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STARTLING FACTS UNEARTHED

REPORTERS THROW LIGHT ON ESPEE RAILROAD TRACKS.

Before the Oregon Railroad Commission hearing in Portland today, two reporters make sensational charges against management of the Southern Pacific—Tracks Where the Forest Grove Wreck Occurred Were in "Rotten" Condition, They Say.

Portland, Feb. 19.—The mysterious disappearance of the section of rail which caused the fatal wreck near Forest Grove last week, from evidence called for by the Oregon state railroad commission from the Southern Pacific; the assertion of Jennings F. Sutor, a reporter for the Evening Journal, that there were at least 75 rotten ties in one mile of track in which the wreck occurred; that he was able to pull tie spikes from ties with his fingers, and that he found many fish plates broken; and the declaration of Railroad Commissioner Oswald West, when he declared he believed the witness a "pipe dreamer," were some of the high lights produced by the first day's session of the commission's investigation of the Forest Grove wreck. The commission meets again this afternoon to hear further testimony.

Reporters Were Witnesses. Jennings F. Sutor and James P. Howe, both reporters on the Oregon Daily Journal, at the paper's instigation, made an investigation of the track after the wreck, and were the star witnesses of the day.

W. D. Fenton represented the railroad in a rigid cross-examination which failed, materially, to affect their testimony.

Howe testified as to the appearance of the rail which caused the wreck, and indicated that the break had been an old one.

Sutor then told the result of his investigation of the track. He stated that he found at least 75 rotten ties in a mile of track where the wreck

happened; that fish plates were broken, ballast insufficient, and that he pulled spikes from ties with his fingers.

West Denies Statements. It was then that Commissioner West declared that in his opinion the section of track described by Sutor was the best in the whole division and he declared he believed Sutor to be a "pipe dreamer."

W. D. Fenton for the railroad company, also cross-examined Sutor. Sutor offered to present photographs supporting his statements and he will be recalled today.

Force Italians to Flee. Bedford, Ind., Feb. 19.—Frightened by warning cards found under the doors of their houses and posted in the quarries in which they were employed, demanding that they leave before tomorrow, many Italians have

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JACKSON SECOND FIDDLE TO BRYAN

NEW YORK ATTORNEY GENERAL AS RUNNING MATE.

Rumored in New York That Hearst and William Jennings Bryan Have Swapped Support and That Agreement is Made Which Places Attorney General Jackson as Vice-President on the Democratic Ticket—Is a Factor in Independence League.

New York, Feb. 19.—An agreement is said to have been entered into between W. J. Bryan and W. R. Hearst's independence league man, Attorney General William Schuyler Jackson of New York state, whereby the latter will be made the vice-presidential candidate on the democratic ticket. In return, Hearst will support Bryan. Some of Bryan's closest friends say that Jackson is acceptable, and that Bryan favors Jackson over all other candidates to date.

COULD ROADS SUFFER HEAVILY

RUMORS OF RECEIVERSHIP FOR WESTERN UNION CO.

Terrific Onslaught Against the Western Pacific and Missouri Pacific in Stock Markets Today—Stocks Sell at Any Price—Rumored That Western Union Will Also Go Into Hands of Receivers—Believed That Construction Will Cease.

New York, Feb. 19.—Following a general attack on the Gould interests in the stock market today, wild rumors to the effect that both the Missouri Pacific and the Western Union Telegraph company were soon to be thrown into the hands of receivers, cause both these declining stocks to reach another new and low level.

The assault was terrific and great blocks of stock were hurled into the maelstrom and sold at any old price.

The bears apparently had the field all to themselves and went the full limit. It is rumored here that the Gould interests are in bad straits and that construction work on the Western Pacific is to be stopped.

NEW METHOD OF CITY GOVERNMENT

DES MOINES, IOWA. PLAN DECLARED LEGAL.

Des Moines No Longer Has a Mayor or Council, But Submits to Rule of a Commission of Five Members—Small Percentage of Voters Can Decapitate Any Member of Commission—Can Easily Force Popular Vote on Any City Ordinance.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 19.—The state supreme court today upheld the Des Moines plan of municipal government. This plan is based on the Galveston municipal commission plan, and does away with a mayor and the municipal board, the city being ruled by five men on a commission, the same as a bank is run by directors.

Technically, the chairman of the board is called the mayor. A vote of 25 per cent of the voters may dismiss one or all of the commissioners and to compel them to stand for re-election. Ten per cent of the voters may compel the commission to submit any ordinance to a popular vote.

affidavits, that his client was entitled to the prayer of his petition.

