly. This creates a soothing, cooling lather that dissolves and removes all dandruff, excess oil and dirt. Rinsing leaves the scalp spotlessly clean, soft and pliant, while the hair takes on a glossy richness of natural color, also a fluffiness which makes it seem very much heavier than it is. After a canthrox shampoo arranging the hair is a pleasure. (Adv.)

DISTRICT MAY YET DISCONTINUE SCHOOL FOR BLIND ADULTS

Teachers' Committee Probably Will Report on Policy at Next Meeting.

SITUATION IS REVIEWED

Place Is Workshop, Where Members Are Enabled to Make a Living.

At the next meeting of the school board the teachers' committee probably will report on the question of whether the school district should continue to maintain the school for the adult blind.

School Director S. P. Lockwood raised the question at the last meeting of the board, when J. F. Meyers asked to be employed at half salary as instructor during the vacation period. He is paid $75 a month during the regular school period. He is also blind. Upon motion of Mr. Lockwood the matter was referred to the teachers' committee for investigation and report. The members of the teachers' committee are Dr. Alan Welch Smith and Mr. Lockwood.

School Clerk Thomas says the school is nothing more than a workshop for the adult blind and affords them an opportunity to make a living there. It was established two years ago, through the efforts of Mayor Albee and the Press club. At that time the question arose as to what should be done for a number of blind musicians and others who were trying to make a living on the streets. Tom Long, the blind cigar merchant at the city hall, suggested a school for the blind. Mayor Albee made room for them to have a shop at the municipal shops on the east side of the river, but this did not prove so very satisfactory.

The matter was then put up to the school board to establish a school for instruction of the blind, so they might learn some trade and thereby be able to make a living. This was done in connection with the trade school for boys.

Last year six blind persons were enrolled. The school district employed J. F. Meyers as instructor, and furnished the men with materials for making rugs, mats, cane chairs, etc. The men sell their products for what they can get.

Last year the total cost to the school district was $398.77, of which $300 was for the instructor's salary, $50 was for supplies and the rest for incidentals.

"Billy" Sunday Will Be Here Tomorrow

Rev. "Billy" Sunday is going to lecture tomorrow night in the First Methodist Episcopal church of Portland. He is spending his summer vacation on his Hood River ranch and has refused many financially attractive offers to speak, but Rev. Abraham Vereide, pastor of the Vancouver Avenue Norwegian-Danish Methodist church, persuaded the noted evangelist to come to Portland and give an address.

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Speaker Advocates Peace Department

E. P. Rosenthal Will Address Mass Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Friday Night.

"I may have to walk; in fact, I expect to," said E. P. Rosenthal, at a meeting of the Christian Peace association at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday.

Mr. Rosenthal was explaining his purpose of departing from Portland soon on a speaking tour in advocacy of world peace.

To further the plan a mass meeting will be held Friday night at the Chamber of Commerce, at which Mr. Rosenthal and others will speak.

Mr. Rosenthal, himself of Jewish birth, is promoter of the Christian Peace association, and he explains its object by saying that "the peace that has its birth in love is what is meant by Christian peace."

The plan that Mr. Rosenthal will advocate on his trip is to prevail on congress to establish a department of peace whose presiding officer shall be a cabinet member. He will also urge a world convention for the revision of the world's written histories, in which the achievements of peace, industry, science and art shall be recorded.

Among the tenets of the Christian Peace association are the following: "We believe that the way to love God is to love mankind; we believe in the sacredness of the human being—thou shalt not kill; we believe in the idea, every man a brother, every woman a sister."

The following committee was selected yesterday to arrange for the meeting: George L. Baker, president; C. E. S. Wood, Susie Fennell Pipes, Mrs. Aurelia Taylor, Miss Emma Wold and Mrs. F. C. Kelsey, vice presidents; Mrs. Kitty Beck Irvine, secretary; John F. Carroll, treasurer, and Mrs. Thomas Carrick Burke, I. B. Rhodes, Perry Joseph Green, Mrs. Florence Crawford, Miss Indus Oxer and F. E. Coulter, directors.

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PROPERTY OWNERS MAY TAKE STEPS TO REPAIR WASHINGTON

Would Prevent Closing of the Thoroughfare Because of Dangerous Condition.

WILL MEET TOMORROW

P. R., L. & P. to Report On Its Willingness to Lay Heavier Tracks at Time of Re-Paving.

Property owners on upper Washington may take action to re-pave or repair in time to prevent the city council from closing the street because of its dangerous condition.

J. P. Jaeger, chairman of a special committee of the property owners, this morning expressed the hope that a working plan may be adopted at a meeting at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and actual work started within a month.

The petition for re-surfacing upper Washington was remonstrated out, he said, because it designated asphalt as the material to be used when there was general desire for bitulithic as better suited to the grade of the street.

"Commissioner Dieck told us," said Mr. Jaeger, "that since Oskar Huber was lowest bidder both for asphalt and bitulithic, an emergency clause could be added providing for bitulithic and work commenced in a month. When we found Commissioner Dieck to be mistaken, and that six months was the shortest time in which we could put down bitulithic, we thought it best to patch the street temporarily and wait. But permission to patch was denied us, and we remonstrated."

The meeting of upper Washington street property owners will be held tomorrow in the Chamber of Commerce. F. I. Fuller, vice president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, will attend and report whether his company is willing to install heavier and permanent tracks at the time of re-paving. A representative of the city engineer will be present.

