

BANKERS HOLD A CONVENTION

Debate on Bills of Lading Takes Up Considerable Time.

ROADS SHOULD BE LIABLE

Financiers for the Most Part Favor Plan, While W. W. Cotton Condemns That It Is Manifestly Unfair.

W. W. Cotton and P. C. Kauffman, vice-president of the Fidelity Trust Company, occupied the center of attention at the session of the Oregon State Bankers' Association yesterday afternoon...

Convention of Oregon Bankers.

The first annual convention of the Oregon State Bankers' Association convened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium.

President J. Frank Watson called the assembly to order following the invocation by Dr. Clarence Truitt Wilson.

Mr. Cotton followed P. C. Kauffman, who had gone into detail on the new law which is before Congress.

System of Certification.

Mr. Cotton thought that if a system of certification was established that the bankers would be reasonably safe from loss through fraudulent bills of lading.

Delegates and Visitors.

The following is the list of delegates and visitors who signed the register yesterday: Joseph H. Albert, cashier Capital National Bank, Salem, Or.; H. Hirschberg, president Independence National Bank, Independence, Or.;

elled and a last opportunity given to those who wished to view the face of the departed. Members of the Shriners were pallbearers and acted as a guard of honor.

COUNSEL TO PROSECUTE

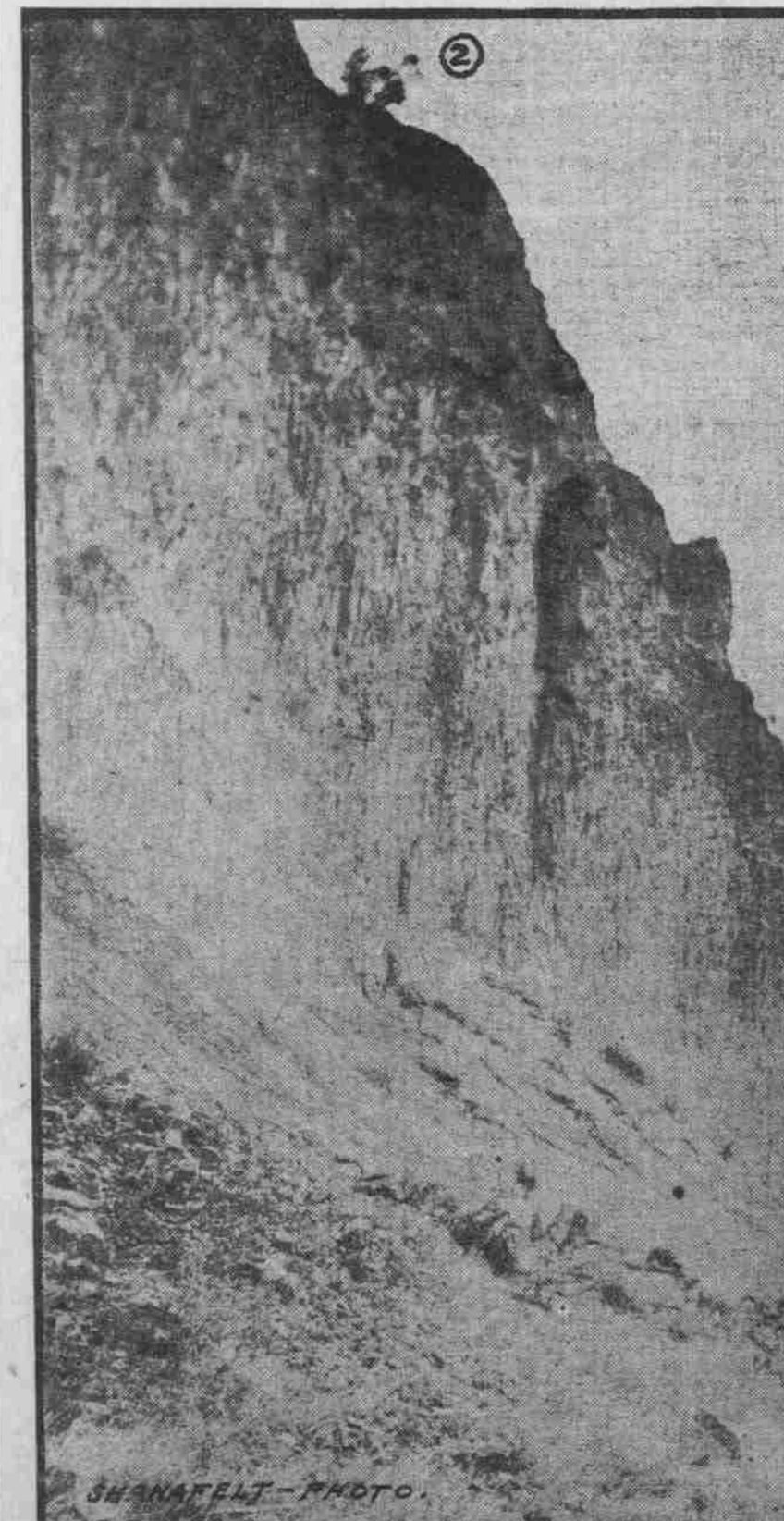
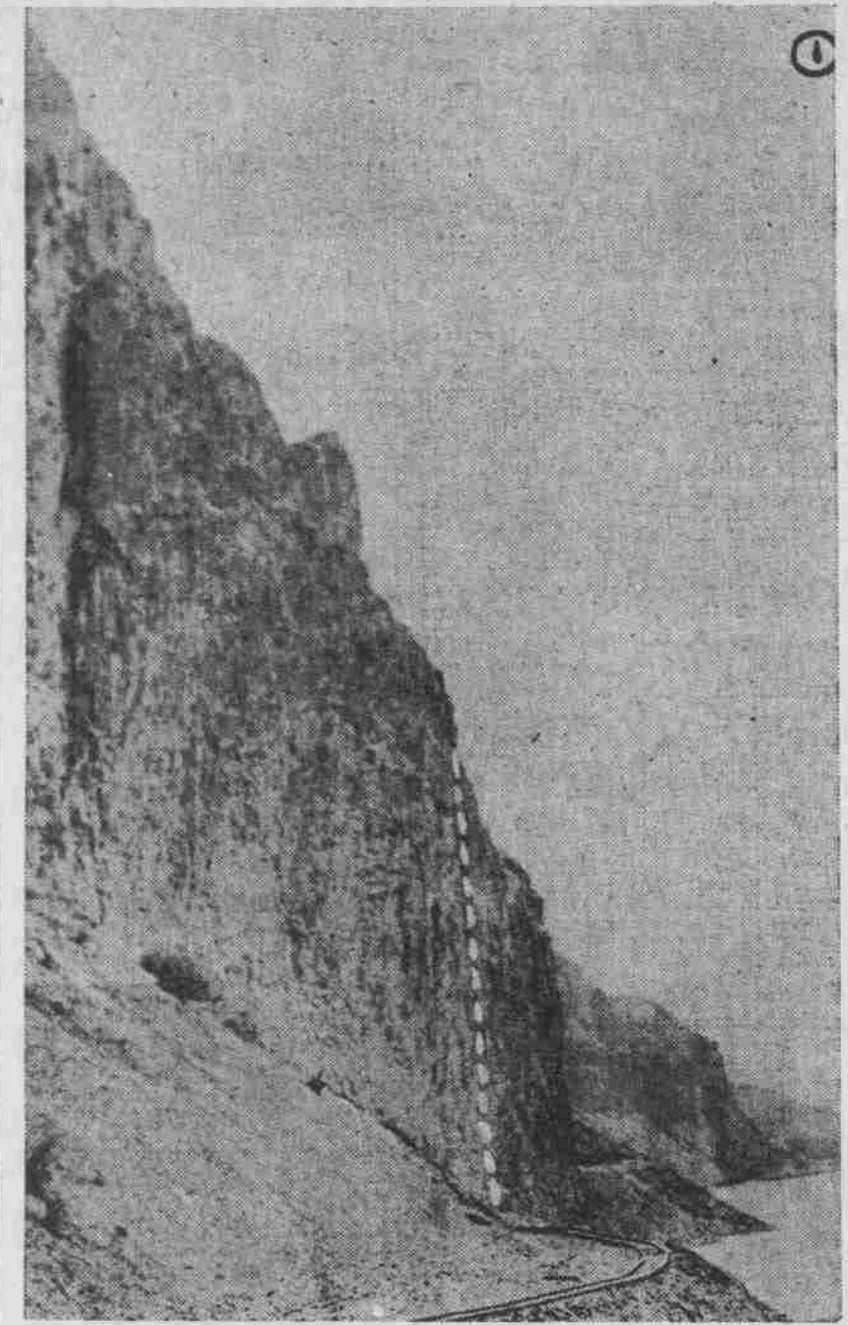
Shipowners Engage an Attorney Against Raiders of Johan Poulsen.

