

DRIVES IN WEDGE

Hill's Purchase of A. & C. to Mean Much for Oregon.

WILL BUILD ALONG COAST

Deal Is Looked Upon as First Step in the Actual Invasion of Harriman's Territory by Great Empire Builder.

The official announcement of the purchase of the Astoria-Columbia River Railroad by the Hill interests, published in The Oregonian yesterday, is regarded by railroad men as the opening wedge in the invasion of this state by Hill. It is not believed that this purchase means the abandonment of Portland as the Hill terminal and the building of a city at the mouth of the river, as some imagine, but the acquisition of the A. & C. is unquestionably the first step in building a line down the coast to Tillamook and beyond through the rich dairy sections west of the Coast Mountains.

The surveys already laid out for the extension of the A. & C. will unquestionably be followed by the Hill road. These surveys start from Seaside and follow the Neahkanum for some distance, when they turn southward and skirt the coast to Tillamook Bay.

MAKES HILL INVULNERABLE

Hubbard Comments on Astoria Railroad Deal—No Use to Harriman.

NEW YORK, March 1.—(Special.)—General Hubbard, late owner of the Columbia River Railroad, said today that the negotiations which resulted in the sale of the road to the Northern Pacific on December 19 last have been carried on for a long time between himself and representatives of James J. Hill. He reported purchase price of \$5,500,000.

"The purchase of the road by Mr. Hill," said General Hubbard, "gives the Northern Pacific the only direct line to Seaside and places it in an invulnerable strategic position. When H. E. Huntington and I built the Astoria road about seven years ago, we graded a practically level road, the only course open to rail-way engineering at anything less than a prohibitive cost. We cut down the bluffs along the river and put in a line that certainly could not now be improved upon, even at a much greater outlay than we used in that project. The road, being a direct feeder to the Northern Pacific, was naturally a desirable piece of property to that road, and we have been frequently approached with a view to its purchase. Its final sale was a plain matter of business and there has never for a moment been any stock manipulation.

"The report that H. H. Harriman wished to buy the Astoria road, I am interested in acquiring it. Even if Mr. Harriman had bought the road, its ownership by the Northern Pacific system would in no wise interfere with the independent operation of the Northern Pacific, while to the latter named road it is a great help. To attempt to parallel it would cost a sum beyond the comparison with its value as a Northern Pacific feeder, although the value of the road already in operation is naturally very great as such a feeder. In addition to its value as a plain matter of business it will save more money than we did, for the reason that the trunk road will use its own terminal for the present instead of being put in the way of hiring one, as we were forced to do.

SAY MEN ARE DISSATISFIED

Union Leaders Predict Strike Among Hitherto Loyal Carmen.

Leaders of the streetcar strike say there is widespread dissatisfaction in the ranks of the Brotherhood of Electrical Railway Employees of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, and that this organization is ready to come over to the strikers. Members of that body have filed a petition with Manager Fuller of the company for an increase in the present wage schedule. The answer of the company will be given within the next few days. If the company fails to accede to the petition, strike leaders say the Brotherhood will join the strike, completely tying up the system.

The winning over of the Brotherhood, which is supposed to have been loyal to the company, is said to have been accomplished by means of unionists from other cities, who have entered the employ of the company as raw recruits. They are said to have worked among the loyal employees and to have won many of them over to the union standpoint. It is the contention of strike leaders are

READY FOR RATE TO LAPSE

Portland May Ask Cancellation of Low Tariff on Alaskan Business.

Believing it is a poor rule that will not work both ways, Sound jobbers have asked that the rate of 10 cents on merchandise from Portland to the Sound ports, which is trans-shipped to Alaska, be made effective also from Tacoma to Vancouver, Wash., in order to permit the Sound wholesalers to compete with Portland houses in Southwest Washington, which has formerly been considered to be Portland's own preserve.

CASEY MEETS AN ACCIDENT

Wounded by Stick From Wood-Lift and Absent From Office.

