

DUPROSES 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 and for whose benefit was the North Coast Railroad Company incorporated?

When the articles of incorporation were filed for the North Coast Railroad Company, stating the purpose to build a railroad from Wallula to North Yakima and thence to Seattle, with other and diverse objects, it was stated and reiterated with considerable emphasis from various quarters that it was a Canadian Pacific creation.

Why Articles are Filed. Filing of amended articles of incorporation of the Snake River Valley Railroad Company in the office of the County Clerk Wednesday, enumerating 14 pieces of track and different lines in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to be included in the corporate powers of the company suggested that the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, of which the Snake River Valley Company is an auxiliary, was about to enter upon extensive construction.

Must Maintain Secrecy. In the chrysalis stage of railroad construction mystery surrounds the movements of the representatives of the companies 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.

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.

Maegly Junction Fight. Out at Maegly Junction the fight is different. It is an effort on the part of each company to compel the other to take the bad end of a bargain by adopting the grade that has already been sought to establish.

asked yesterday concerning the double-tracking of that line, said: "That will not be a double-track railroad—that is to say, the Portland & Seattle 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?

AT THE THEATERS. What the Press Agents Say. MODJESKA IN COMEDY. Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" at the Marquam.

"The Innocent Maids." There are going to be only two more performances of the "Innocent Maids" at the Baker this week. Tonight and tomorrow the audience will be treated to a performance of the play.

COMING ATTRACTIONS. Louis James Coming. The celebrated actor, Louis James, supported by an excellent company of players, will begin an engagement of four performances at the Marquam Grand Theater next Thursday night, January 18.

Alcazar Beauties Next Week. Coming to the Baker next week is one of the strongest aggregations of its kind now appearing on the famous Empire circuit of theaters.

The Sign of the Black Cat. The black cat will again be in evidence upon the billboards during the current week, announcing the coming of Charles A. Taylor and his company at the Empire.

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 sure to give the audience a good time.

GEER GOES ON RECORD. Would Veto Bill for Big Appropriation to Normal Schools.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 11.—(To the People.)—J. T. Martin, a member of the People's Convention, has the following question: "If you are elected Governor and the Legislature should feel called upon in order to elect a new Senator—would you combine a big appropriation for Normal Schools with the necessary appropriation for the state government, with a false statement of an alleged emergency would you veto the bill?"

