

FOR GOOD OF CITY

Improvement Association's Big Rally.

MANY NEW MEMBERS SECURED

President Frank B. Gibson and G. M. Hyland Speak Upon the Necessity and the Methods of Civic Renovation.

The Lewis and Clark Civic Improvement Association rally at the Marquam last evening was one of the biggest and most enthusiastic public gatherings ever held in the city, and those who attended were pleased with the excellent program.

President Frank B. Gibson acted as chairman, and in his opening remarks dwelt at length upon the opportunities for civic improvement in Portland, which he considers one of nature's garden spots. He told of the good work done by the various civic improvement associations in the East and Middle West, and urged his hearers to ally themselves with the association, which he said must have the support of citizens generally before any great results can be looked for.

At the conclusion of his address Mr. Gibson announced that Mrs. Helen Ladd-Corbett had just sent in her card of membership, and with it a check for \$5, a gift to the association. The announcement, as well as a speech by Mr. Gibson, was heartily cheered.

The second number on the program was an amusing recitation by Miss Luce, after which Dr. J. P. Cummins, of the "Hygiene Council," graciously responded to an encore. His daughter, Miss Inez Cummins, played the accompaniment. A quartet of drunks, ambling along with wheelbarrows and carrying a case of the Street Cleaning Department, then appeared on the stage, singing a number of beautiful Southern melodies.

The next number was an illustrated stereoscopic lecture by G. M. Hyland, one of the enthusiastic members of the association. He spoke for half an hour, telling of the work of the improvement societies and push clubs of Eastern cities, and illustrating each topic with excellent views. The last view was a portrait of President Theodore Roosevelt, himself an ardent worker for civic improvement and civic reform. The lecture was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present.

Mr. Albert Sheldon then sang "Love's Sacred Trust," and responded to loud demands for "Palm Springs," which was a selection by the quartet. After the meeting some 75 new members joined the association.

IN FAVOR OF FIRMIN.

Haytian Navy Goes Over to the New Republic.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, May 14.—Admiral Kilich, commander of the Haytian fleet, has just received word from the Haytian warship Crete-Pirot and Toussaint L'Ouverture, having declared himself in favor of General Firmin, the head of the revolutionary forces in the northern part of the country.

The northern revolutionists have seized the Custom-Houses of Cape Haytien, Port de Paix and Gonival, and are collecting duties. Protests against this action by the part of General Firmin have been entered by the National Bank and the diplomatic corps.

A severe engagement between the Northern revolutionists and the Southern forces, meaning the troops from Port au Prince, and the cities in its vicinity, is expected to take place tomorrow or the day after. A steamer from Kingston, Jamaica, is expected here today or Thursday, bringing a number of Haytians who have been in exile. Among them are MM. Fouchard and Scavoque Pierre, two more candidates for the Presidency.

After the embarkation of General Sam all the political prisoners were released, and last night, they, with groups of drunks, paraded the streets. Shots were fired from the buildings, and it was feared that the plundering of stores and residences would follow. The provisional government constituted by M. Besevond, Canal chief, is reported as attempting to control the situation, but General Felix Colin, the district commander, General Keboue, the Chief of Police and the Municipal and Communal Magistrate, are the only officials who appear to be exercising authority. They formed a corps of respectable citizens yesterday and succeeded in disarming most of the dangerous revolutionists. The night was much quieter than it would otherwise have been.

Will Send American Warship.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—In view of the critical state of affairs in Haiti and Santo Domingo, the Navy Department is making plans to send the training ship Topeka, now at Port Royal, S. C., to Santo Domingo City to fill the place made vacant by the dispatch of the Cincinnati to Martinique. Orders have gone forward to have the Topeka made ready for sea, and unless the situation in the two little republics is materially alleviated, she will sail for the scene of trouble in a short time.

More Trouble Promised.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, May 14.—The provisional government of Hayti, which was established by Bolivar, has sanctioned the Haytian exiles in Jamaica, who are arranging to charter a steamer and proceed to Port au Prince at the earliest opportunity. According to reliable information which has reached here there will be a continuation of the serious trouble in Hayti. The party supporting M. Fouchard in his claims to the Presidency of Hayti, is determined to make an effort to get into power.

Potter Palmer's Scheme.

