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HARRIMAN TO WAR ON HILL

Railroad Magnates Will Lock Horns for Control of Pacific--Fight All Along the Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 12.—Financiers here say that E. H. Harriman and James J. Hill, the two greatest railroad magnates in the world, are preparing to lock horns in a battle for the control of transportation in the west and on the Pacific coast.

Followers of railroad construction say today that the battle beginning in the northwest will be fought out all along the coast into San Francisco.

It is pointed out that the activity of Hill in the Spokane, Portland, Seattle road and the various electric feeders to his road in the northwest is to forestall any development by Harriman that may take away from the Hill roads the valuable traffic of that section of the country.

The proposed road from Tiburon to Portland is supposed to be backed by Hill. Rights of way have been secured by the Hotaling interests and the road will connect with San Francisco via Tiburon and run to Vallejo and the Sacramento river islands, thence to Portland via the Pacific, Napa Valley & Eureka.

HAS MONEY TO INVEST; WORKS REAL ESTATE MEN

A dispatch from Grants Pass to the Telegram says:

A number of the lawyers and real estate men of the Rogue River valley have just been made the victims of a smooth stranger from the east, posing as a laboring man with about \$5000 to invest. In Grants Pass he gave the name of Frank Inman and claimed to have property in Maine. He consulted several lawyers about looking over the abstracts of some property he was preparing to buy, got the real estate man to give him automobile rides over the country, then represented that he was a little short of funds and borrowed about \$2 apiece from each victim. He played the game in Medford and also here, and the supposition is that he is paying his way north by stopping in each town. What makes it so easy for him is that each victim thinks he is going to make anywhere from \$5 to \$200.

M'CREDDIE SAYS TWO TEAMS FOR PORTLAND

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—Walter McCredie, manager of the Portland baseball club, this afternoon declared to the national meeting that it is almost certain that Portland will have two teams next year.

McCredie said that he had consulted Cal Ewing, president of the Coast league, and found that Ewing and every one else was willing for Portland to have two teams.

It was announced this afternoon that Danzig, the Pacific coast infielder, has been sold to the Boston Americans.

PROPERTY OWNERS GOT BUSY WITH SHOVELS

Property owners awake this morning along d'Anjou street only to get busy with their picks and shovels. Out into the street they went and began to dig for dear life. And all because they did not heed the warning of the water committee that the water from the old water main was to be cut off on November 12. The Nash Livory barn took their horses to the creek for water. The Oregon Granite company was forced to shut down their plant. The Emerick cafe and saloons along the row were without a drop of water. For a while consternation reigned and there was a call for men. Not being able to secure these in a hurry, the property owners went out themselves and dug the trenches for the new connection. Then came along Robert King and put in the taps; and once again the water flows merrily through their service cocks.

327 MINERS ARE DEAD AS RESULT OF EXPLOSION IN GERMAN COAL MINE

Rescuers Blocked by Wreckage Flames and Fumes--Entire Population of City Gathers in Vicinity of Mine--Fatalities May Reach Greater Number--Thirty-eight Only Escaped With Their Lives

HAMM, Westphalia, Germany, Nov. 12.—Three hundred and twenty-two men are believed to be either dead or doomed in the burning Badbod coal mine near here. An explosion of fire damp shattered the workings last night and the fire quickly followed. Rescuers today are blocked by the wreckage, flames and fumes, and are unable to reach the chambers where the men are imprisoned.

There were 360 men at work in the mine at the time of the explosion. Thirty-eight escaped, but one of these died today and several others are fatally hurt.

TWO LAND SALES TOTAL TRANSFER OF 2090 ACRES

Honore Palmer Purchases Famous Bybee Ranch Near Eagle Point Los Angeles Men Purchase 850 Acres of Land in Sams Valley

The finest fishing ground along the Rogue river, the stretch running from the Bybee bridge to a mile above the mouth of the Little Butte, is now the property of Honore Palmer, son of the late Chicago multimillionaire, who has purchased the Bybee ranch, comprising 1240 acres of rich bottom land, paying \$37,000 for the same. Probably 200 acres are covered by the river in extreme high water, leaving a thousand acres which will be planted to orchard, to be eventually subdivided into five and ten-acre tracts and placed on the market.

Originally Donation Claims. The Bybee tract is one of the best known in the Rogue River valley and one of the most fertile. It consisted originally of donation land claims, which were acquired half a century ago by the late William Bybee, in whose possession the property remained until a few days before his death. The old Bybee homestead site is in the center of the tract, which, beginning a few hundred yards below the bridge, stretches along both sides of the river for approximately two miles. On the homestead a small orchard was planted by Mr. Bybee over 50 years ago. Though in the years since it has felt neither pruning knife nor spray, the trees are thrifty and laden yearly with fruit. The immense pear trees are annually literally laden down with giant pears of an unknown variety, that average from six to ten inches in length and weigh a pound apiece, showing the natural fitness of the soil, a deep valley loam, for fruit.

