

RIVER STEAMER AGROUND SINCE SUNDAY ON SHOAL

With the Northwestern, river steamer which has operated between Salem and Portland since the first of the year, still at Tompkins Landing, 15 miles below Salem, having run aground there Sunday while on its way up the river, speculation is rife on the waterfront as to how much lower the river level can get and still permit the boat to run.

The Northwestern ran aground Sunday evening while attempting to negotiate the rapids, which have become shallow due to the steady drop of the river level. The situation at Tompkins Landing was further complicated by the presence of a number of stumps on the river bottom. It is believed that with the stumps out, careful navigating will bring the boat through. Officials of the local company which operates the boat state that it draws 3 1/2 feet of water when loaded, and that the most shallow places on the river between Salem and Portland are now a full 4 feet deep. The official government report for the river at Salem, Friday, was .3 of a foot above normal and dropping steadily but slowly. The river level held between 2 and 3 feet below normal through most of last summer, considered an unusually dry season.

The Northwestern was successfully taken off the bar Wednesday night. It has been kept at Tompkins Landing since that time, its crew pulling stumps out of the river channel to make the stream navigable at that point. Its steam captain has been broken.

Local rivermen hold the opinion that there will be plenty of water in the river channel throughout the summer, so far as more quantity is concerned. The difficulty is that the water spreads out, becoming shallow, at some points, and describes wide, difficult loops at other points, they state. The shallow bars must be dredged, and the other difficult places navigated with the greatest skill, they state. In several places snags and stumps must be blasted and pulled from the bottom of the stream.

The Montecello, government dredge, has been working on the channel since early spring. A bar immediately below the railroad

Prominent Men in the News



L. F. LOREE SEN. WILLIAM KING.
GEN. ENOCH CROWDER WAYNE B. WHEELER

L. F. Loree, railroad president, predicts a saving of \$300,000,000 in coal consumption during the year due to increased efficiency of railroad locomotives. Senator William King of Utah in a conversation with President Coolidge urged a tax cut of \$750,000,000. General Enoch H. Crowder, U. S. Ambassador to Cuba, returned to Washington, D. C. to undergo an operation. Wayne B. Wheeler, Anti-Saloon League general counsel, after a Canadian visit, declared the new "44 per cent" beer in Ontario to be a fraud.

bridge at Salem and opposite the plant of the Oregon Gravel company, has been cut through. Kizer bar, the next bar down the river, has been nearly cut through. Operators of the dredge are expected to finish their work there within a few days, after which they will tackle Lincoln bar, several miles farther down. Government workmen have also been blasting and pulling stumps and snags at various points along the route. Every effort will be made, local operators of the Northwestern de-

ARGUMENTS ON REFERRED BILLS DUE BY JULY 1ST

Secretary of State Kozier issued a statement yesterday for the benefit of persons sponsoring or opposing legislative measures referred to the people or the revenue measures in which the referendum has been invoked, stating that if the supreme court holds that a special election must be called the second Tuesday in September it will be necessary for all arguments for the voters' pamphlet to be filed not later than July 1. The question whether a special election shall be called is in the supreme court in the mandamus proceeding brought by L. L. Swan of Albany, who contends that the election should be called notwithstanding the governor's veto of the special election bill.

Secretary Kozier's statement urges haste in the filing of arguments if the court holds that the election must be held, and it is probable that the court will hand down its decision next Tuesday. "Persons or associations other than the legislative committee," says the statement, "must accompany their argument with a remittance of \$100 for each page of space which such arguments will occupy in the pamphlet." If these are sent in before the court decides the issue, and the court should then uphold the veto of the governor, the remittances will be returned to those sending them.

SPECIAL ELECTION SUIT ARGUMENTS HEARD

The mandamus proceeding brought by L. L. Swan of Albany against Secretary of State Kozier seeking to compel the secretary of state to call a special election is September notwithstanding Governor Pierce's veto of the special election bill, was argued in the supreme court Friday. J. H. McNary and Walter E. Keyes appeared as attorneys for Swan and Willis S. Moore, assistant attorney general, appeared for the state. An opinion in the case may come down next Tuesday. The petition for mandamus sets forth an argument that the governor had no constitutional right to veto the bill.

FUN ORDER NAMES HEADS

Omaha, Neb., June 27.—A new administration rules the Order of French Rats today. At a midnight election last night, the order, the "fun" organization of the Disabled American Veterans, selected Hobard C. Kincaid of Walla Walla, Wash., as imperial golden rodent. Other officers elected include: John Schuerman, St. Louis, imperial silver rodent; J. D. Macredie, Detroit, imperial blue rodent; W. A. Shirley, Los Angeles, imperial red-eyed rodent; Eugene C. Coten, Detroit, was chosen as the iron claw, and Jesse Hall, St. Louis, and W. A. Gross, Tacoma, Wash., were made imperial rodents, equivalent to an executive committee.

Attend Conference. Falls City, Or., June 27.—Miss Helen Jones and Gladys Paul are in Turner attending the state convention of the Christian church. They are camping and will spend all next week there.

COOS BAY BOYS THOT DROWNED

Marshfield, June 27.—Lester Jans, 21, and Albert Frame, 16, half brothers, sons of Mrs. John Frame of South Slough, are believed drowned in South Slough. The coast guard and most of the citizens of Charleston, nine miles from here, are searching the head of the slough for the bodies, using grabhooks today. The boys left Monday night in a row boat of none too good construction, taking a few apples and their dog, starting for the head of the slough to hunt raccoons. The slough was extremely rough Monday night and it is believed neither of the boys could swim. The dog came back today, wet and whining, and Earl Watson, another youth who was waiting for them at the head of the slough, returned with word that they had never arrived.

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