

DISPUTED BY ALLEN
The Power to Foreclose on
Railways Questioned.

NEBRASKA SENATOR IS SEVERE

The Interstate Commerce Committee Hears Arguments on Bill to Stop the Practice of Ticket-Scalping.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The senate today passed the bill extending the time for building the St. Paul & Manitoba railway through White Earth Indian reservation.

Petitions urging the speedy ratification of the Anglo-American peace treaty were received.

Allen of Nebraska asked immediate consideration for a resolution he offered directing the committee on Pacific railroads to inquire into the powers of the president and attorney-general to conduct foreclosure proceedings against the Pacific railroads; also their powers to enter into agreements as to the sale prior to actual foreclosure, and directing the attorney-general meantime to refrain from further action.

Reading from the law Allen argued the first duty of the president was to redeem the first liens, not to foreclose. The president, he said, should be bound by law as much as the humblest citizen of the land. If this point was raised it was likely to defeat the foreclosure.

Clark, Republican, of Wyoming interrupted to express astonishment that Allen, claiming to be a friend of the people took the position that the United States should pay out of its treasury every dollar of these prior liens before resorting to foreclosure.

Allen responded that he could not be moved by bluster; the law was plain and the duty mandatory on the president.

A discussion proceeded as to the construction of the law, Platt of Connecticut and Bacon of Georgia taking part. Platt said he confessed some doubt as to the right of the president to resort to foreclosure before redemption, but was inclined to believe the power existed.

At another point Allen declared the president could not foreclose unless he declined to recognize the law, and in the language of "Boss" Tweed, asked: "What are you going to do about it?"

It was time to stop this interference. The executive branch had taken from congress the Cuban and other foreign questions, and now there was an effort to remove from congress all control of domestic affairs.

The resolution finally went over in order to permit Thurston of Nebraska to address the senate on it tomorrow.

The debate on the bill for an international monetary conference was resumed, but the bill went over until tomorrow to allow Pettigrew to speak.

The senate at 2:10 went into executive session, presumably to take up the nomination of W. S. Forman to be commissioner of internal revenue.

Senator Chandler made a vigorous speech in opposition to Forman's confirmation.

SNOW FALLING IN MANY STATES

The Storm Extends as Far South as North Carolina.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—The temperature still hangs close to the zero mark. One result of the relief work accomplished by the police has been a great decrease in crime. The police and Mayor Swift believe that by the prompt relief afforded thousands of destitute families, the city has been saved from bread riots.

Among the large subscriptions to the relief fund is one of \$2,000 by the Western Union Telegraph Company.

The contributions to date amount to over \$50,000 cash and hundreds of tons of coal and provisions.

It Snowed at the Hub.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 28.—Snow began falling early last night and the storm increased in violence steadily until 8 o'clock this morning, when seven inches had fallen and the wind was blowing thirty miles an hour. The street-car system is badly crippled. The storm is general throughout New England. The only accident reported up to 9 o'clock is the stranding of an unknown schooner near Vineyard Haven.

Snow Storm is General.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The weather bureau reports snow as far as Southern North Carolina, with a maximum of eight inches in New York.

Reports of the weather bureau show the cold wave reached the South Atlantic states last night. A snow storm, quite unusual in extent and degree for the Southern states, accompanied a drop in temperature. This morning reports show the minimum temperature in South and North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Central and Northern Florida lower by 4 to 8 degrees than any previously reported during the last ten days of January. At Chattanooga, Charlotte and Atlanta it was six degrees above zero. The minimum was 22 at Jacksonville. It is not expected that there will be much of a rise in the thermometer for several days.

Snow at New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The snow this morning was eight inches deep, the

heaviest fall of the year. The temperature is moderate. Traffic all over the city was delayed. The storm was felt severely by the poor. A recent accurate canvass of the city shows that the number of people in want is greater than was ever seen in New York before.

In the Nutmeg State, Too.

BAYBROOK POINT, Conn., Jan. 28.—Over a foot of snow has fallen. There are no signs of abatement of the storm.

PLENTY OF GOLD.

Uncle Sam's Coffers are Filled to Overflowing.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Just at the present time the treasury of the United States is enjoying the novel experience of being in possession of more gold than it knows what to do with. The cash balance at the close of business Wednesday was \$229,920,399, and of this amount no less than \$144,880,389 was in free gold, available for current expenses, or to act as a reserve to redeem the outstanding paper money. This leaves in the treasury as a fund to be used for ordinary purposes only, \$86,031,017.

