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HURRY TROLLEY TO PENDLETON

BIG TRANSFERS IN TRACTION COMPANY AT WALLA WALLA.

Farmers' Traction Road Stock Transferred to Eastern Capital—Five Millions of Real Money Behind Project—Will Hurry commencement of the Work—New Road From Dayton to Wallula—Will Some Day Extend to Grande Ronde.

Walla Walla, March 19.—Dr. N. G. Blalock, president of the Walla Walla & Columbia Traction company, composed of farmers, announces that the holdings of the company were yesterday transferred to eastern capitalists. All stock, and right of way, was taken over.

The property consists principally of right of way deeds. The road as planned by the new company will run from Dayton to Wallula, with headquarters and shop at Walla Walla. The new company says it is backed by \$5,000,000 of real money, and intends to start work immediately.

The Columbia & Walla Walla Traction company is planning a road from Wallula to Pendleton, through Walla Walla. Construction work is to begin soon.

It is only a question of time until
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"OUR GEORGE" ON COMMITTEES.

Democrats Hand Out Committee Jobs to Non-Partisan George.

Washington, March 19.—Senator G. E. Chamberlain has been appointed to the military affairs, Indian affairs and irrigation committees. The assignments were made by the committee on committees of democrats, which assigns democratic memberships.

With the memberships to be given Senator Bourne, Oregon will be as well represented on the committees as any other state.

GRAVE TURN IN STRIKE AFFAIR

RAILROAD EMPLOYES NOW ANXIOUS TO STRIKE, TOO.

France Faces Crisis Today—Railroad Employees Will Go Out on Sympathetic Strike—Costing Government Hundreds of Thousands—No Improvement.

Paris, March 19.—France tonight is face to face with a strike that will tie up the entire postal service and block railroad traffic. Electricians and railroad employes are threatening to walk out in sympathy with the telegraphers and postal employes. It is estimated the strike is costing the government \$180,000 daily.

HARRIMAN RULES CANADIAN ROAD

LION'S SHARE OF CANADIAN PROFITS GO TO WIZARD.

Startling Revelations Made in Dissolution Suit in Chicago Today—Harriman Systems Hold the Controlling Power Over Panama Road and Canadian Pacific, in Addition to Union and Southern—Canadians Must Take Tiny Shares.

Chicago, March 19.—J. C. Stubbs, traffic director of the Harriman system at today's hearing of the government's suit to dissolve the alleged combination between western railroads, gave testimony showing that Harriman and his associates control not only the Union and Southern Pacific, but the Canadian Pacific and Panama railroads.

He testified the American roads get the lion's share of traffic and that the Canadian Pacific had to be satisfied by the allowance of differentials varying from 10 to 30 cents on the New York scale, graded down to apply to western points. He said the first arrangement was between the Union Pacific, Canadian Pacific, the Panama road and the Southern Pacific railroad company in 1897 at a meeting here. The agreements were renewed at different times.

BURSTED TANKS INUNDATE CITY

SEVERAL CAUGHT BY FLOOD AND LOSE THEIR LIVES.

City of Parkersburg in Danger of Complete Devastation if Fire Should Break Out While Reservoirs Are Empty—Great Roar Forewarns the Citizens, Who Flee to High Places of Safety—A Few Caught by Wall of Water.

Parkersburg, W. Va., March 19.—With a thunderous roar, two huge water reservoirs above the city burst today, overwhelming 40 houses, fatally injuring four persons, seriously injuring others in the wreckage. Citizens were warned by the noise made by the flood. They fled to high ground.

Evidence of Dynamiting.
Officials found evidence that dynamite was used on the tanks, which held the entire supply of water of the city. A water famine is now looming up. Mrs. John Maloney is reported dying. She was carried 50 yards on floating wreckage. The first estimate has fixed the loss at \$300,000.

Fire Would Be Awful.
The fire department is helpless if a fire starts. The health department is busy to prevent a possibility of epidemic because of the lack of water to flush sewers. Scores were hurt by falling beams and bricks. The contents of the reservoirs are entirely gone.

Three Bodies Recovered.
The bodies of Walter Waggle, wife and child have been recovered. Parties are searching for more.

UNDERGRADS CHEER TAFT.

Thousands of Yale Students Crowd About President Taft.

New Haven, Conn., March 19.—Taft was cheered by thousands of Yale students today when he arrived to attend the meeting of the Yale corporation. The party was driven to the home of President Hadley of Yale, for luncheon.

The local police, aided by secret service men, kept the undergraduates from crowding the president. Taft is scheduled to return to New York this afternoon to attend the Yale alumni at the Waldorf-Astoria tonight.

Abdul Hamid Near Death.

Constantinople, March 19.—Investigation by the United Press today reveals the sultan, Abdul Hamid, is in a precarious condition and death in the near future is regarded as certain.

TAFT URGED TO APPOINT FULTON

TWENTY OREGON SENATORS ENDORSE FORMER SOLON.

President Taft Asked to Appoint Fulton to Judgeship by Twenty Oregon State Senators—McArthur Sends a Telegram—Fulton Insists There is No Opposition.

Washington, March 19.—President Taft today received messages from 20 members of the Oregon senate asking him to appoint former United States Senator C. W. Fulton to the federal judgeship of Oregon. Fulton insists there is no opposition to his appointment.

Fulton says he has a telegram from Speaker McArthur of the Oregon house, announcing that four out of five members of the assembly committee, which considered the resolution to endorse him, favors his appointment.

READ TARIFF BILL.

Requires Four Hours to Read the Payne Tariff Measure.