CHICAGO, May 14.—With the filing of the will of the late Potter Palmer is made public an exceptionally interesting and costly project to a remarkable project by which Chicago would have been very much benefited in certain contingencies. When the donor died and his family were leaving for a trip abroad four years ago the testator contemplated an emergency that they might all meet death together in some disaster. In this event Mr. Palmer provided for the establishment of a state should go to establish an immense People's Palace, where free opportunity should be given to the people of Chicago for entertainment and recreation, and for physical, mental and moral development through lectures and classes, and for instruction in the nature of our political institutions and the duties of citizenship, and the arts and sciences. The trust bequeathed in equal proportion to his collateral heirs and Mrs. Palmer's collateral heirs. But there is no suggestion in the will that this scheme be now carried out.

Practical Charity.

CHICAGO, May 14.—At the annual meeting of the Chicago Bureau of Charities, which has been held in Music Hall, two

Arts Building, Franklin MacVeagh, who provided the century is notable for its scientific scrutiny of all things. Charities also had been scrutinized, and two conclusions had been derived—the first, that relief is not sufficient, and the second, that charity is not sufficient. Charities also had been scrutinized, and two conclusions had been derived—the first, that relief is not sufficient, and the second, that charity is not sufficient.

Edward Everett Hale, of Boston, commended Chicago's charities rather than at the expense of Boston. Dr. Hale would it was great charity to give man bread and cheese, unless one uplifted the man and helped him to improve. He did not mean by this that the man was to learn the Westerner's catchism or the 32 articles. Men were all poor in that each was dependent on somebody, and only the realization that all could bear one another's burden would result in the right condition of society.

The secretary's report showed that the year's totals were \$41,344, and the disbursements, \$38,220.

COLLEGE OF GOVERNMENT

Roosevelt Lays Corner-Stone of McKinley Memorial School.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—In the presence of a large audience, President Roosevelt today laid the corner-stone of the McKinley Memorial College of Government of the American University, located a few miles outside of the city, in the northwestern part of the District of Columbia. When completed the building will be devoted to studies embracing diplomacy, municipal government, arbitration, civics and history.

On the platform, besides the President, were Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Secretary Hay, Senators Hanna and Dooliver, Bishop Willard F. Mallicet, of Massachusetts, and many other distinguished educational and church work. Senator Dooliver, of Iowa, spoke briefly of the life and character of the late President McKinley, and said that his district should build the college that is to teach the science of government in the name of the great exponent of good and strong government. The last number was an address by the late President McKinley and the pastor under whose ministrations he sat.

Our marveled President is here today in spirit, and if we search our hearts to learn where we could do higher and nobler deeds—if that example were necessary to inspire the working of this country, in broader and more liberal and higher motives of social and governmental life, then indeed "His will, not ours, be done."

The speaking came to a close with a brief address by President Roosevelt, who said: "Ladies and Gentlemen: I am to say but a word. Nothing more may be said than has been said already by those who have addressed you this afternoon—the statesmen who worked with McKinley and the pastor under whose ministrations he sat. "It is indeed appropriate that the Methodists of America, the men belonging to that religious organization which furnished the pioneers in carving out of the West what is now the heart of the great American Republic, should found this great university in the City of Washington, and should build the college that is to teach the science of government in the name of the great exponent of good and strong government. The last number was an address by the late President McKinley and the pastor under whose ministrations he sat."

"I thank you for having given me the opportunity this afternoon to come before you and lay the corner-stone of this building. The President then, with a trowel in his hand, threw in the mortar and the stone was lowered slowly into position, and at some later date it will be raised sufficiently high to permit of the placing of a number of relics in the zinc box within. The hymn, "The olden melody," was sung at the President's request, and the services closed with a benediction.

BANKERS' CONVENTION

Ex-Controller Dawes Speaks Against Asset Currency.

