

# TACOMA TUNNEL TO SAVE CLIMB

## Harriman Line Will Avoid the Steep Grade by 8700-Foot Subway.

### SURVEY IS NOW COMPLETE

#### Underground Route Will Be Easy to Bore, but Loose Soil Presents Danger of Slides—Grade to Be 1-4 Per Cent.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—Harriman has solved the problem of avoiding the rumbous 27 per cent grade at Tacoma and will be able to get a maximum grade of 1 1/2 per cent on his Puget Sound extension. A tunnel 8700 feet in length will be bored under Tacoma to cut down the almost prohibitive grade that was encountered in carrying the Northern Pacific's present line into town.

Nearly a year ago the Harriman line secured a franchise in Tacoma for a line that paralleled the Northern Pacific track from South Tacoma into the city proper. This line involved the use of a grade that averaged about 2 1/2 per cent and ran as high in one place as 7-10 per cent.

After the franchise had been granted, the Oregon & Washington Railroad Company allowed its limit for acceptance to pass by without a sign that it had any intention of considering Tacoma seriously. Then it was announced that a study of grades showed it would be impossible to use the old route and that the engineering corps had been given orders to find a low grade at any cost.

Tacoma presents the most serious railroad proposition on the Coast. The ground rises by means of benches to high tableland in the south that any railroad building from Portland must cross, or any extending southward must climb up to some extent. The Northern Pacific may have solved the problem by evading the tableland and following the shore line to Olympia, but this route was not open to the Harriman people.

#### Only Route Practicable

There are three gulches in Tacoma that lead southward and each was thoroughly investigated by the Harriman engineers. No satisfactory grade could be found in any one of them and finally the engineering corps was ordered to work out a tunnel scheme. This has finally been done and a new franchise, providing for such a tunnel, was completed here this week and ordered introduced in the Tacoma Council tonight. Harriman officials are advised the ordinance was presented.

By the new tunnel scheme the Harriman road will locate its southern portal on uncurved land immediately west of the line of Center street. The point is easily recognized by those who have traveled on the Northern Pacific out of Tacoma, for it is near the spot where the Hill road emerges from the gulch and reaches the prairie that leads to South Tacoma.

The tunnel will be driven under Center street for its entire length, crossing under Jefferson avenue between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-fifth streets, and coming out of the northern portal near the corner of Center street. The Oregon & Washington has purchased five blocks lying east and south of Jefferson avenue and the new trackage arrangement originally planned by Tacoma by that route.

The proposed Harriman passenger depot will be located at the intersection of Seventeenth and C streets and will embrace two blocks of land having been received for a passenger station that will rival the projected station at Seattle.

#### Soil Easy to Bore.

This new route involves a tunnel 8700 feet in length, but it gives a maximum grade of 1 1/2 per cent, something that it was decided to do to avoid the steep Puget Sound extension practicable. The tunnel work will not be so difficult as that in Seattle, for the soil at Tacoma, as indicated by cursory examination, is gravelly and easy to bore. There will be more danger of slides than in Seattle, where a cement gravel formation and hard blue clay makes a tunnel under the city arch naturally. There is nothing serious in the tunnel-building problem at Tacoma and the railroad will be under the street deep enough to be away from municipal improvements.

A big series of condemnation suits were filed at Tacoma today that show the Harriman system will locate its local freight yards on Puyallup avenue, directly opposite the Northern Pacific's big local freight sheds. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul right of way along Twenty-fifth street, within the Harriman holdings on the south.

The compromise with the Northern Pacific whereby the Harriman line will alter its original line so as to avoid the property Hill wants to develop as Northern Pacific terminals is also reflected in the new Harriman maps and the Tacoma franchise.

#### Route Officially Announced.

With the completion of the Tacoma terminal plans and the application for a franchise in that city the route of the Oregon & Washington from the Columbia River to the Pierce County line has been officially announced. The route has been current for a long time that when the Harriman interests reached this point there would be no difficulty in effecting an agreement with the St. Paul for joint trackage between Seattle and Tacoma. That possibility is reflected at Tacoma and at Seattle, where the entrance to this city has been recently changed so as to parallel the tracks of the Columbia & Puget Sound, which the St. Paul will use between Black River and the city limits.

Franchises are now pending in both Seattle and Tacoma. The first Council committee meeting to take up one of these franchises has been called at Seattle Thursday night. The entire Harriman terminal problem will be gone over then. All the differences between the Harriman and Hill interests have been settled and there is believed to be a practical certainty that quick action can be had on the Oregon & Washington grant. Anticipating such action the board of public works in Seattle has given the Harriman line permission last week to commence work on its tunnel under Seattle.

This Seattle tunnel is unlike the one at Tacoma. It is a mile in length and is to be built to do away with congestion of traffic on the water-front streets and not because of any grade complications. Seattle has to be bridged by means of trains on Railroad avenue between 7 A. M. and 7 P. M., and both the Hill and Harriman lines must send freight trains under or around the city. The underground route is simpler.