Washington, March 19.—Representative Payne at 12:30 this afternoon moved that the house go into committee of the whole to consider the tariff bill. The motion was adopted. Olmstead of Pennsylvania was called to the chair, and the clerk began the four-hour job of reading the bill.

BOLD KIDNAPPERS TO GET RANSOM

MILLIONAIRE'S SON WILL BE REDEEMED BY PARENTS.

Kidnapers Answer Advertisement in Papers That Parents Are Willing to Pay Large Sum for Return of Boy—Stolen From School—Detective in Search.

Sharon, Pa., March 19.—Frank Buhl, a millionaire steel magnate, announced today that he will spend \$100,000 searching for his nephew, Willie Whitla, the son of Attorney James Whitla, who was kidnaped from school yesterday. The kidnapers sent a message demanding \$10,000 for the return of the boy. The mother favors paying it.

Four Pinkertons from Pittsburg arrived today to help in the search. Fifty deputies were sworn in today to assist Chief of Police Crane.

The whole western section of the state is aroused and much mystery as to how the kidnapers were expected to communicate with Whitla after the latter had inserted an advertisement in the newspapers, saying he is willing to pay a ransom.

It was learned later that the kidnapers acknowledged having seen the advertisement in which Whitla agreed to pay the big ransom. It is supposed the letter outlined a plan whereby the boy could be exchanged for the money.

The letter from the kidnapers is in scrawling writing, and was delivered at the Whitla home today. Its contents are secret.

White Man Lynched.

Elkins, W. Va., March 19.—For the shooting and probably fatal wounding of Chief of Police Scott, white, of Whitmer, near here, Joe Brown, also white, was lynched today by a mob. He was taken from the jail forcibly.

CONSIDERATION OF SCHOOL VOTE

EXHAUSTIVE RESUME OF PRESENT SCHOOL NEEDS.

Higher Taxes Already Wrong, as the Levy Has Already Been Made to Cover Bond Interests—White Building Inadequate—Postponement is Folly—No Better Time Than Now—Twenty-five Thousand Ample Sufficient for Needs.

La Grande, Ore., March 19.—(To the Editor.)—During the eight years that I have lived in La Grande I have not addressed its people through the press, but at the request of friends I shall now break my custom. An important election takes place on the 27th and that all may understand the question at issue must be the excuse for this article.

Perhaps it might be well to state the reasons why a new high school is needed at the very beginning of this article, and then discuss them more fully afterward.

1. We must have more room for next year. We are using every foot of available space now, and we shall have 25 or 30 more pupils next year.

2. We must have laboratory facilities. A knowledge of the chemistry of foods and soils is almost indispensable for every boy and girl in this age. We can't give it without a laboratory and that is too expensive to be put in any but a permanent place.

3. Our present room is not properly lighted.

4. It will furnish better facilities for teaching and enable the high school to cease being a hindrance to the grades.

5. It will economize space, the High school giving up nearly twice the space they will occupy.

6. It will allow the White building to be abandoned.

7. It will furnish room for years to come for the High school.

8. It can be built for \$25,000.

9. It will allow us to cease using the office and the library for recitation rooms.

I wish to remind you at this point that I have no personal interest in this matter. My official relation to your schools will cease May 25th. The only interest I have is a desire for the welfare of your boys and girls. Every year that I have been with you I have hoped for a new high school building. The Central building, where we have been, is not adapted for high school work. It is a building for the grades containing 12 rooms all of a size. The rooms are

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The Beverly Skirt-The Skirt

We want to talk to you about our new shipment of the above famous skirts just received.

The Stylish Skirts

JUST PLAIN TALK. THERE IS NO BETTER LINE OF SKIRTS MADE. ELEVEN YEARS TRIAL CONVINCES US. A TRIAL WILL CONVINCING YOU.

The Quality Skirts

YOU ASK, HOW IS THE QUALITY? THE MANUFACTURERS STAND BACK OF EVERY SKIRT, AND WE STAND BETWEEN YOU AND THE MAKER AND SEE THAT YOU GET THE BEST.

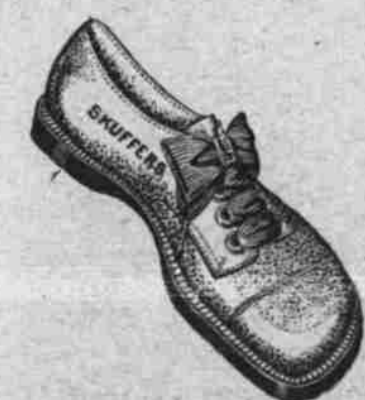
Economical Skirts

YOU SAY, WHAT IS THE PRICE? WE TELL YOU WITHOUT HESITANCY, THAT YOU WILL BE SURPRISED AT THE VERY REASONABLE PRICES. OUR PRICES TALK FOR THEMSELVES.



Engle Cone Scuffer Shoes

These are the children's shoes you have been looking for. They are made to fit the little feet, wide soles, soft uppers.



SEE THE SHAPE

THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT TO ALLOW THE CHILDREN'S FEET TO GROW NATURAL.

SEE THE STYLES

WE HAVE THEM IN TANS, BLACKS AND PATENTS.

Oxfords and Shoes



For Quality

THE FAIR

For Style

CIGAR FACTS

We have the constant patronage of a large share of the critical smokers of the city. Sometimes they drift away for awhile, but they are back shortly and seem glad to come. We have no corner on good cigars, and believe that the secret of our hold on is that we pay more for our cigars than most dealers think necessary. Once convinced that a brand is exceptionally fine, we stock it no matter if the margin is slender. While we pay liberally for our cigars, we see to it that we get full value for our money, which means unusual quality for our customers.

NEWLIN DRUG STORE
LA GRANDE, OREGON