

RIVERS AND HARBORS.

The House Committee of the U. S. Congress that has first to pass on all bills appropriating money for the improvement of the rivers and harbors of the United States is a large one composed of 17 members. It is one of the important committees all the time. Some committees are prominent at one time till the leading question which is before the public eye is disposed of, then they drop back but not so with the Rivers and Harbors. The Congressmen composing the Committee is now making its first visit to the Pacific Coast, though a few individuals may have been before. The visit this summer is in no wise a junket, for the members pay their own expenses, which are not liquidated with nickles and dimes. True the citizens along the way extend many courtesies, yet these are of such nature that they hardly lessen the expense of travel. Indeed one Congressman remarked that he would have to leave the party soon for the reason his appropriation is running low.

The excursion party came to the first halt in Oregon at Ashland on Friday afternoon last but the "seeing of the state" did not commence till Saturday morning in Portland.

We at Hillsboro knew of the itinerary and also realized that what we did in the way of courtesies must be what could be done in five minutes. Flowers are always welcome, hence the Native Daughters took up that. Mrs. J. W. Morgan, president parceled the work out and got all the flowers she needed and while the work was not confined to the members of her Cabin, Native daughters not members were invited to help which they did to good purpose. Mrs. Morgan's committee went through the four coaches and placed a bouquet in every seat so that when its occupant returned from the platform, he found the "Compliments Lucinda Hill Cabin No. 7."

W. N. Barrett took in hand the raising of a small fund for fruit. A crate of strawberries was put on the cars and six 10-pound baskets of cherries, and such cherries. One Congressman stated that in all his life he had never tasted such cherries as "those over there in the basket."

The card in the basket read "Major Francis' originated in Oregon. Grown by D. McCamish." There were cherries enough to last the excursionists to Portland with a half basket to go to the hotel for a wife who had been left to rest in the city. The first deck of strawberries lasted till Albany had been passed. Then the second deck was bronched and served for the afternoon. At McMinnville cherries were put on the cars in pound paper buckets. They were not so good as ours. The McMinnville ladies had many and fine bouquets of flowers but not being so well organized the flowers were not so well placed. There was an exception. Two or three well arranged bunches of wild flowers were placed in the car which received much notice. The cards accompanying the Hillsboro flowers were sought. One gentleman said "Where can I get one of those cards?" "Appropriate that bouquet and cut off the card." He did it and carefully filed the card with his papers. The Oregonian speaking of the Hillsboro greeting said:

"An agreeable surprise and a revelation came to the visitors when the train reached Congressman Tongue's home town, Hillsboro, where the first stop was made. A band played a march as the train rolled in. The depot grounds were thronged with people who bore flowers and straw berries and cherries in such profusion and plenteousness as almost to overwhelm the passengers. Heaped boxes of roses as big as a man could lift were thrust in windows and doors, and there were bouquets for everybody and to spare and a fruit ditto. To each bouquet was a card attached conveying compliments of Lucinda Hill Cabin, No. 7, Native Daughters, and bearing the name of the grower and on the opposite side, the following:

In the beginning this was Tuality District, comprising all of that country south of the northern boundary line of the United States, west of the Willamette or Multnomah River, north of the Yamhill River and east of the Pacific Ocean."—Deady's Code, page 538, footnote 3. This was in 1843. In 1849 the boundaries were contracted and name changed to Washington County. Tuality Plains, the heart of the county, is an old lake bed. The thickness of the silt is unknown. It has been bored to a depth of 380 feet in Hillsboro and 420 feet near Beaverton. No rock, boulders or gravel were found. This fact accounts for the great fertility of the land and emphasizes its excellence for agricultural purposes. The heartiness of Hillsboro's bounty suggested to everybody to remark to Representative Tongue that in this instance a Congressman is not without honor in his own country. He was visibly gratified at the incident."

A shy incident is worth telling. A child limb heavily burdened with fruit and leaves was tied with ribbon, red, white and blue and directed to "Chairman Burton Care

Miss Florence Tongue." When the little lady presented it to the old bachelor he blushed and stammered his thanks as he never does before Congress and the thousands assembled in the galleries.

At Hillsboro, Hons. S. B. Huston, W. N. Barrett and D. M. C. Gault, and Misses Florence Tongue and Winnie Romain joined the excursion.

At McMinnville there were more people out than at Hillsboro, or at least was made to seem so; perhaps because the platform is much narrower than here. At Independence the band was waiting but not many people. Congressman Tongue got the Committee out and rushed the members to the river where the current is cutting the bank away.

At Corvallis there was a large reception Committee waiting. Lunch was ready and all to the number of 75 or 80 sat down to an elegant spread, laid in Fireman's Chamber, City Hall. There is no hall in the state so well arranged as this. There may be larger. The windows are draped with lace curtains, the walls adorned with pictures and silver trumpets serve to remind the visitor where he is.

