THE OREGON MIST.

ISSUED EVERY FRIDAY MORNING BY

DAVID DAVIS,

EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

Judge Doan is deserving of sympathy because of the frequent loss he sustains by reason of some careless individual walking away with his hat. The judge's head is always graced with a good Fedora, and it has cost him somewhere in the neighborhood of $15 in the last two or three years to buy hats for other people. His latest loss was on Tuesday, while he was at dinner at the hotel.

Evidently the man who framed the Oregon game law passed at the last session of the legislature had a grudge against the hunters in the lower Columbia river district. One section of the law reads as follows: "It shall be unlawful at any time to use any sinkbox, sneaking boat, skiff or other boat on the Columbia river or any of its tributaries, (excepting the Willamette and its tributaries above Oregon City,) in the state of Oregon, for the purpose of shooting wild ducks, geese, swan or other water fowl therefrom."

Since the new order of things went into effect, there has been no further disposition on the part of the state to place their assessed valuations at a low figure. Multnomah county reduced her valuation some years ago to a very low figure, thereby escaping payment of her just proportion of state taxes. Now, however, each county has been required to pay a certain percentage toward the maintenance of the state, so valuations make no difference. As a result Multnomah's valuation has been increased this year from $33,639,967 to $48,564,254.

An Oregon farmer who went to Kansas a year or two ago to engage in farming in that state wrote back to Oregon friends recently as follows: "I believe in diversified agriculture. An exhibit of my crop report for 1901 is as follows: I have raised one acre of baked potatoes, fifty bushels of dried peaches, twenty-five acres of parched corn, one acre of roasted peanuts, and, if the weather continues dry I will have about two acres of melon preserves. The balance of my crop consists of chints bugs, grasshoppers and jack rabbits."

Now doth the festive hobo tap gently at your door, and strike you for a hand-out as many have done before. He tells a tale of hardship about the awful drouth, that struck him where he lived, down in the sunny South. He tells of the fields of golden corn all parched up in the sun, of wheat lost by the bushel, and hay burned by the ton; of hogs that died of awful thirst, of mules that brayed for rain, ducks that dried up and blew away and ne'er were seen again. And like a chump you dig up grub for himself and all his pards, and they stuff their hides with your good grub down in the railroad yards.

There was an elopement of a fifteen-year-old girl and a twenty-year-old boy at Scappoose last Sunday, which has not only cost the parents much mental anguish, but the sheriff, also, much trouble and expense in his endeavors to locate them. The young couple don't seem to be anywhere on the earth which can be reached by telegraph or telephone, as Sheriff Hattan has kept up a continuous fire of wind and lightning in his endeavors to locate the runaways, as the girl's father, Mr. Tom Grant, is anxious to know their whereabouts. The young man's name is Joseph Mayers, whose home was in Scappoose canyon.

Messrs. Oscar Hunter and George Foster, sr., of Goble, were in the county seat last Saturday completing a deal whereby Mr. Hunter acquires title to the land at Goble now occupied by the hotel and saloon building, having 100 feet of river front. Mr. Hunter expects to materially improve the premises, fitting up and conducting a good hotel, and next year erecting a large wharf. Goble has never had a wharf, and such an improvement will supply a want which has been keenly felt for many years. All the way up and down the Columbia river there are many noticeable improvements of the nature that Mr. Hunter has in contemplation, and this done at Goble will only evince the fact that that place intends to keep pace with other localities.

Suit was instituted in the circuit court in this county a few days ago to recover title to land sold for taxes at the July sale, on which the county held a lien. The patent to the land had been issued several years ago, but had not been recorded, however, the assessor being in possession of this knowledge, accordingly assessed the land, but no tax had ever been paid. The land sold for a great deal more than the amount of the lien and a deed according to all the provisions of the law was issued by the sheriff. The outcome of this suit will be watched with eager interest as it involves questions of vital moment. If this law does not protect the county, then there is little hope for the future and no possible way to compel the payment of taxes.

