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## LAW REGARDING PORT COMMISSION.

### Section Seven of the Port Law Which Pertains to Tax Levy, Etc.

1. To improve all bays, rivers and harbors within its limits and between its limits and the sea for such width and length and to such depth as it may be deemed necessary or convenient for the use of shipping and as the means at its disposal will allow, and to construct such canals, basins and waterways as it may be deemed necessary or convenient for the use of shipping or the extension of the commerce of such port.

2. To contract with the Government of the United States to do any or all and any part of the working and maintaining or working or maintaining such a depth of water in such bays, harbors or rivers as said Government of the United States may from time to time determine to make or maintain, and for the making or maintaining of which it shall or may contract with said corporation, and to receive therefor such compensation as may be agreed on between said Government of the United States and said corporation.

3. In carrying on any work in this Act provided to be carried on, the said corporation shall have the same right of eminent domain and to take property for public uses as exist at such time under the laws of this State in favor of corporations organized for the construction and operation of railroads, and to be exercised in the same manner and on the same terms as by the laws of this State provided in case of said corporations, save only that in the case of corporations organized under the provisions of this Act the right shall extend to the taking of, and such corporation shall have and there is hereby granted to it the right to take any and all private property under said right of eminent domain which shall be found necessary or convenient in carrying on any work or the exercising, carrying out or executing any power in this Act provided to be carried on, exercised, carried out or executed by it.

4. And to the full extent which the State of Oregon might itself exercise and control, or to which it can grant to corporations organized under the provisions of this Act, the right to exercise the same, corporations organized under the provisions of this Act shall be, and are hereby granted full control of all bays, rivers and harbors within their limits, and between their limits and the sea, with full power and authority to, from time to time, make, establish, change or abolish wharf lines in such harbors and rivers, and to make, change, modify or abolish such rules and regulations for the use or navigation in such harbors, rivers, or the placing of obstructions therein or the removal of obstructions therefrom, as it may deem expedient, requisite or necessary for the best interests of the maritime shipping and commercial interests of said Port, and the said regulations so made by it shall be enforced by such fines, penalties and punishments as it in the exercise of sound discretion may deem necessary; and the fines or penalties so imposed or levied shall be recovered in the name of said corporation in any court of this State having jurisdiction of actions for the recovery of fines and penalties imposed by State laws, and shall inure and belong to said corporation, and all punishments so imposed shall be enforced in the name of said corporation in any of the courts of this State having jurisdiction of crimes and misdemeanors under said laws.

5. To establish, maintain and operate a tug boat and pilotage service in and between said Port and the sea, and to that end to purchase, lease, control and operate steam tug boats and steam and sail pilot boats upon such rivers, bays and harbors and upon the sea, and to employ crews from vessels employing such tugs so operated, and for pilotage service rendered by employees of such corporation, and

such corporation shall have the right to claim and collect salvage for service rendered to vessels in distress in the same manner as a natural person. The charges for towage and pilotage shall be fixed by the board of commissioners for such corporation, and shall be public and published to the world, and said corporation shall be entitled to a lien upon any vessel for any sums due it for piloting or towing such vessel, and the master or owner of such vessel shall in addition be jointly and severally liable to such corporation therefor. If a vessel or cargo, while being towed by a vessel owned or operated by such corporation, or while under the charge of a pilot employe of such corporation, suffers injury or loss by reason of the fault of such tug or the negligence or incompetency of such pilot, such corporation shall not be liable for any loss or injury thereof in excess of \$5,000.

6. To acquire by purchase, condemnation or other lawful method such lands as it may deem necessary to improve for public convenience and the convenience of its shipping and commercial interests, all or any portion of the water front of its harbors, rivers and waterways; to enlarge its tidal area, construct, excavate or dredge canals and channels connecting its waterways with one another or with other waterways and the sea, and to construct, maintain, and operate upon any of the water front so acquired by it, wharves, warehouses and dry docks, and to collect from vessels, using the same, wharfage and drydockage, and to collect from owners or consignees of goods, passing over said docks and warehouses, wharfage and storage charges from goods so handled.

7. Generally to do such other acts and things as shall tend to promote the maritime shipping and commercial interests of such corporation, and to acquire, hold, use, enjoy and dispose of and convey such real and personal property, and to make any and all contracts and to do any and all other acts and things which may be or may become requisite, necessary or convenient in carrying out all or any one or more of the powers in this Act granted it.