#### Snake Bites Workman in Face.

SILVERTON, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Jesse Kephart was bitten in the face by a small snake yesterday while engaged at work in a field near this city. He reached down to the ground to pick up a stick with which to kill

one reptile when another, which he had not noticed, jumped and bit him on the cheek. The accident did not prove serious.

### HOLDS OPTIONS IN PORTLAND

#### Booth-Kelly Company Will Purchase Waterfront Property.

EUGENE, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Members of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, when asked today where their terminal grounds in Portland are located, said that they were not ready to announce which of a number of options along the Portland waterfront they will close. In speaking of future plans, the management said:

"Unless satisfactory rates and arrangements can be made with the railroads the company will be compelled to purchase vessels and go into the export and coastwise shipping business. Of course this will mean more of an outlay, but it seems to be the only course open."

The Booth-Kelly Company is the largest firm of its kind in Oregon and could certainly make a success of such a business, when other smaller concerns are doing so.

### THROWN HIGH IN AIR BY PRY

#### Workman Falls on Rock in Peculiar Accident.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Thrown 20 feet in the air and falling on a heap of crushed and broken stone, Leopold Geiger, living on the Brown Schoolhouse road, southeast of Oregon City, was seriously injured this morning, but will probably recover. He suffered contusion of the spine and was bruised about the head and shoulders. Geiger was working with a crew on the county rock crusher and was using a long rail for a pry, when the huge piece of steel was caught under a heavy weight and Geiger was hurled in the air, the rail forcing him up with catapult-like force. He fell heavily on fragments of rock. He was at once removed to his home and a surgeon called.

Geiger is 50 years of age and has a wife and several children. It is considered miraculous that death did not result from his terrible fall.

### FINDS SIX INDICTMENTS

#### IDAHO GRAND JURY ENDS ITS INVESTIGATIONS.

#### Two Are Held for Trial for Shipping Elk Teeth and Heads to California.

POCATELLO, Idaho, April 24.—(Special.)—Six indictments were returned by the Federal grand jury here today. William Brinkley and Charles Purdy were separately indicted for shipping elk-teeth and elk-heads from the Jackson Hole country in Wyoming through Idaho, to Los Angeles, and George Walters was indicted for assault with intent to commit murder in a saloon in this city and on the reservation. Alfred L. Gustafson was indicted for robbing the Postoffice at Preston, and Fred Shepherson was indicted for selling liquor to the Indians. All the defendants took the statutory time to plead, which will expire tomorrow morning. The grand jury has been discharged for the term.

Over 20 witnesses have been summoned in the Purdy-Brinkley case. The highest fine possible of imposition on the defendants is \$200 for each count, while the rest of the cases will approximate \$5000. The indictments are an evidence of the interest of the Government in putting a stop to the wanton destruction of elk in this part of the country. The trial of Luther Bearskin, the Bannock Indian indicted for murder in the first degree on two counts, has been set for next Monday morning.

### GIVE UP FAITH IN "HEALER"

#### Aberdeen Couple Deserts Colony Founded by McInturff.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Y. Fenwick, long-time residents of Aberdeen and converts to the doctrines propounded by Dr. McInturff, the alleged divine healer, who held sway here some weeks ago, have returned from Riverview, Idaho, where McInturff is trying to establish a colony. Mr. Fenwick says that McInturff in some way healed his boy of the grip and then induced him to sell out here and join the colony. Fenwick says the colonization scheme is a delusion and a snare, that at present it is a small collection of shanty-built shacks, with only a few half-starved occupants. The advocates of divine healing here have received a severe shock at the return of the Fenwicks, who are out several hundred dollars.

### HERMISTON TO INCORPORATE

#### Commercial Club Takes Initiative in the Movement.

HERMISTON, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—The Hermiston Commercial Club at a meeting tonight decided to incorporate the city of Hermiston. The boundary lines were established and two square miles will be included in the city limits. Francis Bartlett was employed as attorney to draft the incorporation papers and carry the matter through the courts. Hermiston has a population of 600 people. The Commercial Club also took the first steps toward securing a government appropriation for taxon for the Umatilla reclamation project.

### WILL NOT MEET EXCURSION

#### Sumpter Declines Invitation of Portland Commercial Club.

SUMPTER, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—At a meeting tonight of an appointed committee of the citizens of Sumpter it was decided to make a formal declination of the invitation of the Portland Commercial Club to meet them in Baker City on May 7. The occasion for the declination is recited in the resolutions, which set forth that the arrangement of the programme is not to the interest of Sumpter and its contiguous mineral territory.

### Initiative for Tax Reform.

SILVERTON, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—A meeting of the farmers and business men of this vicinity has been called for Saturday, May 4, in the opera house for the purpose of organizing a taxpayers' league. The object of the meeting is to take advantage of the initiative and referendum laws to be submitted to the next legislative body for reform in the system of taxation.