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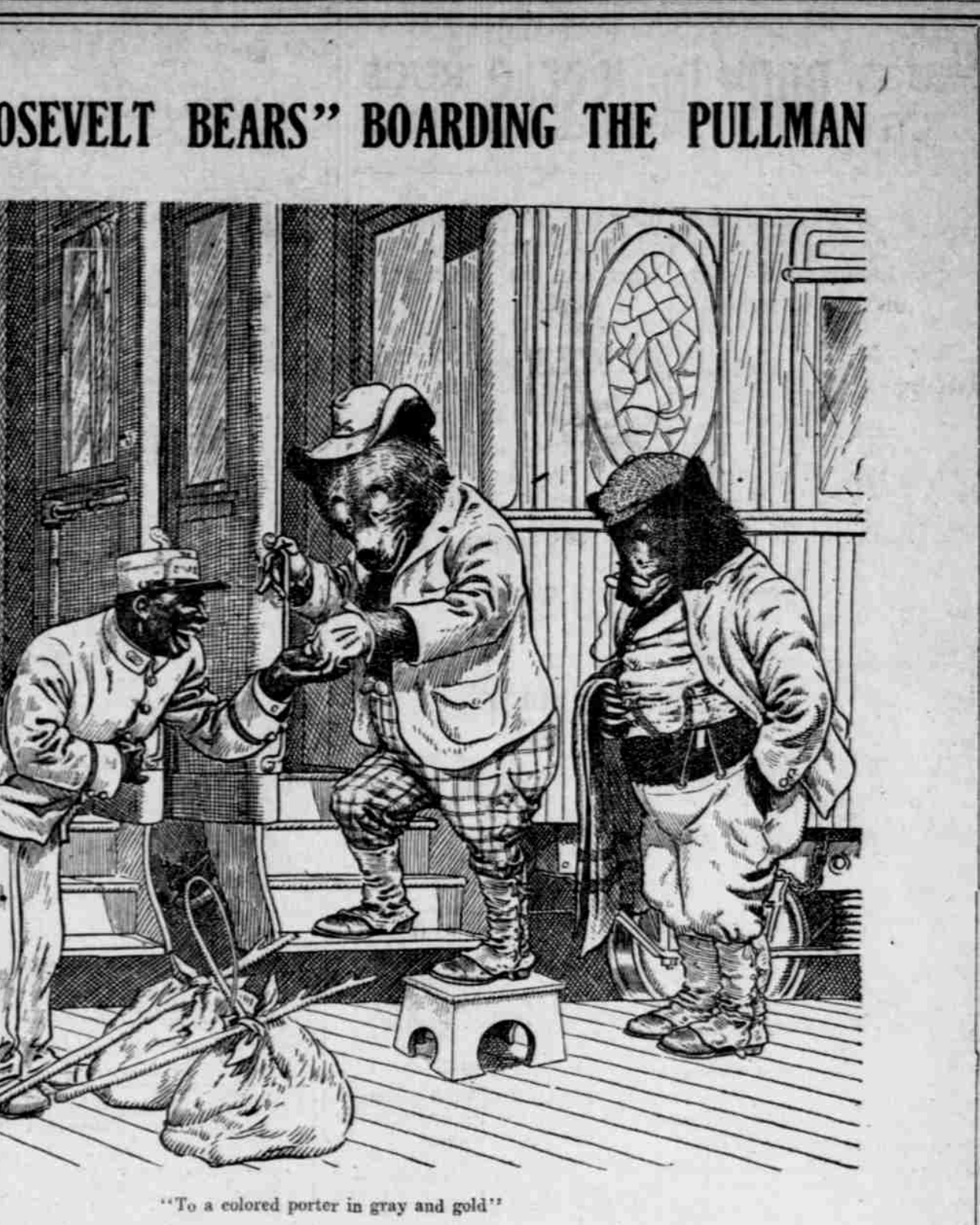
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The first installment was published in The Oregonian last Sunday. The next installment which will be published next Sunday describes a day filled to the brim with excitement. Every right spirited boy and girl in the country should be interested in This Jolly Story. The "Bears" have a wild ride over mountain roads on cowboy horses.

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,

They Make Their Train; Ride in a Pullman; Eat in the Dining-Car and Have a Rollicking Good Time. A Full Page of the Story in The Sunday Oregonian. Don't Miss It

WIVES ASK DIVORCE

Cruelty, Drunkenness and Desertion Among Charges. George Altek, an Indian confined in the County Jail on a criminal charge, was served by Jailer Grafton yesterday with a complaint in a divorce suit filed by his wife, Nellie Altek, in Yakima County.

FOUR DECREES ARE SOUGHT

Not Running Gambling-House. An information against George and John Bagley, charging them with running a gambling game at Sellwood, was dismissed by Judge Fraser yesterday afternoon, on motion of Deputy District Attorney Moser.

Begins Condemnation Suit.

The Portland & Seattle Railway Company yesterday began a condemnation suit against Beasle P. and L. H. Tarpley, to make a thorough examination of the premises. Inspector Mann made a careful examination of the entire building yesterday, and his report shows the building to be perfectly safe.

Is Accused of Theft.

An information against Eli Byers, charging him with stealing gloves, jewelry and other articles in the Columbia Hotel, belonging to T. U. Howell, was filed in the State Circuit Court by District Attorney Manning yesterday.

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 underpinning for the support of large crowds.

Begins Attachment Suit.

George A. Merrill began an attachment suit in the State Circuit Court yesterday against Archie S. Ash for \$200 due for rent of a store at Sixth and Stark streets.

Suits to Foreclose Mortgage.

The Oregon Mortgage Company began suit against L. G. Carpenter and Kittie Q. Carpenter in the State Circuit Court yesterday to foreclose a mortgage for \$55 on two lots in Sunnyside.

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 students and laymen.

Do not purge or weaken the bowels, but act specially on the liver and bile.

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Mellin's Food advertisement featuring an image of a baby and the text: Mellin's Food and good fresh milk is a combination that is hard to improve upon for a baby's food. Strong, healthy, rugged children, full of life and vitality, are the result of using Mellin's Food. Send for our free book of "Mellin's Food Babies."