



RAILROAD FIGHT

Restraining Order Against the Union Pacific by Minority Stockholders.

COMPLAINT ALLEGES DEPRECIATED EARNINGS AND PROFITS.

Order is Also Made Against the Southern Pacific Stockholders, Who Hold Union Pacific Stock—James Keene Making Hard Fight for Control of Southern Pacific.

Cincinnati, March 13.—United States Judge Luston issued a restraining order against the Union Pacific this afternoon on application of minority stockholders to prevent management from voting the stock it holds in the coming annual meeting of the Southern Pacific direct-

The complaint alleges that they have secured control of the Southern Pacific stock and are using it in depleting the earnings and profits of the Union Pacific. An application for a restraining order was first asked in Louisville yesterday as the Southern Pacific is a Kentucky incorporation. The restraining order is also made against the Southern Pacific stockholders who hold Union Pacific stock. Foraker and Lauterbach of New York, represented the minority when the case was carried before the court this morning.

James Keene issued a circular to the stockholders of the Southern Pacific calling their attention to the fact that the directors of the Union Pacific are in control of the Southern Pacific and that reconstruction and operating expenses indicate either gross mismanagement or willful intention to deplete the earnings and thus depress stock values and acquire it at a low price.

James Keene believes the Union Pacific directors in the Southern Pacific are actuated by the ulterior motive of taking over the control of the Southern Pacific, and declares, after a careful investigation he is convinced that the earnings of the Southern Pacific last year would have justly divided and still leave sufficient to pay for all improvements. He concludes by asking for proximate cause of the purpose of fighting the wrong done to the minority stockholders.

MONTANA WRECK.

Man Killed at Essex—Bad Snow Smash at Lakeview.

Essex, Mont., March 13.—There were several wrecks on the Great Northern last night and this morning. A heavy snow smash at Lakeview, A. T. Berg was badly hurt.

At Essex, a passenger collided with a snow plow, killing an unemployed man. A snowslide 200 feet high blocked the track completely.

There was another wreck in the country east of here and a whole train derailed on the Jennings track.

MISSIONS TO PROSELYTE.

Woman Missionary Work in Russia—Following Decree of Czar.

St. Petersburg, March 13.—Following the decree of the czar granting religious liberty throughout Russia, the Russian church will shortly open missions there. They will then be proselyting in every civilized part of the world.

TOMBS DISCOVERED.

Thought to Be That of St. Mark.

St. Mark, March 13.—Three tombs discovered in the St. Cecilia catacombs, which archaeologists thought to be those of St. Mark, St. Peter and the famous pope of Venice.

for Railway Congress.

Washington, D. C., March 13.—It is expected that F. D. Cassanave, supporter of motive power on the Ohio, has been appointed the International Railway congress, which is to meet in Washington, D. C., May, 1905, on one of the important subjects to be taken up will be the first time this country has ever been honored by the conference with its presence. It is by all accounts the most distinguished body of men in the world and its delegates have been such as to attract the attention of American officials to Europe to attend the sessions.

on Line to Cleveland.
Pa., March 13.—Plans have been voted to begin the construction at an early date on the line to connect this city with O. The line will be 45 miles and will be known as the Middlefield.

CASE DISMISSED.

Coal Anarchists Get Their Case Thrown Out of State Court by Technicality.

Chicago, March 13.—The coal operators' case, which has been under investigation on the grand jury indictments was dismissed from the state courts this morning on the ground that conspiracy, if any, as well as restriction of commerce would come under the federal law, therefore outside of the jurisdiction of any court other than federal.

CEIBA CAPTURED.

Consul Wild Reports That Revolutionists Are in Control of Honduras.

Washington, March 13.—The state department has received a cablegram from Vice-Consul Wild, Ceiba, Honduras, to the effect that Ceiba had been captured by the revolutionary forces, and suggesting that a warship be sent.

MINE EXPLOSION.

Fifteen Men Entombed—Three Dead so Far Taken Out—No Escape for Others.

Springfield, March 13.—A message this morning from Cardiff says there was a mine explosion there at midnight. Fifteen men were in the mines at the time. Three of the dead were recovered at 9 o'clock this morning. There is no escape for the others except by a small air shaft.

