

FROM CASCADES TO THE COAST

For many weeks previous to the sale of the Pacific & Eastern the public was worked up to a high pitch of expectancy as to what would eventually become of that road. Various rumors had been afloat at times as to the sale of the road to Eastern parties, but not one of the materialized, and the public was kept in continual suspense until the final deal was closed last Saturday for the sale of the road to John R. Allen and associates of New York. Since then there has been a relaxation of railroad talk, every one rejoicing over the fact that the P. & E. had been sold to parties who would resume traffic on the road at once.

Yesterday Engine No. 1 of the P. & E. was steamed up, the combination car with the trade mark on its side—a triangle inclosing the words "The Crater Lake Route"—was attached and regular trips on schedule time were made to Eagle Point.

Yesterday there was also a party of men in the city representing another railroad company. An engineer accompanied them to decide on the feasibility of a proposed route from the Cascades to the coast. One of the members of the party informed a representative of The Morning Mail that they had nothing definite to divulge at present, at least until two other parties arrived from the East who were interested, which would be in a day or two. As near as The Morning Mail could learn, however, this company is wholly independent of the Hill or Harriman interests, and is being financed entirely by European capital. It is generally accepted that Hill and Harriman control the financial markets in New York to the extent that any competing line attempting to secure financial assistance would have hard sledding, and that is the reason that this company has been financed by European capital. That the Hill and Harriman interests have been obstacles in the way of development of independent lines on the coast is patent to everybody. They have been acting the part of the dog in the manger right along. Now that a railroad can be financed by foreign capital, independent of the financial markets of New York, one great obstacle in the way of railroad development has been removed.

Work on financing and perfecting the plans for building this road has been going on for some time, independent of any action being taken by other railroad companies, and it is only a matter of a few days when something new in the way of railroad news—something but few have been expecting—will be given out to the public.

For the present, the informant of The Morning Mail states, all that can be said is that it is certain that the road is to be built at an early date, the line to extend from the Cascades to the Pacific ocean, through Medford, and the vast undeveloped territory west of here, including the extensive timber and mining districts. Where the terminus of the road will be on the coast has not at this time been decided.

SYSTEM NEEDS REPAIRING.

Medford, Or., May 12, 1909.
To the Editor: When the holiday comes on the prudent machinist often avails himself of the opportunity of investigating the machinery while the mill is closed down. On such occasions he goes carefully over it all to see whether some parts are wearing or in danger of a breakdown while seeking to devise improvements that might be needed to better conditions.

Likewise it is well occasionally in the social world to pause and examine into the conditions that lie at the basis of national life. The home is the center of our social and national existence. The mother in our nation is the center of the home. The ancient Jews often spoke of mother as "home," because the mother is the home. The mothers of the future are the girls of today. The character of the girls of today is a question graver than any economic or fiscal question can be. The character of the mothers of tomorrow rests largely in the home training and influence of the mothers of today.

The history of a growing girl is determined largely by the way in which the time is spent between the hours of 7 p. m. and 10 p. m. each day. Home influences exerted at that hour may determine for weal or woe the future of our nation. Mothers, where are your girls in the evening of each and every day? Are they at home with you, with their music, their books and in the full confidence and enjoyment of the bliss of the household circle?

If your daughters are away from you but an occasional evening, do you absolutely know where they are all of the time, and why?

The dishonest and corrupt influences of life can capture no prize so dear as young womanhood. Gold and silver and jewels filched from the unwary bring not a tithe of the exultation that comes from the subjugation of an innocent girl.

The recent investigations in the juvenile court in Jackson county has

laid this matter bare. The girl of 14 to 16 years on the streets after a nightfall is regarded the legitimate prey of vulgarity and harpy that think young womanhood a flower to be crushed under the grinding heel, thereafter to be cast aside and spurned.

