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The Walla Walla Statesman says: "There has been no sale of the Northwest Corporation to H. M. Byllesby & Company or to any other company," emphatically declares H. W. Hardy, head counsel for the Northwest Corporation, who arrived in Walla Walla this morning direct from Portland, where the headquarters of the operating department are located.

There is not one word of truth in the article in the Oregonian or rumors which have been given wide publicity to the effect that a sale of the entire Northwestern Corporation or any of its holdings has been consummated. That Byllesby & Company, the Electric Bond & Share Co. of New York and the Stone & Webster Company of Boston, are looking over not only all the property of the Northwestern Corporation, but every gas, water and electric plant and electric railway line of any consequence in these States for the purpose of investment, if a suitable price can be agreed upon, is generally known by gas and electric men. All three of these companies have unlimited backing, I understand, and will undoubtedly enlarge their holdings whenever a suitable business proposition presents itself.

When any of the numerous negotiations now on will materialize I do not know. Personally, I do not believe that any one of the deals affecting the Northwest Corporation will go through though the corporation is human and will sell if it gets its price.

Moreover, when any deal for the sale of the Northwestern Corporation or any of its plants is consummated, it will be at a meeting of the stockholders in Walla Walla, as required by the by-laws of the corporation. The next annual meeting of the stockholders will be held here in April.

Mr. Hardy attaches no significance to the rumor that H. M. Byllesby & Company has secured a 60-days option on the properties of the North Coast railroad for \$100,000, and says that he believes it is a rumor pure and simple.

Big Live Stock Show

Fort Worth, Texas, Mar 14.—With prospects of a big attendance of the stockmen from all over the country, the National Feeders and Breeders Show was opened in Fort Worth today and will continue throughout the week. The exhibition of pure-bred animals is undoubtedly fine and the prizes are large.

Trust Company Pays

New York, March 14.—An additional payment of 15 per cent was made today by the Knickerbocker Trust Company on its "surplus A" certificates. This brings the total up to 45 per cent, leaving \$3,600,000 outstanding. Two million dollars in new stock was also issued today, making the total authorized capital \$3,200,000. Of the new capital \$1,200,000 is offered to the holders of the outstanding A certificates. Holders of these certificates who do not desire to convert them into capital stock may dispose of them at full face value with interest to a syndicate formed for that purpose. The Knickerbocker Trust Company failed during the 1907 panic, and for a time was thought to be a hopeless wreck.

Democratic Banquet.
 Detroit, Mich., March 14.—Governor Harmon of Ohio, ex-Gov. Folk of Missouri and Gov. Marshall of Indiana, are among the speakers on the program of tonight's big rally and banquet in Detroit. Local politicians assert that the Democracy is gaining ground in this state and predict that Michigan will be found lined up in the Democratic column at the next election.

Real Wolves to Howl

Washington, March 14.—Washington is to have something new. Real wolves will howl in the production of Preston Gibson's latest play "The Turning Point," at the Belasco Theatre tonight. Two of the ferocious animals from the National Zoological Gardens have been engaged and will appear each night during the run of Mr. Gibson's play in the national capital.

In the production, which deals with Wall Street and its allied interests, there is a scene which depicts a lonesome Virginia hillside, and, with dimmed lights and other paraphernalia necessary for dramatic atmospheres, the wolves will be prodded until their howls shall reverberate through the house.

O. A. C. Students "Canned"

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, March 14.—(Special)—Because they were found guilty of violating the College regulation prohibiting the use of intoxicating liquors, four students have been suspended from the Oregon Agricultural College for one year, four others have confessed and apologized before the faculty and student body and four more are still under investigation.

President Kerr and the faculty have expressed themselves as being determined to protect both the students and the institution.

There are no saloons in the city and the investigation that has been carried on seemed to indicate that there have been very few instances in which students have been guilty of using intoxicating liquors in the past. The faculty will attempt to put an end to all such practices in the future.

Moves Refor mol Lords.

London, March 14.—Lord Rosebery, who occupies an "on the fence" position in the present political warfare, today moved in the House of Lords that "this House resolve itself into a committee to consider the best means for forming its organization so as to constitute a strong and efficient chamber." The resolution was received by the lords with a mixture of applause and derision. Some of the lords profess their willingness to be "reformed" so long as they are not reformed out of existence while others—constituting a majority—stand pat on ancient privileges of the Upper House to do as they please.

In the House of Commons, consideration of financial exigencies was resumed. For the next ten days the Commons will devote its time to passing bills for temporary borrowing, war loans, and other routine matters. On March the House will take a brief holiday, to resume on March 29. The government is safe until the latter date when the truce agreed upon expires. After that Premier Asquith will have to look out for himself. The budget. It is generally agreed, is dead, and the cabinet may soon be dragged down with it.

Strike Crowd Grows

A Chicago news item of Saturday night says: Admissions have been made on both sides that the controversy between 30,000 firemen operating on 150,000 mile of railroads, west, southwest and northwest of Chicago and the railroad managers had become critical and that the question of a strike tying up practically all the systems between here and the Pacific Coast would be settled within 48 hours.