Laborers of all kinds are still scarce, and contractors are experiencing much difficulty in getting help. There has been very much building this fall and the demand for labor has been steady. In consequence of the scarcity of men, there has been some delay, but many of the contractors have sent to other localities for men, and it is thought there will be less trouble hereafter in labor circles on the Columbia. In discussing the labor question recently a well-known millman said: "One of the principal reasons for the action of sawmill men in building their mills together is to avoid scarcity of labor. As will be noticed, on the Sound there are a number of mills in every community. Where there are five or six mills there are usually a number of available men, and when it is necessary for mills to run overtime labor is easily secured. The building of a mill here would not only build up the town, but it would make it an advantageous location for other investors.

The tax rolls of Clatsop county for several years past are being examined with a view to straightening out titles to lands, and some interesting discoveries are being made. As the work progresses it has been discovered how some property owners have escaped paying taxes. Persons who have purchased school land from the state have, in past years, made partial payments on the property, but have permitted a balance to remain unpaid. Of course, until full payment was made the property remained in possession of the state, and taxes could not be collected. However, the land was assessed against the purchasers, but in going over the rolls the court finds much land on which taxes cannot be collected. It is estimated by Judge Gray that fully twenty sections of land in Clatsop have thus been held without payment of taxes. The work is showing many interesting results. In some instances where two persons of the same name own property there is confusion, because one has paid taxes on the property of the other. This not only leads to confusion as far as the roll is concerned, but it creates endless trouble where property has been sold for delinquent taxes.

BRIEF LOCAL MENTION.

Commissioner Case was in town Monday.

J. S. Mow was in from his homestead Wednesday.

Attorney Conyers was up from Clatskanie Tuesday.

Mr. W. D. Connell was up from Deer Island Tuesday.

Mrs. Hannah Tyszkiewicz visited Portland Wednesday.

J. L. Walker, of Houlton, visited Portland Wednesday.

Percy George, of Portland, visited his parents here last Sunday.

Mrs. S. A. Miles visited friends and relatives in Portland this week.

There will be services in the Episcopal church next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Another neat residence is contemplated for the north part of our town in the very near future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Muckle, of Rainier, spent last Sunday in this city visiting relatives.

Judge Moreland, of Portland, was looking after court matters in the county seat Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Potter, of Kalama, attended the Eastern Star festivities here last week.

Attorney Hall has returned from his summer outing and is again busy with his extensive practice.

Harry West, of Scappoose, was in town Tuesday to see what was being done by the circuit court.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wharton left here Monday for California, where they expect to remain all winter.

The circuit court is taking a recess until Monday morning, this order being made Wednesday afternoon.

Messrs. John Schmitke and Mr. Van Cleve, of Scappoose, were in town last Saturday transacting business.

Dr. Ross attended the grand lodge of Knights of Pythias, in session in Portland Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Ansorge, of Lebanon, arrived here Tuesday evening on a visit to her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dillard and son expect to leave next Monday for an extended visit in Virginia and Vermont.

Rev. Mr. Philbrook will preach next Sunday at Yankton at 11:30 and at Bachelor Flat at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Martin White returned Sunday evening from Quincy, whither he had gone a day or two previous to look after his farm on Beaver.

Mrs. T. C. Watts and Mrs. James McNaughton, of Reuben, were in attendance at the Eastern Star meeting in this city last Thursday evening.

Mr. C. J. Lamberson and wife, of Scappoose, were in town Wednesday. Mr. Lamberson reports that his brother, Ed, is expected home soon from California.

Judge McBride is afflicted with a very severe cold, or grippe, as it is commonly called, and it was with some difficulty that the judge was able to keep matters going in the court room.

Mr. L. B. Geer, state land agent, was in town Tuesday endeavoring to straighten out some of the tangles into which the state's business have been allowed to drift in former years.

Messrs. E. E. Quick and Martin White were in Portland Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in attendance upon the grand lodge of Knights of Pythias, as delegates from Avon lodge, of this city.

Judge J. F. Caples, well known to most of the old residents of this county, was in attendance upon the circuit court Tuesday, the first time he had visited St. Helens since his return from South America.

