

## CENTRAL COMPANY BEHIND ROAD SURVEY

### GENERAL OF OPERATIONS CARRIES CREDENTIALS

### MAY BE RELATED HILL ROAD INTEREST

That the Central Railroad of Oregon is today sending a crew of men to the Blue Mountains from Elgin to survey a route for an extension of the road now running from Elgin to Union, became evident late this afternoon from Walla Walla that Engineer F. C. Goodrich was sent out by George Alexander, commander-in-chief of all the proposed road building for that company, to complete the work. Alexander has credentials to back up the assertion that he represents the Central. Whether or not the Central is an affiliation with the Hill interests is not known, but it is surmised to be such since the bankruptcy sale a year ago. A road has been surveyed from Summit in the Blue Mountains to the Walla Walla river near Milton with a 2 and 1-2 per cent grade.

Velling their every move with mystery and maintaining a silence like the Egyptian sphinx, a crew of surveyors under tutorage of a well known engineer, arrived last night from the West and are today idling about Elgin, apparently waiting for darkness that they may slip away under cover of night and continue the mysterious journey. These men are the ones who, as predicted by the Observer some time ago, would come from Walla Walla to work westward from Elgin in hopes of finding a suitable gap through the mountains by which the Hill interests might build a steam railroad. Rather, this is presumed, but other indications coming with the crew, bear out the predictions made by the Observer at that time. It is definitely known that most of the employees are from Milton, Athens and Walla Walla districts.

More close mouthed or reticent than ever walked. So fearful were they of betraying their mission that the most commonplace question pas-

sed unanswered. The most convincing statement made by anyone in the crowd was that the crew had been working for three weeks, but who the paymaster is, or where they were headed, or where they hope to reach was the question they could not answer with accuracy. "Like the bleating lamb led to the slaughter, we know not where we are going," remarked one suavely.

Since early morning the crew has been under scrutiny, not by newspapers alone but by the public in general and the O. R. & N. officials as well. On their arrival at Elgin today noon, the men idled about, apparently not headed anywhere. Curious eyes are constantly on them today and it is believed the entire crowd will be missing by tomorrow morning.

Developments will be forthcoming from time to time, no doubt, but at present there is little more to relate than was said by the Observer last week. In regard to the probable action to be taken. It is apparent that the men surveyed out from Milton, and striking snow, retired, coming by train to Elgin, and will work westward again.

**MOORE PLEADS GUILTY**  
Portland, April 13.—Baker W. H. Moore, of this city, today was fined \$4000 for receiving deposits after he knew that the trust company of which he was an officer, was insolvent. He pleaded guilty to the charge.

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**SWITCHMAN KILLED**  
Spokane, April 13.—In a collision between two switch engines in the G. N. yards today, Switching Foreman William Heatton was killed while riding in front of one of the engines and horribly mutilated in the wreckage. Both locomotives were practically destroyed.

### THE PRESBYTERY TODAY.

Rev. J. K. Maynard of Walla Walla chosen Moderator—Good attendance

Following the able sermon of Rev. L. M. Bonser of Baker City last evening the Grande Ronde Presbytery elected Rev. J. L. Maynard of Walla Walla as moderator for the next six months.

This afternoon a splendid meeting was held by the Ladies' Missionary Society in the Baptist Church. This same organization will provide the program for the evening services tonight. This forenoon was devoted to the business features of the Presbytery.

## HYDE RAISES MANY POINTS

### INVALIDITY OF THE INACTING CLAUSE AFFIRMED.

Other "invalidities" also affirmed by Farquharson's counsel.

A half dozen knotty problems of law were argued today when James Farquharson's case was brought before Judge Knowles on a writ of review from the order the City Recorder, D. E. Cox, sending Farquharson to the city jail because he refused to pay a fine of \$50 imposed when convicted some months ago of selling liquor. The liquor confiscated at the time of the arrest was destroyed, when the defendant was arrested a short time ago. Among the points raised by Attorney Hyde of Baker City, counsel for the defendant, the invalidity of the passing of the ordinance revoking the right to sell liquors was one. Another was that the inacting clause of the ordinance is invalid, that the defendant should have had a hearing before the liquor was destroyed. There will not likely be a decision in the case today.

