# **NEW LINE WILL** GIVE EASY GRADE

O. R. & N. Plans to Lay Tracks From St. Johns to Troutdale.

STOCKHOLDERS TO VOTE

Directors Call a Special Meeting for July 6, at Which Amendment Authorizing Construction Will Be Adopted.

The O. R. & N., at the last meeting of the board of directors, made provision for the amendment of the articles of in for the company to construct a line of track from the end of the St. Johns' spur through that village, along the bank of the river around the Columbia Slough

and up the big river to Troutdale.

This amendment will be considered at a called meeting of the stockholders of the company on July 6, at which time it is practically certain that the amendment will be adopted and the construction of the read authorized. The present mair line of the O. R. &

The present mair line of the O. R. & N. running out of the city passes through Sullivan's Guich and over a sharp grade which makes it difficult to haul the heavy freight trains either in or out of the city. The new line is to obviate this difficulty and to make provision for a water grade the entire distance.

It is announced by the officials of the common that there is a immediate in

ompany that there is no immediate infention of constructing the easy grade, but that the action of the board is to make provision for the construction of the line when it becomes necessary for the line when it becomes necessary for such additional trackage to be built. The plan as at present mapped out is for the old road to be used for passenger business running over the main line while the proposed road, when it is built, will be used for the transportation of the long and heavy freight trains running into Passtern Oregon.

Castern Oregon.
Owing to the fact that the survey for the new line has not as yet been made, in fact is not yet authorized, the length of the new track or the approximate cost is not known, but it will reach a goodly

One of the main reasons for making the provision for the survey and subsequent construction of the road at this time is construction of the road at this time is said to have been the decision of the Weyerhaeuser syndicate to construct its large mill at St. Johns. which, so it is reported, will have a daily capacity of 19,000 feet of lumber. Much of this lumber, the greater part in fact, will be shipped to Eastern customers, and it is therefore necessary to have convenient transportation facilities. With the new transportation facilities. With the new line it will be possible to haul the lum-ber when loaded upon the cars at the mill, up the water grade and out on its Eastern journey. If the mili people come to an early conclusion to build, it is probable that the construction of the new line will be commenced in time to have the track in readiness for the traffic which the lumber output will create.

### WILL RECLAIM MANY ACRES

Payette and Bolse Valleys Are Noted by Government.

A. Richards, State Senator in the Idaho Legislature, who has been largely instrumental in interesting the Government in the Payette-Bolse Valley irrigation project, was in Portland yesterday on his way to Emmett, Idaho, from Seattle. Mr. Richards owns enormous the Government ditches. He also extensive mining interests in Alaska. also has "Irrigation has been in practice in the Payette and Boise Valley for years, and we thought we had watered about all the land we could possibly reach until the for a diverce on account of cruel treatment, and she also asks to be allowed land we could possibly reach until the to resume her maiden name, Sawtelle. Government engineers made their surveys, said Mr. Richards at the Hotel She alleges that Brady spends his earnings for drink and does not support her. Portland last night. "They told us that They were married in Puyallup July they could irrigate nearly 400,000 acres 15, 1902.

more, and we could hardly believe them. "The question was asked as to where they could obtain the water to irrigate such an immense tract of land, as in the Summer months the Payette and Boise Rivers are very low and there is very little surplus water in either of the streams. They told us that they contemplated storing the water that rushes down the rivers in the Spring floods. "This will mean one of the most gigantic undertakings ever projected in the West and will result in the expenditure of thousands of dollars. A series of dams will be constructed from the headquarters of the Payette River to its mouth, which is a distance of about 170 miles. The river starts at the Payette Lakes and across it will be erected huge gates which will hold the surplus water from the melted show.

"The Payette Lakes are situated high in the mountains and very little of the water evaporates, which it would do if it were stored lower down. The water is released gradually and it flows down the river until it meets another enormous dam near the mouth of the stream. This dem raises the water so that it can be directed over the high plateaus which makes the best farming land.

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"The conditions necessitate such action, as during the Summer months the rivers have been getting lower and lower and some people predict that it will only be a few years until the water supply will not be sufficient to irrigate the land that is already under ditches. The cutting away of the timber, which causes the saw to melt more rapidly is said to be snow to melt more rapidly, is said to be the reason the rivers are higher in the Spring and lower in the Summer."

VANDRAN EXPLAINS WHY JOE YOUNG SHOT HIM.

Injured Man Tells Deputy District Attorney Haney Story of the Trouble.

An official statement, given to Deputy District Attorney H. B. Adams by K. Vandran at the Good Samaritan Hospital early yesterday morning, definitely fixes the reason for the attempted murder, by Joseph Young as family trouble.

