PURPOSES OF THE RAILROAD WARS

Speculation as to the North Coast Railroad Company's Incorporation.

OFFICIALS DO NOT KNOW

Double Track on the North Bank Causes Much Guesswork on the Part of the Railway Men Interested.

SOME RAILROAD PROBLEMS. In the interest of what company Coast Railroad Company incorporated?

What interest is represented by the Walluis Pacific and Columbia Valley Companies?

Is the double-track line for which grade is being built at certain points along the north bank of the Columbia River merely a means of blocking the way for rival lines or because the line is to be double-tracked for better operating facilities?

These are some of the things the officials of the different railroad companies are asking each other and that shrouded in doubt. Solutions that have been vouchsafed are open

creation. A few weeks elapsed, when it was rumored that the incorporators were closely identified with the Northern Pacific and Great Northern, but only a breath of this, for about the same time came dispatches from New York saying it was without any question a Harriman corporation. Developments more recent have indicated pretty strengly that it is a Hill company, formed for the express purpose of serving interests of the Northern roads in the game of blocking comclitors. This was indicated in the spidity with which the company got in Scattle street following the filling of a of this great play—tonight similar request by the St. Paul road. ith application for right of way on a

Why Articles Are Flled.

Filing of amended articles of in poration of the Snake River Valley Raiload Company in the office of the County lierk Wednesday, enumerating 14 pieces track and different lines in Oregon. Washington and Idaho to be included un-der the corporate powers of the com-pany suggested that the Oregon Rallroad & Navigation Company, of which the Snake River Valley Company is an auxilisry, was about to enter upon extensive construction. This is erroneous, however, as there was in all of the trackage enumerated but one new piece of road, and that an unimportant short betterment near Coffax. All of the others were previously announced, some of them several years ago and already actually in operaessary to file the entire paragraph of the articles of incorporation. Several of

Must Maintain Secrecy.

In the chrysalis stage of raffroad con struction mystery surrounds the move-ments of the representatives of the comcanies actively engaged in the work of building for the reason that it is not infrequently the case that sudden changes of policy and purpose are forced by circumstances that cannot be foreseen. The impression that railroads are legitimakes it almost necessary that secrecy be maintained until all is in readiness for actual construction. Every resource of obstruction that can be drawn upon is actual construction. imployed by competitors and it is therefore incumbent upon the builder desirous of success to conceal from his left hand that which his right may be engaged in doing. When President Earling, of the St. Paul, announced the Pacific Coast ex-tension of that system and stated its route it was accepted that the obstacles of competing lines had been removed by diplomatic means, but it was but a few days until reports from Idaho de that the representatives of the Northern Pacific had seized Lolo Pass, the gateway through the Bitter Root Mountains which the St. Paul had announced its purpose

May Be the St. Paul.

Along the north bank of the Columbia the Wallula, Pacific and Columbia Valley Railroad Companies have acquired large holdings of land, have men engaged in building grade and are engaged in the expenditure of large sums of money. Because of previous friendly relations with the Harriman system. L. Gerlinger, president of the two companies is generally regarded as acting in behalf of the interests of the president of the Linker Profiles. emis of the president of the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Oregon Navigation and Short Line. Mr. Gerlinger is noncommu-

nicative beyond the statement that his companies are building a railroad. If it is Harriman obstruction to Hill If it is Harriman obstruction to Hill construction, is the gain by a little delay great enough to justify the means? That is the question that some railroad men are answering by declaring that the St. Pau! is more likely to be fighting for the north bank grade than is the system with a road on the other side of the river. It is admitted on all sides that neither company can prevent the other building, or at most do more than cause temporary at most do more than cause temporary delay, and if that is true, then why would any company expend thousands in a con-test necessarily fruitless.

Macgly Junction Fight.