And charity seeks often in vain for some means of expending itself effectively. China, India and Africa in turn receive our contributions that a race may be uplifted. This is well. But let us turn from the microscope that views afar, to the telescope that reveals the mysteries at hand, and we shall see a few girls at every village or town, and perhaps many of them in every city, all but homeless and penniless, or, worse still, quite motherless, buffeted about on life's sea, bound for no port, adrift, and menacing the safety of other girls whose lives at some time come in contact with these derelicts.

The home itself should be again scanned by the thoughtful parent, and the thoughtful community should go over its machinery of organization, that the weakness may be corrected, if such peradventure should be found to exist.

VERITAS.

MORGAN TO VISIT COAST.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—Following his investment of \$10,000,000 in California securities, J. P. Morgan is coming to the Pacific coast this summer, according to an announcement made here today. It is believed his visit has significant bearing upon the stupendous financing that is being undertaken by E. H. Harriman for his railroad systems.

Harriman, it is learned, is going to make a trip to Europe in the near future with the intention of bringing back \$150,000,000 of foreign capital for his railroads. Morgan's connection with this plan has not been made public, but it is understood he is taking great interest in the project.

Another proposition in which Morgan will interest himself while in San Francisco is the contemplated erection of a Protestant Episcopal cathedral here. It is understood he has promised Bishop Nichols \$100,000 to be used for this purpose.

SECURED BY RAIL.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—Piled in the offices of United States customs officials at this port are Chinese silk and ivory good sufficient to stock a fair-sized shop. The goods are datable articles seized by the officials on the arrival of the liner Korea from the Orient.

When the vessel reached here both inspectors Sam Sackett, E. E. Snow and C. J. Benniger clambered aboard. A diligent search of suspected passengers and of several cabins brought to light a miscellaneous collection, including many valuable silk patterns, handkerchiefs, ivory backed mirrors and brushes and sandal wood articles. One passenger had 19 pairs of silk trousers sewed up in a heavy quilt.

TAFT'S ECONOMY PLAN.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—President Taft's manner of economy in the purchases of supplies took practical form today when the executive order was issued, the purpose of which is to systematize purchases needed in common by two or more departments and to secure such supplies at lower and uniform prices.

The order creates a general supply committee, chairman of which will be the secretary of the board of awards. Before and after each fiscal year the committee is to prepare one general schedule of all supplies needed in common by any two or more departments and establishments.

CUT-OFF ON O. R. & N.

PORTLAND, May 14.—Announcement that the construction of the O. R. & N. cut-off between Spokane and Coeur d'Alene Lake will be commenced at once was made today by General Manager J. P. O'Brien. Bids have been called for, specifications stating that work must commence by June 1, and the first eight miles must be completed by August 1, with the expectation of the complete cut-off in four months. The new road is to branch off from the present line at Lockwood and extend for 13 miles to the shore of the lake. It will shorten the distance to the lake about 25 miles and make the difference in running time about two hours.

SOME OLD AGES.

RENO, Nev., May 14.—When Sterling Arnold, a farmer near here, reached the ripe age of 103 years yesterday, he ceased heavy work, and his oldest son, a mere lad of 80, is taking his father's place in the fields. With the elder brother are four other sons, the youngest of whom is 52. It was with difficulty that Arnold could persuade his wife to cease heavy work. She will be 100 years old next month.

Arnold was born in North Carolina. He has used tobacco all of his life, but has abstained from liquors. He has been a deacon in the Baptist church for 84 years.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

BOWSER ASKS ADVICE

Seeks Wife's Counsel For Turning Blizzards Into Hot Waves.

REFERRED TO DRUG STORE.

Explains His Latest Idea and is Instructed, While Mrs. Bowser and the Family Cat Sleep—Driven to Dead Line at Last.

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THE Bowser family had eaten dinner and returned to the sitting room and Mr. Bowser had smoked up half his cigar when Mrs. Bowser noticed that he was looking intently at the ceiling. There was evidence that his mind was grasping at some great problem, and after holding his breath for two or three minutes she asked:

"Has any one asked you to invest in a tying machine today?"