KANSAS CITY, May 14.—The Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Indian Territory Bankers' Association held a separate meeting this forenoon, and all convened in final joint session this afternoon. "Asset Currency" was the topic discussed at the joint meeting. Addresses were made by G. C. Hainford, Chicago, president of the Commercial Bank, and Charles G. Dawes, ex-Controller of the Currency. Mr. Dawes spoke against asset currency, and in favor of an "emergency currency" which would not be subject to so large a tax that it will not only be made safe, but cannot be used as an instrument of current business. A discussion of the papers followed.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. J. Cook, a prominent business man of Astoria, is at the Imperial. M. T. Nolan, the well-known politician of the Dalles, is a guest at the Perkins. John Ditchner, Jr., who has been very sick with typhoid pneumonia, is recovering. W. T. Fletcher, an instructor of Pacific University, is registered at the Imperial Forest Grove. E. H. Morrison, of Fairfield, Wash., is in the city. He is investigating the portage road project, and will probably be one of the incorporators. C. E. Curry, formerly local manager for W. McCNear, but recently in charge of the Northwest Warehouse Company's affairs in San Francisco, arrived from the Bay City yesterday morning, and will remain a few days, renewing acquaintances and his youth.

Up the Columbia.

With a perfectly clear atmosphere, no gusts and with a strong breeze, this undoubtedly is the best time of year to see the magnificent scenery along the Columbia River. The train from Union depot any day at 3 p. m. for Cascade Locks or The Dalles; or the train for Astoria, which leaves at 10 a. m. for Astoria, and 2 p. m. for The Dalles; or the train for Portland at 3:30 p. m. Or, if preferred, return may be made from Cascade Locks or The Dalles via the Columbia River and about 4 p. m. Ticket office, Third and Washington streets.

ANSWERS WIFE'S SUIT.

J. H. Fox, Dentist That He is a Drunkard and a Wealthy Man. J. H. Fox yesterday filed an answer in the State Circuit Court to the complaint of his wife, Kate J. Fox, in which she asks for a divorce. He denies that he is a drunkard, or that he has a considerable sum of money in the bank. He says he has only a small amount and alleges that

SAVAGE JURY DISMISSED

FAILS TO REACH A VERDICT IN DIAMOND ROBBERY CASE.

Six Stood for Conviction and Six for Acquittal—Frankie Thomas Faces New Charge.

The jury in the Charles Savage diamond robbery case, being unable to agree, was discharged by Judge Fraser yesterday morning. The jury stood six for conviction and a like number for acquittal. On motion of Deputy District Attorney John Manning, the retrial of Savage was at once begun. Before the case against Charles Savage was taken up, the information against Frankie Thomas, accusing her of being connected with the robbery of the diamonds, was dismissed. It had been set for trial yesterday, but

he is not able to pay alimony other than the court may deem reasonable from his financial condition. He admits that he has some property, the title to which is in the name of his wife, and he asserts that he only makes about \$80 per month from his business.

TRIAL JURORS DRAW.

Thirty-Six Men Summoned to Sit on United States Cases. Judge Bellinger made an order yesterday in the United States Court for the drawing of 36 trial jurors to appear in court June 5. There are some 15 criminal cases on the docket to be set for trial, besides a number of civil cases. There are three cases of perjury in regard to public land matters from Willoua County, which are quite important. There are six cases connected with postoffice matters, such as using the mails for illegal purposes, forging indorsements to money orders etc. Several "whisky-to-infants" cases will complete the list and in addition there are nine timber land trespass cases and a postoffice case left over from last term. Following are the names of the 36

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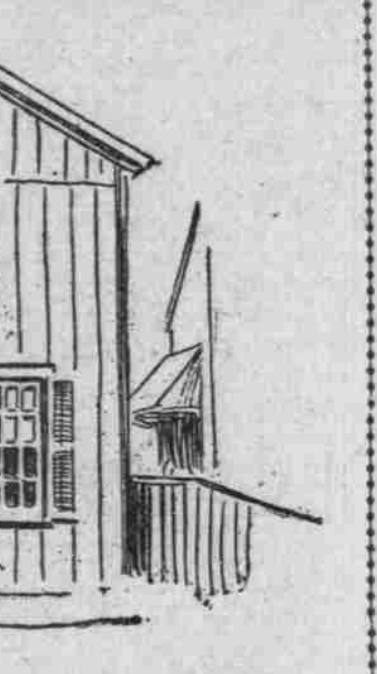
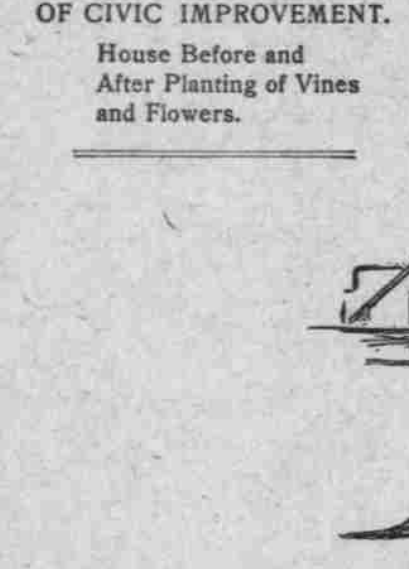
WILL VISIT PORTLAND ON HIS ROUTE TO THE EAST.