Out at Maegly Junction the fight is dif-Out at Maegly Junction the fight is dif-ferent. It is an effort on the part of each company to compel the other to take the bad end of a bargain by adopt-ing the grade the other has already sought to establish. It means a great deal of difference to one or the other or to both in the operation of the roads en-tering Portland from the East for all future time, and one must accept grades slightly different from present plans of the engineers. If the O. R. & N. holds its present grade the Northern Pacific cach company to compel the other to take the bad end of a bargain by adopting the grade the other has already sought to establish. It means a great deal of difference to one or the other or to both in the operation of the roads entering Portland from the East for all future time, and one must accept grades alightly different from present plans of the engineers. If the O. R. & N. holds its present grade the Northern Pacific must lower its track at the grade crossing or raise high enough above its established grade for an overhead crossing. If the Northern Pacific should win in the contest, then the Harriman line would be obliged to change its grade.

An official of the Wallula Pacific who

be obliged to change its grade.

An official of the Wallula Pacific who is familiar with the work of construction in progress on the sections of grading under way by the Portland & Seattle.

12 Brunswick-Balke high-grade tables at Winter Garden, commencing tomorrow.

asked yesterday concerning the double-tracking of that line, said:

'That will not be a double-track rail-road—that is to say, the Portland & Seat-tle is not building a double track line along the entire route, and when there are two tracks along that line, side by side, they will not be used by one company. The grade being constructed along a considerable portion of the route is for a single track, thus far."

Game of Railroad Warfare.

On the other hand, it is known that at several points the grade is made wide enough for two tracks. Is the Portland & Seattle blocking the way to competitors by building a double track at the difficult places?

The game of railroad warfare is as old as the construction of transcontinental railroads. Passes of the continental divide were contested by almost every line reaching the Pacific Coast, the Union Pacific Coast, the Union Pacific Coast, cific system being the single exception to the rule, but there are very few instances where the progress of the competing line was permanently prevented. It is a game in which the railroad officials themselves seem to be unprepared for each move until the position of the enemy is care-fully determined, and even then it some-times happens that, like the Irishman's lea, it is impossible to land on the in

"I wish I knew," was the answer of one railroad official to a request for in-formation—and that seems to be an hon-est confession of the matter in a good

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

MODJESKA IN COMEDY.

Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" at the Marquam.

Tonight at the Marquam Grand Pheater Madame Helena Modjeska and her capable company will present Shakespeare's delightful comedy. "Much Ado About Nothing." Schiller's dramatic tragedy, "Mary Stuart," will be the bill at the last performance tomorrow afternoon. This is Modjeska's farewell tour.

"The Innocent Maids."

that have been vouchsafed are open to question.

There are going to be only awo more performances of the "Innocent Maids" at the Baker this week. Tonight and temorrow mains, stating the purpose to build a rall-road from Wallula to North Yakima and thence to Seattle, with other and diverse objects, it was stated and reiterated with considerable emphasis from various quarriers that it was a Canadian Pacific creation. A few weeks elapsed, when it

"At Cripple Creek."

Everyone has read romances with the scenes and characters laid in some great gold sining excitement. In the reader's imagination he naturally draws mind pictures of the scenes, but at the Empire this week in Carpenter's "At Cripple Creek" the many wild romantic scenes are gone through by characters as in real life, and the effect is most thrilling and fascinating. The play has made a tremendous hit in Portland, this being its first appearance here, and the Embeling its first appearance here, and the being its first appearance here, and the Em-pire has been crowded at every performance. There will be but three more performance.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Louis James Coming. ported by an excellent company of players,
will begin an engagement of four performances at the Marquam Grand Theater next
Thurreday night, January 18. The opening
bill will be Bulwer Lytton's masterpiece.
"Richelieu": Priday night, James Sheridan
Knowle's "Virginius": Saturday matines,
Marie Lovell's "Ingomar"; Saturday night,
Shakespear's "Merchant of Venice." The
advance saic of seats will open next Tuesday
morning at 10 o'clock.

