

DOES HILL OWN OREGON ELECTRIC?

Salem People Figure Out New Road Is Feeder to the North Bank.

BUILT FOR HEAVY TRAFFIC

Construction Suggests Road Was Not Intended for Local Traffic Alone.

The Local Officials Deny Alliance With Hill.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—That the Oregon Electric Railroad, between Portland and Salem, is to be part of a transcontinental system is coming to be pretty generally believed in Salem, and indications are that the line will prove to be an extension and a feeder for the Hill line. The road will be ready for traffic in a short time. It is believed by many that as soon as the road is ready to handle freight in carload lots for Eastern shipment, the connection between the Oregon Electric and the Hill line will become evident.

WORK GOING ON STEADILY

1909 FAIR IS NOT TO BE POSTPONED.

Rumor of Delay Because of Financial Flurry Denied by Executive Committee of Exposition.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—It is the unanimous sentiment of the members of the executive committee that the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition be held at the place and time hitherto planned, Seattle, Washington, U. S. A., from June 1 to 30 October 15, 1909.

Due to a rumor that the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition is to be postponed, caused by the recent flurry in the money market, the members of the executive committee of the 1909 fair passed the above resolution at the regular meeting of the committee held yesterday afternoon.

Work on the ground and buildings is being pushed rapidly. The contract for the construction of the Agricultural building was approved yesterday by the executive committee and work on the structure will begin at once. H. Chase & Co., of Seattle, secured the contract on its bid of a little over \$100,000. The Manufacturers building is progressing nicely. More than 100 men are employed by Strenlow, Frees & Peterson, the contractor, and the building is nearly all in place and the flooring is completed. Work on the emergency hospital has started and the division of works is getting the basin for Cascade Court into shape rapidly.

DEAD OF THE NORTHWEST

Sarah Dameron Owens.

EMPIRE CITY, Or., Jan. 17.—A pioneer of 1843, who had lived in Oregon 65 years and yet was 26 years old when she crossed the plains, died here yesterday in the person of Sarah Dameron Owens, mother of Dr. Owens, resident of the city.

She was 82 years old and was married when she crossed the plains. She leaves 14 grand-children and 12 great-grandchildren among the surviving children, of whom she had 11, besides Mrs. Owens Adams, Mrs. L. Olsen, Mrs. L. A. Pike, Mrs. W. S. Potter and Mrs. H. Abraham.

B. B. Shearer.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—B. B. Shearer died last night at his home at Clackamas Station, after a brief illness, aged 30 years. Deceased came to Oregon from Dakota about six years ago, and, with his wife, made Clackamas his home up to the time of his death. A widow and two brothers, residents of Clackamas County, survive him. The funeral will be held tomorrow from the Congregational Church and the Modern Woodmen of America will have charge of the services at the grave.

Sister Mary Sabina.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Sister Mary Sabina, of the Sisters of Charity in this city, died at the House of Providence today after a long illness from dropsy. Deceased, who was 75 years of age, was born in England in 1833 and came to Oregon in 1865. Her husband, John Sabina, died in 1885. She was well known in this community.

Michael McMann.

GERVAIS, Or., Jan. 17.—Michael McMann, aged 75, died at his home in this city yesterday. Mrs. Mary Ann McMann, nee Gervais, was born in Ireland in 1833 and came to Oregon in 1865. He was well known in this community.

Knighted by the Kaiser.

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—Emperor William, as grand master of the Prussian Order of the Black Eagle, presided today at the investiture ceremonies of new knights of the order. These were Duke Robert of Wurttemberg, General Baron von der Goltz, commander of the army corps at Konigsburg; Admiral von Tirpitz, Secretary of the Admiralty; Baron von Rheinbaben, Prussian Minister of State and Finance; Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, commander of the army corps at the second Hague peace conference; and General von Stuenkel.

Pacific Shipping.

MANILA, Jan. 17.—Arrived—Inveran, from Portland, via Muanan.

Coronel, Jan. 18.—Arrived—Steamer Strathgairn, from Tacoma for St. Vincent.

St. Vincent, Jan. 17.—Sailed—Comerio (from Tacoma) for Belfast.

Hankong, Jan. 16.—Sailed—Empress of India, for Vancouver.

A Higher Health Level.

"I have reached a higher health level since I began using Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Jacob Springer, of West Franklin, Maine. "They keep my stomach clear and bowels working just right. If these pills disappoint you on trial, money will be refunded at Woodard, Clarke & Co.'s drugstore, 250

BANKS PAYING COIN

Seattle to Retire Clearing-House Certificates Monday.

OTHER TOWNS DO LIKEWISE

Regular Schedule Monday.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—It was announced today that regular passenger traffic over the Oregon Electric between Portland and Salem will begin next Monday, when one round trip a day will be made each way.