Mayor Woodcock made a short address touching those points to which he and the citizens of the Willamette desire to be known by the Rivers and Harbors Committee. He pointed to the thousand tons of freight which is raised in the Willamette Valley and that has to go to market. Conditions at Yaquina Bay were reviewed. It was admitted that traffic through that port has fallen off but it was not because the country did not produce the tonnage but because there was not shipping to take it from Yaquina docks. Chairman Burton made a few remarks of thanks for courtesies received. He is a magnificent speaker and what he said only made all wish to hear more.

The Albany Committee met the train with carriages in Benton County. The Committee was driven to the river where there were dangerous banks to be seen.

At Salem a half hour was spent and the Governor seen in his office. The Cornet band from Chemawa furnished music.

None but the usual station loungers met the train at Oregon City and this is the only place where that happened. The steam down the river was greatly appreciated. The excursion was taken up the river till the boat's nose almost received the water as it poured over the precipice. The Portland dock was touched at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Congressman Tongue was most active all day first with the Committee then with representatives from Baker City, making out a trip through Eastern Oregon and Washington. It has been Mr. Tongue's idea that the Committee should be made acquainted with the fact that we have resources which are capable of producing merchandise that goes to make up commerce. Hence the day in the Willamette and three days on the Columbia beyond the Dalles. He wants to show the wheat fields and the wool warehouses. The Committee had a meeting in Marysville, California where it was decided to go into the Columbia Valley beyond the Cascades. The Committee, about July 22, will go probably as far east as Baker County then through Walla Walla to Pasco thence on the N. P. through the Palouse Country to Lewiston then by boat down the river to Portland, hoofing it from Chilo to The Dalles. Mr. Tongue has made friends on this trip and strengthened himself with the committee. Congressman Bishop remarked that Mr. Tongue is a most capable man full of business ideas head headed and able to take care of himself on the floor of the house. "He is four times as strong now as he was the first year, and you people will be doing yourselves and the state an irreparable wrong if you do not keep him there. You may quote me on that statement, too." A congressman was asked at Corvallis how western entertainment differed from eastern. Looking at the matron and maidens serving he replied. "In the east servants would wait on us here your wives and daughters serve us. Here it comes from the heart and we appreciate it accordingly."

The coffee club auxiliary to the fire department had the care of the tables at Corvallis.

The entertaining committee of Portland gave a private dinner to the committee Saturday evening. This was much appreciated by the guests since it was a courtesy not always thought of by entertainers.

Sunday was rest day. Monday morning the Rivers and Harbors committee with Congressman Moody from the Second District and Jones from West Washington. [Senator Simon who had been with the committee on Saturday did not go on Monday being kept at home by sickness] and 80 invited excursionists from the business world of Portland took passage on the river boat, "T. J. Potter" leaving her dock at 9 o'clock for Astoria. Chairman Bur-

ton took station at a convenient look-out with his secretary at his elbow. Notes were taken all along the river and at the bar so that the chairman as well acquainted with the river below Portland as the chief engineer himself except as to the technical details of the work. Lunch was served at 12 m. on the boat. This was furnished by the commercial club of Portland but dispensed by the steward and his assistants of the boat. The formal dinner was given at Flavel at 6:30 o'clock and at Astoria, the guests being divided into two parts. The hotels at the mouth of the river are not able to handle so great a company except as it was done at Astoria as it was done by the Editorial Association was here in 1899, when there were 600000 cared for.

Returning the committee's car was stopped at Goble to be taken up a half hour later by the North Pacific regular mail train. The Columbia River special continued on to Portland Tuesday morning.

The Southern Pacific furnished the special train for the trip through the Willamette valley, though the Corvallis and Eastern pulled the train over its tracks from Corvallis to Albany. The O. R. & N. furnished the "Potter" and the A. & C. Company sent the excursionist home on a special. The superintendent of the jetty sent a train of flat cars to carry the people out to the front and the Light House Tender Columbine, Capt. Richardson, steamed out toward the bar with curious visitors who wished to see the jetty from the outside. The people who took care of the committee during this first visit to Oregon representing four organizations in Portland, The Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, Manufacturers Association and the Commercial Club. The men having the matter directly in hand were H. M. Calk, Geo. Taylor, L. A. Lewis and C. F. Beebe. They faithfully did their work. The money for the occasion was raised by popular subscription in Portland, Corvallis furnished and bore the expense of the dinner at that place. Hillsboro and McMinnville contributed the fruit eaten on the train, and Astoria paid for the dinner of the committee and 25 excursionists at Astoria while the Portland committee took care of the overflow. How much did this cost? The Portland people say they have not yet audited their bills, but they will be satisfied if the footing does not exceed \$1500. To what purpose? The committee talked little, but from a word here and there it is inferred that a favorable impression of the Columbia has been created and that the committee will be able to intelligently legislate for the Columbia.

A comparison of the depth of water on the bars of some of the harbors of the country shows:

New York, 30 feet, San Francisco 30 feet, New Orleans, 29 feet, Boston, 28, Philadelphia, 25, Columbia River 32 when the present jetty was first completed but which since has shoaled. The shoaling is at the extreme outer end of the channel. The problem now is to build the jetty in to the sea till it extends beyond McKenzie head and reaches deep water.