"Haven't seen anybody," he replied, with a start. "Have we got a book on chemistry in the house?"

"Not that I remember. You don't think of becoming a chemist, do you?"

"Look here, Mrs. Bowser, an idea came to me today as I looked out of the house and saw the blizzard raging and realized what suffering it meant to poor people. I've been working over it all the afternoon, and I'm getting it down pretty pat. If I can only carry it out I'll leave such a name behind me that Washington's won't be in it. The possibilities are so great that I am almost appalled."

"Did you see in the papers that those eggs were worth 7 cents apiece?" she asked.

"No, I didn't. It's nothing to me whether they are worth 7 cents or 87 apiece. I'm not in the goose egg business."

"I didn't know but that was what you were going into."

"That's you to a dot! No matter how important the subject, you always try to give it a twist. I've got a tre-



"I'll be planting string beans in January."

Mrs. Bowser felt a bit conscience-stricken when he had left the house, but at the same time she realized that her husband's idea was not so absurd as she had at first thought. The family druggist had never hesitated to give Mr. Bowser his opinion on things, and he would not hesitate to do it in this case.

Half an hour went past, then an hour, then two. Then Mrs. Bowser arose and turned down the gas and went upstairs to bed.

Mr. Bowser had told his story to the druggist while the latter was putting up a bottle of cough syrup. He had been listened to with close attention, and when the story was concluded and he had licked the label on to the bottle he quietly answered:

"Sawdust will do it, Bowser."

"But how will sawdust operate on the weather?"

"It won't. It will operate on your head. Fire it into your ear, a whole ton of it."

And while Mrs. Bowser slept at the family cat dreamed and the blizzard raged Mr. Bowser was wedging up and down the street through the driving snow and muttering to himself:

"This is the limit! That woman has driven me to the dead line at last, and divorce follows!" M. QU'AD.

Stellar Repartee.

"How can I catch a comet?"

"Queried Venus in its trail. Then answered boldly Saturn. 'Put salt upon its tail.'"

—Boston Globe.

Hard Dabble.

"He used to be a pessimist and say the world was a bubble. I understand he has changed his opinion."

"Yes. You see, he fell out of an airship not long ago."—New York Herald.

Ratat.

"See how that blond's hair projects all around her head."

"Yes; it looks like a cream puff, doesn't it?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

TO KEEP PRICES UP.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., May 13.—At the second day's session of the National Grain Growers' and Cattle Raisers' association here today, a plan to construct a chain of warehouses in the grain-producing territories for the purpose of holding wheat for high prices was indorsed. At the invitation of the American Society of Equity, the farmers promised to co-operate with that organization.

BRYAN PAYS TRIBUTE.

CANTON, May 14.—Standing today in the mausoleum where rest the remains of the late William McKinley and wife, William J. Bryan paid a silent tribute to the memory of the man who twice defeated him in a presidential race.

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EDUCATIONAL WORK DISPLAY

The educational exhibit prepared by the city schools, under the instruction of Mr. Ruben F. Robinson, county school superintendent of Multnomah county, who has charge of the work in the state, is about complete and will be shipped the middle of the week to Portland and Seattle, where it will be filed and indexed and added to the educational exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition.

Specimens of the work, covering a wide range of subjects, have been placed in the show windows of the Deuel & Kentner store, and have been attracting wide interest.

Mounted on sheets of heavy cardboard, 22x28, is the work of each pupil, covering the regular lines of work in the various branches taught in each grade from the first primary up through the four years of the high school.

The work has been prepared without previous planning and represents, as far as possible, the actual work done from day to day in the classroom. The specimens of composition and language work show that it has been based on a practical study of the products and industries of the valley, and that the pupil has been led to express in his own language what he has seen with his own eyes. The grades visited different orchards, farms and industrial plants, where they were entertained with unfailing courtesy by the owners, and every detail of the enterprise was explained to them. A pleasant half day's outing being combined with the acquisition of valuable information. While some may urge an objection to breaking up the routine of the schools in doing this work, the teachers and superintendent feel that no more important work, from an educational standpoint, has been accomplished during the year than just this. The gain in written expression has been immeasurable, the powers of observation quickened and an interest in practical life aroused that must leave a deep and lasting impress on the plastic mind of the child. The written work is illuminated by many excellent photographs of local scenes.