Vandran stated Young had heard of stories being circulated, to the effect that Vandran had told people Young was not taking proper care of his wife and children.

Vandran admitted furnishing Mrs. Young with money on several occasions, as she had told him she was in destitute circumstances, and must have belp; that her husband had refused to take care of her and something must be done. Vandran states that when Young called him out onto the sidewalk in front of the

Washington Cafe shortly before I A. M. Tuesday, he asked If Vandran had been making derogatory statements concerning him. Vandran replied that he had stated Young should be ashamed of himself to refuse to provide for Mrs. Young and the children and he had assisted Mrs. Young by providing her money to purchase pro-

After this conversation, Vandran returned to his place behind the bar of the Washington Cafe, and a moment later Young entered and began firing at Vand-

ran. At the Good Samaritan Hospital Vandran is resting as well as can be ex-pected. He has some chances for recovery, but if peritonitis sets in, death

may result.

Young is in a cell at the County Jail.

He is to be arraigned today before Municipal Judge Hogue on acharge of assault with intent to kill.

### County Clerk's Report.

County Clerk Fields filed a report in the County Court yesterday for the month of April, showing the receipts of his office to have been \$3329.65 and the disbursements \$283.73, leaving a profit of \$56.22. The figures for the month of April for four years used, show the fol-April, for four years past, show the fol-..... 1502 \$2794.11

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Alleges Cruel Treatment.

Illinois Commissioners Will Act Without Delay.

REPLICA OF LINCOLN HOME

Secure Site for Historic Building to Be Used for Entertainment Purposes--Will Bring Lincoln Documents and Relics.

resources of the State. As the commis-sioners say, the resources of the State of Illinois are already generally known. Interest will just all around and be hospitable, the furniture being selected solely for comfort. There will be some Illinois corn and other products, but these will appear mostly in the form of decora-tions.

Lincoln relics will figure conspicuously in the building. There will be Lincoln furniture and Lincoln documents galore. The three commissioners are more than pleased with the site they were given and displayed the usual amount of enthusiasm over the acenic beauty and scope of the Portland Fair. They report wide interest in the Exposition in their State and believe the attendance from that quarter will be heavy. They will remain here for ten days.

## TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

Jewish Publication Society Sends Representatives to Portland.

Mrs. K. H. Scherman, representing the With plans and epecifications for a re-production of the famous Abraham Lin-coln home, three members of the Illinois of the society. The society was organ-



JOSEPH YOUNG, WHO SHOT VANDRAN. 

to the Exposition grounds by George L. Hutchins, secretary of the Oregon-Illinois society, and within an hour had selected society, and within an hour had selected a building space. Just to show that they mean business and that Illinois people are not slow, the commissioners had their call for construction bids issued by 3 o'clock and before evening had completed all preliminary arrangements for the participation of their Biate in the Portland Fair.

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The commissioners are Cyrus Thompson, president, Frank L. Shup and J. W. Silpes. The building they will construct will be a reproduction of the Lincoin home at Springfield. It was the only piece of property Lincoin ever owned and was his residence during the time he was residence by Springfield. The architecture has a Springfield. practicing law in Springfield. The architecture is not very elaborate but considering its associations the structure will adoubtedly be one of the most interesting buildings at the Fair. It will be two stories high and the dimension will be 40 feet long by 40 feet wide. It will be ready for service before the Exposition is open, so the commissioners declare.

State Commission reached Portland yes- ized in Philadelphia 16 years ago, for terday morning. They were taken at once purely educational and philanthropic pur-

tended to all, irrespective of creed or de-nomination. The leading Jews of Amer-ica are at the head of the organization, with Edwin Wolf, of Philadelphia, as president. Among the Portland people who have been with the society since its inception are Ben Selling. David Solifeet long by 40 feet wide. It will be ready for service belore the Exposition is open, so the commissioners declare.

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Preliminary Hearing of Notorious Trio Commenced.

MATTERS COOLLY

Three Men Who Are Charged With Robbing Portland Hotel Rathskeller Act Unconcerned When Arraigned.

William Barrett, Fritzie Dhein and Herman Delhm, under the names of William Kane, J. S. Stafford and G. H. Hanlon, were placed on preliminary hearing before Judge Hogue in the Municipal Court yesterday morning. They comprise one of the most notorious and dangerous tries operating in the United States, and have records of great length as bank robbers and diamond sneak thieves. The charge against them now is the larceny of \$125 from the Hotel Portland Rathskeller.