This is far from being an enormous sum when the extensive operations of the government are taken into consideration. The treasury is running behind still, and with only three days yet in the first month of the year the excess of expenditures over receipts is \$7,293,516 and the deficit for the fiscal year thus far, a period of nearly seven months, is over \$45,000,000.

If the gold in the treasury is not paid out for ordinary expenses there is available \$12,840,806 in silver, not covered by certificates; \$19,516,820 in greenbacks; \$35,582,518 in treasury notes, and \$17,339,955 in national notes and the fractional silver, deposits in national funds, outstanding checks and drafts, disbursing officers' balances, postoffice accounts and other miscellaneous items.

It will thus be seen that although the treasury is in possession of the large nominal cash balance of \$230,000,000 in round numbers, it has only \$85,000,000 with which to conduct ordinary transactions, and if the deposits of gold should continue this sum would be still further reduced. Since the November election the gold reserve has without bond sales or other unusual assistance gradually mounted up to the highwater mark for this administration.

A MIDNIGHT HOLD-UP.

Southern Pacific Train in the Hands of Highwaymen.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Jan. 28.—The north-bound overland due at Roseburg at 11:40 p.m., was held up two miles west of Roseburg tonight. The train was in charge of Conductor Sam Veatch and Engineer Morris.

The following particulars were given out by the Southern Pacific officials here:

Train No 15, north-bound Oregon express, was held up last night at Shady point by two or three men, two miles south of Roseburg. The express car was detached from the train by the robbers, and the door blown open with dynamite. The two smaller safes in the car were blown open and looted, though it is not thought the robbers secured much.

The express then took fire. The conductor and trainmen worked hard to save it after the robbers had gone, but the flames had too good a start, and the car and contents were destroyed.

The train was on time at Shady point, where Engineer Morris saw a man at the side of the track, waving a flag.

He elowed up for the signal, and just as he brought the train to a stop, a man armed with two revolvers came over the back of the car and covered him. At the same time, another armed man, who was the man that flagged him, appeared at the side of the cab, and, presenting a revolver at him, ordered him not to attempt to move the train, but to come down at once and go with them to the express-car. The fireman in the meantime had got down on the other side.

The two robbers and the engineer then went to the express car, where the robbers ordered the express messenger to open the door. This the messenger refused to do.

The robbers then uncoupled the express car, returned to the engine and kicked the train back, leaving the express car separated.

In the meantime, the express messenger had seized the opportunity to step out of the car.

After breaking the train the robbers returned to the express car, and, with heavy charges of dynamite, the detonations of which were heard at Roseburg, blew the door open. Entering the car, they attacked the two smaller safes, which they succeeded in entering. The messenger thought the robbers did not succeed in getting into the big safe, and consequently they could not have secured much.

The mail car was also visited by the robbers, and it is believed some registered mail taken. But they did not pay much attention to the mail car.

The explosions set fire to the express-car, and when the robbers drew off, it was a mass of flames. The train crew worked like trojans, but were unable to save it, and the car and contents were almost totally destroyed.

Superintendent Fields, who was in Roseburg at the time, took a special engine and went to the wrecked train as soon as he heard of the robbery.

The passengers were considerably shaken up, and some of them fright-

ened, but no one was injured. The hold-up will make the train from 8 to 10 hours late in getting into Portland.

An imperfect description of one of the robbers was secured. It is presumed they were masked.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Wednesday.

John B. Shipp is in from the Warm Springs.

Frank and David Fulton of Biggs are in the city.

N. C. Evans and A. B. Jones came up from Hood River today.

Mr. W. C. Wills, of the state board of equalization, arrived last night from Salem, and will remain here a few days.

Rev. J. H. Wood returned from University Park yesterday. He left his mother much improved, and she will probably recover.

Friday.

G. D. Woodworth of Hood River was in the city today.

James and George McMillan came down from Wasco yesterday and went to Portland this morning.

Mr. D. Graham came up from Ashland last night to attend the funeral of his brother, the late J. E. Graham, which takes place tomorrow.