Famous for Fishing. At present the tract is leased to various farmers, and alfalfa, grain, corn and a miscellaneous crop are raised. Most of the land lies on the north side of the Rogue, though a narrow strip, reaching to the top of the bluff, runs along the south side of the stream. A heavy forest covers a portion of the land along the river and it is estimated that \$10,000 worth of cordwood can be cut thereon. This section of the Rogue is famous for fishing and is known to every angler in the west. It is here that Toggery Hill has made the famous catches shown in photographs that have gone around the world, and it is here that Mansfield, the champion fly-caster, and other anglers of wide repute, have fought battles with the biggest and gamest trout the world produces. Palmer's Third Investment. The sale was made by Dr. J. F. Reddy, who closed the deal while in Chicago, from whence he has just returned. It is the third investment the Palmers have made in the Rogue River valley, the Weeks orchards, for which they paid \$26,000, being the first and the Medford copper mine in the Blue Ledge district being the second. Other deals are said to be in prospect.

IS TAINTED WHILE IN CREEK

No Contamination Exists in the Water of Fish Lake As It Does in Water From Butte Creek

Whatever contamination of Fish lake water occurs takes place after the water has left the lake, according to a report received from Dr. Ralph Matson, bacteriologist to the state board of health, by Dr. E. B. Pickett, for the water of the lake shows no bacillus coli communis present, as does the water taken near the spot it is proposed to take the water in diverting it to this city.

When Dr. Pickett forwarded the sample of water from Little Butte creek, taken above the Hanley ford, he also forwarded samples of water from Big Butte and Fish lake. Both of the latter have been pronounced pure and free from any bacteria, but the water in Little Butte after it flows for 15 miles down the creek from Fish lake, is pronounced unfit for domestic use.

The report of Dr. Matson on Fish lake water follows: Portland, Nov. 10, 1908.—To the State Board of Health, Portland, Oregon.—Gentlemen: I have to report completion of examination of specimen of water received from Dr. E. B. Pickett of Medford, Oregon. This specimen was taken from Fish lake, and upon examination, shows no bacillus coli communis present. Would, therefore, pronounce same safe for drinking or domestic purposes. Yours very truly, RALPH C. MATSON, Bacteriologist to the State Board.

BASEBALL A NEW GAME? NO, OLD AS THE HILLS!

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—Baseball is not a modern game, and all credit for the invention of it should go to the mound builders.

This declaration was made today by Professor Frederick Starr of the University of Chicago in a lecture delivered to his class in prehistoric archaeology. Professor Starr declares that through the southern part of Ohio and Indiana he has found geometrically perfect mounds or inclosures closely resembling the modern baseball diamond. These are generally believed to have been built for purposes of protection, but Professor Starr says "They are nothing more or less than old ball fields of the mound builders. The game as played by these old people resembled our modern game closely. A ball made of wood or stone and inclosed in skins was used, and it was batted with sticks such as in the present day game. The most essential difference is that our game calls for only nine players, while in prehistoric times as many as 100 men were necessary."

How many innings they played, how many runs they made, whether a game with 100 players lasted longer than a cricket match, or whether the cry of "kill the umpire" was ever raised were points as to which the learned professor did not enlighten his hearers. Professor Starr said, however, that the one in "base at the bat." "There was no joy in Medville, for Casey had 'trick out,' came from Medville, a noted mound builder in Ohio. He thinks the championship in those days was in a mound Chicago.

NEW CULT FORMED: WILL GO FURTHER THAN MRS. EDDY

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—The League of Right Living is the name of a new cult which Bishop Fallows of St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal church announces today, will be started all over the United States. He is to be "president" of the new sect and local centers are to be established in all parts of the country. The bishop says that the new cult will go farther than Christian Science without taking the same attitude as Mrs. Eddy's followers toward medicine. The religion taught by the bishop and his followers is to be based on what is termed the proper way to live. "We will now devote ourselves merely to the care of the sick and the relief of suffering," said Bishop Fallows today. "We will set for ourselves the task of discovering our unguessed powers and making them available." Noted neurologists have agreed to contribute articles for study. The new cult will endeavor to make disease less frequent than it is at present by teaching right living, right behavior and right thinking.

POSTAL DEFICIT FOR LAST FISCAL YEAR 16 MILLIONS



SECOND ASSISTANT POST MASTER GENERAL STEWART.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The second assistant postmaster general, Joseph Stewart, has announced that the postal deficit for the last fiscal year was \$16,910,278.99, the greatest in the history of the country. He suggested that, as a means of preventing a deficit, a special local parcels post be inaugurated over rural free delivery routes. Stewart declared that the establishment of this parcels post would wipe out the deficit ultimately by making the rural free delivery routes self-supporting. Postal receipts for the last fiscal year were \$191,478,062.41 and the expenditures were \$208,388,341.42. The receipts for the fiscal year 1908 exceeded those of the fiscal year 1907 by \$7,893,637.84. The postal receipts for October, 1908, showed a general increase over the receipts for the same month last year. The statements of the receipts from the 50 largest postoffices in the United States show that New York received \$1,704,797.09 during this month, a 6 per cent increase over the receipts for the same month last year. San Francisco is high on the list with \$192,998.06, an increase of nearly 6 per cent over October, 1908.

