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## HARRIMAN TELLS STORY BEFORE THE COMMISSION

(Scripps News Association)  
New York, Feb. 26.—E. H. Harriman was recalled to the probing stand this morning. The Interstate Commerce Commission appears to be serious and when it has finished and makes its report, the world will know something of the monster financial dealings of the principal witness E. H. Harriman.

The stock transactions concerning the Alton railroad was continued before the commission. The witness identified a check of a hundred thousand which represents the profits on the deal.

He admitted having sold the branch to the Alton for three million.

Harriman said that there now existed an agreement for the control of certain California and northwestern railroads

which made their ownership a joint affair between the Union Pacific and the Santa Fe. The San Pedro line is controlled jointly by Senator Clark of Montana and the Union Pacific. However he said there was a keen competition between them and the Southern Pacific.

He asserted how he secured the dismissal of President Studevant Fish, of the Illinois Central who was a keen competitor against Harriman. He said, "Fish had deposited large sums of money belonging to the Illinois Central, with the Republican & Commonwealth Trust Company in which company Fish was a trustee. He did this to pad their accounts I brought charges before the board of directors and Fish asked to resign."

## Many Engines Leave Daily

Those who vocations are not directly connected with the railroads and the conditions existing in the round house in this city, seldom realize what a busy place La Grande, from a standpoint of railroad commercialism, is.

There are approximately one hundred and twenty firemen and engineers on the board in the local offices. Of this amount sixteen are passenger engineers and firemen. It might be interesting to know too, that on the average, twenty engines arrive in the round house and twenty leave in each twenty-four hours. It keeps one hundred and forty men actively engaged in the yards and round house to keep these engines in repair and ready for service.

Many of the one hundred and forty men employed in the round house are skilled laborers. However, there are many that depend entirely upon their muscle and brawn to enact their duties. There are daily, 115 tons of coal loaded into tenders of the many engines, that the firemen are required to keep the huge machines supplied with the necessary steam in the heavy pulls across the Blue mountains.

While the term railroad implies such a stupendous complication that few can comprehend the many thousands of intricate details which are necessarily attached to it, still the average man can learn much to find out how much they don't know by studying the conditions which govern a division point of a main line.

## CIRCUIT COURT

The case of the state vs Fisher, who is charged with selling liquor in less quantities than one gallon, is now on trial. Tomorrow the case of McGregor vs the O. R. & N. Co. this is a motion for a verdict on a car load of goods which was destroyed by fire.

A. Larm, of Ladd creek charged with destroying a fence was arraigned this morning and plead not guilty. Yesterday the jury in the case of Van Houten and Messenger vs American Insurance Co. brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$915.55.

## VETOES SIX BILLS

(Scripps News Association)  
Salem, Ore. Feb. 26.—Governor Chamberlain vetoed six measures this morning including those providing for voting machines; the payment of salaries of state employees; creating creamery inspectors and the regulation of the sale of stock foods.

## T. W. LAWSON'S 50TH BIRTHDAY

(Scripps News Association)  
Boston, Mass., Feb. 26.—Thomas W. Lawson, high priest of finance and arch enemy of "the system" was fifty years old today. Mr. Lawson held no special observance of the anniversary, being kept pretty busy lately explaining the future movements of Trinity and other of his favorite copper stocks. To a number of his friends who called to congratulate him Mr. Lawson remarked that he was still a comparatively young man and had every expectation of living to see the day when the Standard Oil school of finance shall have shut up shop.

## TO BRIBE LEGISLATOR

(Scripps News Association)  
Sacramento, Feb. 26.—Representative McKen of San Francisco stated on the floor of the house this morning that he had been offered money on two different

occasions for his vote. The accusation aroused debate on the bill providing for a party test at primary elections. McKen stated that money was offered him on the floor of the house, tho when afterwards he would not give any further information relative to the measure for which the bribe was offered. The test bill was defeated.

## FIRE IN LOS ANGELES

(Scripps News Association)  
Los Angeles, Feb. 26.—Shortly before 1 o'clock this afternoon fire broke out in the basement of the Germania building and in less than an hour afterwards the indications are that the building will be totally destroyed. Two firemen were injured. The loss will probably be over one half a million dollars.

S. O. Swackhammer who has been transacting business in La Grande the past few days returned to Union on the delayed No. 6.

## THIS CITY PRACTICALLY SURE OF VINEGAR FACTORY

A letter received this afternoon, at three-thirty from The Jones Bros., of Louisville, Kentucky states that a representative from that firm, which is capitalized at five hundred thousand dollars, will be in La Grande in the near future. Details of the facts will be published tomorrow.

## KLEIN IS CAUGHT

Bartlett and Gardinier Case will be tried this Term of Court

Last night soon after dark, Sheriff Childers and Marshal Rayburn, armed with a warrant, arrested J. N. Klein at his home in this city, charging him with permitting gambling in his place of business. He was taken to the office of Justice Hough and District Attorney Ivanhoe sent for. The meeting of Klein and the District Attorney was very cordial and mutual felicitations were in order. Mr. Klein informed the District Attorney that he had made up his mind to come in and be present at the Bartlett and Gardinier trial, and that it was a useless formality to place him under bonds. He was informed that all assistance possible would be rendered in the way of an inducement to have him present, and while it was not the purpose of the office of the District Attorney to oppress any one, that the state needed his testimony, and in view of all the facts, would use every lawful means to secure it. Klein was notified that a number of informations, based upon sufficient proof, were in the possession of the District Attorney, and that he would be required to be on hand the balance of this term of court.