J. W. Casey, traveling passenger agent for the St. Paul, was missed from his accustomed desk yesterday, and there were many inquiries from anxious friends regarding his whereabouts. The office force became annoyed at the flood of questions that poured in and General Agent Rowe finally wrote the following notice, which was posted on Casey's vacant desk and referred to all who wanted to know all about the mysterious disappearance:

"Casey got his with a club, his condition is still such that he is unable to tell when by whom or why."

Promotion for L. Anderson.

L. Anderson, rate and claim clerk in the Northern Pacific freight offices has been promoted to the position of cashier in the local freight office and his place as rate clerk has been taken by M. S. Fitzgerald, formerly chief rate clerk in the Tacoma office. The change became effective yesterday.

Becker Quits Railroading.

W. F. Becker, traveling freight agent for the Rock Island at Seattle, has resigned to go into business for himself. He is well known along the row here and his departure has not been without his successor in the Seattle office.

REGULATE BRIDGE TRAFFIC

City May Keep Cars From Crowding on Madison-Street Structure.

To remove all unnecessary strain on the Madison-street bridge, which is admittedly in bad shape, the street committee of the council yesterday afternoon recommended for passage an ordinance prohibiting cars or trains of cars from crossing the bridge at intervals of less than 100 feet. At times when the draw of the bridge is open three and four cars will crowd on the bridge in a string. F. I. Fuller, manager of the Portland Railway Company, was before the committee yesterday but made no attempt to defeat the ordinance. He was not opposed to it, as it did not include the other bridges, which are much stronger than the Madison-street bridge.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. C. R. Ray, the Gold Ray mining magnate, is at the Portland for a few days.

W. G. Ayre, of Baker City, the sheep king of Baker County, is guest at the Portland.

A. E. Reames, of Jacksonville, Prosecuting Attorney of Jackson County, is a Portland guest.

Right Rev. C. J. O'Reilly, bishop of Baker City, and former pastor of St. Mary's Church, Albina, was the guest of Rev. W. A. Daly, the pastor, during the past week. The bishop preached during the Lenten devotions Wednesday evening. He met many of his former parishioners. Bishop O'Reilly is in the enjoyment of excellent health.

NEW YORK, March 1.—(Special.)—Northwestern people at New York held little Nita Shipman, who was painfully but not seriously burned before she was rescued from the burning house by her mother.

The blaze is believed to have started in the kitchen, and spread with such rapidity that the occupants were forced to flee for their lives and, sadly, many of their belongings were saved. In the hurry to save some of her effects, Mrs. Shipman forgot little Nita, who had been playing outside a few moments before, and when she discovered that she was missing, the mother became almost frantic, hearing the child crying inside the house, the mother rushed back into the flames and succeeded in carrying the little girl to a place of safety, and in so doing escaped without the slightest injury, although the house was burning fiercely. Lack of telephone communication and the long distance the department had to travel allowed the flames to get such a headway that the Shipman home was totally enveloped when the department arrived and the adjoining house, No. 112 East Eighth street, owned by J. Bushman, was threatened with a similar fate.

The heat from the adjoining house communicated the flames to the roof of the Bushman dwelling, and soon the entire upper portion was a mass of flames. The fire department had some trouble in getting water, and was forced to work hard in order to save this property. Neighbors and friends had assisted to the best of their ability in removing what furniture could be reached in the burning structures, but the rapidly-spreading flames forced them to desist before much had been accomplished. It was while this work was in progress that the brave mother rushed inside her burning home and caught up the two-year-old child, and reached a place of safety. When she approached the baby the flames were rapidly approaching it and the child was scorched about the head and hands, but the burns, while painful, are not serious, and were dressed by a physician within a few minutes after the rescue.

Bush Able to Walk in His Car.

