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WHERE IT PAYS TO TRADE.

SHALLOW RIVERS TO BE SHALLOW STILL

ENGINEERS' REPORT ADVERSE TO PROPOSED WATERWAYS

Disappoint Congressmen and Contractors by Frowning Upon Congressional Appropriations for Deepening of Many Rivers.

Washington.—With wanton disregard of the political aspirations of certain congressmen and hopes of sundry contractors, army engineers have put the quietus on a cluster of fine young navigation projects.

Resolutions introduced by aspiring statesmen and passed by congress directed the engineers to report on the practicability and desirability of improvig those waterways at government expense.

"Not worthy," is the endorsement

on many reports that have just been submitted to congress by the engineers. As a result these famous waterways will languish and commerce will have to do the best it can.

Among the projects denounced as "not worthy," is the proposed deepening of the Mattaponi river, from its mouth to Aylett and the removal of snags further on to Guiney's bridge. Of course, everybody knows that the Mattaponi is in Virginia and is formed near Guiney by the junction of the Mat, Ta, Po and Nj rivers. It sounds like Korea, but it is really in Virginia.

The k bosh has also been put on the proposal to deepen the Great Pedee river from Cheraw to Blomett's falls. That is in South Carolina. Likewise the light has gone out on the scheme to run majestic steamers from Cheboygan to Petoskey, Mich. No dredge will operate in Fowl river, Alabama, and the noble Yahara, of Wisconsin, will not be given a depth of four feet on matter what La Follette and the rest may say. Nothing will be done to improve the Obey river, which ranges in width from 100 feet to a mere thread, and is located in Tennessee, nor the Christiana river, Delaware; the Alamitic river, Washington, nor the Pocomoke, which meanders from Maryland through Delaware to the Atlantic.

Bogue Phalla has been turned down Bogue might be thought to be a species of mountain goat, a variation of golf or a brand of washing machine, but it is, in fact, a waterway in Mississippi.

Likewise and also the engineers have soaked with their veto the Bayou La Batre, in Alabama; Mosquito Inlet in Florida, and Bayou Cocodrie, in Louisiana.

In the absence of a favorable recommendation by the army engineers congress will appropriate money for none of these projects and the proposed great navigation trade routes will be withheld from the world, for the present at least.

"THE PUBLIC PARK FUND" WILL BE BENEFITED

Under the auspices of the Civic Association Mr. Bernard Daly in his new and romantic Irish play from the Lakes of Killarney, entitled "Sweet Innisfallen," will appear at the Oregon theatre. Mr. Daly is under the management of Mr. A. E. Caldwell, a vigorous active force in the dramatic world, whose work is always good

ough and who leaves no details overlooked. "Sweet Innisfallen" will be given for the benefit of the Public Park Fund on Friday evening, Dec. 31, at the Oregon theatre, and an overflowing house is assured as the attraction is one of the strongest that will tour the larger cities this season.

The Civic and Improvement association is one of our strongest local organizations, and this combination should prove the greatest drawing card of the season. Mr. Daly is a host in himself. He is young, handsome, and exceedingly clever actor and has a beautiful tenor voice which he uses skillfully in a number of new songs. Among them the ever familiar "The Wearing of the Green."

Mr. Daly has the emotional nature and the sweetness of voice to do full justice to this heart-to-heart Irish ballad, and while old in the affection of every Irish heart, it will inspire a new meaning when sung by Mr. Daly.

For several seasons past Mr. Daly has been starring in Joe Murphy's plays and proved in a worthy successor to Mr. Murphy in the acting and immensely his superior in the vocal element. Last season Mr. Daly gave "Rory of the Hills" successfully, but none of his former successes gave him the scope for his talents that is given him in "Sweet Innisfallen," which means the beautiful island of "Innisfallen" in the historic lakes of Killarney. A strong cast of players supports Mr. Daly. Every inch of scenery is new and everything possible has been done to insure an evening of great pleasure. The seat sale opens Thursday at 10 a. m.