P. J. Brown and J. W. Spright are in the city today. They have four carloads of cattle from Umatilla county, and took them off the cars here to feed them.

W. H. Street, editor of the Pacific Elk (the only pacific one known) was in the city today. He attended the proceedings at Heppner, and stopped here on his way home.

BORN.

In this city, Wednesday morning, Jan. 27th, to the wife of Charles Grabner, a son.

The Mummy of Pharaoh.

The greatest discovery of mummies ever made in Egypt was in the year 1881, when the remains of thirty-nine royal personages were brought to light at Dier-et-Bahari, Thebes. One of these was proven to be the mummy of King Rameses II, the third king of the ninth dynasty, and the "Pharaoh" of the Jewish captivity. This mummy was in perfect state of preservation. The mummy case itself was of sycamore wood, plain and unvarnished, and without a spot or stripe of paint—something reckoned as unusual. The case was, however, carved to represent Rameses in the position of Osiris. The crossed arms rested upon the breast. In the right hand was the royal whip, and in the left the royal book. The features were most delicately carved in soft wood, and the whole was surmounted with the crowns of Upper and Lower Egypt, and surrounded by a carved representation of the the uraeus serpent. The name of Rameses was written in plain black characters upon the case, which bore no other text or representation whatever, strongly contrasting with the exaggerated dedications noted on almost all the other cases found in the same pit.

The mummy itself was carefully wrapped in rose-colored and yellow linen of a texture finer than the very finest Indian muslin. In the different folds of this linen several dried lotus flower leaves were found. In the folds of one of the bands which passed across the grave clothes to keep them in place was a folded papyrus bearing inscriptions which inform the reader that this, the mummy of Rameses II., was concealed in the pit where it was found at a time when a foreign army invaded Egypt. This quaint bit of information, which was probably written 2,000 or 2,500 years ago, is as plain as though it had been penned but yesterday.—St. Louis Republic.

England's Deepest Mine.

England's deepest mine shaft is at Ashton Moss colliery, near Manchester, going down 2,880 feet, but the dip in the seam carries the workings to 3,360 feet below the surface. The lowest part of the Pendleton colliery is 3,474 feet. The deepest shaft in the world is the Red Jacket of the Calumet and Hecla on Lake Superior, 4,900 feet. Belgium's deepest shaft is 3,937 feet; Austro-Hungary's, 3,672; Germany's, 2,960; France's, 2,306, and Australia's, 3,302. The Prussian government has bored down to 6,572 feet below the surface, the temperature there rising 1 degree, Fahrenheit, for every 62.1 feet.

Remarkable Sale of Hogs.

For high prices no sale of hogs ever made in the United States, according to reports, was equal to the one held last week by stockraiser—Council of Williamsville, at the Illinois State Fair grounds, Springfield. The sale was confined to thoroughbred Poland-China stock, 40 head bringing over ten thousand dollars. The lowest price received for a single animal was \$110, and the highest \$750. This sale means a great deal for hog raisers. Home values at public sales are also more satisfactory. Six to eight dollars per hundred seems to be the rule for common stock hogs.

A Cure for Lame Back.

"My daughter, when recovering from an attack of fever, was a great sufferer from pain in the back and hips," writes Louisa Grover, of Sardis, Ky. "After using quite a number of remedies without any benefit she tried one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and it has given entire relief." Chamberlain's Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism. Sold by Blakeley & Houghton.

CRAPS BEFORE DUTY.

The Darky Thought That the New Yorker Was Very Inconsiderate.

A Wall street man tells this story: "I was making the trip from New Orleans to Memphis in April by a Mississippi river steamer. On the first day out from New Orleans I felt the need of the barber's services and learning that the Memphis Belle was tonsorially equipped I sought out that office. I found a single barber in charge, a rather pompous, tall person of color with flowing Dundreary whiskers. He was engaged in doing nothing at all with that grace of execution peculiar to the southern darky. I seated myself in his chair and was soon wrapped in thought upon some business I had begun in New Orleans. The barber began his work leisurely, the while carrying on a one-sided flow of talk to which I replied in monosyllables.