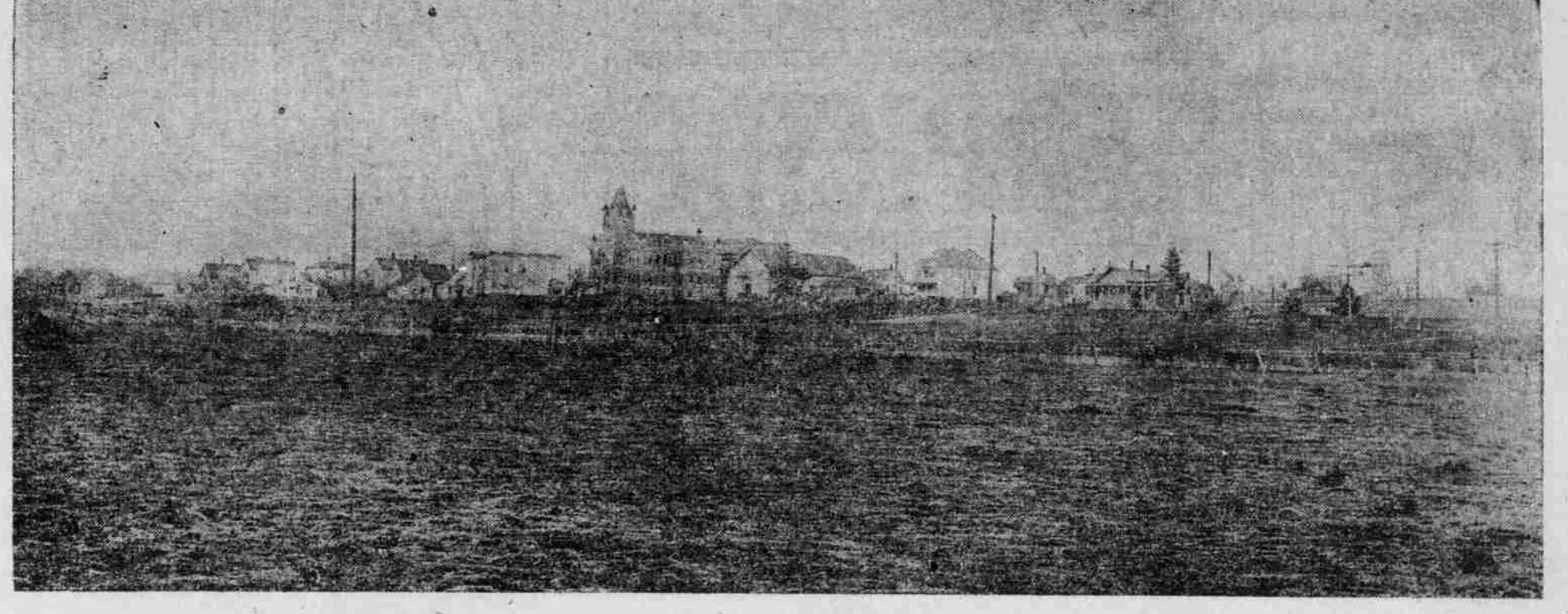
ALBUQUERQUE N. M., March 1.—Adolphus Busch, the millionaire St. Louis brewer, passed through here at an early hour this morning on a delayed Santa Fe train for his home in St. Louis. Mr. Busch was able to walk back and forth in his private car, though evidently he is still ill. He was accompanied by four nurses and two physicians.

Are unlike all other pills. No purgative effect. Act especially on the liver and bile. Carter's Little Liver Pills. One pill a dose.

The Greatest Real Estate Offer in Portland

Splendid residence lots for \$300 at \$10 a month.—The Clinton Kelly school is shown in the cut, it is one of the finest public buildings in Portland; it is three blocks north of the Spanton Tract.

Phone Us—MAIN 2828—"We will call at your house with carriage, we will take you to the Tract and back home again in LESS THAN AN HOUR"



A prominent San Francisco real estate expert is an enthusiastic believer in Spanton's Addition.—He buys ten lots.

