

The Dalles Daily Chronicle.

THE DALLES - OREGON.

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LEARNING BY EXPERIENCE.

The report of the commission which located the drydock at Port Orchard, on Puget sound, gave as one reason for not selecting the Columbia river that its commerce did not equal that of Puget sound. No consideration seemed to be taken of the fact that when the Columbia river is improved at the Cascades and The Dalles, as is contemplated, the commerce of the Columbia river will treble that of Puget sound every year. The commerce of that stream now is something wonderful when it is realized that only a third of the distance of the stream is open to ocean craft, and that the productive country to the east of the Cascades is yet awaiting an outlet through that river, and that it cannot reach the sea through any other water channel save the Columbia. It is not surprising that the commerce of Puget sound at the present time exceeds that of the Columbia river, but when the obstacles to navigation are removed, as they no doubt will be in time, the Columbia can then present reasons for the location of a naval station at some point on its banks which will far outweigh those which located the dry dock on the sound.—Oregonian.

Portland is beginning to make some discoveries. To use the language of the Oregonian of Sunday in an editorial concerning the Cascade locks, it has found that: "Experience teaches many things that the average man will learn in no other way." For years the press of Eastern Oregon has tried to force the knowledge of the benefits to be derived by Portland from an open river onto Portland's notice. She would not have it. She had been wooed by the railroads and became their mistress. She has discovered her mistake "by experience," but as is usual in such cases, the experience comes late and costs her dear. It has cost her the dry dock. It will cost her the naval station, since the commerce of the sound will have grown into immense proportions before the Columbia is opened.

THE INDIAN POLICY.

The policy of the government in dealing with its Indian wards, is of a piece with all its other business. The Indian department is run on the old slow coach plan, and the secretary of war as far as Indian fighting is concerned, at least, is a hundred year behind the times. Day after day, telegrams have been sent by the secretary to General Schofield, to "avoid bloodshed." Schofield in turn has telegraphed Miles, "avoid bloodshed." The secretary seems to think the only proper way to fight Indians is that practiced by Braddock, to give the Indians the first bite. It is necessary in order to arouse the United States to a proper sense of her dignity, and her duty, to knock her down. The first blow is half the battle, and the government being the larger always gives the Indians that little advantage. There is only one way to manage the Indian, and that is by force. He recognizes no other authority, and fears no law but force, but he understands that thoroughly. The government deals with him as an equal, makes treaties with his tribes as free and independent nations, treats with him as a king one day, and holds him up as an object of charity the next, calls him a ward, yet acknowledges him as an equal. It is all wrong. Whatever promises the government makes him should be kept, but few should be made. His offences are condoned until he thinks the government is afraid of him, and when he murders a lot of inoffensive settlers, the department telegraphs out not to hurt him, and to avoid bloodshed. It is no wonder after years of treatment of this kind he is hard to manage. It would be a good thing could some of the rabid humanitarians, like Vincent Colyer for instance, and such representatives of the war department who are so tender of the Indians blood, be sent out now to quell the Sioux. Such a force armed with dried apples and the doxology might do theoretically, but if they avoided bloodshed it would be because they were remarkably good runners.

Senator Mitchell's bill for a boat railway here passed the senate all right but will without doubt be "hung up," in the house. One of the easiest ways of defeating a bill is to have a proper understanding of the currents and counter currents of congress because by them bills are carried safely to their haven or wrecked on a pitiless shore. Those bills most necessary to pass are put off from time to time, their champion cannot catch the eye of the speaker, and they go over for the session. Some pet measure of some political crank, like Conger's lard bill, can occupy the attention of congress for months, but it is extremely doubtful if Mitchell's boat railway bill will see daylight in the house. It took congress fifteen years to forfeit a small fraction of the Northern Pacific land grant, but it can introduce and pass a

bill granting a railroad company right of way through Indian reservations between daylight and dark.

Monday's dispatches brought the rumor that General Miles had been killed by the Indians near Pine Ridge Agency. Whether or not this is true, is of course unknown yet; but all the circumstances of the trouble for the past three or four days indicate that it is. General Miles appreciated the situation thoroughly, and Saturday his reports show that he was seriously alarmed, that he felt Pine Ridge was in grave danger, and that danger immediate. Being a brave and gallant soldier his anxiety would have led him to take many risks in trying to protect the place, and this if he is killed is probably what brought him into danger. We sincerely hope the rumor may prove false, but knowing the Indian character, and knowing that any risk would be taken by the Indians to get the white chief, we cannot help but believe the statement is true.