"The day was warm and I was almost dozing away under the soft splashes of his brush when another customer entered. He was a nervous, fidgety sort of man and as there were no newspapers in the room he amused himself in looking at a few prints hung on the walls, the attraction of which soon palled upon him. Then he walked to the door and looked down the deck where a group of roustabouts were engaged in the game of craps. Figaro had by this time completed the lathering of one side of my face and roused me by turning my head around. I intimated that life was short, and I didn't care about passing too much of it in being shaved. He was evidently disgusted with my taciturnity and replied with great dignity, but with no haste either of speech or action; 'Cert'nly, sah, cert'nly.'

"The stranger's curiosity had been aroused by the gambling going on outside, which was as usual accompanied by the 'come sevens!' and shrieks of 'craps' which attend that game.

"What game is that, barber?' he demanded of Dundreary. He of the whiskers made one or two artistic plays of his brush over my chin and answered: 'Lah, Gawd, mister, ain't yer ever seen that game? That's craps. Everybody plays it 'round this country.'

"The stranger admitted he had seen it played before in the wharves and streets, but said he had not discovered any mental light from his observations. A running exchange of queries and explanations followed between barber and stranger, during which a not over keen razor had begun its course down my right cheek. Both parties to the colloquy were getting interested and I was getting bored.

"The nervous stranger appeared somewhat obtuse, or, perhaps, the vernacular of the barber was inadequate to convey the full meaning of the technical details of craps. At any rate, he pressed for further information. My face had by that time been cleared of beard as to my chin and part of my cheek. Fifteen minutes had been consumed in the process and my patience was becoming threadbare.

"The barber had exhausted his powers of description and, turning to the stranger, he said:

"Well, sah, if you really wants to know how to shoot craps I kin show you,' and placing the razor on the shelf he opened a drawer and withdrew a pair of greasy-looking dice. Then he stepped over to a table and began to give a practical exposition of the mysteries of the game. This was too much.

"Here!' I cried, raising myself in the chair. 'Finish up this job before you get to crap shooting.'

"'Cert'nly, sah,' he replied to me and turning to the stranger he added: 'One minute an' I'll show you.'

"It only took a few minutes to complete his work on me, and as I put on my coat he and the stranger proceeded with the game. As I left the room I could hear him muttering about the 'hurry some people is in an' it is still foh days 'fore we get to Memphis.'

A HOLE IN THE MOUNTAIN.

Wonders of a Cave Near Chattanooga That Puzzle Geologists.

"The most peculiar cave I ever saw," said a Chattanooga man to a Washington Star writer, "is on Raccoon mountain, near Chattanooga. It has never been explored, and no one really knows whether or not there is much of a cave. The Indians have several legends concerning it, and it is remarkable that no one has ever entered it. It was supposed by the Indians to be haunted, and there are some gruesome tales told about it. The only opening yet discovered is on top of the mountain. It has been sounded with a line of considerable length without finding a bottom to the chamber through the roof of which the opening exists. There is a constant roaring sound, like the wind sometimes makes. It does not seem like water, and is undoubtedly caused by air circulating in the immense hole in the mountain. There are no volcanic indications, and the cave is a puzzle to geologists."

English Lawyers.

The difference between a counsel and a queen's counsel—or, in the event of a king being on the throne, a K. C.—is that the latter is supposed to be able to appear as the sovereign's advocate. Both are entitled to wear wig and gown; but the gown of the latter is silk, and the former is of "stuff." The queen's counsel can take only what is termed "leading business."

The Daisy in Australia.

The ox-eye daisy, which bothers American farmers, is now spreading in many agricultural districts in Australia, being introduced with hayseed. It causes damage to grass lands.

Do not fail to call on Dr. Lannerberg the eye specialist, and have your eyes examined free of charge. If you suffer with headache or nervousness you undoubtedly have imperfect vision that, if corrected, will benefit you for life. Office in the Vogt block.

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HUNTINGTON MAY BE SUPERSEDED Changes Expected in the Southern Pacific Management. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Pacific Company will be held in April, and it is rumored in railroad circles that the event will be marked by several important changes in the general offices of the company. Rumors have it that there will be a change in the board of directors of the company, and that C. P. Huntington will be succeeded by Thomas H. Hubbard in the important office of president.