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Three witnesses were examined for the prosecution, after which the case was continued until 9:30 A. M. Saturday. A clear case is being made against the defendants on circumstantial evidence, but there is no witness to the actual taking of the angelors containing the conof the envelope containing the coin. Posi-tive identification of the trio as being in the establishment on the morning of the robbery: remarkable coincidences relatroosery, remarkable coincidences relat-ing to their actions and other things were related by Joseph Penney, the cashier, Will G. MacRae, sporting editor of The Oregonian, and Jacob Jones, a colored walter in the rathskeller. Through the hearings of several minor

cases the trio of celebrated criminals was permitted to sit in the courtroom. Barrett, the man who successfully perpetrated the daring robbery of 600,000 france from a messenger of the Bank of France, in Paris, five years ago last March, said he did not need an attorney to defend him this case. He said to was not reconin this case. He said it was not neces-sary. Dan R. Murphy appeared for Dhein and Deihm. No one of the trio showed any great concern about the case.

Cashler Penney was the first witness called by the prosecution. He said that he readily recognized the trio facing him as men who were present in the barroom up to a few moments before he discovered the theft of the envelope containing the \$135

"One of the men spoke m: name freely and very familiarly at the bar," said Penney. "He asked me to have a drink, and with himself and another of the party

The two who drank with Penney were identified as Dhein and Delhm.

"I ought to know you, for I am acquainted with one of your aunts, who lives on the Wabash," was what the man said to me who asked me to drink," stated Penney. "It is pretty humiliating to be taken for a "rube."

While the two were drinking with Penney, Barrett was not idle. Although no one saw him actually take the envelope containing the money, it was shown that he was where he could easily have taken it; that he silpped out of the barroom before Penney got through drinking with Barrett's pals, and that Barrett took no part in the play made by Dhein and Delim to decoop Penney sway from the cashbox in which the money was secreted. "When I discovered the loss of the money," Penney went on to explain, "I spoke of it. Aside from the two men, now known to be partners of Barrett, there were present 'Doc' Holmes, Mr. MacRae and Jones, the waiter. Immediately after the discovery of the the Special Police. part in the play made by Diein and Deihm to decoy Penney away from the sashox in which the money was secreted. "When I discovered the loss of the money." Penney went on to explain, "I spoke of it. Aside from the two men, now known to be partners of Barrett, there were present Doc' Holmes, Mr. MacRae and Jones, the waiter. Immediately after the discovery of the theft, Special Policeman Nicholson came in. Barrett's pais, seeing that I had learned what happened, and was about to raise an alarm, left hurtledly. Quickly we started upstairs after them, and found them on the sixth floor. Barrett was not with them. They were turned over to the police."

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valuable work issued by the society.

Will G. Macrose testing in the rathskeller the privileges of the organization are extended to the organization are extended saw Penney take a drink with two of them, and heard none of the conversa-tion. He did not see Barrett leave the

ALFRED F. SMITH



Prominent among the candidates for the Republican nomination of Councilman is Alfred F Smith, one of our young and enterprising citizens of the Sixth Ward. Mr. Smith was for many years identified with the Merchants National Bank of this city, which position he gave up three years ago to take his present position as manager of the Smith & Watson Iron Works, one of the largest and best known from-working institutions in the Northwest.

Being a large property-owner and having sawmill interests in the southern part of the city, he naturally takes a great interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Sixth ward, believing that in the near future real property, which has been lying dormant these many years for want of bridges and necessary im-

provements, will be eagerly sought after for residence property. Mr. Smith is a thoroughly progressive, conservative business man and his candidacy is receiving the support of all the taxpayers and voters of the Sixth

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rested.

Barrett is badly wanted in Milwaukee,
Wis, for a bank robbery, and an officer
is now on the way to Portland to take
him back there for trial.

HIS CRIME IN MILWAUKEE

Barrett Committed Bold Robbery in Bank There.

MILWAUKEE, Wis. May 2.—(Special.)

-Accompanied by two accomplices, William Barrett, in August, 1895, entered the First National Bank and busied himself about the customers' counter. One of his

Beginning this morning the Southern Pacific will make a change in the schedule of Train 12, running between Portland and San Francisco. Heretofore the train has reached Portland at 8 o'clock in the evening, but from this time on the ar-riving time here will be 6:25 in the after-ment instead.

noon instead.

This change is due to the completion of the repairs which have been made to the ferry at Port Costa in California, the boat having been taken off the run some months ago. During this time the trains running between Portland and San Franton, a much longer distance. resumption of the ferry service the short-er run will be made use of once more and the leaving time of both Train 12 and 15 will be altered to make up for the room, he said, as he was talking basebail with "Doc" Holmes, and Barrett was behind them. After the two men drank with Penney, they hurried out.

Jacob Jones, the colored man who is employed as a waiter in the rathskeller,

PERSPECTIVE MAP ILLUSTRATING ROUTE OF PROPOSED NEW O. R. & N. LINE FROM ST. JOHNS TO TROUTDALE