Mrs. Frank Dow, member of Ava temple of Rathbone Sisters, was promoted to the station of Grand Junior, at the session of the grand temple held in Portland this week. Mrs. J. G. Watts is the representative from the local temple this year.

The new Evangelical church at Warren will be dedicated next Sunday, Rev. C. C. Poling, of Dallas, will officiate. This reverend gentleman will also preach at that place tomorrow (Saturday) evening at 7:30, Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 in the evening.

The members of the St. Helens reading circle met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard last Friday evening and reorganized for the coming winter's work. We understand that English authors and history are to be taken by the circle this winter.

Fred Caples left Nome City on the 15th of this month, expecting to come direct home to visit his parents at Columbia City. Fred has been away over two years. His brother, Dr. Byron Caples, of Wisconsin, is expected to soon arrive here also, to visit his parents.

The county court of Clatsop county at its last session instructed the judge to purchase for use in constructing roads a No. 2 single portable sawmill with a 52-inch saw for $420, two heavy head blocks at $20, and one runway feed at $50, the machine complete to cost $490 delivered.

Mr. A. E. Harvey, of Fishhawk, one of the regular panel of jurors, dropped into our office Tuesday to tell us that everything in the neighborhood of Fishhawk was lovely. There are some splendid homes and prosperous farmers in that vicinity, and Mr. Harvey is extremely fortunate in that he lives in so good a part of the county.

Mr. Ed Harms was down from Warren last Friday disposing of some of his splendid farm produce. Mr. Harms sold most of his potato crop this year at a big price, and although the yield was light the difference was easily made up in price. Ground which last year yielded eighty sacks to the acre produced but twenty sacks this year.

Mr. J. C. Johnson, of Scappoose, one of the most successful dairymen in Oregon, was in town Tuesday, having been summoned here to do jury duty. The butter made at Mr. Johnson's creamery has always commanded the highest market price, and is sought after by many people, in fact, the demand is almost greater than can be supplied.

A. Tucker, wife and daughter left for Toledo Tuesday morning where they will make their future home. They have resided at Parkplace for the past 10 or 12 years.—Oregon City Courier-Herald. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker resided in this county many years, and have numerous friends here who wish them prosperity in the home of their late choice.

Engineer Jamison, who has had charge of the surveying of the Northern's line into Nehalem valley, was at Houlton Monday, on his way to Tacoma, in response to a call from the company to return to work on the main line. It is presumed that as soon as construction work is begun on the Nehalem spur Mr. Jamison will be sent back to look after matters.

CIRCUIT COURT AFFAIRS.

Term Will be Brief--Little Business of Importance.

The regular term of circuit court was convened in this city Tuesday forenoon by Judge McBride, and upon roll call of the jurors the entire number answered "present." Nearly every juryman asked to be excused from duty, and later in the day the entire jury was excused for the term, excepting N. F. Baker, of Warren, Thomas Holstein, of Yankton, and Albert Adams, of Deer Island, who will report for duty again on the first Monday in February, when an adjourned term will be held. Some business will be attended to, however, during this week, by the judge, but nothing of importance, particularly, to the public. No grand jury was appointed, as had been suggested, and there appears to be nothing of a criminal nature in sight to come before the court. The expense of the term will be the lightest for years, a condition to be accepted without grumbles.

E. B. Tongue, deputy district attorney of Washington county, was in town yesterday.

District Attorney Allen was in town Tuesday to attend circuit court, but there seemed to be little for him to attend to. The conduct of Columbia county people—all of them—seems to be almighty good lately, but there might be a spontaneous combustion of hellery any time, when Friend Allen will get in with his fine, Italian hand and invoke the laws' demands.

On Thursday evening of last week the members of Mizpah chapter, Eastern Star, of this city, celebrated the seventh anniversary of the institution of their chapter, and a delightful evening was spent. A few friends were invited to join them in their lodge room and participate in the festivities, which consisted of games, readings and recitations, after which lunch was served in the lower hall.

