

COLUMBIA VALLEY ROAD GIVES IT UP

Harriman Retires From Fight for Right of Way on the North Bank.

LEAVES THE FIELD TO HILL

Men Paid Off and Material Sold After \$300,000 Is Spent—Fierce Battle for Months Between Rival Construction Crews.

After the most unique fight in the railroad annals of the West, the Columbia Valley Railroad, the Harriman company formed to build down the north bank of the Columbia from Wallula to Portland, has apparently given up hopes of winning the contest for rights of way and has suspended operations.

The struggle of the Columbia Valley will be known as the fight that failed. The only remaining vestige of the rivalry between the Hill and Harriman interests for possession of the north bank is pending action in the land office at Vancouver, Wash., wherein the Harriman road seeks to have its alleged title to certain rights of way confirmed.

Officials of the Columbia Valley Railroad have been scattered. President Gerlinger is taking a needed rest in California. Chief Engineer Wise has been dismissed because there is no further need for his services.

Nothing Left but the Name. Contractors and subcontractors in the employ of the Columbia Valley have been paid off and construction materials belonging to the road have been sold.

It will probably be eight months at least before a final decision on the pending land department cases is reached. If that time is not lost, the Portland & Seattle will be running trains over its line down the North Bank.

The warfare for the north bank grade lasted a year and a half and was very bitter. Every means of dislodging the rival crews which were placed on the work was resorted to, from exploding dynamite among the construction gangs and rolling rocks down from the hills to the securing processes from the courts.

Rough Times on the North Bank. It was a dull day on the north bank last Spring when there was not an open conflict between rival graders.

During the contest for the north bank the Harriman line was spent about \$300,000. Its resources were drawn from Harriman funds in New York, which were checked out through the offices of the auditor of the O. R. & N. From its beginning the Harriman road was attacked savagely by the Hill people, who contended it was intended to hamper the Portland & Seattle and was never intended to be built.

ADVERTISE OREGON SCENERY. Harriman System to Display Columbia River Views in East.

A scheme of advertising Oregon scenery that is bound to win is that just outlined by William McMurray, general passenger agent for the Harriman lines in the Northwest. He has directed the making of a large number of enlargements of photographs of Columbia River scenery, which will be framed and displayed in public places in different parts of the country.

TO ENTERTAIN EXCURSIONISTS Commercial Bodies to Receive Seattle Business Men. Preparations are being made to entertain the party of Seattle excursionists to California, when they arrive in Portland at 3 o'clock next Saturday afternoon.

Special Agent of N. Y. Central Says Travel Costs Railroads More. W. B. Jerome, special agent for the New York Central lines at Chicago, is spending a few days in Portland looking after the business of the line he represents.

G. J. Bury Receives Splendid Offer. G. J. Bury, of Calgary, general manager of the Western lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has been offered a tempting proposition by the Rock Island & Pacific system, which asked Mr. Bury to become general manager at the salary of \$30,000 a year.

Joins New York Central. H. C. Gardner, of H. A. Heppner & Co., and formerly with the Burlington, will take the position of passenger agent for the New York Central lines in the office of W. C. Seachrest, North Pacific Coast agent, on April 1, succeeding A. W. Moon, who has resigned to go into the timber business in Southern Oregon.

JAPAN HEAVILY INVOLVED FINANCIAL CRASH PREDICTED WHEN DEBTS COME DUE. American Sees Much to Depreciate in Japanese Character and Little to Praise.

Japan will experience one of the worst financial panics the world has ever known within the next year, said J. Kavanaugh in an interview yesterday.

Mr. Kavanaugh, who is a native born American, is not an admirer of the Japanese people. "They are arrogant because of their victory over Russia," said he, "and have treated Korea as a conquered nation since the war.

Mr. Kavanaugh will spend a month visiting in the East after which he will return to Portland and sail from this port to Korea.

FIGHT FOR LITTLE GIRLS. Long Legal Struggle for Daughters Transferred to California. LOS ANGELES, March 13.—A spirited and prolonged fight between a divorced man and wife for the possession of two little girls, which has been going on in the courts of Indiana and Ohio for five years, has been transferred to Los Angeles.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. PORTLAND, March 13.—Maximum temperature, 51 deg.; minimum temperature, 38 deg.

unfit person to care for them. On appeal of the case it was recently reversed and he was again awarded custody of the children. He immediately sought them here.



AN ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY

It is important that the public at large should know the facts with reference to streetcar service to Rose City Park. At this very moment hundreds of men are at work on Sandy Road. They are tearing up the old roadbed, and yesterday over 300 yards had been made ready for the setting of ties.

GRADED STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

The presence of an army of men, equipped with pick and shovel, and half a hundred horses, all bent on the work of grading the streets of Rose City Park, is sufficient evidence of the company's intention in this regard.

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WEATHER FORECAST. PORTLAND AND VICINITY—Thursday, showers. Southwesterly winds. Fair, some showers north portion.

Table with columns for STATIONS, WIND, and other weather data for various locations like Baker City, Blaine, Boise, etc.

AMUSEMENTS. HEILIG THEATER. TONIGHT 8:15 O'CLOCK. Friday, Saturday Night, Saturday Matinee.

SEAT - SALE - TOMMORROW HEILIG THEATER, 14th and Washington. DUSTIN IN THE VIRGINIAN.

AMUSEMENTS. BAKER THEATER. GEO. L. BAKER, General Manager. Portland's Fashionable Popular-Price Theater.

EMPIRE THEATER. Phone Main 117. Milton W. Seaman, Mgr. Playing Only Eastern Road Attraction.

AMUSEMENTS. THE GRAND. Vaudeville de Luxe. Kelly and Reno, Mitchell & Love, Frank & The Men With Hairs.

THE STAR. Phone Main 5494. The Allen Stock Company Presents UNDER TWO FLAGS.