H. M. Calk has been retained by the Shipowners' Association, of San Francisco, to assist in the prosecution of those implicated in the attack of Wednesday night upon the crew of the schooner Johan Poulsen.

Buried in Nameless Grave.

Into a nameless grave went the body of the unknown man that was found floating down the Willamette Thursday afternoon.

PHOTOS SHOWING THE BIG BLASTS NEAR MOSIER YESTERDAY



1. CLIFF BEFORE BLAST WAS FIRED. THE DOTTED LINE INDICATES PORTION TO BE REMOVED BY EXPLOSION. 2. WHEN THE 35,000 POUNDS OF POWDER EXPLODED, THROWING THE CLIFF INTO THE RIVER. 3. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BLAST WAS FIRED, SHOWING THE SMOKE LIFTING AND THE PILE OF BROKEN ROCK.

BASALT MOUNTAIN IS BLOWN AWAY

EASTERN EXCURSION RATES

June 23, 25, July 2 and 3, August 7, 8, 9, September 8 and 10.

On the above dates the Great Northern Railway will have on sale tickets to Chicago and return at rate of \$71.50, St. Louis and return \$67.50, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth, Superior, or Sioux City and return, \$59. Tickets first-class, good going via the Great Northern, returning same or any direct route, stopovers allowed.

Will Make Permanent Repairs.

L.A. GRANDE, Or., June 15.—(Special.)—Superintendent Buckley estimates that it will take until the snow flies to repair the damage done by the recent washout between Meacham and Umatilla.

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Gigantic Explosion Near Mosier on the Columbia River.

BLAST FOR THE HILL ROAD

Fourteen Hundred Kegs of Powder Reduce Forty Thousand Cubic Yards of Solid Rock to Small Fragments.

MOSIER, Or., June 15.—(Staff Correspondence.)—An electric spark that ran along a wire far into the heart of the basalt mountain opposite Eighteen Mile Island, on the Columbia River, today set free 1400 kegs of imprisoned powder, and the resulting explosion rattled windows here, two miles away, across the river.

With a roar like a broadside from a battleship, the cliff marked for destruction crumbled as an eggshell crumbles in a man's fist, and fell away from the mountainside.

Blast Laid and Fired.

The blast was laid and fired by men in the employ of P. P. Johnson, a contractor for the Portland & Seattle Railway, and the three mines of explosive took a crew of men two months to make ready for today's shot.

A main tunnel 50 feet long was driven into the face of the cliff on a level with the grade of the railroad. At that depth, two branch drifts were run at right angles, one 75 and the other 45 feet in length.

Explosion Shakes Mountain.

Preparations for firing the blast today were carried out carefully and the explosion, which had been set for 10 o'clock, took place exactly on time.

cause such a big wave that Eighteen Mile Island, half way across the Columbia, would be flooded. The island has a solitary inhabitant, Tom Hennessy, and word was sent him of the time of the explosion, so that he could take his valuables and escape to the mainland.

Indian Watches the Blast.

An Indian stood by and watched the white man's thunder demolish the landmarks of his fathers. He gave no expression of how he regarded such big medicine save by a shrug of the shoulders and a short exclamation.

A drummer at Mosier, who lately came from California, seized his grip and ran howling into the street, declaring his intention of going still further in his search for a country where there were no earthquakes.