The 12 other miners have been rescued, and it is believed all will recover.

Powder Explosion.

Olean, N. Y., March 13.—A switch engine hauling a car of powder, was struck by a freight engine this morning. The car exploded, but no one was hurt, although the roof of the car was blown 300 feet away. The engine and seven cars were demolished. The crews jumped.

BANDITS HELD UP STAGE.

THE DRIVER AND SIX PASSENGERS KILLED.

Mexicans Rob the Sonora Stage—Evidence of a Desperate Fight—Killed Were All Mexicans.

Tucson, Ariz., March 13.—Mexican bandits held up a stage between Yaqui River and Sonora and killed the driver and six passengers last Tuesday. There was evidently a desperate fight. The stage is shot full of holes and the bodies were found separated, some quite a distance from the stage, indicating a running fight. All those killed were Mexicans, but were prominent men.

PURIM FEAST JUBILEE.

Jews Celebrating an Ancient Day of Thanksgiving.

New York, March 13.—Jews everywhere celebrate the Purim feast today. It marks the anniversary of King Ahasuerus' order rescinding the edict for the killing of the Jews and overthrowing the plans of Haman for the destruction of the race. Through the efforts of Esther the king issued the order, and gave the Jews permission to defend themselves when attacked.

The race was preserved by this order, and the people have celebrated it ever since, covering a period of 2,400 years. The celebration has not the religious sentiment which marks so many of the Jewish holidays. In ancient times the anniversary was celebrated by giving dances, especially masquerades, and this custom has been continued to a large extent by thousands of Jews. One of the prescribed customs is for the assembling of the family in the morning and evening, when the book of Esther is read and there is a general exchange of presents. It generally is made the merriest of the Jewish holidays, marking, as it does, the preservation of the Jews.

REFUSES CHALLENGE.

Inventor Marconi Will Not Submit Test of Wireless Telegraphy to Editors.

London, March 13.—Marconi today speaking of the challenge recently sent him to submit wireless telegraphy to a test before four editors, two from each side of the Atlantic, said he could not accept the conditions, imposed, as it would be an insult to the governments which had already taken up the invention. He said he was willing at any time to demonstrate to any responsible tribunal, but was not prepared to accept any newspaper challenges.

Pigmy Camels.

The western part of Persia is inhabited by a species of camel which is the pigmy of its kind. These camels are snow white, and are on that account almost worshipped by the people. The shah presented the municipality of Berlin with two of these little wonders. The larger is 27 inches high and weighs 51 pounds. The other is 4 inches less, but the weight is not given.

While on an operating table in a Chicago medical college, William Martineck succumbed to the effects of the chloroform that had been administered to him.

WASHINGTON NEWS RIVER STILL RISING

President Roosevelt Threatens to Call an Extra Session of Congress.

IF CONCURRENCE AMENDMENT IS MADE TO CUBAN TREATY.

Democratic Leaders Have Been Notified—Judge Day Suffering With Pneumonia—Senator Jones Sick With Grip.

Washington, March 13.—It is learned today on the highest authority, that the president yesterday told several democratic leaders that if they insisted in tacking on an amendment to the Cuban reciprocity requiring a concurrence of the house before it could become effective, he would hold himself free to call an extra session of congress.

Must Act on Treaties.

Congress, it is therefore believed, will be called in the fall should the senate program go through as outlined at present.

The president also served notice on the senate leaders that he would not accept the defeat either of the Panama or Cuban treaties through failure to secure a quorum, but will hold the senate in extra session until both treaties are acted upon.

Republicans Whipped in Line.

Washington, March 13.—Thursday of next week will be chosen by the republicans of the senate to make a final vote on the Cuba reciprocity treaty. It will be followed by immediate adjournment. The proposition will be submitted to the democrats today and if acceptable to them will be held as the program.

The republican steering committee was in session this morning for more than an hour. It was agreed that the republicans should present a united front against the acceptance of any amendments to the Panama treaty. They fear that if any of the amendments suggested by the democrats should be adopted the treaty would be endangered in the Colombian congress.

It was also agreed to accept the proposed amendments to the Cuban reciprocity treaty including the one requiring the lower house concurrence. All absentee republicans have been notified to be in their seats Monday and Tuesday when the voting on the canal treaty begins so as to ensure the defeat of the democratic amendments and its final ratification.