The Washington legislature meets tomorrow that of Oregon next Monday. The fact that they are in session at the same time will enable them to investigate the matter of opening the Columbia river, and to take joint action thereon. Washington is as much interested in this question as Oregon, in fact more so since she raises considerably more wheat, and consequently has greater need of unlimited transportation facilities. We hope to see a committee appointed from each legislature to meet at the locks, and to examine into the matter of completing them, and of building a portage railroad. These committees can probably agree upon some plan of action and the two states by uniting can do something towards obtaining that relief which the general government seems indisposed to grant.

City Council Meeting.

The city council met Saturday evening pursuant to adjournment, present Hon. M. A. Moody, mayor; C. N. Thornbury, J. F. Peters, Hans Hansen, E. B. Dufur and P. J. Farley, councilmen.

The minutes of the late previous meeting were read and approved.

Petition of J. N. Smith and others, asking to have the road leading to Threemile creek improved, was read and referred to the committee on streets and public property.

Petition of J. L. Thompson and others to have cross walks built across Second street on the east side of Madison, was read, motion was granted, and street commissioner instructed to construct the same.

Petition of D. Heraux asking council to pay for a cow and calf taken up and sold by the marshal was read and on motion referred to committee of three, Dufur, Farley and Thornbury.

Petition of J. P. Ostland asking the council to construct a sewer from the school grounds to connect with Union street sewer was read and referred to committee on Streets and Public Property.

Petition of Mrs. Matilda Rodgers asking the council to reduce her assessment to \$1,000 was read and a motion, the prayer of the petition was granted.

Application of E. P. Fitzgerald for the position of City Assessor was read and on motion placed on file.

Report of water commissioners on the matter of claims against the water fund; report of I. C. Nickelsen; bid of I. J. Norman bid of Wolf & Zwicker, and money due the water fund from the city was read and in motion received and placed on file.

Report of water commission on the matter of reconsidering the bid of Dagon Bros., for gate valves was read and on motion ratified.

Report of water commissioners on claims against the water fund not allowed by them, but recommending that they be paid by the city and charged to the water fund, was read and on motion placed on file, and a committee consisting of Peters, Dufur and Hansen be, and is hereby appointed to examine into the matter and report at next meeting.

Reports of recorder, marshal and street commissioner were read and placed on file.

Report of city attorney in the matter of contracts with the water works was read and referred to city engineer.

Report of committee to whom was referred the matter of electric lights read and placed on file, and the committee instructed to confer with electric light company.

Bid of I. J. Norman for digging trench for water works was read and on motion referred to city engineer.

Ordinance 220, entitled "an ordinance transferring money out of the general fund" was read and voted upon, as follows: Yeas: Thornbury, Dufur, Peters, Hansen; nays: Farley. So the ordinance passed.

Claim of the Oregon Iron Works was read and on motion laid over until next meeting.

Claim of A. S. Bennett, city attorney, was read and laid over until next meeting.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to confer with the water commissioners concerning fire plugs, with Farley, Dufur and Peters as committee.

On motion it was ordered that the water commissioners be instructed to establish water rates and submit the same to the Council, and that the Recorder notify said commissioners to that effect.

Bills were allowed from the city office's fund in the sum of \$532.30; from the current expense fund, \$65.35; fire department fund, \$103; police fund, \$75; sewer and street improvement fund, \$258.48; street lamp fund, \$238; water fund, \$158.48.

Adjourned to meet Thursday evening, January 7th.

FOUGHT WITH BUTCHER-KNIVES.

Ferocious Duel Between Two West Virginia Women.

WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 4.—Word comes from New Martinsville, W. Va., that two physicians have been summoned to go to Ten Mile, Tyler county, to attend two women who fought a duel with butcher-knives. The fight is described as a most desperate encounter. Mrs. Wilson, one of the duelists, is fatally hurt. The other woman's name is not known, nor is the cause of the strange duel.

General Spinner's Funeral.

UTICA, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The funeral of the late General Francis Spinner, the famous "watchdog of the treasury," was held at Mohawk this afternoon at the Reform church. There was a very large attendance, and many officers and attaches of the treasury department were present.

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ITS PRODUCTS.

The salmon fisheries are the finest on the Columbia, yielding this year a revenue of \$1,500,000 which can and will be more than doubled in the near future.

The products of the beautiful Klickital valley find market here, and the country south and east has this year filled the warehouses, and all available storage places to overflowing with their products.

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