### SENTENCE AFFIRMED

**Murderer of Senator Carmack must serve 30 years.**

Nashville, Tenn., April 13.—State supreme court today affirmed the sentence of 30 years imprisonment imposed on Duncan Cooper for the killing of Former Senator Carmack. A similar sentence on Robin Cooper was reversed.

### MANY KILLED IN PRISON.

The missing, following the fire, are thought to be dead.

New Haven, Conn., April 13.—Fire Chief Fancher today reported that six firemen are missing and expresses his belief that all were killed when the roof of the county jail collapsed in a fire which destroyed the building and several residences and threatened the business section of the city. The missing are: Capt. Chapman, Lieut. Doherty, Firemen Buckley, Cullum, McGrant and Mortell. Three others are fatally injured.

Three hundred prisoners were taken from the jail by policemen and deputy sheriffs and are now under a guard at the various police precincts. None escaped.

The fire started from a defective wiring in the chair factory of the prison. The prisoners became panic stricken and guards had hard work controlling them.

## ASSIGNMENTS ANNOUNCED

### UNION COUNTY'S COUNTERS SEGREGATED

### BEACH SENDS OUT LIST OF THE ASSIGNMENTS

Just who will count each precinct in the county and cities was made known from the Census office today. People overlooked or missed should inform the enumerators for their districts.

Servants of Sennet C. Beach, the census supervisor for Eastern Oregon

La Grande and Union county's count next Friday morning, are grouped in the first official announcement from the census department, in information received by the Observer today. The counters have been previously announced unofficially but the precincts in which each will be confined is given out today for the first time. This is important too. Perusing the appended list, every person reading it can ascertain who is going to count in the reader's territory and by using a little forethought, can assist the country materially. If it is possible to have the household counted when the enumerator calls, or by chance he has called during the reader's absence, notify him by telephone or otherwise as to just what hour you can be found.

If La Grande is going to make real work of its count the citizens will have to aid the government agents with honest assistance. The enumerators for Union county and precincts in which they will count, are as follows:

- Dist. No. 272—Chester J. Vanderpool, La Grande; Alicel precinct and Imbler precinct.
- Dist. No. 273—Harvey L. Lantz, of Cove; Cove precinct, including Cove town.
- Dist. No. 274—John T. Reeves, Union; Antelope precinct, and Big Creek precinct.
- Dist. No. 275—Harry Cook, Medical Springs; North Powder precinct, including North Powder town.
- Dist. No. 276—Thos. H. Williamson, La Grande; Camp Carson precinct and Starkey precinct.
- Dist. No. 277—W. Albert Burns, Hilgard; Hilgard precinct and Kamela precinct.
- Dist. No. 278—Clyde L. Kiddle, Island City; Perry precinct and Island precinct, including Island City town.
- Dist. No. 279—William A. Worstell, La Grande; La Grande precinct No. 1 and La Grande precinct No. 5
- Dist. No. 280—Adna B. Rogers, La Grande; La Grande precinct No. 2.
- Dist. No. 281—W. M. Peare, La Grande; La Grande precinct No. 3.
- Dist. No. 283—Uriah F. Weiss, Elgin; North Elgin precinct.
- Dist. No. 284—T. H. Morelock, Elgin; South Elgin precinct.
- Dist. No. 285—Murdo I. McRae, of Summerville; Summerville precinct including Summerville town.
- Dist. No. 286—D. H. Crouter, Union; Union precinct No. 1.
- Dist. No. 322—Geo. T. Ferguson, Union; Union precinct No. 2.