## FIRE IN SKATING RINK

This morning, when members of the night crew which is boring an artesian well in the railroad yards, was returning from work they noticed a heavy smoke thru the windows of the Noyes skating rink. One of the men climbed thru a window to find that flames were bursting out from the floor of the gallery. With the aid of an axe and water, the blaze was extinguished. The origin of the fire is presumably due to a lighted cigar stub thrown in a cuspidor which contained sawdust. At a close of the dance last evening, the tiny speck of fire had ignited the sawdust which in turn set fire to the floor of the gallery. As the blaze was noticed at an opportune moment, the damage was slight.

## EVELYN HAS TRIUMPHED OVER WORTHY ADVERSARY

(Scripps News Association)  
New York, Feb. 26.—District Attorney Jerome has concluded the cross examination of Evelyn Thaw. At twelve thirty today, he nodded his head and said "That's all."

Abraham Hummel, who is at the head of a society which has for its object the suppression of such crimes as have been divulged in the Thaw trial, was called to the stand. The witness said he knew Evelyn Thaw but could not tell where he had met her but knew her before she went to his office in the latter part of 1905. He identified the document Jerome has described as "The people's exhibit No. 76." He said it refreshed his memory to read it.

The paper which Jerome had the witness read, told of Thaw's alleged cruelty and exonerated W. J. S.

Attorney Delmas, who is the shining light among the attorneys for the defense, checked Jerome's effort to contradict Evelyn's version of the affidavit, and soon forced him to remove Hummel from the stand. Abraham Snyder, one of Hummel's assistants was called to testify that Evelyn had signed the paper in question, in his presence in Madison Square Garden on October 27, 1905. He was then excused.

When Evelyn took the stand this morning, Jerome read from a diary she had kept while attending school in New Jersey in 1902, which shows the state of mind which the writer was in at that time. It contained several abstracts like the following: "Mrs Mills is a very nice lady, I met her son but must admit he is a piefaced mutt." "I was shown to my room, which is neither large nor small but contains a virtuous white bed. I fell asleep wondering how far it was to the rectors." "A nice place for girls, but I have a weakness for it." "All these girls that are kept here, must stay in. They never amount to anything, even if they do make good wives and mothers. Most people say this is enough but I want to be an actress." "Some people are strong morally, some susceptible; I am susceptible."

Evelyn has triumphed over Jerome. The prosecutor has ended the cross-examination today. At the conclusion the girl was still smiling and self possessed and still fighting. Her story has weakened in places but in the main the girl has defeated the trained adversary in the war of words which lasted four days and a half. The witness' vivacity is unscathed. If there are any weak spots, it is in the character of the witness and not in her truthfulness.

## SECRETARY SHAW NOW PRESIDENT

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Feb. 26.—It is understood that Leslie M. Shaw, formerly secretary of the treasury, has accepted the presidency of the Casagrie Trust Company of New York.

## Corvallis Line Bought

Another move has been made on the vast railroad checker board of the north-west by E. H. Harriman. That prince of gamblers, in this last move, added another link to the Central Oregon line, which is to span the state from Yaquina to Vale, in purchasing the Corvallis & Eastern railway.

Eastern railway: A New York dispatch says of the purchase of this line by Mr. Harriman:

The new purchase is the Corvallis & Eastern, a single track line, only 142 miles long and of no great strategic importance to the Union Pacific system. Mr. Harriman bought it, one of his associates said, just to keep his hand in.

H. E. Huntington arranged the sale to Mr. Harriman. The terms are not stated. It is considered probable that the Southern Pacific or the Oregon Short Line, which is Mr. Harriman's favorite holding company, will hold the stock.

The Corvallis & Eastern railroad extends from Yaquina, on Yaquina bay, to Detroit, on the headwaters of the Santiam river, 142 miles. The road is of standard gauge and is equipped with 18 locomotives, 10 passenger cars and three hundred and two freight and miscellaneous cars. A. B. Hammond of San Francisco, who is now in New York, is president and par owner.

## GROESBECK CASE SETTLED

(Observer Special)  
Salem, Ore., Feb. 26.—The Supreme Court handed down an opinion today in the case of Nicholas O. Groesbeck, Mary E. Parkar, et als. Respondents vs John W. Groesbeck, Appellant, affirming the decree of the lower court, appealed from Union county, Robert Eakin Judge. The decree was affirmed by an opinion written by Chief Justice Bean.

This suit has been before the courts of Union county for some time and was decided in favor of Nicholas O. Groesbeck and his brothers and sisters and against her of Boise.

John W. Groesbeck, another brother, and involves the title to two hundred and forty acres of fine Sandridge land. The effect of the decision is to hold John W. Groesbeck a trustee for the plaintiffs in this case, for a two-thirds interest in the real estate and to leave the appellant the owner of an undivided one-third interest.

The appellant was represented in both the lower and supreme courts by Messrs. Cochran & Cochran of La Grande, Oregon, and the respondents by Attorneys J. W. Knowles of La Grande, and Ira V. Bar-

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## More Fire Near Tanks

Fire again broke out near the Standard Company's oil tanks last night. About twelve o'clock residents near there noticed that a fire was consuming a pile of wood stacked near the tanks. They turned in an alarm and one of the fire companies went to the scene. A pile of wood, ignited by smoldering embers from the fire the night previous, was unpleasantly close to the huge oil tanks. Some day, perhaps these tanks will be ignited, causing death and untold destruction to residents and property about them.

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