

ROTARY IDE DURING STORM

O-W. DIVISION IN MOUNTAINS IS FORTUNATE.

Storms in East Retard Traffic but Not in Mountains.

Several feet of snow in the mountains is not retarding train service on the O-W. Trains from the east are running on late schedules but this is because of the enormous snowfall and extreme cold weather prevailing in Montana, Colorado and other mountain states. The rotary has not been called out on the local system yet, and this is probably due to the fact that the snow is well packed and does not shift with the winds. No drifting to speak of has transpired anywhere. The detachable snow plows or gangs, on the branch line engines avert delay and trouble and the same method is doing much to keep up train service for ordinary snowfalls on the main line systems.

SHOPMEN ARE COMPLAINING

SUCH IS ASSERTION MADE BY REPORTS.

Local Strikers Issue Statements Coming From Strikebreakers.

The Observer has been asked to publish the appended regarding the situation of strikebreakers on the O. S. L.

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 28.—To our Brothers everywhere. Greeting:—The following is a copy of a letter printed in our local papers this evening, describing under what conditions men are working in shops on the Harriman system, who have been hired to take the place of the striking brothers on the railroad.

Brothers we ask you to give this letter as wide publicity as possible. Do not lay this on the table but take action at once. Have it printed in your daily papers, if you have any that are fair to the cause of organized labor and see that it is printed in its entirety, so that anyone, contemplating acting as strikebreakers, will readily understand under what conditions they will have to work, and will find conditions not as they are represented by unscrupulous employment agents and railroad officials, who are hiring men under false pretenses.

Brothers, you will be doing the brothers on the firing lines of the Harriman system and the Illinois Central a great favor by circulating the contents of this article in every way possible.

The following is the condition on the Harriman system as seen from the viewpoint of a strikebreaker.

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 28.—To our fellow strikebreakers and all concerned:—We the undersigned strikebreakers, wish to let the public know of the conditions at the shops of the Oregon Short Line, located at Ogden, Utah, and all shops throughout the Harriman system. We wish to state that we were treated as prisoners and not as working men, trying to make a living. Every strikebreaker, coming or going on the grounds of the company, are searched and everything they have that the guards want, is taken from them. We also wish to state that we were locked up in bunk houses which are filthy and not fit for human habitation. There are from forty to fifty men sleeping in each bunk house, which have no ventilation. There is only one cup for all of these men to drink from. The linen on the beds, during our three weeks' employment, was not changed. The officials of this company are so cheap, that if a man wishes to go to another town to do his shopping, he is charged with his share the same as any other person not an employee. They do not want the men to go in the city of Ogden to do their shopping, as they fear the union will persuade them to leave the employment of the company. We have a contract calling for a period of ninety days and the company does not live up to its contract. The company officials let the men work when they see fit and pay them off when they see fit without pay. The men are compelled to stay in filthy bunk houses while waiting off. If a man wishes to quit they refer him to this fake contract and absolutely refuse to give him his time or transportation to where he came from. If a man speaks for his rights he is discharged and taken from the premises and if caught on the premises again is

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We, the undersigned strikebreakers, employed by the Oregon Short Line at Ogden, beg all men looking for employment, not to accept a position on the Harriman system for their own good for this company will give every man the worst of it.

There are one hundred or more men willing to quit this strike in the Ogden shops alone, but they have not the means to get out of town with.

Yours respectfully
(Signed)

Wm. Kelly, Richard Smith, Jos. McLospl, Victor Anderson, B. C. McDonald, B. F. Merrick, W. E. Bohlmann, Frank Kromer.

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JOHN LEWTAS TO LECTURE.

Island City Church to Be Used by the Lecturer-Traveler Friday.

Island City, Jan. 2.—(Special)—John Lewtas, a traveler and lecturer, who is to deliver an address on "What I Saw in England, Ireland, France and Italy" in La Grande Wednesday night is also slated to appear Friday night at the church in Island City. The admission at that time will be 25 and 35 cents and much the same address as is to be given there tomorrow night, will be heard at that time. Island City folks are planning on a rich treat Friday when the noted traveler delivers his address.

Progressives Well Pleased.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 2.—Headed by Gifford Pinchot, Senators Clapp and Works and a dozen progressives of national repute are spread out over the state continuing the fight for progressive principles begun by La Follette. They will remain in the state most of the week. All of La Follette's friends declare themselves satisfied with the action of the progressive conference here. The committee went on record individually by the ratio of seven to one as favoring La Follette's candidacy but it did not endorse him as an organization, something which La Follette requested not to be done.