The matter of experting the books of the various county officers did not seem to agitate many people. We presume the books are all right. The method of each officer keeping tab one another, which has been in vogue for several years, renders it impossible for any of the officers to get very far out of the way, even if any were so inclined. The county court examines and checks up the books of the officers at each of its terms.

Dr. and Mrs. Cliff and children were guests at the Georig home, near Woodland, Tuesday, and assisted the family in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Georig, senior. Over 100 guests were present and a most enjoyable time had. The host and hostess were for many years residents of this county, residing on Germany hill, where a splendid farm marks the scenes of their earlier life and industry. Mr. Georig's health is failing very rapidly.

Mr. J. R. Sherman, for a long time a resident of this part of the county, in the vicinity of Yankton, expects to leave this week for an extended visit to his native state of Maine, where he will remain for four or five months. Mr. Sherman sold his 160-acre tract of timber, on Coweeman, in Washington, for a snug sum of money, sufficient to enable him to live in comfort the balance of his days. The fact of being crippled makes his good fortune all the more to be appreciated.

Alva Wikstrom, of Yankton, returned Tuesday from a two months stay in the Siskiyou mountains, in California, near Yreka, where he has been doing development work on some gold bearing quartz ledges which he owns there. Mr. Wikstrom is well pleased with the result of his two month's work, as an assay he had made of the ore while in Portland Tuesday shows the value of the product to be very good. He has both rebellious and free-milling ore in the four ledges which he owns.

Thanks, gentlemen of the city council, for your liberty in supplying more new street lamps to give additional light upon the subject. Four new-design lamps have arrived and will be placed at points where most needed—one near the White residence, one near the Decker residence, one near THE MIST office and one on Sheldon's wharf, to light the weary, way-worn traveler. Perhaps no small improvement could have been ordered by the council that would be more appreciated by the public than the supplying of more light.

Judge McBride rendered a decision Tuesday in a case which he has had under advisement for some time, and one which is of much importance to the people of Clatskanie. The heirs of the Bryant estate have been in a controversy for some time regarding the distribution of the estate, bringing suit against Hannah Conyers to compel her to agree to certain allotments. The case has been pending for a long time, and the decision gave Mrs. Conyers the verdict. This may not settle the matter, as the supreme court may be appealed to to decide the case.

Sheriff Hattan, according to his notice given, proceeded to sell by public auction, Tuesday, at the court-house all the lands on which taxes had not been paid for the year 1900. There were many eager bidders and all the lands advertised were readily taken in by outside parties, the county being required to take but a very small per cent. In fact about all the county took was some certain pieces over which a controversy has arisen as to whether or no the taxes had been paid for a previous year, which, it is claimed, was no fault of the owner that it had not been paid, the total tax amounting to only about $50. Tax collecting matters are getting down to considerable of a science and thoroughness.

Spray the Fruit Trees.

Orchardists need to adopt stricter measures for the eradication of pests. The interests of the fruit raisers are injured by the presence of insects that destroy the trees and the fruits on the trees, and in some places no attention is paid to them.

It has been demonstrated conclusively that spraying will cure most of the pests. And the state law is explicit and strict in its requirements, authorizing the condemning of fruits from pest-ridden trees and the destruction of orchards that are beyond cure. The fruit commissioner for this district has done much to secure observance of the law, and has made a good record. But he must have co-operation from the orchardists themselves. He alone is helpless unless all unite in a campaign to cleanse the orchards thoroughly.

Spraying is not expensive. It can be done by any intelligent man of ordinary experience. However, it is almost futile for one orchardist to spray if his neighbor does not. One negligent fruit raiser may make it impossible for a dozen to keep out the pests. It is therefore essential that the commissioner pursue his labors vigorously and faithfully, and see that the law is absolutely enforced without fear or favor. He should continue his good work, and see that every man owning an orchard comply with the law, or suffer the penalty if he does not.

Call for School Warrants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL pay, upon presentation to me, outstanding warrants of school district No. 2, from No. 244 to 249, both inclusive. Interest ceases this day, October 11, 1901. E. E. QUICK, Dist. Clerk.

STOCK FARM FOR SALE.