Sheriff's Sale. Notice is hereby given that an execution and order of sale was issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Wasco County, on the 25th day of December, 1896, upon a judgment therein rendered on the 21st day of November, 1896, in favor of F. H. Dietzel, plaintiff, and against James F. Elliott and William Wood, defendants, which said execution and order of sale is to be directed and commanding me to sell the property hereinafter described, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment of the plaintiff in said cause for the sum of \$216.10, with interest thereon at ten per cent per annum from the 21st day of November, 1896; and the further sum of \$40 attorney's fees; and the costs and disbursements of said suit taxed at \$18. Therefore, in compliance with said execution and order of sale, I will on Saturday, January 30, 1897, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., at the courthouse door in Dalles City, Wasco County, Oregon, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment above mentioned, the following described lands and premises, to-wit: Sixty-three (63) acres off the east side of the North half of the Section quarter of Sec. 30 in Township 1 North, Range 15 East, W. M., commencing at a rock at a point on the North line of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of section 30; thence East to East line of said section; thence South one-quarter mile; thence West to a point due South of said rock (the place of beginning); thence North to the place of beginning. Dated this 30th day of December, 1896. T. J. DRIVER, Sheriff of Wasco County, Or.

SUMMONS. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT of the State of Oregon for Wasco County. Christine Schwabe, Plaintiff, vs. Johann A. L. Schwabe, Defendants. To Johann A. L. Schwabe, the above-named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before the 1st day of the next term of said court following the expiration of the time prescribed in the order for the publication of this summons, to-wit: on the 5th day of February, 1897; and if you fail so to appear and answer, or otherwise fail in said cause, the plaintiff may thereupon apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in the complaint filed herein, to-wit: That the bonds of matrimony between plaintiff and defendant be dissolved; that the parties be awarded the custody of the minor children mentioned in said complaint; Hanna and Christian Schwabe; that the plaintiff have and receive her costs and disbursements made and expended in this suit, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem equitable. This summons is served upon you by publication thereof by order of Honorable W. L. Bradshaw, Judge of said court, which order bears the date of December 16th, 1896, and was made and dated at chambers in Dalles City, in Wasco county, Oregon, on the 16th day of December, 1896. HUNTINGTON & WILSON, Attorneys for Plaintiff. dec29-31

Notice of Sheriff's Sale. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution and the order of sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Wasco County on the 12th day of January, 1897, upon a decree and judgment made, rendered and entered therefor therein in a suit wherein J. J. Spencer was plaintiff and Wilcox R. Winans and Mary Winans, his wife, and J. M. Huntington were defendants; I did duly levy upon and will sell at the front door of the county courthouse in Dalles City, Wasco County, Oregon, on Saturday, the 13th day of February, 1897, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described real estate, described in said execution and order of sale, and described as follows, to-wit: Lot (3), six (6), six (6) and seven (7), in section No. six (6) in township No. one (1), north of range ten (10) east of Willamette Meridian in Wasco county, Oregon, containing 163.77 acres of land, together with the tenements, heidatements and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in any wise appurtenant, or in any manner connected with, or necessary to satisfy the amounts due upon said writ, to-wit: \$1079.85, together with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum since the 25th day of December, 1896; and the further sum of \$100 for attorney's fees; and the further sum of \$20 costs in said suit, together with accruing interest and expenses of sale. Dated at The Dalles Or., this 12th day of January, 1897. T. J. DRIVER, Sheriff of Wasco County, Oregon. jan10-31-11

Notice of Final Settlement. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Wasco County his final account as assignee of A. A. Bonney, insolvent debtor, and said final account will be heard at the Circuit Court room in the courthouse in Dalles City, Oregon, on Monday, the 8th day of February, 1897, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard. ROBERT MAYR, Assignee of A. A. Bonney. dec23-1

Notice of Final Settlement. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed the assignee of the estate of M. Henderson and L. A. Henderson, insolvent debtors. All persons having claims against both, or either, of said insolvent debtors are hereby notified to present them to me properly verified, as by law required, within three months from the date hereof, at the office of J. L. Story, in Dalles City, Oregon; and all persons owing them, or either of them, are hereby notified to settle with me at once. The Dalles, Dec. 8, 1896. L. S. DAVIS, Assignee. dec23-1

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Wasco County his final account as assignee of A. A. Bonney, insolvent debtor, and said final account will be heard at the Circuit Court room in the courthouse in Dalles City, Oregon, on Monday, the 8th day of February, 1897, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard. ROBERT MAYR, Assignee of A. A. Bonney. dec23-1

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