It delighted us to sell to George B. Underwood, of San Francisco—that his name was Underwood doesn't mean anything, but George B. Underwood, a recognized realty expert, of San Francisco, buying lots in one of Portland's new additions confirms what we have thought all along, and that is—Portland real estate is going to be a hummer this year. * * * Naturally, Mr. Underwood wouldn't know anything about our little addition on East Twenty-sixth street, but we took particular pains to tell him about it—we went to the Portland Hotel and told him about it—we asked him to go out and look at the tract, simply to tell us what he thought of it—it took just about a minute to pass on it.—He says: "Write me up for 10 lots. I never, in my experience, saw a better property for the money; any lot in your addition will be worth twice what you are asking for it in less than 12 months, if San Francisco, Seattle and Los Angeles real estate is any criterion to go by."

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We invite you, stronger than ever, to see this property.—It is close in, it is desirable, it has an immediate future and the future is bright; every lot in the Spanton Addition will be worth twice what we are asking before Fall.

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Commonwealth Building (Ground Floor) Sixth and Burnside

Beautiful Residence Lots in Spanton's Addition for \$300.00—\$10 a month.

Besides the 10 lots we sold Mr. Underwood five other people bought lots Thursday and five more bought lots yesterday; a little over a hundred lots can't last long.—We have already sold 44 lots, with as many more spoken for.

Here's our offer: Desirable residence lots, well located, thirteen minutes' drive from the heart of the city, for \$300.—paid in installments of \$10 a month, or a modern cottage will be built for \$1,000, and both house and lot may be had for \$1400.—\$25 a month.

NOTE—It will take us 30 days to have the house ready for occupancy. Take our advice this once and select at least one lot—set aside \$10 a month, and if you regret this advice within six months you're welcome to what you have put in and 10 per cent interest besides. This is the way we do business.—If a man hasn't confidence in his own proposition he's in a bad fix.

We have carriages at our office door, ready to take you to the tract. See us today sure. Phone us (Main 2828), and we will go with you Sunday if you can't go today.

MOTHER SAVES CHILD'S LIFE

MRS. SHIPMAN RESCUES BABE FROM BURNING HOME.

Building Is Totally Destroyed by Fire and Neighbor's Home Is Also Threatened.

A blaze which totally destroyed the residence of Charles H. Shipman, at 114 East Eighth street, and damaged an adjoining residence to the extent of \$200, came near costing the life of little Nita Shipman, who was painfully but not seriously burned before she was rescued from the burning house by her mother.

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DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Marriage Licenses. DAVIS—LIVINLE—Howard Davis, 13 years, 21; Ada Livinle, 38.

MANY DEALS IN REALTY Market Active and Sales Reported in Many Parts of City.

Deaths. RYAN—At Good Samaritan Hospital, February 27, John Ryan, age 29 years.

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TEST BLUE LAW IN COURT

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Tacoma Business Men Want to Force Matter to Trial—Prosecutor Rowland Ready to Do His Part.

TACOMA, Wash., March 1.—(Special.)—Most of the cigar, candy and fruit stores will be open for business next Sunday unless something happens to change the plans. It is not believed that any saloons will attempt to do business.

When it was suggested to Prosecuting Attorney Rowland that there was a possibility of the clear stores remaining open for business on Sunday, he said: "If anyone violates any of the sections included in what is termed the Sunday closing law, he does so at his peril."

TRAIN HITS OPEN SWITCH

One Passenger, Japanese, Killed; Engineer Fatally Injured.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., March 1.—Well-laden with passengers, including many Easterners, the Santa Fe passenger train which daily makes the trip around the kite-shaped track, ran through an open switch one mile north of Colton about 2 o'clock this afternoon, killing one passenger, fatally injuring the freeman and inflicting more or less serious injuries on over 20 others.

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SHOT BY CLAIM-JUMPERS

Parsons, of Boston, Fatally Wounded by Two Mexicans.

EL PASO, Tex., March 1.—News was received today that James M. Parsons, formerly of Boston, Mass., was shot and probably fatally wounded in Sonora, Mex., near the Sinaloa state line yesterday, in defending his mining claims against two Mexicans.

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