Probably Reach Portland Tomorrow—Accompanied by General Manager Krutzschmitt—Road Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—E. H. Harriman, president of the Southern Pacific Company, started on his return trip East this evening by way of Portland, Or. He was accompanied by General Manager Julius Krutzschmitt. President Harriman has let an additional contract for the reconstruction of a part of the Central Pacific. The work includes three tunnels and some grading and masonry work, near Colton, Nev. The surveys for the extension of the Oregon Short

SCENES SHOWING WORK OF CIVIC IMPROVEMENT.

House Planting and After Planting of Vines and Flowers.



In the case decided today, the plaintiff brought suit to compel the railroad to reconvey to him the quarter section of land upon the payment of the amount named. The road's defense was that the act was no longer binding, and that the defendant bought the land at a judicial sale held by decree of the United States Court. The court, however, held that the act was still binding on the road and it assigns. The decree will affect a great amount of land in several states. The case will be appealed.

CARNEGIE IS EULOGIZED

GIVEN THE FREEDOM OF THE PLUMBERS' COMPANY.

Says He Has More Millions to Give Away for the Education of the People.

LONDON, May 14.—The freedom of the Plumbers' Company was presented to Andrew Carnegie today at the Guild Hall, in a valuable casket of various metals. Replying to the presentation address, Mr. Carnegie declared he thought it more difficult conscientiously to distribute wealth than to acquire it. "It is the swimming tenth and not the submerged tenth which we are greatly benefited," he said. Any satisfaction which he has derived from his gifts arose from what he had induced individuals and communities to give. "I think it will be found," he said, "that far from being philanthropic I am engaged in making the best bargains of my life. For instance, when New York had been given over 21,000,000 for 73 libraries, I succeeded in arranging a pledge from her that she would furnish sites and maintain these libraries forever. Her investment (I hope this may not go across the Atlantic) among others produced a bare-banded mine. This is not philanthropy. It is a clever stroke of business. I am open to propositions of a similar character from cities in any part of the English-speaking world."

Mr. Carnegie gave numerous instances of how much to the inventive genius of Great Britain her giant child, America, owes for her present condition. He said that all England could gain from America could not be compared with what America had received from England. Dealing with international relations, Mr. Carnegie is reported to say that he never in his day had the American people and Government been so lovingly inclined toward the old home as at present, and he has seen the coming forces of international matters revealed itself so clearly. He concluded with saying that the possibility of the English-speaking people killing each other is not a possibility, and that in the event of a difference no government on either side of the Atlantic could resist the offer of the other side of the Atlantic to arbitrate. He believed that serious quarrel can ever arise when that offer will not be made by one or the other.

After the casket had been presented to Mr. Carnegie the key was handed by the chairman to Mrs. Carnegie, "to hold in conjunction with the key to your husband's heart." It was accepted by Mrs. Carnegie, who stood up and was greeted with a cheer.

When the eulogies of Mr. Carnegie were concluded, the Worshipful Company of Plumbers and their guests adjourned to the Luttrell Tavern, where they were entertained by Lord Mayor, Sir Joseph Dimsdale, Count M. Matsukata, Japanese ex-Premier and Minister of Finance, Sir Albert Kays Rolfe, ex-President of the London Chamber of Commerce, several ex-Mayors of London; the Lord Mayors of Leeds and Liverpool; a dozen Mayors of various towns; John R. Carter, Second Secretary of the United States Ambassador in London; Mr. Carter; Mr. and Mrs. George Westinghouse, and several members of the House of Commons.

Wants a Spanish Company.