Since the construction of the new Hill road was begun, there has been almost incessant blasting along the north bank of the river, by both the Portland & Seattle and the Columbia Valley, but the shot of today was the biggest so far fired.

IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

Board of Trade Preparing to Call It in September.

Under the auspices of the Portland Board of Trade a State Irrigation Congress will meet in this city the latter part of September.

The committee is preparing an irrigation law, which will be considered at the congress, and which later will be submitted to the Legislature for the purpose of enactment.

The members of the legislative committee are G. W. Allen, chairman, D. A. Puffalo, James Cole, J. E. Magers, Seneca Smith, J. B. Beach, Whitney L. Boise and William M. Gregory.

TWO MORE CHANCES.

The Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Co. will only run two more \$1.50 Sunday Seaside excursions this year, one next Sunday, June 17, and the last one Sunday, June 24.

Payment of Election Claims.

County Auditor Brandes is besieged with inquiries from judges and clerks of the recent election for information as to when these late officials will receive pay for their services.

Saturday Specials

69c Flyproof Meat Safe. Regular Value \$1.25. On Sale All Day 6 P. M. to 9 P. M.

19c Stoneware Salt Box. Regular Value 50c. Just the thing for this climate—will not draw dampness.

Powers THE STORE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY. DIGNIFIED CREDIT FOR ALL. FIRST AND TAYLOR.

WILL FIGHT TAXES

Corporations Think Amount is Too High.

OBJECT TO THE NEW LAWS

May Attempt First to Defeat Their Purpose in the Legislature, Afterwards Going to the Courts if Necessary.

That the Oregon Legislature will be a magnet next winter for corporation lobbyists seems likely.

Should the corporations affected be able to muster any considerable strength in the lawmaking body, there will be an exhibition of "influence" methods such as have not been attempted at Oregon's capital for a long while.

Object to the Tax.

The 2 and 3 per cent. gross earnings tax is not welcomed by the companies on which it is to be imposed next year.

Fight the Assessment.

Railroads think the tax plan of the Tax Commission, whose proposed new system would assess railroads this year in Oregon, \$50,000,000, unreasonable and dangerous to their interests.

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"THE AVENUE" WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY THE Wonderful Figure-Eight Roller Coaster, the \$20,000 Carousel, the Whirl, Bumps, Temple of Mirth, Mystic Maze, Zig Zag (new and funny), the spacious Dancing Pavilion, Chutes, and 50 other novelties (all new at that). And last, yet not least, D'Urbano's great band of 40 musicians.

gon, yesterday morning, were given over to discussion of investment of the lodge surplus and the installation of the newly elected officers.

It was voted to invest \$5350 in additional stock of the Masonic Temple Association. The Grand Lodge has a surplus of some \$19,000, and some of the delegates were in favor of putting at least \$10,000 of this in Temple stock, but on presentation of the statement that there were subordinate lodges which were desirous of investing in this same proposition, it was decided to make way for them also.

"PENNSYLVANIA SPECIAL"

Pioneer 18-hour train from Chicago to New York, runs every day over the Pennsylvania Short Line, leaving Chicago at 2:45 P. M.

Alleges Breach of Contract.

Alleging breach of building lease and failure to pay the stipulated amount of rental for a period of three months, Carrie Nicholas has begun suit in the State Circuit Court against J. W. Carlson, A. Schubeck and W. O. Johnson, asking for judgment for \$208.66 and that the judgment apply as a lien upon the household goods and furniture now contained in the building located at 185 1/2 Morrison street, and that the lien be foreclosed to satisfy the judgment.

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America's Most Beautiful Resort IF NOT, BE GOOD ENOUGH TO PAY US A VISIT

SEE THE DREAMLAND OF THE WEST

With more great amusement attractions than New York's Coney Island. Open daily from 1 P. M. until 12 o'clock midnight. That is the time the last car leaves. But on Saturday, Sunday and holidays The Oaks is open from 9 A. M. until midnight.

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Takes Stock in Masonic Temple. The closing hours of the three days' session of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Ore-