### THE ROMAN A STRONG CARD

The Isis Theatre has a picture this "Change" that is wonderful. A Roman love story runs through it and is interspersed at frequent intervals with historic climaxes that both thrill and instruct. The entire program is built up on the instructive, humorous and entertaining plan.

## ROYALTY TO BE THE HOST

### ROOSEVELT'S DEPARTURE TODAY STIRRING SIGHT

### FLOWERY PATHWAY FOR HIS CARRIAGE WHILE LEAVING

Emperor William anxious to have entire family spend three days with royal household—Letter urgent in his wording—Porto Marisco gives the Colonel and his family stirring farewell.

Porto Marisco, April 13.—Emperor William of Germany today again

which he holds Colonel Roosevelt by writing a personal letter urging Mrs. Roosevelt, Ethel and Kermit as well as the Colonel to become guests at the palace for three days.

Roosevelt and Kermit departed for Venice this afternoon and will arrive Thursday morning and 12 hours later start for Vienna.

Mrs. Roosevelt and Ethel remain here until the arrival of the Colonel in Paris April 30.

Posters which bade Roosevelt welcome when he arrived here have been replaced by others reading, "Good Bye, Roosevelt. Come back soon."

**Flower Strwn Pathway**  
In addition, the mayor issued a proclamation calling of the honor felt by the city at the visit and calling upon the citizens to decorate the railway station with flowers. Not only was this done, but the carriage containing the Roosevelts was peited with roses on the way from the villa of Miss Carew and huge bouquets presented to Mrs. Roosevelt and Ethel.

### LEFEANE BILL IS KILLED.

Washington, April 12.—The Lefean apple box bill was killed for the present session this afternoon when it was tabled by the house committee. This is a victory for the Western apple growers.

### BURNS HUSBAND'S LEG

Wife puts end to too much booze by destroying wooden leg.

Wilkesbarre, Pen., April 13.—Mrs. Michael Kinsel, who was arrested for burning her husband's wooden leg, was discharged today by Alderman Donabus without even a reprimand. Mrs. Kinsel declared that Michael insisted on making pilgrimages to liquor dispensaries on Saturday nights. She secured his wooden leg while he slept, and used it to prepare the morning meal, and now her husband is without means of locomotion.

## TAMPER WITH BODY; HYDE

### SITUATION SPRUNG IN THE HYDE HEARING

### DURING TIME SWOPE'S BODY LAY IN VAULT, IT WAS MOVED

Defense for Doctor Hyde charged with attempting to kill entire Swope family will be that body of millionaire Swope was removed from casket and body filled with poison. Have strong arguments.

Kansas City, April 13.—That the body of Col. Thomas Swope was removed from the casket and filled with

poison will be the principal defense of Dr. B. C. Hyde, charged with his murder. Attorneys for Hyde said today that they had discovered evidence tending to destroy some of the state's strongest links in the chain of circumstances that resulted in the charge against Hyde.

The body of Col. Swope lay in the vault at the Forest Hill Cemetery several months during the winter and was not guarded. Attorneys declare they have discovered that the body was tampered with after it was placed in the vault. The casket, according to the attorneys has been unfastened and loosely refastened.

Twenty-five taxemen were temporarily chosen for examination as to their qualifications to act as jurors.

### UNDRAPE ART UNDER BAN.

Berkeley campus will not have nude statuary any more.

Berkeley, Calif., April 13.—Undraped art on the University of California campus must go. Eight art panels at the entrance to the grounds, recently completed at a cost of \$40,000, must either be tallored or done away with. This is the order issued by the regents after hearing the complaints of those offended at the sight of the nude figures of four men and four women.

### THAW ATTORNEY SUFFERS

Hartride loses suit and will be charged with perjury.

New York, April 13.—The jury in the Federal Court today refused to allow Attorney Hartride any damages in the \$90,000 damage suit he brought against Mrs. Mary Thaw for services in defending Harry in the murder trial.

At the same time Judge Holt ordered perjury and disbarment proceedings brought against Hartride.

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