MADRID, May 14.—It is reported here that J. P. Morgan is coming to Spain, in order to negotiate for the entry of the Spanish Trans-Atlantic Company into the United States. The company was the Trans-Atlantic Company, however, informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that while they have not yet received proposals on the subject, they would not refuse the idea of purchasing the matter, if Mr. Morgan comes. The company is subsidized by the Spanish Government, and in view of the present condition of the treasury it would gladly cancel the arrangement.

Steel Trust's Conversion Plan.

NEW YORK, May 14.—A member of the underwriting syndicate authorizes the statement that the conversion of the common and preferred shares of the United States Steel Corporation has been surrendered in compliance with the plan to retire the \$200,000,000 of preferred stock. This is said to practically assure the success of the conversion plan, which comes before the stockholders for final action next Monday.

Rogers' Gift to Museum.

NEW YORK, May 14.—General appraisal of the estate left by Jacob S. Rogers, the locomotive-builder, shows that, as his legacy, the Metropolitan Museum of Art will get \$574,000.

CEREALS OR MEAT.

A Prepared Food Helps to Solve the Problem of Good Living.

PRICES OF MEAT GO UP.

"While the average housekeeper may be ignorant as to the value of meat, it has become a fact of life that the price of meat is due to other causes, if she is a woman of moderate means, she has become convinced that she must economize on meat, and it is a good idea to purchase a reliable prepared food for the main fare of her family," says the Buffalo Express. "It is not an entirely new thing, this advance in the price of meat, and it is ever rumored that prices have not yet reached their limit, but certain it is that the cost of living for the average family has increased rapidly of late, and it is becoming an article of diet that must necessarily be eliminated from the daily fare of the very poor and has become almost a luxury even to those who have a moderate income. It is necessary to depend upon the family food."

"Today domestic science and public opinion have joined in teaching an important lesson to the housewife, the necessity of consuming a body-building food, supplying material that will keep nerves, muscles, bones, flesh and brain in the proper condition, feeding into the human engine the fuel needed to make good the constant waste."

A food expert at Battle Creek, Mich., has produced a food, especially intended to supply more nutriment than meat, fish or fowl, and that costs the consumer about one cent a meal. It is called "Grape-Nuts," and has more nutriment for the brain and nervous system, and is an economy that reduces the cost of housekeeping to the minimum and at the same time pleases the palate. "Grape-Nuts" is a common food, and about four teaspoonfuls with cream is sufficient for the cereal part of a meal. It requires no cooking or preparation of any kind, and is ready for immediate use and suited to the laborer, athlete, brain worker, epicure and invalid.

Sol Smith's Russell's Will.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The will of Sol Smith Russell, the actor, was filed today. The estate, mostly real, is valued at \$150,000. The only heirs are the widow, Mrs. Alice Adams Russell, and two children, Robert and Alice. The document is very brief and leaves everything to the widow.

Too Great a Risk.

In almost every neighborhood some one has died from typhoid fever. It is a morbid, often before medicine could be procured or a physician summoned. A reliable remedy has been found, and is kept at hand. The risk is too great for any one to take. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has undoubtedly saved the lives of more people and relieved more pain and suffering than any other medicine. It is ready for use at any time and in any place. For sale by all druggists.

jurors drawn by United States Marshal Housser and Jury Commissioner E. D. McKee: Henry T. Mitchell, merchant, Portland; H. W. Coolidge, farmer, Dallas; Isaac Kaufman, capitalist, Portland; Daniel Baker, farmer, Greenview; Edward L. Alken, merchant, Portland; H. L. White, farmer, Rock Point; T. J. Elliott, farmer, Beaver Creek; Frank E. Cook, merchant, Astoria; William E. Prushomme, printer, Portland; S. Grier, hvyman, Baker City; P. W. Morgan, farmer, North Yamhill; J. C. Christianson, farmer, Elgin; Frank T. Barlow, merchant, Oregon City; E. T. Hatch, farmer, McCoy; L. O. Stewart, capitalist, Forest Grove; George L. Story, insurance agent, Portland; Alfred B. Church, plumber, Portland; Charles Hill, farmer, Biglow; William Melville, hvyman, Pendleton; Alva H. Averill, hardware merchant, Portland; William Bells, merchant, Portland; W. W. Collins, farmer, Sevier; William M. Jack, merchant, Portland; A. Van Wessenhoven, Jr., farmer, Champoug; Gustaf Wilander, clerk, Portland; Nat Cooper, bookkeeper, Baker City; William M. Manning, farmer, North Yamhill; W. T. Grimm, farmer, Hubbard; W. H. Jordan, capitalist, Portland; Alfred H. Church, plumber, Portland; John E. Miller, farmer, Monmouth; S. B. Thomas, farmer, Hubbard; S. J. Shrumman, farmer, Florence; John Nolan, farmer, Warren.