Alcazar Beauties Next Week.

the strongest aggregations of its kind now appearing on the famous Empire circuit of theaters. "The Alcazar Beauties" company will open the usual engagement Coming to the Baker next week is one of these, relating to Idaho and Oregon trackage, had not before been filed in the State of Washington, and the filing at Olympia was the basis for the belief that it was the beginning of a new chapter in the present railroad history that is being created in the Northwest.

Baker Sunday afternoon, and a rare treat is in store for the patrons of that popular playhouse. This company, under the direction of T. W. Dinkins, has appeared in all the leading cities throughout the country, and everywhere has met with universal praise and success from both press and public.

The Sign of the Black Cat.

The black cat will again be in evidence upon the billboards during the current week, amouncing the coming of Charles A Taylor's New York company at the Emptre. It is the trademark of the company and their reputed black cat. The Taylor company is no stranger to Portland, as it appeared at the Emptre, opening the season in two great melodramus, "Escaped Prom the Harem" and "Queen of the Highway." The company became immensely popular in these two plays and the acting of Allien May as the dashing young queen of the highway has been one of the season's events at this popular thoater. Next week, the company will produce "Her Marriage Vow," opening Sunday matinee, and it has been considered even more interesting than the other two. The black cat will again be in eviden more interesting than the other two

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Four Leondors at the Grand.

Agreeable vaudeville is what the Grand promises and delivers this week. The features have been carefully selected and each one is a star in its own line of endeavor. one is a star in its own line of endeavor. The Four Leondors are among the very best acrobats to play Portland this season. The quartet consists of two men and two roung women. Their feats are daring and graceful, while the quartet is dressed in a fashionable

Specialties at the Star.

There is a pleasing assortment of vandeville There is a pleasing assortment of vaudeville specialties at the Star this week. Those who appreciate good singing will find special enjoyment in the act of that peeriess trio of barsoony makers. Seaman, Adams and Rogers. Gymnasts of exceptional ability are the Aideans, who perform the most difficult fests on the horizontal bar. These people inject comedy in their turn and make it one of the best on the card offered at the Star for the current week.

GEER GOES ON RECORD

Would Veto Bill for Big Appropriation to Normal Schools.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. II.—(To the Editor.)—A. T. Martin, a member of "the People's Convention," asks the following question: "If you are elected Governor and the Legislature should feel called upon—in order to elect a page or a Senator—to combine a big appropriation for Normal Schools with the necessary appropriation for the state government, with a faise statement of an alleged emergency, would you veto the bill?"

I certainly would, even if the object were not confined to the election of a page or a Senator. For years I have advocated the ne-

TWO BODIES WILL HOLD SESSIONS

Development League and the Press Association Conventions for Today.

Every Section of Oregon and Every Town of Importance Represented at Gathering of the Two Organizations.

Delegates to the Oregon Development League and members of the Oregon Press Association poured into Portland yester-day, and when the joint session of the two organizations opens this morning several hundred representatives from all parts of the state will be in attendance. At least 300 delegates are expected for the Oregon Development League, and it is thought that about 50 newspaper men will attend.

Every section and every town of im-

portance in the state will be represented when the session opens, and the assemblage of the Oregon Press Association will be thoroughly representative of the newspaper men of Oregon.

Two Bodies Will Meet.

The two bodies will meet this morning at 9:30 o'clock in the main pariors of the Portland Commercial Club, which occu-pies the eighth floor of the Chamber of Commerce building. E. L. Smith, presi-Commerce building. E. L. Smith, president of the Oregon Development League, will preside, assisted by R. J. Hendricks, president of the Press Association.

Governor George E. Chamberlain will be introduced for a few words immediately after the meeting is called to order.

H. M. Cake, president of the Pertian.

H. M. Cake, president of the Portland Commercial Club, will follow with a wel-come on behalf of his organization. The

responses will be delivered by President Smith and President Hendricks.