President S. W. Corter, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers on behalf of the firemen, today sent in to the general manager's committee of the railroads a request for a clear statement of the employer's position. The Brotherhood asks for information on three points raised, as follows:

Three Points Raised.

Increased wage scale which the railroads say would amount to an increase of 22 1-2 per cent, but which the firemen say would equal only 12 1-2 per cent.

The right of the Union to repre-

sent the fireman after he has been promoted either to the post of engineer or to any other capacity.

The right of the union to base authority on the question of seniority or the promotion of old-time employees.

In previous negotiations the brotherhood said it was willing to submit the wage question to arbitration under the Erdman Act, provided the other two points were settled without the aid of a third party.

Forty-seven Roads Involved
 It is said that the recent vote showing more than 80 per cent of the men to be against accepting the offer of the railroads would enable the National officers to call a strike at any time. Negotiations have been on for six weeks.

About 47 western railroads are involved. If a strike were called, it is said 25,000 other employees would be forced to quit.

At the close of the session a member of the committee said:

"Although we confidently hope to reach an agreement on arbitration the situation is more critical."

"A strike at this time certainly would not be wise. We do not wish to alarm the business interests of the country and we shall exert every effort to induce the Brotherhood to continue to act in a friendly spirit. We trust the whole case will be settled by Monday."

E. L. Dickinson, secretary to the president of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railway, gives out a formal statement as follows:

"We believe the public need have no fear of suspension of business on account of a great railroad strike."

Art Exhibit in Berlin

Berlin, March 14.—Final preparations were completed today for the opening this week of the American Art Exhibition of the Royal Academy. Only pictures of American artists will be shown, among them a remarkable collection of Whistlers, and portraits of Taft and Roosevelt. The exhibit is awaited with the liveliest interest by German art lovers.

Kurze Beveridge's sculpture will also be exhibited at the Berlin show. Several of her works, which have already been shown at Leipzig and Munich, have been sold to German admirers at high prices and who have loaned them for the show.

Her startling nude group, "The Vampire," has evoked a cyclone of criticism, pro and con. All observers are in agreement on one point, however, namely, and that it is the absolute limit in artistic boldness.

Strike Orders Disobeyed

Philadelphia, March 14.—A general order issued by the Central Labor Union to milkmen, bakery wagon drivers, and others who deliver necessities to quit was not generally obeyed today, a majority remaining at work. It seems possible that a conflict of authority between local and national labor leaders may result from the order. In most trades the interantional organizations have ordered the men to remain at work.

STORY IS INTERESTING

At the Steward on Wednesday the 16th of March F. Lawrence Walker is present Charles B. Hanford in the farcial comedy "The American" Lord. The Principal personage is John Breuster, a hotel man and goodfellow. Breuster in an out-and-out American So well is he liked by his fellow men that he is about to be sent to congress but while his friends are yelling at the mention of his name she is informed of that he is a descendant of Lord Breuster and heir to the title and estates of that personage. The entire thing is considered as a joke. "What! Give up Congress for a job like that?" Not much of it is his opinion of the matter. But he takes the offered wealth and he goes to England and the fun he has is best told by a visitation of the performance when

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NO. 2.—allies cultivat good barn and other out buildings. A small orchard, 60 acres and timothy hay, good water. R. F. D. by the door, of a mile from school. About \$400 worth of personal property goes with the place at the price of \$8,400.00.

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No. 7.—Two lots on Fourth street, 4-room house, small barn, city water and good well. Can be sold on the installment plan for \$700.00.

No. 8.—For 1775.00, one of the best houses in Old Town; 7-room house, stone foundation. Two lots, a snap if taken at once.

No. 9.—Three room house and one lot on Jefferson st. House furnished, good well; wood shed on the alley, all for the very low price of \$550.

No. 10.—A five room brick modern house, barn, wood shed, two lots, 13x134, small orchard, shade trees, all fenced for \$3000.00.

No. 11.—A four room cottage on "O" st., close in, two lots, city water, and wood shed. On easy terms at the remarkably low price of \$1400. I will be pleased to show you any of the above bargains at any time, whether you buy or not.

Yours respectfully,
C. J. BLAKE, the Real Estate Man.

Notice of Street Improvement
 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 15th day of December, 1909, creating improvement district No. 23, and designating Pennsylvania avenue, as such district and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said Common Council determined and declared its intentions to improve all of that portion of Pennsylvania avenue, is said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon macadam pavement and constructing curbs, the council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owner of the property affected and benefitted by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made, that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows: All that portion of Pennsylvania avenue from the west side of Washington avenue, to the east side of Fourth street. Notice is hereby given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefitted by such improvement. That the estimated cost of said improvement is the sum of \$2264.80. That the council will on the 16th day of March, 1910, meet at the Council chambers at the hour of 8 o'clock P. M., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessments, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment. La Grande, Oregon, March 3rd, 1910 City Council of La Grande, Oregon.
 By D. E. Cox,
 Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.
 4-5-16

FOUND—Ladies gray leather purse. Owner can have same by calling at this office. 3-14-16

To sewerage bonds must be going in without opposition. Just for fun ask a few how they voted.