Line southwest across Nevada and California to Los Angeles have been completed. Ludlow, San Bernardino County, and the work of grading is to be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. Mr. Harriman is well pleased with his visit to Portland, and the local officials of the Southern Pacific have intimated that he will make no changes.

NO GRANTS IN ALASKA.

Railroads There Must Go Without Government Protection.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The House committee on public lands today decided to report adversely all bills granting alternate sections of land to aid in the construction of proposed railroads in Alaska. There are four bills pending for this purpose, as follows: Trans-Alaska Railway, from Cook's Inlet to Behring Sea; Chilkat Railway Company, from Haines Mission to Behring Straits; Alaska Southern Railroad Company, from Unuk River to the most easterly point in Alaska; Alaskan, Gulf & Yukon Railway, from Valdez to Eagle City. The committee takes the position that if one land grant is to be made, innumerable others will follow, and that not only will much of the valuable land of the territory be thus controlled by the railroads, but unending litigation will ensue over lands covered by grants where there is a failure to complete the road. It is contended that if there is a demand for roads in Alaska these roads will be constructed without Government aid.

Mortgage Suit Settled.

The suit of Harry F. McKay, against Margaret Ferris, et al., to foreclose a mortgage for \$1000 on property on Union street, was dismissed in the State Circuit Court yesterday, the case having been settled. The mortgage was executed by Mrs. Ferris to Thomas Gibbons, and was assigned to Gibbons by McKay. The dismissal of this case probably ends all of the differences between Mrs. Ferris and Gibbons, who was formerly her guardian and the custodian of her property.

Joint Agent in Portland.

Louis Bayreiss arrived from Chicago yesterday morning to open and have charge of a joint agency for the Transcontinental Passenger Association. The agency will be opened May 27 on the ground floor of the Chamber of Commerce building, on the Third-street side, and it will be continued until September 28. The purpose of it is to validate the return portions of excursion tickets to the T. P. A. and A. O. U. W. conventions and other meetings on account of which returned rates are given. This method of validation cuts out most of the opportunity for scalping. It costs 50 cents for each ticket, but this is in the contract when the ticket is purchased. Mr. Bayreiss served in this capacity for the Central Passenger Association at Buffalo and Charleston during the exhibitions there.

Decisions by Judge Sears.

Judge Sears will announce decisions this morning in the following cases: J. H. C. Bredren vs. J. C. Havelly et al.; demurrer to amended complaint. L. H. Curtis vs. Guaranty Savings & Loan Association; demurrer to complaint. S. C. Beach vs. Guaranty Savings & Loan Association; demurrer to complaint.

Articles of Incorporation.

Supplemental articles of incorporation of the Skookum Oil Company were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday by G. C. Sears, Phil Metcham, Joseph M. Woodworth, D. H. Turner, J. C. Porter and S. A. Brown, increasing the capital stock from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Suit to Recover Mortgage.

James W. Welch has sued C. W. Shively and wife in the State Circuit Court to recover \$75 balance due on a note for \$300, issued to A. B. Hammond in 1915, at Astoria.

Petitions in Bankruptcy.

Charles Cross, of Union County, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States Court. His liabilities amount to \$200; assets, \$50, except a Thomas J. Chandler, of Elgin, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. His liabilities amount to \$2,671 3/4; assets, nothing.

Completed Trans-Siberian Line.

SEATTLE, May 14.—The Trans-Siberian Railway is completed all but the opening of a tunnel one and one-half miles in length and will be ready for general traffic the latter part of this year, according to George Janson, who for a number of years has been a construction engineer on the road. The railroad will connect Seattle yesterday from the Far East, and is on his way to St. Petersburg, his home, which he has not visited for several years. He has been employed on the Trans-Siberian Railway ever since he completed his education in St. Petersburg, and is returning to Russia through the United States in order to observe the conditions here and the progress made in all material lines.

Renowned Sale of the Monon.