Bandit Is Identified.

Chehalis, Jan. 1.—The bandit who shot and killed Banker Bar at Centralia, is identified positively as Albert Clark, a WWI fighter, by three men

who knew him well. He worked in the mills here until Dec. 22. His parents live in Aberdeen. Clark came here three months ago.

Police Fear Chinese.

Seattle, Jan. 2.—The police are sitting on the Chinatown lid, fearing to relax their vigilance, owing to the fact that the outbreak of a long war is expected to avenge the murder of Don Weg, killed yesterday. Seven hatchmen were imported.

TAFT GIVEN SCRATCHER.

Michigan Inventor Sends a Patented Back Scratcher to President.

Washington, Jan. 2.—President Taft today received from a Michigan inventor, who is an admirer of the president, a back scratcher, which the donor has invented.

WITH THE BOXERS.

Tom Kennedy, ex-amateur heavyweight, is a bit backward in signing to meet Carl Marrolo.

Frank Erne, the ex-lightweight champion, says that he has joined the come backs and will return to the ring.

Promoter Tom McCarey, of Los Angeles, is negotiating for a 20-round bout between Packey McFarland and Freddie Welch, of England.

Pedlar Palmer, ex-champion of the bantams in England, has taken on weight, and is out with a challenge to meet any 132 pound boxer in England. Joe Grim, known as the Human Punching Bag, was hit by a train at Brunswick, Me., the other day but was on his feet at the count of eight.

The efforts of some of the people of Sydney, Australia, to put the lid on boxing in that city has failed as the authorities refuse to act on the protest.

Gossip From Old New York.

New York, Jan. 2.—What enormous demands are made upon the carrying capacity of the various subway and elevated lines of New York, especially upon certain extraordinary occasions, is hard to realize. To those living in smaller cities it may seem incredible that the transportation lines

of any city should convey one million passengers in one day. Yet, one million passengers a day would mean but slim business for the subway and elevated lines of Manhattan. On one day of the week before Christmas fully 2,500,000 passengers were transported over the subway and elevated lines of the city. The subway carried about 1,400,000, the elevated about 1,100,000. This number of course, due to the Christmas shopping, was exceeded but once, at the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

There is no time in the year when money is needed more than before Christmas. Even the poorest people need money at that time and the crooks—simply get it wherever they can. During the week preceding Christmas thieves and burglars were extremely busy in this city and the number of robberies reported was appalling. Thousands of pockets were picked in the dense crowds of the shopping district. Hundreds of women were cleverly or brutally separated from their hand bags and scores of messengers were held up and robbed of their bundles.

Those who went down town to do some shopping were under a severe strain in taking care of their money and valuables, but fortunately the strain was not great enough to reach the breaking point as in the case of the foreign-born workman, who was arrested on the corner of Thirty-

fourth street and Broadway the other afternoon. The attention of the policemen stationed near that corner was attracted by a yelling and struggling crowd. The bluecoats pushed their way through the mass of people and found a poorly dressed man throwing bills of various denominations into the crowd. Some of the bills were recovered and the man with the rest of his money taken to the station. The prisoner said that in the course of several years he had saved up nearly \$300. He did not trust the banks and always carried his wealth in his pocket. The fear of being robbed, however, proved too great a strain and for some time he found himself unable to sleep at night. This condition gradually became so unbearable, that he decided to get rid of the money by throwing it away. He was sent to Bellevue hospital for observation.

The suffrage hungry women of this

city, who have only just entered into the field of active politics are rapidly developing into full-fledged politicians of the Tammany type. On October 14 an election was held by the Brooklyn branch of the suffrage organization and Mrs. Robert H. Elder, of Brooklyn, was elected borough chairman. Scarcely had this been done when a faction opposed to Mrs. Elder started a secret campaign to unseat her. The leaders, who seem to be residents of Manhattan, were not extremely scrupulous about their methods and sent out calls with forged names for a meeting to be held at some hall in Manhattan for the purpose of electing another Brooklyn borough chairman. The supporters of Mrs. Elder learned of this move, however, and obtained an order from the supreme court, forbidding the meeting, charging fraud. The row resulting bids fair to cause a serious split in the party, a rather ominous beginning for so young an organization.

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