Judge Day Better.

Washington, March 13.—Judge Day is better. It is now admitted that he is suffering from severe pneumonia.

Ex-Senator Jones, of Arkansas, who has been severely ill of grip, is improving. He is still chairman of the democratic national committee and many telegrams of inquiry and sympathy are being received from the various democratic organizations.

STREET CARS COLLIDE.

Heavy Fog Causes Bad Accident in St. Louis.

St. Louis, March 13.—In the heavy fog this morning two transit cars collided at full speed on a curve. Two motormen, two conductors and one passenger were injured. One was fatally hurt.

SENT TO PENITENTIARY.

Preacher Scott Given 15-Years' Sentence for Assaulting May Hall.

Portland, Or., March 13.—Rev. Mack Scott, colored, was this morning sentenced to the penitentiary for 15 years for rape committed on May Hall, a 15-year-old girl. The girl died in giving birth to the child.

KANSAS CITY SCANDAL.

Organization of Officers Charged With Grafting and Blackmail.

Kansas City, March 13.—The police commissioners this afternoon began an investigation of the scandal involving many officers who have been charged with grafting and blackmail on gamblers, fallen women and clairvoyants. Chief Hayes is charged with being at the head of the organization.

North Dakota-Manitoba Debate.

Grand Forks, N. D., March 13.—The debate between the University of Manitoba and the University of North Dakota will be held here tonight, and it promises to be the most interesting event of the college year. The question is embraced in the following: "Resolved, That undenominational religious instruction should be given in our public schools." North Dakota will take the negative and will be represented by Merrs, Ward-roppe, Larson and Thordarson.

Mississippi is Now Three Feet and One Inch Above the Danger Line.

RAILWAY TRACK IN DANGER OF BEING SWEEPED AWAY.

Several Hundred Convicts Working on the Arlington Levee Near Baton Rouge—Little Hope of the New Levee Withstanding the Flood.

Memphis, March 13.—The river rose six inches during the past 24 hours. It is three feet and one inch over the danger line. The railway tracks are being chained down to prevent sweeping away. The water works and gas house are threatened with suspension. The greater portion of North Memphis is under water. The vast area between Wolf and the Mississippi rivers is under water. Houses are beginning to float by, but there are no breaks of the levee up to this hour—10 a. m. Caruthersville is now believed to be safe.

Hoping Against Hope.

New Orleans, March 13.—At 10 o'clock this morning the river is only seven-tenths of a foot below the high water of 1897. Fifty thousand more sacks have been ordered for the levee. All eyes are turned toward the Arlington levee near Baton Rouge. Several hundred convicts worked there all night although the new levee is back of the old it is almost certain that it can't withstand the flood. The state engineers say they regard the situation this morning as only a case of hoping against hope.

Only Eight Inches Left.

Texarkana, March 13.—Only eight inches of the bank is left to cover. All the plantations for a distance of five miles south are submerged 30 feet. Nothing but several days of fair weather can avert a crisis.

SOCIALISTS IN RACE.

They Intend to Put Up a Candidate for Congressman for June Election.

Albany, March 13.—The socialist party will have a candidate in the field in the special election in the first congressional district. This is the statement of W. R. Richards, of this city, secretary of the state central committee of the socialist party. The socialists have not yet determined how their candidate shall be nominated, but they have decided to name a socialist candidate for congressman from the first district for the coming special election. Their plan is to keep the socialist vote of the last election solid and also to see if there is any increase in the socialist party in the first district.

C. S. Harnish, of Albany, chairman of the state central committee of the socialist party, is at present absent from the state on a trip through the East.

Coast Swimming Championships.

San Francisco, Cal., March 13.—Lovers of aquatic sports hereabouts are to be given an opportunity this evening to see many crack swimmers at their best. The occasion will be the annual swimming championships of the Pacific Amateur Athletic Association. The program calls for races at 50, 100, 220, 440 yards and one mile. The series include a number of the fastest amateurs on the coast and it is expected that several new records will be established as a result of the competitions.

Room for More People.