District Attorney F. S. Ivanhoe, for the state, agreed upon the fundamental principles of the right of a change of venue upon the proper showing, but maintained that the showing as made was insufficient, that only affidavits from one section of the county purporting to be the true sentiment, has been presented, and proceeded to offer affidavits of the following persons residing outside of, as well as in La Grande: J. H. Henderson, E. G. Rumble and S. T. Bothe, of Elgin; S. A. Pursel, Frank Hall and Mr. Paddock, of Union; A. G. Conklin, M. J. Duffey and J. M. S. Smith, of Cove; Frank Zurbrick, of Island; E. Grout, J. E. Reynolds, George E. Goode, Dr. A. L. Richardson and J. C. Henry of La Grande, who were of the opinion that the defendant could secure a fair and impartial trial in this county.

The district attorney also called the

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TERRIBLE STORM VISITS CHICAGO

NEW YORK IN GRIP OF SEVERE BLIZZARD.

Six People Have Been Killed Already in Snow and Wind Storms Raging in and About Chicago—Poor of the City Suffering Terribly—One Old Lady Found Dead in Snow Bank—Street Traffic is Blocked—Worst Storm in Middle West in Years.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—Six people have been killed as a result of the terrible blizzard now raging about Chicago. The storm is one of the most severe and destructive that has ever visited the middle west.

A wind and snowstorm has raged for the last 48 hours and street traffic is crippled. Mrs. Anna Lincoln, aged 72, was found frozen to death in a snow drift. Two men were drowned while fishing in a tug off Waukegan, Ill., and three other deaths were reported near here. The snow is still falling and in places has drifted to a height of 12 feet. There is intense suffering among the poor.

Storms in New York.

New York, Feb. 19.—A blizzard struck this city today. Four inches of snow has fallen and all river boats were forced to tie up. Street traffic is blocked.

Banquet for Ambassador.

New York, Feb. 19.—Whiteclaw Reid, American ambassador to the court of St. James, who has been paying an extended visit to this country, will sail for England tomorrow. He will be entertained this evening by the Pilgrims of the United States at a banquet at Delmonico's. W. Butler Duncan, president of the society, will be in the chair and former ambassador Joseph H. Choate, Secretary of State Root, Ambassador Bryce, and Governor Hughes are expected to be present.

Manitoba Milkmen Meet.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 19.—Dairy men from all sections of the province are in attendance at the convention of the Manitoba Dairy association, which held its initial session today at the Agricultural college. Within the last few years the dairy industry has become an important one in Manitoba and the present convention exceeds in interest all previous meetings of the kind in western Canada.

Contests in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Feb. 19.—Numerous contests are promised at the republican primaries tomorrow for the selection in the 28 St. Louis wards of delegates to the state delegate convention. Chairman J. D. Howe of the city committee and Thomas K. Niedringhaus, the millionaire republican politician, are the leaders of the opposing forces for the control of the St. Louis delegation.

A FREE MAIL DELIVERY SERVICE IS ASSURED FOR LA GRANDE BY THE MIDDLE OF MAY

Washington, Feb. 19.—(Bulletin, 3:30 o'clock.)—La Grande, Oregon, will be given a free city mail delivery on May 15, on application of Congressman W. R. Ellis.

Fair Suffragists Storm Albany.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Every train into Albany this morning brought delegations of fair suffragists intent upon making the legislative hearing on the proposed amendment to the constitution, giving women the ballot, the occasion for the greatest demonstration

the women of the Empire state have yet attempted. It is expected that the women will wait upon Governor Hughes. Every suffrage organization in New York city has sent delegations, and all other cities of the state are well represented.

Los Angeles Bow-Wow Show.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 19.—Nearly every breed and variety of canine in existence is on exhibition at the fifth annual dog show of the Southwestern Kennel club, which opened today and will last until Saturday evening. The show is attracting much attention and promises to be an important society event. A large list of prizes and cups will be awarded.

THE MOTION IS DENIED

THE BARTLETT CASE WILL BE TRIED HERE.

Following the Decision of Judge Smith Denying a Change of Venue, a Motion Was Filed Asking for Some Other Trial Judge Than Judge Smith—This Will in All Probability Be Denied Also—Many Affidavits for Both Parties Are Presented.

Judge William Smith of Baker City arrived this morning to hear the arguments in the motion filed in the case of the State of Oregon vs. E. W. Bartlett, for a change of venue from Union county to Umatilla county.

Samuel White of Baker City represented the defendant, and presented the affidavits of J. E. Foley, G. M. Richey, Julius Roesch, C. D. Good-nough, O. F. Coolidge, J. W. Scriber, Dr. C. T. Bacon and Attorney W. B. Sargent in substantiation of the motion that in their opinion the defendant could not secure a fair and impartial trial in this county.

Attorney White took up the constitutional privilege that under a proper showing that it was the duty of the court to see that every man had the opportunity of a free and impartial trial and to take cognizance of facts outside of the showing made if necessary, and stood upon his showing and the character of the men behind the



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