INJURED BY RUNAWAY TEAM

Mrs. Dowling Rendered Unconscious by a Fall From High Seat of Wagon--General Mix-up

Mrs. Dowling, a resident of South Medford, was rendered unconscious Thursday morning by being hurled from the high seat of a wagon when the team her husband was driving became frightened and started to run away on South E street. Mrs. Dowling was also thrown to the ground, but beyond a shaking up was uninjured. Mrs. Dowling was carried into the store of Mordorf & Wolf and Dr. E. B. Pickett attended her.

The team was the cause of another runaway, they frightening a team of mules being driven by L. B. Minear. These mules tore the reach out of a spring wagon and made away towards the depot of the Rogue River Valley railroad. They straddled a handcar, which hung upon the track, stopping the mules. A third runaway was only averted by someone catching the head of an animal standing in front of Mordorf & Wolf's into which the team belonging to Dowling crashed. For a while there was plenty of excitement in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Dowling was removed to her home after she had regained consciousness. Beyond a few bruises and a cut shoulder she was uninjured, although stunned by the fall. Dowling's team are rather frisky and started the mules by one of them jumping up and straddling the pole. That the fractures did not result in a fatality is due to luck.

FLASHES FROM THE WIVES.

The alleged jumping of a million-dollar gold claim on the third bench at Nome by the Pioneer Mining company and other companies is the charge that the attorneys of Henry Tomlinson are gathering evidence today to prove. Miss Ida E. Miller, a well known realty dealer of San Francisco, is in the city prison today awaiting the outcome of a charge of forgery that has been placed against her by Miss Frances Chatten, a wealthy woman, who accuses Miss Miller of having forged her name as endorsement to several notes. The traction lines of Cleveland, which have been the basis of a long legal struggle, are to be operated under the direction of Judge Robert W. Taylor. Charles Dana Gilson is on his way to Seattle today to begin a series of pen and ink sketches of "Barly West-enders," which will appear in the magazine.

Three Pullman coaches attached to the 20th Century limited, the New York Central's New York Chicago flyer, were derailed east of this city at 3 o'clock Thursday morning. The occupants were thrown from their berths, but aside from bruises none was injured. Abe Attel and Freddie Welsh will begin active work today for their scheduled 15-round battle before the Jeffries Athletic club Thanksgiving eve. Deeming that Mrs. Belle Guinness, the mysterious widow of the La Porte murder farm is still alive, Ray Lamphere has caused subpoenas to be issued for her.

WES GREEN RESIDENCE SOLD TO MRS. CARROLL

The residence of Wes Green on J street has been sold to Mrs. Captain Carroll, the consideration being \$3100. The Jacob Olsen property northwest of the city some three miles, consisting of 16 acres of alfalfa and improvements, has been sold to L. E. Loomis for \$5000.

TRONSON & GUTHRIE RECORD APPLE PRICE

The highest price received in the Rogue River valley for apples in 1908 is that secured by Tronson & Guthrie for fancy fruit from their Eagle Point orchard. They have received \$4.50 a box for Spitzenburgs, f. a. b. the railroad, and \$3.75 for Newtowns. The purchases were made by California parties and by one of Portland's leading clubs. Last year this same fruit obtained \$3 a box, and 50 boxes at that figure were obtained by E. H. Harriman. The apples are the choicest ever shipped from the valley and well worth the fancy figure obtained.

WILLIAM BYBEE NEW EPWORTH LEAGUE BRANCH

Pioneer of Jackson County Dies At Residence in Jacksonville Rev. Goulder Organized New Chapter--Surprised By Many Friends

William Bybee, one of the oldest pioneers of the valley, coming to this county in 1854, and who has since that time been one of the best known men in southern Oregon, died Wednesday morning at his home in Jacksonville, of the advanced age of 78 years and 5 months.

For some time Mr. Bybee had been suffering from stomach trouble and had been gradually growing weaker, the end coming as no surprise to his family and friends.

Mr. Bybee was at one time the largest land holder in the country. He owned immense acreages of land on all sides and had most of them improved to a considerable extent. His place near Eagle Point is one of the landmarks of the valley. Coming to the valley, as he did, at an early date, he was able to secure land that today is worth thousands of dollars.

In Clarke county, Kentucky, Mr. Bybee first saw the light of day, being born in 1830. He came across the plains to Oregon in 1852 and in 1854 settled in Jacksonville. He married Miss Elizabeth Walker in 1864, of the union resulting in 11 children, five of whom survive their father and mother, Mrs. Bybee passing away in 1899. These are Mrs. Fred Luy of this city, Mrs. Charles Prim and Frank Bybee of Jacksonville and William and Robert Bybee.

Mr. Bybee was in political life to a considerable extent in the county, being twice elected sheriff. He was a member of the Jacksonville lodge of Odd Fellows.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence at King's book store this evening at 7:30.

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