Crook county contains one and one-fourth per cent of the total taxable property of the state; eight and three-fourths per cent of its area, and a little more than one per cent of its population. The present population is about 5000, its taxable property \$1,852,281 and its area about 8000 square miles. Its per capita wealth amounts to \$370. It is five times the size of Rhode Island, four times that of Delaware, twice that of Connecticut and equal to that of Massachusetts. It contains one person to each 1000 acres and Rhode Island has one to each two acres, or, in other words, it is 500 times less densely populated than that state. There is room for more people in Crook county.—Des Chutes Echo.

Central Oregon Coal.

A crew of men passed through town on Tuesday bound for the John Day river where they will begin the development of the Black Rock Mining Company's property. It is the intention of this company to push development work as rapidly as possible and it is expected that a good quality of coal will be mined at that place.—Antelope Herald.

Loss Light.

The loss of livestock has been very light in Wheeler county this winter, but a great deal of hay has been consumed, owing to the fact that grass was very poor last fall. It is reported that William Griffith, of Clarno, has sold \$3000 worth of hay to sheepmen.—Crook County Journal.

GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by Coe Commission Company, 120 Court Street—B. E. Kennedy, Local Manager.

Chicago, March 13.—Wheat firm, after a slight downward tendency for several days. Foreign demand shows more briskness.

Wheat—	Opened.	Closed.
May	75 3/4	74 3/4
July	71 3/4	71 3/4
Oats—		
May	47 3/4	47 3/4
July	44 3/4	44 3/4
Minneapolis, March 13.—		
Wheat—	Opened.	Closed.
May	74 3/4	73 3/4
July	74 3/4	74
New York March 13.—		
Wheat—	Opened.	Closed.
May	79 3/4	79 3/4
July	77 3/4	77

Wheat in Chicago.

Chicago, March 13.—Wheat—75 3/4 @ 5c per bushel.

CHIEF CLERK APPOINTED.

Secretary Cortelyou Will Fill All Positions From Civil Service List.

Washington, March 13.—Secretary Cortelyou announced this morning the appointment of Frank Hitchcock, of Massachusetts, as chief clerk of the department of commerce. He is being beset by the applications of various politicians. He steadfastly announces that all positions within his gift will be filled by selection from the eligible civil service list.

GOING TO MANILA.

Alice Roosevelt Invited to Visit With Governor Taft.

Washington, March 13.—Alice Roosevelt has received an urgent invitation to visit Governor Taft at Manila. It is believed the president will consent. If she goes she will probably start after the rainy season and go by way of San Francisco.

IRRIGATION MEN ARE COMING

HYDROGRAPHER NEWELL TO INVESTIGATE ENTERPRISE.

Members of National Geological Survey to Make a Tour of the Arid States—Will Spend Two Months in Field.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 13.—Representative Reader, of Kansas, accompanied by Chief Hydrographer Newell and other officials of the geological survey, will shortly make a tour of the arid and semi-arid states, and will spend two months in the field. The numerous projects to be developed by the national government will be investigated. Colorado will be the first state visited. From there the party will go to Utah and investigate the Bear Lake project, thence to the Snake River in Idaho, the Milk River, Montana, thence to the Umatilla enterprise, in Oregon and back to this state.

INVITATION TO ROOSEVELT.

Commercial Association Sends a Heartily Assurance of Royal Welcome Here.

The Commercial Association has sent an invitation to President Roosevelt, through the Oregon representatives at Washington, to visit this city on his forthcoming Western tour. The message is in keeping with the spirit of the people of the West, and is worded as follows: Senators J. H. Mitchell, C. W. Fulton and Representative J. N. Williamson, Washington, D. C.: Convey to the president invitation of the Commercial Association of Pendleton, Oregon, to visit this city on his Pacific coast trip and urge that itinerary be arranged to that end. This is a junction point, and citizens of Eastern Oregon can conveniently assemble here to greet him. Assure him a royal Western welcome. Letters follow. (Signed) J. Ross Dickson, president, John F. Robinson, secretary.

LITTLE LAND LEFT.

Homeseekers Have Been Gobbling Up Lots of Soil.

Almost all available government land in Southeastern Washington that comes under the jurisdiction of the United States land office in Walla Walla has been filed on by homeseekers. Only one strip of land, about 60 miles long and 18 miles wide is left.