"The Commonwealth of Oregon, its Resources and Opportunities," will be the general subject for discussion. Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton, will respond for Pastern Oregon, I. M. Piske, and C. Pastern, Oregon, I. M. Piske, and C. Pastern, Oregon, I. M. Piske, Oregon spond for Eastern Oregon, J. M. Blake, of Marshfield, will be heard from as the representative of the Coast section, and Mayor Will Wurzweiler, of Prineville, will hold up Central Oregon's end. Southern Oregon will also be represented.

Arid Land Reclamation.

Colonel John T. Whistler, of the United States Reclamation Service, will discuss "Reclamation of Arid Lands in Oregon" Friday morning, instead of Saturday morning, as heretofore announced.

The Oregon Press Association will meet n the tower room at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and the Oregon Development League will hold sectional conventions in the parlors of the Commercial Club. From the reports that have been received, it is believed that the meeting of the Press Association will be the most successful. both in point of attendance and work accomplished, in the history of the organi-zation. The last meeting was held during

the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Many matters of interest to the news-paper men will be taken up, and probably some action will be taken to induce favorable legislation. In other states the newspapers obtain considerable legal printing which does not come to the papers of Oregon. It is said that the newspaper men are of the belief that more legal reports should be printed, and will try to secure the enactment of bill establishing a rate for legal advertising will also be taken up.

Good Roads Section.

The good-roads section will meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the main parlor, instead of the dining-room, as announced. It will be in charge of L. R. Webster, assisted by Secretary H. B. Thielsen. There will be special speakers at this meeting. The dairy section will meet at 2 o'clock in the corner office. This section will be under the direction of J. W. Bailey, State Dairy and Food Commissioner.
Saturday morning the two bodies meet again in joint session at 5 o'clock in the main pariors of the Commercial Club. William Steel and H. W. Scott are

among those who will address the assem-blage. Reports from the different leagues will be received, after which will follow the general discussion. The afternoon of Saturday will be devoted to sectional conventions by the Development League and the Press Association will continue its programme over from Friday after-

Programme for the Session.

The following is the programme for the Oregon Press Association during the neetings of Friday and Saturday after-

Priday afternoon-Report of legislative con nittee; discussion; "Publication of the Gen mittee; discussion; "Publication of the General Laws in the Newmaners of the State," George C. Brownell, J. G. Graham, F. D. Cornett; "The Trade Press," O. Strong; "The Unitype," A. H. Grigsly; "The Relation of the Editor to the Politician," Frank Davey; "How to Advertise a State," Ton Richardson; "Value of Country Correspondence," Charles Nickell; "What Shall We Do About It?" A. Bennett; paper by Binaido M. Hall, advertising agent Harriman system; address by J. F. Carroll; miscellaneous association business; "Direct Primary Law As It Affects Missouri Newspapers," D. M. C. Gauit. Missouri Newspapers." D. M. C. Gauit. Saturday afternoon—'How to Increase the Subscription Price of a Newspaper." J. C. Hayter, address by W. P. Gillatrap; election of officers; discussion of The Legal Rates of Advertising," led by E. H. Flagg; "Trade Deals vs. Good Cash." F. R. Blochherger; "Why Newspaper Advertising is Profitable Advertising," A. Noltner; "Why Newspaper Publicity Is Profitable Publicity," W. J. Clarke, "When Does a Newspaper Subscription Expire?" C. L. Ireland; questions for general discussion: "Are Voting Contests Profitable for a Newspaper?"; "How to Increase Busicess," "Newspaper Readers as Jurymen," "What Type Not to Use in Advertisements," "Accuracy in News Reports," "What is a Legal Newspaper?" President H. M. Cake, of the Portland nercial Club, has appointed the foilowing committee upon reception and en-