For sale, for little money a most valuable dairy farm of 322 acres in Tillamook county. Thirty cows and all farming implements go with the land. Two residences, 235 acres. Eighty acres in meadow 235 acres of the tract is bottom land and most of it beaverdam. From three to four tons of hay to the acre has been the average yield of hay. The income of the dairy is now 150 dollars per month. Town four miles distant, good school and a church hard by. The market is Astoria and spot cash for all produce taken there. The coast steamer makes weekly trips. Reason for selling owner is over 60 years of age and wants to retire. Terms \$25.00 per acre, half cash, balance on time to suit purchaser. For other particulars see memorandum on file in this office.

The Sister's convent school at Cedar Mills closed a very successful year's work last week. The exercises of the commencement day were more than usually interesting. This place of learning is growing in popularity and it is deserving the success which it is meeting.

School Supt. Ball is now able to attend to the work of his office and dispenses with the services of his deputy, S. T. Adams, who so efficiently performed the duties of superintendent ad interim.

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E. L. McCormick has the old reliable "Singer Sewing Machine" for sale. You might call and see them it will cost nothing.

Harry Harmon, at one time a resident of Hillsboro, but lately from Montana, visited with his niece, Mrs. W. H. Gault, this week. He goes to California in a few days.

When you want a modern, up-to-date physic, try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at The Delta Drug Store.

Hon. S. B. Huston and family were gladdened yesterday morning by the arrival from Salem, Indiana, of his cousin Mrs. Perse, and his sister, Miss Lockwood. Mrs. P. is accompanied by her son, Mr. Lee Perse and her daughter, Miss Ella. The visitors will be in Oregon several weeks.

Charles Bowley, of South Tuality is clearing a piece of wet land on which stands a grove of Ash timber. Mr. Bowley is having this sawed into scantling suitable for wagon tongues. He has sold and delivered 300 of these sticks to Mr. L. W. House and has contracted for two or three hundred more. Mr. House shapes the tongues by machinery and ships them to Portland. The demand is by the car load.

Ernest Durr, who successfully passed the examination at Portland last week having correctly answered 87 per cent of the questions competing for appointment in the Naval Academy, Annapolis, is eighteen years of age and a resident of Baker City. His father was a blacksmith, who died several years ago leaving a widow and four children to support. By the industry and economy which she was able to organize her boys contributed to the support of the family and attended school. Ernest is in the Baker City high school second year. He is a strapping fellow, his body as strong and vigorous as his mind. His competitors were 11 in number, all from Multnomah county and the one next to the successful man was Hugh C. Bellingier, grandson of Judge Bellingier of the U. S. District Court Portland. Besides being well up in his studies young Durr is leader of the athletic sports of eastern Oregon. He shows best in foot ball. His friends at home of whom there are scores, are much gratified at the lad's success. Congressman Moody telegraphed his appointment to Washington.

Hoyt-Kirkwood. On Friday evening last there was an altogether delightful affair at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hoyt, it being the occasion of the marriage of their daughter Ella to Mr. J. E. Kirkwood, who is now professor of botany in Syracuse University.

We will not attempt a description of the union, saying only that the bride looked as all brides should, very sweet and winsome in a simple dress of white organdie.

The decorations were very tasteful, the parlor being in white and green culminating in a bank of ferns, lilies and syringas which formed a pretty background for the white bride standing under a bell of white roses.

The bridegroom was supported by W. T. Fletcher, of Forest Grove, and the bride, by her cousin, Miss Mary Hicks, of Portland.

The dining room was in pink and green. The tables set in the form of a Greek cross capacious enough to accommodate the whole company, were laden with good things and decorated with roses and maiden hair ferns. The whole occasion will long be remembered with pleasure by all who were present.

COURT HOUSE. PROBATE. Est Hugh Owen Lewis, decd; final account allowed and estate closed of record.

Guardianship Chris Stotler insane, semi-annual report filed. Cash received \$127.22. Disbursed \$10.59. Balance on hand \$116.63.

Est Wm Gelger, decd; will admitted to probate. Elizabeth C and Charles E Gelger confirmed as executor and executor to serve without bonds. Appraisers Geo Hancock, Jno Buchanan and Geo Mooberry.

Guardianship Guy F and Cora M Wilson minors, Bente Phillips appointed guardian of person and estate of minors. Bond \$250 filed and approved.

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Smoke La Aprobac cigar, 5c. Delta. E. L. McCormick is selling a great number of bicycles this spring. He guarantees his wheels for two years and if any break he will repair them free. Call and see him about it.

Reduced Rates to the East. Account Buffalo Exposition, the Burlington Route is naming a low rate of fare which enables passengers to visit the Exposition and other eastern points at greatly reduced rates. Before making other arrangements call at our office or write for full particulars, R. W. Foster, Ticket Agent, Burlington Route, Corner Third and Stark streets, Portland, Oregon.

Call on F. J. Barber, Second street if you want a first-class shave or haircut.