Land that two years ago was not worth representation on the map has advanced by leaps and bounds to the front, and today it could not be bought for \$20 per acre. Franklin county has experienced a boom beyond its wildest expectations.

The strip of land that is left lies west of Wallula between Horse Heaven and the Columbia river. Though the larger portion of it will not be touched by the Kennewick ditch, the Eastern end will get the full benefit of irrigation when the canal is fully completed. There is most valuable land in this strip, but heretofore it has in some manner escaped general notice.

Large portions of it are hilly, but not enough so, it is claimed, to prevent farming. It is of the same general character as that in the Kennewick country and Franklin county, and will undoubtedly be worth much money to those who develop it.

IRRIGATION AT ECHO

First Authentic Interview With the Government Engineer in Charge of the Work.

DESCRIPTION OF EXTENSIVE GOVERNMENT PLANS.

Scientific Review of the Situation on the Echo Reservation by Engineer Camp—Compared to Other Sites, Umatilla County is Fortunate—Oregon Irrigation Laws a Barrier to Completion of Plans.

Echo, Ore., March 12.—It needs no prophetic vision to see that Echo is destined to become a prosperous and thriving place at no distant day. I have just returned from a trip to the proposed government's irrigation canal. J. G. Camp, the government engineer in charge of the preliminary survey, extended an invitation to accompany him while surveying for a feasible route.

We rode in a stout hack behind a pair of sturdy Oregon horses, across country to where the last stake had been set the night before.

Near Echo we passed J. Cunha's place. He is a Portuguese, who was herding sheep 15 years ago. Now he has a splendid ranch, with a new \$5000 home, good barn and other farm buildings; new fences and new head gates on his irrigation ditch. He practices the check system of irrigation.

The Check System of Irrigation.

A few acres are leveled up, a bank of earth is thrown up around it on all sides. The water is let in and when it has thoroughly soaked into the ground the surplus water is allowed to flow into the adjoining similarly banked inclosure. With this system of one good wetting two heavy crops of alfalfa is raised.

Extent of the Reserve.

"Approximately nine townships have been withdrawn from all entry, except homestead," said Mr. Camp. "About 200,000 acres or more lie below the proposed line and are susceptible of irrigation."

"In Southern Idaho it requires from two and a half to four acre feet to the acre throughout the season. Here, on account of the different character of the soil, one acre foot of water to the acre, or to put it more plainly water a foot deep on an acre of land will produce two good crops of alfalfa."

"The land here will absorb water till it is well saturated before the water runs off. I think we can count on 200,000 acre feet of water available for irrigation purposes here. If alfalfa or hay is to be raised, this amount is sufficient to reclaim 200,000 acres of land."

For gardening, however, or fruit or for any all-season crop, it will probably require about two and a half acre feet per season to the acre.

The Reservoir Sites.

"Owing to the fact that the high water is over on the Umatilla by May 1st, the amount of full-season land that can be handled depends on the reservoir capacity we can secure. So far I have surveyed four reservoir sites, all of which are rather shallow. In all we have seven available sites, three of which are of good size."

Reservoir Capacity.

"My estimate is that we can secure reservoir capacity sufficient to carry 30,000 acres of full-season land after the flood water season is over."

I think I am perfectly conservative when I say that we will have water enough to suffice for at least 100,000 acres of mixed purpose land, that is, hay, garden and orchard land.

Soil Texture Will Improve.

"While this soil is already excellent soil and with water will prove rich and fertile, yet when water has been on it for a few years it will fill up with water and require less to irrigate it."

"As the underlying ground becomes filled with water the surface of the soil will be shielded by growing crops, alfalfa and other humus forming crops, so that there will be less evaporation than with bare soil. In place of the water becoming evaporated as heretofore, in a short period under the heat of sun we will have a gradual evaporation."

The Uplands Will be Reclaimed.

"This means more than appears on the surface. It means that the uplands where wheat was once grown and which have been abandoned will be reclaimed. The former trouble was that the hot winds killed the tender wheat before it was advanced sufficiently to withstand the shriveling effects of the heat."

"With the evaporation from the various reservoirs and from fields of growing crops, the winds will no longer be hot winds. They will strike the uplands near the head of Butter creek