

REGARDING THE PORTAGE LINE

Wilson's Report Against Boat Railway Sent to Congress.

WORTHY OF SOME IMPROVEMENT

Moody Says Scheme of Chief Engineers Would Operate to Disadvantage of Eastern Oregon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The report of General Wilson against the boat railway at The Dalles was sent to congress today. It is fully as strong as predicted in the dispatches two weeks ago. General Wilson quotes from the report of the local engineer officer, saying:

"A portage railway will meet the urgent demands of the wheat district. The obstructions of navigation in the Columbia river from Three-Mile rapids to a point above Celilo falls can be overcome in the most feasible, speedy and economical manner and in that best adapted to the present interests of commerce and its future development by the construction of a portage railway. I do not hesitate to report that in my judgment the proposed improvement by the construction of a boat railway at an estimated cost of \$2,264,467 at the present is an unworthy one."

"In my opinion," says General Wilson, "the locality is at present worthy of improvement only to the extent of constructing a portage road to pass commerce around the obstructions between The Dalles and Celilo."

Representative Moody says he is glad that General Wilson advises that the obstruction at The Dalles warrants improvement. That much is a valuable concession. But he points out that the ultimate reason for the construction of a portage road would be to decrease railroad rates slightly, but sufficiently to take all the trade from the portage road. In which event it would be pointed out that there being but little traffic over the portage road there would be no necessity for a further and permanent improvement. Thus, while it is better to accept the portage road than have no improvement, it is seen that the portage road would really operate to the disadvantage of the wheat men and farmers of Eastern Oregon, and not produce the cheap rates that are desired.

Senators McBride and Simon were in the chamber today on the reassembling of congress. They both reported having had a pleasant time in their visits to old friends during the holiday recess.

The senators do not expect to have an Oregon man appointed sergeant-at-arms of the senate, nor do they expect to see Gilroy or Turner, who now occupy prominent places in the senate, disturbed. Although Gilroy is a Democrat, his knowledge of affairs of the senate makes his services too valuable to be dispensed with.

The senators have not been able to agree upon a man for district judge of Alaska, and so the Oregon delegation has made no recommendation. Possibly the appointment will be held to see if the delegation can get together.

Upon recommendation of Senator Simon, Drs. E. H. Thornton and O. P. S. Plummer, of Portland, have been appointed members of the pension examining board of Portland, in place of Drs. Fenton and Strong. Dr. Boyce, the third member of the board, will be retained.

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Robbed the Grave.
A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continuously in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised 'Electric Bitters'; and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c, guaranteed, at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store.

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PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 3.—Total precipitation of moisture at this station in the year 1899 was 19.92 inches. No record exists of so heavy precipitation in any previous year. The average for the past six years has been 15.29 inches per annum, and the heaviest in any previous year has been 18.71 inches, that being the precipitation for the year 1897.

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QUAY MAY GIVE UP THE FIGHT

Sentiment of Senate Will Be Tested Next Week Without Submission of Question of Seating the Pennsylvanian.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: An opportunity is offered to test the full strength of former Senator Quay in the senate without a direct vote on the question of seating him. This will come some time next week, when the committee on privileges and ejections reports his case back to the senate. There will be two reports, one signed by Senators Burrows, Caffery, Pettus, Turley and Harrie, against seating Senator Quay, and another signed by Senators Chandler, Hoar, Pritchard and Spooner in his favor. When these reports are submitted, a motion will be made by Senator Chandler to proceed to the immediate consideration of the case. The question of the rights of a senator to a seat being one of the highest privileges, it is competent for Mr. Quay's friends to insist upon immediate consideration. They are anxious to have a test made of his full strength and I believe the result can be accomplished by a vote on this question.

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COULD NOT STAY IN DOUGLASS

Has Gone Back to Near Belmont Taking Royalists With Him.

BULLER MET ANOTHER REVERSE

Such a Report Was Current—Reinforcements Have Been Sent to General French.

BELMONT, Jan. 3.—Colonel Pitcher, it is officially announced, being only on a raiding expedition, and for military reasons being unable to occupy Douglass permanently, has evacuated the town, bringing off all the loyalists. He has now returned safely to close proximity to Belmont. When he announced the necessity of evacuating the place, the inhabitants declared their lives were not safe five minutes after the troops left. Pitcher therefore invited them to accompany him to Belmont.

The vehicles of the town were totally inadequate to convey the refugees, so the troops gave up the transport wagons to the women and children. The Canadians, acting as an escort of the refugees, carried babies for women and kept everybody lively by singing as they marched along, in spite of the sore feet occasioned by the heavy sand, which made marching extremely tiring. The force received Buller's congratulations on the success of the expedition with great satisfaction.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—A report was current in the bourse today that Buller had met with another check in his efforts to relieve Ladysmith.

ORANGE RIVER, Jan. 3.—There was a small skirmish near Belmont this morning. The British fired a few shells, but the Boers did not respond. Reinforcements of infantry and artillery have been dispatched to General French from De Aar.

HOOPED LAAGER, Ladysmith, Jan. 2.—Six horsemen made a dash from Ladysmith a few nights ago, and though pursued, they escaped. It is believed the party included Colonel Rhodes, brother of Cecil Rhodes, and Dr. Jameson.

BOER CAMP, Colenso, Jan. 2.—The British naval guns at Chiveley camp continue their ineffective long-range firing night and day, in order to divert Boer attention from the movements of troops. Federal scouts yesterday penetrated into the British camp; when returning the British pickets discovered them and wounded one Boer. General Lucas Meyer resumes command of the division here. General Joubert denies he has ever protested against the use of lyddite. He avers that up to the present he has not lost a single man from lyddite.

More Boer Rumor.
HOOPED LAAGER, Ladysmith, Jan. 1.—The garrison of Ladysmith during the night threw out feelers on all sides, exchanging shots with the Boer pickets. At midnight a couple of shells fell into the Boer camp, killing a burgher.

General Joubert preached in camp Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Moiring, who has just arrived here from America, addressed the burghers this afternoon, dwelling on the expiring century witnessing the life struggle of a people.

This morning, shells loaded with confectionery and containing the season's greetings, were sent into Ladysmith. Federal shells are selling in Ladysmith at from 30 shillings to £5.

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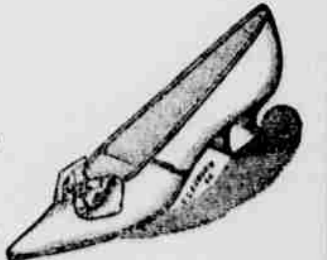
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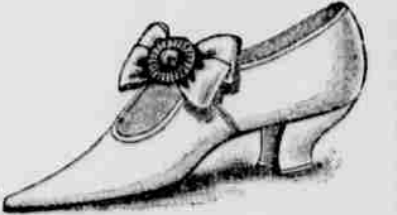
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