### Form Company of O. N. G.

SILVERTON, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—That Silvertown will soon have a company of the Oregon National Guard seems to be a settled fact. Mayor Adams has had the matter in hand for several days and 72 names are already enrolled.

# STATE HAS THREE MORE WITNESSES

## McManus Defense Will Strive to Prove Estes Was Moral Pervert.

### HAND SHOWN BY QUESTION

#### Chief Remaining Witness of Prosecution Threatened With Pneumonia, but Is Expected to Be Able to Testify Today.

PENDELTON, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Owing to the illness of the only remaining important witness for the state, the McManus murder trial was unexpectedly adjourned at 1 o'clock this afternoon until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Dike Mumford, the witness, is seriously threatened with pneumonia, but his physician thinks it will be possible for him to be in court in the morning. District Attorney Phelps said that it ought not to require more than an hour to complete the introduction of the state's testimony and therefore it is probable that the defense will take its inning about 10 o'clock and will begin by placing McManus on the stand in his own behalf.

It is understood that the state will undertake to prove by the testimony of Mumford and Ed Boynton, a carpenter, the only remaining witnesses, that a few days before the tragedy McManus mistook Estes for McCarty and apologized to him at that time for so doing. Also that about half an hour before the tragedy McManus and Boynton were standing in a saloon drinking and that McCarty came in and was leaning against the wall behind the drinkers when McManus saw him by means of the large mirror behind the bar; that the defendant then suddenly formed the determination to kill McCarty and that he went directly from the saloon to the hardware store to get the gun.

It is expected that the defense will introduce witnesses in an effort to prove that Estes was a gambler, pickpocket, dope fiend and in every way a moral degenerate. The attorneys for McManus have endeavored to bring out testimony to this effect in the cross-examination of nearly every witness that the state has placed on the stand, but the objections of the attorneys for the prosecution have kept this out.

Witnesses were introduced this morning to show that McManus had McCarty arrested for the larceny of his watch and some money about two weeks before the shooting; that McManus purchased a drink for McCarty during the afternoon of the homicide, and that the defendant said immediately after the killing that he had shot the man who had robbed him before, the man for whom he had purchased a drink that afternoon, and who had been following him around and was trying to rob him when the bullet was fired.

Some of the evidence brought out on cross-examination tended strongly to substantiate the contentions of the defense.

Bert Wilson, a bartender, who assisted in taking McManus from the saloon to the police station immediately following the shooting, was the first witness on the stand this morning and the first to testify that he heard the defendant apply the name of Bob Estes to the man he had shot. Wilson said the conversation took place while they were going from the saloon to the police station and that the defendant repeated the name of Bob Estes to the man he had shot. Wilson said the latter had robbed him twice before. He also said that his victim was trying to rob him when the shot was fired, declared Wilson.

All other witnesses so far have testified that in conversations following the tragedy the defendant referred to the man he had killed only as the robber who had robbed him before and was trying to rob him again.

### WANT BETTER FREIGHT DEPOT

#### New Oregon City Passenger Station Is Satisfactory.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Agent B. T. Fields, of the Southern Pacific Company, desires to correct a paragraph that appeared in this morning's Oregonian relative to the condition of the company's depot at this point.

The Southern Pacific Company several months ago constructed a new depot at Oregon City, and the structure is modern and entirely adequate for the business that is transacted here. The visit of the Railroad Commission to Oregon City this morning and the inspection of the facilities of the company for unloading and loading lumber freights, and was made at the request of local shippers. Mr. Fields says that Oregon City now has one of the best depots on the Oregon line of the Southern Pacific.

### MRS. BULGER WANTS DIVORCE

#### Alleges Desertion Against Husband at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Mollie L. Bulger has filed a suit in the Circuit Court against Thomas H. Bulger for a decree of divorce. They were married August 1, 1899, in Portland, Or., and the plaintiff alleges desertion January 26, 1906. She wishes to resume her maiden name of Mollie L. Hunt. A decree of divorce was handed down this afternoon in the suit of May Shea vs. Daniel Shea, and the custody of Fred G. Child, a minor child, was awarded to the plaintiff.

### YOUTH MAY DIE FROM WOUND

#### Justin Reed, Shot by Marshal, in Serious Condition.

WESTON, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Justin Reed, the young man who was shot several weeks ago by Marshal D. F. Lavender while attempting an escape, was taken yesterday to the hospital, accompanied by his physician, Dr. J. L. Rogers. Until the last few days it was thought the patient was out of danger, but another operation is now considered imperative. This will be performed by Dr. Thomas of Spokane. Weston Council appropriated \$300 to meet the expense. When he left, Reed's pulse was high and his condition very serious.

### High Wages in Brickyard.

WESTON, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—A new wage schedule took effect yesterday at the Weston brickyard, which employs 25 men. The average increase of pay is 10 per cent. The minimum wage is \$2.25 per day, while bricklayers will make \$5.00 or more, and maulers will average \$3.50.

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