FOR SALE, AN EXCELLENT STOCK AND dairy ranch, located on mainland side of Willamette slough, five miles from St. Helens. There are 270 acres, more or less, in the place, which is capable of producing a living for 80 or 100 head of stock. Sufficient meadow on which to cut 150 tons of hay yearly; daily boat for the city passes place at 7 a. m.; 25 head of stock for sale. For further particulars call at place or address MRS. C. SELENE, Care Str. America. St. Helens, Oregon.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.
Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon,
October 12, 1901.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made under Section 2291, R. S., before the Register and Receiver, at Oregon City, Oregon, on November 27, 1901, viz: H. E. No. 12,719, by

WARREN A. WOOD,

for the e½ of nw¼ of section 18, tp 4 n, r 3 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: S. P. Ballard and John Roberts, of Pittsburg, Oregon; E. P. Burns, of Hudson, Oregon, and David B. Partch, of Oregon City, Oregon. o18n22 CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County.
In the matter of the estate of John Kennedy, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of John Kennedy, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County. All persons having claims against the estate of the said John Kennedy, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned by delivery to J. G. Watts at the County Court House, St. Helens, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

L. A. BRANDES,
Administrator of the estate of John Kennedy, deceased. Dated October 18, 1901. J. F. Logan, attorney. o18n15

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNdersigned, administratrix of the estate of Fred Koble, deceased, that she has filed in the office of the County Court of Columbia County, Oregon, her final account of her administration upon said estate, together with her petition for final settlement and discharge, and that the Hon. J. B. Doan, judge of said Court, has appointed Monday, the 2nd day of December, 1901, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, as the time, and the court-room of said Court, at the court-house, in St. Helens, Oregon, as the place, of hearing said account and said petition for final settlement and discharge, at which time and place any person interested may appear and file objections in writing to said account or any portion thereof. ANNA KOBLE,
Administratrix of the estate of Fred Koble, deceased. Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, October 4, 1901. W. H. Powell, administratrix's attorney.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the matter of the estate of A. M. Tichenor, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LETters of administration on the estate of A. M. Tichenor, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 2nd day of October, 1901, by the County Court of Columbia County, in the State of Oregon. All persons having claims against the said estate are required to present them, with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the undersigned, as administrator, at his office, in the City of St. Helens, in said Columbia County, in the State of Oregon. Dated at the City of St. Helens, Oregon, this 9th day of October, A. D 1901.

E. E. QUICK,
Administrator of the estate of A. M. Tichenor, deceased. S. H. Gruber, Esq., attorney for the administrator. o11n8

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.
Land Office at Oregon City, Or.,
September 16th, 1901.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, under Section 2291, R. S., and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Columbia County, at St. Helens, Oregon, on November 2nd, 1901, viz:

OTTO H. KULPER;

Homestead entry 12,960. for the ne¼ of section 29, township 5 north, r. 3 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Andrew Kenowski and Gerhart Morback, of Valley, Or., and Dr. Edwin Ross and S. S. Way, of St. Helens, Or.
e27n1 CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for Columbia County.
Emily M. Clear, plaintiff, vs. Frederick L. Clear, defendant.
To Frederick L. Clear, the defendant above-named.

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 suit on or before the last day of the six weeks next following the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to answer the plaintiff will cause your default to be entered, and apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to-wit: For a decree of divorce from you, for the custody of the minor child, Alice Lois Clear, for the title to the household effects mentioned in the complaint and for the costs of this suit. This summons is published by order of the Honorable J. B. Doan, County Judge for said Columbia County, Oregon, made on the 4th day of September, 1901. The date of the first publication hereof is Friday, September 6th, 1901. The time prescribed in the order for publication is six weeks, which time will begin to run from the day of the first publication hereof, and the time within which you are required to answer the complaint is on or before the last day of said publication.

DILLARD & DAY,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

SUMMONS.