E. L. Thompson, chairman; John Annand, A. L. Craig, Edward Ehrman, Jerry Bronaugh, B. B. Beekman, A. H. Birrell, W. H. Beharrell, W. M. Cake, Sam Connell, A. H. Devers, W. C. Francis, H. C. Eckenberger, Leo Friede, H. L. Pittock, H. S. Rowe, J. C. Roberts, R. L. Sabin, H. C. Wortman, R. W. Wilbur, L. J. Wentworth, C. E. Warrens, H. C. Wittenberg, F. L. Zimmerman, L. Gernand, A. L. Craig. Edward Ehrman, Jerry Bronaugh, B. B. Beekman, A. H. Birrell, W. H. Beharrell, W. M. Cake, Sam Connell, A. H. Devers, W. C. Francis, H. C. Erkenberger, Leo Friede, H. L. Pittock, H. S. Rowe, J. C. Roberts, R. L. Sabin, H. C. Wortman, R. W. Wilbur, L. J. Wentworth, C. E. Warrens, H. C. Wittenberg, F. L. Zimmerman, L. Gerlinger, W. B. Giafke, B. Neustadter, Colonel, James Jackson, Whitney L. Boise, A. H. Kerr, George Lawrence, Jr. C. Lombardi, Hugh McGuire, C. A. McCroskey has filed an affidency of the columntities will meet at the rooms of the conventions until the close, Saturday evening, specific directions havising been delivered by the chairman.

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THE "ROOSEVELT BEARS" BOARDING THE PULLMAN



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> Of all the races that were ever run. From Gilpin's sprint to Edmonton, Or the ride that broke "the one-hoss shay." Or a chariot race on a circus day, Or the midnight ride of Paul Revere,

Or the cowboy's chase of a Texas steer, To the quickest time that was ever done For might or money, for fame or fun, By race-track mare, or by motor-car, This ride that day was best by far.

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WIVES ASK DIVORCE

Cruelty, Drunkenness and Desertion Among Charges.

FOUR DECREES ARE SOUGHT

Unhappy Married Lives Reasons for Asking Legal Separation Under the State Law of Oregon by the Plaintiffs.

Martha A. Williams accuses her husband, Joshua R. Williams, of drunkenness and non-support, and yesterday she brought suit against him in the State Cirbrought suit against him in the State Cir-cuit Court for a divorce. The litigants were married at Vancouver, Wash., June 15, 1901, and she has four children by a former marriage. A daughter, 30 years old, is with an aunt in California, and Warwick, a soo, 18 years old, is in the Navy. The mother avers that Carl, an-other son, 15 years old, also wants to join the Navy, and that Carl and his young brother. Victor, 18 years old, have young brother. Victor, 13 years old, have not been amenable to her control, and she has had to call in the assistance of

Probation Officer H. H. Hawley.
Regarding her husband, Mrs. Williams alleges that he is an expert machinist and engineer, and went to Panama in June, 1906, but has not since contributed

one child 6 months old, of which the niother asks the legal custody.

Cruel treatment is alleged by Mayme Bellamy, who yesterday sued George Bellamy who yesterday sued George Bellamy for a divorce. She sisks for the legal custody of their child, 2 years old. The American Mortgage Company yesterday were married in Kansas in 1899, ner, Katte Stillwell et al. to foreclose a mortgage for Stillwell et al.

Mrs. Bellamy avers that the defendant has ill-treated her in many ways, and falsely accused her of adultery.

George Alick, an Indian contined in the County Jalle on a criminal charge, was served by Jaller Grafton yesterday with a complaint in divergent site. a complaint in a divorce suit filed by his wife. Neille Alick, in Yakima County, Wash. Alick has served a term in the penitentiary. His wife has concluded that he is worthless and wants to get rid of him.

Not Running Gambling-House.