Only a little sold in the head may be the beginning of an obstinate case of nasal catarrh. Drive out the invader with Ely's Cream Balm applied straight to the inflamed stuffed up air-passages. Price 50c. If you prefer to use an atomizer, ask for Liquid Cream Balm. It has all the good qualities of the solid form of this remedy and will rid you of catarrh or hay fever. No cocaine to breed a dreadful habit. No mercury to dry out the secretion. Price 75c, with spraying tube. All druggists, or mailed by Ely Bros., 56 Warren street, New York.

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MAYOR PRATT TAKES ISSUE WITH J. J. HILL

RISES IN DEFENSE OF AGRICULTURAL CLASSES

Denies That Extravagance, Lack of Thrift and Carelessness of Farmers is Cause of Increased Cost of Living—Farmer of Today is Practical and Economical, he Says—Present Prosperity Gives Life to Charges.

Spokane, Wash.—Nelson S. Pratt, mayor of Spokane, a successful farmer and lumberman in the Mississippi valley and the Pacific Northwest, takes exception to the sweeping statement by James J. Hill that the present high cost of living is chargeable to the extravagance, carelessness and lack of thrift of the agricultural classes of the country, saying:

"I am more than surprised that a man with the understanding and observation of Mr. Hill should undertake to make such broad charges in view of the fact that the methods of a quarter of a century ago are not to be compared to the present system of farming. There is nothing to bear out Mr. Hill's contentions. "As a result of a recent visit to several of the largest districts in the middle western and Pacific states, I am prepared to say there has never been a time when general farming was conducted along more economical lines than at present. In fact, the methods of today are marvels to those who farmed land in the '80's. Had we been as skilled and thorough then as are the farmers of today, we certainly would have been equally successful.

"It is not overestimating the case when I say that the modern grower conducts his farm along the same lines that prevail in a well organized business establishment, and as a result he is not only making a good living and educating his children, but is also putting money into improvements, as well as into the bank.

Reasons for Increasing Prices.
"It is idle talk to charge the high cost of living to the farmer, as it must be plain to any one who has studied the subject that at least three causes contribute to increasing prices of the necessities of life. The large production of gold during the last few years is an important factor, in that it has resulted in making money cheap, and, to a great extent, no doubt, is responsible for increases in prices. Cheap money means high prices.

"Perhaps the greatest factor in the high cost of living is the tariff, which enables manufacturers to combine and compel the consumers to pay enormous and unreasonable prices. Such farm products as beef and pork are controlled entirely by the so-called 'beef trust,' while butter, eggs, cheese and poultry are handled by cold storage companies and kindred combinations, and the prices of cereals are fixed largely by the speculative boards of trade.

"As a matter of fact, while in the Mississippi valley a short time ago I found that the prices of butter, eggs, cheese and poultry are nearly as high there as they are on the Pacific coast, where the demand at present is far greater than the supply. I also learned from reliable sources that these products are almost entirely controlled by combinations and not by the producers.

"I hold no brief for the farmers of the country, but from an experience of almost a lifetime as a farmer, born and raised on a farm, I know that the system employed during my time holds no comparison to the present methods of farming. Intensive agriculture, with the use of water supplied by artificial means, was then largely an experiment, and so-called dry-farming, of more properly soil and moisture conservation, was in its very infancy. These methods are successes today. The agricultural colleges and experiment stations have also been and are strong factors in advancing the industry.

"I challenge Mr. Hill to show any period prior to 1894, when there were larger acre yields of grain, fruit, grasses and roots than at present, and with this I would also ask him to point to any year when the farmers were more prosperous than they are today. Extravagance and lack of thrift and progress and prosperity do not go hand in hand, and that fact alone answers Mr. Hill's statement."