The exhibit in scientific branches shows drawings of the apparatus and the employment of the best and most modern laboratory methods in reaching conclusions. The history papers, through the United States history taught in the grades, and the ancient, mediæval and modern history taught in the high school, by means of carefully drawn maps, essays and stories on main topics and a correlation with geography show knowledge and understanding of the subject, and best of all, that habits of correct study are being formed.

The drawing papers, and the art shown in illustrating the work in other branches, is a constant surprise when one's attention is called to the fact that no regular drawing teacher has had supervision of the papers. The free-hand drawing shows marked talent in many instances, while the work with pen and pencil correlates all studies.

The exhibits prepared by the commercial department cover, among other subjects, bookkeeping, commercial law and penmanship, and because of the practical utility of these branches, are of more than ordinary interest. The papers are of uniform neatness and show a knowledge of methods and processes leading to speed accuracy in attaining results.

The high school papers in mathematics cover algebra and geometry, plane and solid. The process of demonstration is shown and embellished by drawing, while the operations are clearly indicated. Latin, German and English and American literature furnish material for interesting exhibits that are models of neatness.

The teachers and pupils have been influenced in the preparatory labor by a contagious enthusiasm, and without doubt any loss of time in regular study is more than compensated by the renewed interest and widened horizon resulting for a new line of endeavor.

At the Lewis and Clark fair, Jackson county had no representation in the educational exhibit, and the Medford schools are the only schools in the county that are submitting work to Seattle. The making up of the cardboard sheets into volumes and then into cabinets is an encouragement by which the work is catalogued according to grade and indexed so that the work of any individual pupil in any branch can readily be found.

The display can be seen in Deuel & Kentner's windows until Wednesday, and it is hoped that every one interested in the advancement of the city schools will make an effort to see the work. After the close of the exposition, the exhibit will be returned and will become the permanent property of district No. 49.

The photographs which add so materially to the interest of the written work, are supplied by courtesy of the Commercial club. The interior views at the schoolhouse are taken by Mr. Gregory and the ornamental lettering was done by Mr. B. Klum.

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PORTLAND, May 15.—Only because passengers in the observation car attached to the first section of train No. 15, on the Southern Pacific, saw the rapid approach of the second section in tunnel No. 6, 53 miles north of Ashland, on Monday morning, and ran forward to escape the crash, were their lives saved. According to the report received yesterday by General Superintendent Buckley, of the Harriman lines, gross negligence is charged against Conductor Risley and Sideman Vincent of section No. 1, and against Engineer Webber of section No. 2. All three employees were dismissed from the service yesterday.

As the first section ran out of West Fork the second section ran in and, according to the rule of the road, stopped 10 minutes. Owing to the slippery condition of the rails the first section fell behind her time and was overhauled by the second section. Noticing that the train was falling off, it is charged by the board of inquiry the sideman should have got off and flagged the oncoming train. The conductor shares his blame for not ordering the sideman to do his duty.

As the passengers on the observation car saw the approaching train, the board of inquiry held that Engineer Webber should have seen that he was approaching the first section and slowed accordingly. He is charged with negligence for not keeping a proper lookout.

General Superintendent Buckley said last night that serious loss of life was averted by the action of the passengers running forward and by the fact that both trains were running in the same direction, the second section going but very little faster than the preceding section. As both trains were running up grade, the rate of speed was not great.

SALMON ARE PLENTY.

SEATTLE, May 14.—The sockeye salmon run is expected to break all records, according to State Fish Commissioner Kershaw. The removal of the dams in the Fraser and its tributaries, having restored the breeding grounds, Kershaw says every cannery on the sound is preparing for a big run and there will not be a plant lying idle.

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