The city council last Friday morning after a statement defining the dangerous condition of the street by the public safety commission, voted its willingness to grant upper Washington street property owners permission to patch the holes in the paving.

Livestock Buyers To Have Second Noon Luncheon

Tomorrow at noon the members of the Portland Livestock Exchange will have their second monthly luncheon in the Transit House at the stockyards. The affair promises to be even more largely attended than was the first one last month.

J. L. Sterrett of the firm of Sterrett & Oberle, is to be the chairman of the day. He has not given out the list of speakers, but states in his invitation that there will be numerous short addresses on topics in which the members will all be interested.

Mrs. von Bolton to Be Buried Tomorrow

Mrs. Matilda von Bolton, a prominent Portland woman, who died at her home, 818 Marshall street, yesterday, was a native of Germany, and was born in 1832. She had resided in Portland for over 30 years. Miss Tica von Bolton is her only surviving relative. Mother and daughter had a wide circle of friends in Portland. Funeral services will be held at the residence tomorrow at 2 p. m. Rev. W. G. Eliot Jr. will deliver the sermon. Interment will be at Riverview cemetery.

League Institute Opens at Salem

Annual Epworth Sessions Attended by Many Persons From Western Oregon; Portland Ministers Speak.

Salem, Or., July 13.—With many persons here from various sections of western Oregon, the annual session of the Epworth League institute opened last evening and will continue until next Sunday evening. This is the third session of the institute, which is a school of methods for the young members of the M. E. church and is conducted under the joint supervision of the central office of the Epworth League and the Oregon conference.

Among the speakers will be Dr. T. W. Lane, Centenary M. E. church, Portland; Rev. Carl G. Doney, new president of Willamette university; Miss Emma A. Robinson, Chicago, in charge of the junior league work; Rev. J. C. Spencer, pastor of the Leslie M. E. church; Dr. F. L. Loveland, Portland, pastor; Miss Stella Chappell, professor of Willamette university four years; Dr. R. N. Avison, pastor of the First M. E. church of Salem; Dr. H. J. Talbot, president of Kimball College of Theology, and Rev. Lynn Harold Hough, professor of historical theology, Evanston, Ill.

Churchill Wedding Tomorrow.

Salem, Or., July 13.—The wedding of Miss Florence Churchill, daughter of State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill and Mrs. Churchill, and James Elton of Astoria, will take place tomorrow at high noon at St. Paul's Episcopal church, Salem, Rev. Robert S. Gill performing the ceremony. Over 200 invitations have been sent out for the wedding and among those from out of town who will be here are Mrs. Victor Basche of Portland, Miss Zoe Bragg of Redlands, Cal., Misses Edith and Gertrude Buell of Eugene, and Miss Pearl Horer of Corvallis. Mr. Elton was principal of the Baker schools and recently accepted the principalship of the Astoria schools.

Malheur Case Dismissed.

Salem, Or., July 13.—An order dismissing the case of Jacob Prinzing and others against the Malheur Home Telephone company was made Monday afternoon by the state public service commission, a stipulation being entered into by the parties concerned that the defendant shall keep effective the same rates and charges as were in force January 1, 1911, and give free intercommunication for subscribers of the Ontario exchange between Ontario and Fruitland and Nyssa. The Ontario-Nyssa rural telephone rate was fixed at $1.50, if paid in advance, and $2 if not.

Water Tower at Fair.

Salem, Or., July 13.—A water tower for fire protection and other purposes is being constructed at the state fair grounds. Work is also progressing on the new stockmen's rest room. A recent arrival at the grounds was George Fisher of Medford, with a string of nine race horses.

Civic Parliament Class Is Feature

Questions Studied at Chautauqua Under W. C. T. U.'s Gold Medal Contest.

The Civil parliament, under the Women's Christian Temperance Union, is proving one of the splendid daily programs at the Chautauqua assembly at Gladstone Park.

Mrs. Lillian M. Downing's address in the interests of the young people was of a high order, interspersed with readings as Mrs. Downing alone can give, making a splendid program.

Rev. Edith Minchin of Dundee filled the hour on Tuesday, speaking to a very appreciative audience on the subject of "Dwelling Together in Unity."

Wednesday, July 15, is W. C. T. U. day. At the Forum hour, 11 o'clock, a gold medal contest will be held under the Clackamas county unions. Special music has been provided for by the "Minion Ladies' Trio," Ella Hoberg Tripp, Flora Bell Beaumont and Vernie Flanders. They will sing both morning and afternoon.

At 3:30 Mrs. Mattie Sleeth, Multnomah county president, will speak at the W. C. T. U. regular meeting. This will be followed by a public reception.

Miss Pearl Kirk of Fargo, S. D., will read at the afternoon meeting.

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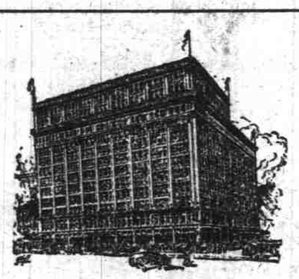

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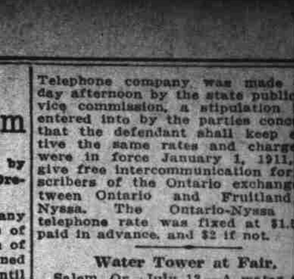

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