In the Justice Court for Union Precinct, in Columbia County, State of Oregon.
Albert Adams, Plaintiff, vs. George Harris, defendant.
To George Harris, 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 cause and Court within six weeks from and after October 4th, 1901, that being the date of the first publication of this summons and the time prescribed by law and the order of publication hereof, for you to so appear and answer herein; and if you fail to appear and answer within that time the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of fifteen dollars, the same being for a balance due and unpaid from you to the plaintiff for sundry meals furnished and delivered to you at your special instance and request by said plaintiff during the months of July and August A. D. 1901, and which you agreed to pay therefor, besides the costs and disbursements of this action. You are further hereby notified that sundry money owing to you for labor performed by you for the Northern Pacific Railway Company has been attached and garnisheed herein to satisfy such judgment and costs, etc., as may be recovered against you herein. This summons is published by order of the Hon. R. Cox, a Justice of the Peace for said Union Precinct in said Columbia County in the state of Oregon, made and dated October 3rd, 1901, and the first publication of this summons is made October 4th, 1901, in THE OREGON MIST, a weekly newspaper printed and published at the City of St. Helens in said Columbia County, in pursuance of said order.

S. H. GRUBER,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

CITATION TO HEIRS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia.
In the matter of the estate of Cyrus R. Boles, deceased.
To Hiarm Boles, Albert or (Nick) Boles, Mrs. Phoebe Turner, heirs-at-law of Cyrus R. Boles, deceased; and to Doles H. Owen, devisee of said Cyrus R. Boles, deceased; and to all other heirs and devisees, unknown, if any such there be, and to all other persons interested in the real estate of said deceased, greeting:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You and each of you are hereby commanded to be and to appear before the Honorable County Court of the State of Oregon in and for Columbia County, at the Court House, in St. Helens, in said County and State, on Monday, the second day of December, A. D. 1901, at one o'clock in the afternoon of said day, to show cause, if any exist, why an order of sale of all the real property belonging to said estate or such portion thereof as said Court may deem necessary for the best interest of said estate, should not be made as prayed for in the petition on file in said Court, the real estate described in said petition being as follows, to-wit: The southwest quarter of section twelve (12) in township five (5) north of range four (4) west of the Willamette Meridian, in said County of Columbia, State of Oregon, containing one hundred and sixty (160) acres.

In testimony whereof, I, J. G. Watts, Clerk of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County, do hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said Court, at my office, in the City of St. Helens, County of Columbia, State of Oregon, this 11th day of October, A. D. 1901.

{SEAL.} J. G. WATTS, County Clerk.
W. H. Powell, Attorney for Administrator. o18n15

WANTS ASTORIA ROAD.

Northern Pacific Offers Hammond $3,500,000 for It.

A dispatch from Astoria, dated October 14th, says:

"It is reliably reported here that the Northern Pacific Railroad Company recently offered A. B. Hammond $3,500,000 for the Astoria & Columbia River railroad. The offer is said to have been declined, though the impression prevails that Mr. Hammond is still considering it.

"Along with the story of the reputed offer comes a statement to the effect that the West will soon witness a clash of railroad interests the like of which has never before been seen in this country. The contending hosts will be the Hill-Morgan interests and the Harriman-Vanderbilt combination. On the one side are said to be arrayed the Southern Pacific, the Union Pacific and the O. R. & N. Co., while on the other are the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and C. B. & Q. It is said that the Northern is now building into the O. R. & N.'s wheat territory in the Northwest, while the Burlington is building into Union territory, with an outlet at Los Angeles. A railroad man is quoted as saying:

"'In the North the Columbia river will be the storm center of the gigantic struggle. Owing to the heavy grades leading to the Sound cities, Tacoma and Seattle must be abandoned, and the combination of Northern roads will seek an outlet on the Columbia river. In an effort to secure this outlet an offer was made for the A. & C. Evidently it has been declined, or else taken under consideration, for the Northern is now securing control of the Kalama water front. I have no doubt that one of the two factors will purchase the A. & C. road.'

"'The impending fight will be the greatest of the age, as it will be war to the finish. The opposing interests are after the great Oriental trade, and, as the Columbia offers every advantage, being much closer to Asia, control of the situation here will be the main consideration. Within a few years the Oriental trade will be enormous, and the fight to control it will be the greatest in the history of the country.'"

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