NEW YORK, May 14.—In the best informed circles in Wall street today there was discussion of a statement emanating from the authoritative sources that the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Railway, generally known as the Monon road, had been purchased by the Louisville & Nashville, and the public opinion was said to be that this securing absolute control of an independent entrance to Chicago. While the details were not made public, the acquisition of the Monon by the Chicago & North Western was believed to be a serious quarrel can ever arise when that offer will not be made by one or the other.

Annual Meeting Today.

President Mohler and Directors W. H. Kennedy and E. S. Benson will attend the annual meeting of the Inwaco Railway & Navigation Company at Northwest Washington today. No important change is contemplated for this meeting.

BOOK AGENT SWINDLE.

Kanans City Men Use the Mails for Fraudulent Purposes.

KANSAS CITY, May 14.—V. D. Snyder and F. W. Stewart, of Kanans City, vice-president of the Union Wholesale Company, with headquarters in Kansas City, pleaded guilty in the Federal Court here today to three indictments charging them with making fraudulent use of the mails. Sentences will be passed next Monday. The Federal authorities, who have been working up the case against the men for some time, are characterizing the scheme of the company as one of the biggest frauds that has ever been operated through the United States mails. The concern had been thoroughly exposed by the division in the Federal Court, and the victims brought suit. The concern was regularly incorporated, and the statement of the capital stock of \$2000 gave them a rating. The firm dealt in books and advertised for persons to take charge of branch agencies. Correspondents were required to bring a letter of credit for \$200 or \$500 for \$1000 to cover the cost of the books with which to do business. The prospective agent was promised a salary on condition that he hold a certain amount of stock in the concern, but this was worthless and utterly unusable. When any of those who were caught made trouble, they were sued for damages. Such a suit was brought by Stewart, and in the civil court the latter secured judgment against W. S. Corby, who caused Stewart's arrest by Federal officers in Denver. Snyder was arrested in Chicago a month ago.

Stabbed by a Burglar.

FORT SMITH, Ark., May 14.—P. H. Davis, a wealthy wholesale merchant of Fort Smith, was stabbed five times in an encounter in his bedroom with a negro burglar early this morning. Davis shot the criminal in the groin, but the latter escaped. The burglar's wounds are serious. The negro's clothes were found in the office of a negro doctor. The doctor has disappeared. Davis' wounds are serious.

Inquest in Hotel Mystery.

NEW YORK, May 14.—The inquest into the death of Walter Brooks, the young commission merchant, who was found dead in the Glen Island Hotel, was begun today by Coroner Brown. Florence Burns, who was arrested on suspicion of being responsible for the death, but was discharged from custody at the conclusion of the Police Magistrate's hearing, was represented by counsel. George Washington, a negro hotel servant, told of showing Brooks and a woman to a room in the hotel. He said he saw the woman's face when he carried some soda to the room. After Mrs. Burns' arrest he identified her as the woman he saw in the hotel. Alfred P. Testevins said Florence Burns had been in his home and his mother nearly all of November, 1920. Testevins was sure that a comb found in the Glen Island Hotel was one that had belonged to Florence Burns.

Persecution in Oklahoma.

GUTHRIE, O. T., May 14.—Acting on the complaint of white citizens of Pottawatomie County, United States Attorney C. H. Starnes has secured the arrest of residents of that section, charged with attempting to dispossess Helen Bonner, colored, of her homestead. He threatened to kill her unless she would relinquish the claim and leave the country. As she has received her homestead entry she is entitled to Federal protection. Her possession of the claim was contested by her against white men before the Interior Department and she won.

Rock Island's Missouri Extension.

WARRENSBURG, Mo., May 14.—Vice-President Parker, of the Rock Island Railroad, and Chief Engineer Campbell, of the St. Louis, Kansas City & Colorado, arrived here yesterday. They came overland from Versailles over the proposed route of the new road. A surveying party is now running a preliminary line from Versailles to Warrensburg by way of Green River, which will be an air line between these points. Another surveying party is at work between here and Windsor, straightening curves and reducing the grade.

Hornsteading Railroad Land.

KEARNEY, Neb., May 14.—Judge Sullivan, in the District Court, today handed down a decision which, in effect, declares that a United States citizen may take for homestead entry land granted to the Union Pacific Railroad Company by the Government by the payment of H. E. per