8. For the purpose of carrying into effect all or any of the powers hereby granted such corporation shall have the power to borrow money and to sell and dispose of bonds, which bonds shall, however, never exceed in the aggregate 10 per cent of the assessed valuation for State and county purposes of all property within the limits of said corporation, which is by law assessable for State and county purposes. Such bonds shall be issued from time to time as the board of commissioners of said corporation may determine, and shall be of such denomination or denominations and shall run for such term of years and bear such rate of interest as such board of commissioners shall determine; provided, however, such bonds shall not bear interest exceeding in any event the rate of 6 per cent annum, and they shall be executed on behalf of the said corporation by its president and secretary, and shall be so conditioned as that said corporation shall therein and thereby undertake, promise, and agree in consideration of the premises, and be held to pay at a place therein named to the bearer thereof, the sum named therein in gold coin of the United States with interest thereon in like gold coin at the rate per annum named therein, payable half-yearly on the first day of January and July in each year in accordance with the tenor and terms of interest coupons thereto attached.

9. Such corporation shall have power and there is hereby granted to it the power to assess, levy, and collect taxes upon all property, real and personal, situated within its boundaries, and which is by law taxable for State and county purposes, and each year not to exceed 1 per cent, the proceeds of which shall be by it applied in carrying out the objects and purposes hereinbefore provided; and such corporation shall also have the power each

year to assess, levy, and collect a special tax upon all such property, real and personal, in an amount sufficient to pay the yearly interest on bonds theretofore issued by such corporation and then outstanding, together with any portion of the principal of such bonds maturing within such year. Such regular annual and special tax provided for hereby shall be levied in each year in time so as to be extended upon the county tax rolls with the State and county tax for the annual collection of taxes in the spring next following, but in no event later than the 31st day of December in each year. The special tax hereby authorized shall be applied only in payment of interest and principal of bonds issued by such corporation, but such corporation shall have power to apply any funds derived from the regular annual tax towards the payment of such principal or interest upon such bonds. All taxes levied by such corporation shall become payable at the same time and to the same officers as regular county taxes are payable and shall be by the county officers collecting the same paid to the treasurer of the said corporation for its use. All taxes levied by corporations incorporated under the authority of this Act granted shall be levied on the basis of the assessment made by the county in which such corporation is situated for the purpose of the levy of taxes for county or State purposes, with the exception that the levy of such corporation shall be on the property situate within its boundaries only; and for the purpose of the levy of taxes by said corporation the assessment made by such county on the property situate within the boundaries of the said corporation shall be taken to be and shall be the assessment of the said corporation. All regular, annual, and special taxes levied by such corporations in the manner hereinbefore provided shall by the proper county officers be extended upon the county tax rolls of such county with the State and county tax for the annual collection of taxes in the spring next following, and shall be entered on the tax rolls and collected as one tax of and for the said corporation of a per cent of rate in the aggregate equaling the aggregate of the general and special tax so levied by said corporation during such year under the authority herein granted. Property shall be subject to sale for the non-payment of taxes levied by the said corporation in like manner and with like effect as in the case of county and State taxes.

### Epworth League Convent

The fifth annual convention of the Coos sub-district of the Epworth League which was held at Marshfield, closed on the evening of the 17th inst., with a very pleasing program which was highly appreciated by the large audience in attendance, the Methodist church of that city being filled to its capacity.

The convention was a success in every way and the one to be held in Coquille next year will be looked forward to as a holiday of more than ordinary importance by a great number of our young people.

The principal speaker upon this occasion was Dr. Fletcher Homan, president of the Willamette University, at Salem, who delivered an able and interesting address on Saturday evening, and a very impressive sermon on Saturday morning.

The following officers were elected at the business session for the ensuing year:

- President, Melvin Kern, of Coquille.
- 1st Vice-president, Wm. Franke, of Marshfield.
- 2nd Vice-president, F. L. Sumner, of Marshfield.
- 3rd Vice-president, Miss Vera Nelson, of Bandon.
- 4th Vice-president, Miss C. Smith, of North Bend.
- Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. M. Goodman, of Coquille.
- Recording Secretary, Miss Amy Issacs, of North Bend.
- Supt. Junior League, Mrs. J. Levar, of Marshfield.
- Treasurer, Chas. Lomas, of Bandon.

# LATEST RAILROAD NEWS

Is to the effect that work will begin within a few weeks, at the most, on a line between Roseburg and the Coast

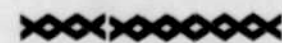
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