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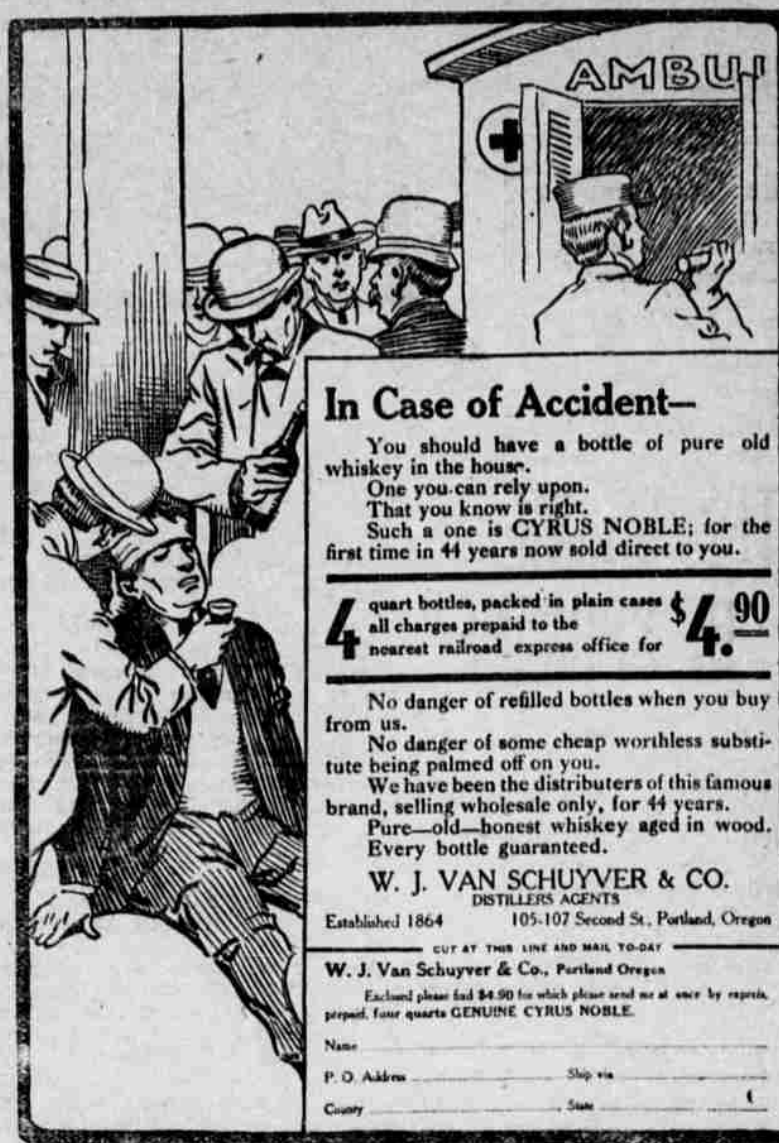
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- 2. Overture—Berlin in Smiles and Tears, A. Conradi.
- 3. Picture—The Great Lottery.
- 4. Picture—Deputy.
- 5. Picture—Mysterious Motor.
- 6. Picture—A Villain's Downfall.
- 7. Picture—Arab Life in Southern Algeria.
- 8. Song—Can't You See.

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LEWISTON WANTS BOATS KEPT BUSY

Lewiston, Idaho.—The Lewiston Commercial club is taking steps to investigate conditions surrounding the open river boat service between Lewiston and Portland with a view of learning why the service has been discontinued for an indefinite period. It was deemed advisable to look into the matter, reports having been made to the club that the open river service had been abandoned for lack of support.

Well known river men declare that no trouble should be experienced in operating the boats at the present stage of water. If the merchants and jobbers are not giving the support that is due the open river line the

commercial club will take steps to probe the matter thoroughly with a view to encouraging the renewal of the service.

It is the purpose of the governing board to take the matter up with the Portland Chamber of Commerce at once. It will also endeavor to learn whether the fault lies with the merchants or with the open river boat line.

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