An information against George and John Bagley, charging them with running a gambling game at Sellwood, was dismissed by Judge Frazer yesterday afternoon, on motion of Deputy District Attorney Moser. Mr. Moser stated that a social club meets at Bagley Bros. place and plays for cigars, but nothing more, and that no drinks are sold. selling tobacco to Van Brown, a boy 18 years old, George Bagley was fined \$25, and his brother \$16. They pleaded guilty and paid the money. The gambling charge grew out of the tobacco safe.

Begins Condemnation Suit.

The Portland & Seattle Railway Con pany yesterday began a condemnation sult against Bessle F. and L. H. Tarpley. her husband, for a right of way on the Peninsula, adjoining College Place. The amount of land demanded is three-fourths of an acre. The price cannot be agreed upon, and the court must decide.

Would Administer Van Dran Estate. George Van Dran, of Albany, yesterday filed a petition in the County Court ask-ing to be appointed administrator of the estate of his brother, the late Kaspar

mortgage for \$1785 on 319 acres of land EXPOSITION BUILDING SAFE

City Building Inspector Reported It to Be in Splendid Condition.

Growing out of the large number of people daily attending the Exposition roller skating rink, in the Exposition building, an undercurrent of comment has arisen in several quarters of the city as to whether the Exposition building was in a safe condition and sufficiently strong in its underpinnings for the support of large crowds. The building is oc-cupied by the Exposition rink, the Cen-tral Stables and the Fashion Stables. tral Stables and the Fashion Stables. In the stables are kept many vehicles, carriages, horses, etc., and the rink is daily patronized by great numbers of skaters and spectators mornings, afternoons and evenings, the total number some evenings reaching as high as lose. The city authorities, hearing in some way that some such comment was abroad, acted promptly, and Mayor Lane directed Thomas Mann. City Building Inspector. Thomas Mann, City Building Inspector, to make a thorough examination of the premises. Inspector Mann made a care-ful examination of the entire building yesterday, and his report shows the building to be perfectly safe. Inspector Mann's report is as follows:

Mann's report is as follows:

Portland, Jan. 11.—To His Honor, the Mayor—Dear Sir: According to your request I have made a careful inspection of the foundation of the Exposition building on Washington street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth, and am glad to say that the portion under the skating rink is in very good condition. The plera, girders and posts are all in good condition; indeed are absolutely safe for any weight they may be subjected to.

Hullding Inspector.

IS CLEAR OF ALL DEBT First Congregational Church Has Roll Call Meeting.

Clear of all debt and with \$50 in the treasury, the First Congregational Church held its annual roll-call last evening with Rev. E. L. House, D. D., in the pulpit, and 250 members of the congregation in at-tendance. Dr. House stated that the work of the year had been most satisfactory in every respect, and prospects were never brighter for the year to come. The report of Clerk C. H. Gaylord, of the Con-gregational Society, showed there had been 55 additions to the fold during the year, while 55 had been lost, 27 by trans-

fer, five by death and one by being dropped from the rolls through unan-nounced removal from the state ten years ago. The congregation was shown to number 88 members at that time. The re-port of Treasurer T. T. Burkhart showed \$23,000 has been raised for benevolent and church work. During the past three years he stated that the sum of \$55,000 had been andled by him for the church, and that the present financial condition was the

best in ten years.

Concluding the reading of these reports the following officers were elected: E. L. Thompson, president; J. L. Shultz, secretary; R. M. Tuttle, treasurer; Frank Warren, Frederick Kribs, C. W. King and T. T. Burkhart, trustees. Announcement was made that the young people of the church had raised \$500 for the sending of a missionary to China.

Lecture on Vitosophy.

Dr. Katherine M. H. Blackford, of the Boston School of Vitosophy, is to be heard at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium for three nights, beginning Tuesday night, January 16, on the subject of "Vitosophy, or the Wisdom of Life," The lady scientist and lecturer should have large audiences, as the doors are thrown open to the public free, and her subject has fascination in this day when mental science dealing with subjects so important should interest stu-dents and laymen. Her particular line is to delineate character and to assist p to succeed in the work for which they are

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