BROWNVILLE BEATS ALBANY

Wins Debate in Semi-Finals of Championship Series.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The Brownville High School won from Albany High school in the city tonight in one of the semi-final debates for the championship of the Central Oregon district of the State high school series.

Brownville supported the negative of the question, "Resolved, that light and water plants should be owned and operated by municipalities." The Brownville debaters were Cecil Sawyer, Roy Cochran, and Lydia Davidson.

Albany was represented by Ina Dow, Melissa Martin and Lucille Hart. The judges were George W. Hug, principal of the Eugene High School, Professor J. A. Gilbert of the University of Oregon, and Attorney J. W. H. Jones of Corvallis. Albany and Brownville met tonight by virtue of the fact that Albany had won from Salem and Brownville from Silverton.

Reports From Different Sections of State Indicate Rapid Resumption of Normal Business Conditions in Washington.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Under the leadership of the executive committee of the clearing-house, the banks of the city have agreed to begin the complete retirement of the clearing-house certificates on Monday. According to this agreement, the banks will pay out over their counters for the last time tomorrow any of the certificates issued by the clearing-house last November.

Beginning with Monday morning, the certificates will be retired as fast as they are taken in over the bank counters, the banks in turn paying out nothing but coin and bank notes. Not only are the certificates to be returned by the banks to the clearing-house, but the certificates themselves are to be cancelled and will not therefore be available for reuse.

The decision to retire the certificates has been reached only after the executive committee of the Clearing-House Association has communicated with every bank in the city, and that the bank received assurances that it is thoroughly ready to retire the clearing-house certificates issued to it.

Acting on this assurance, the clearing-house committee will tomorrow send out to every bank in the city a communication recommending that the payment of certificates by the banks cease on Monday.

The clearing-house committee has also been in communication with other principal cities of the state in the idea that the complete retirement of the certificates issued by the various clearing-houses of the state might be made simultaneously. The replies received have indicated, however, that the retirement of the certificates has already been in progress for some time elsewhere as in Seattle, and that in almost every section of the state the retirement has already attained such proportions that it seemed unnecessary to attempt any concerted movement.

BILL UNANIMOUSLY INDORSED

Chamber of Commerce Acts on Port Commission Measure.

The proposed bill to enable the Port of Portland Commission to assume the functions of the Port of Tacoma Commission was unanimously indorsed by the trustees of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting held yesterday morning in the new quarters of the Chamber.

The bill is also intended to cover the expenses of maintaining an agent at the Union Depot while the collector rates are in force, for the purpose of assisting home-seekers with all necessary information regarding the location and terms, and direct them to the exhibit-room in the Chamber of Commerce building.

M. Mosselson, who has held the position of assistant secretary of the Chamber for the past five years, was re-elected to that office.

STEAMER STETSON CLEARS.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The steamer J. B. Stetson cleared at the custom-house today for San Pedro via San Francisco.

The cargo consists of a large quantity of lumber, loaded at the Tongue Point Lumber Company's mill.

MASONIC TEMPLE BURNS

Splendid Structure in Baltimore Makes Spectacular Fire.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 17.—The Masonic Temple, on North Charles street, between Lexington and Saratoga streets, was gutted by fire early today.

All of the structure above the second floor is a heavy shell. The loss on building and Masonic equipment was placed at \$250,000. The building, which is owned by the Grand Lodge of Masons, is insured for \$300,000 and the contents for \$50,000. The first floor was occupied by several stores, all of which were damaged by water.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

Don't miss the splendid bargains at McAllen & McDonnell's. Good goods only.

Greeks Stand Their Ground.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—All danger of an attack on the Greeks ended today, as the Greeks, who have been in the town since the work done, chief among whom was R. J. Husted, of Seattle, determined the men should not be scared away or intimidated. In this they were supported by the officers, and the trouble drifted off.

MUST PAY FOR GRAIN SACKS.

PENDELTON, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—After being out for a few minutes last evening, the jury in the case of E. W. McComas versus P. L. McCrea brought in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for the sum asked for. McComas is a grain crusher, and the suit was brought to collect payment for grain sacks used in harvesting the grain on the McCrea farm in 1906.

Taft for West Virginia.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 17.—The Republican State Central Committee today called for the National delegates to meet April 25, at Parkersburg. All but two members signed a declaration that Taft is the choice of West Virginia Republicans for President.

Two Private Banks Closed.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 17.—The Bank of Hamilton and the Midway Bank, two small private institutions in St. Paul, suspended payment today. The two banks were owned and controlled by A. Z. Drew, registrar and professor of mathematics at Hamilton University, a Methodist institution of this city.

NOTED FOOTBALL MAN HERE

Robert Forbes, West Point Coach, Pays Portland Brief Visit.

Robert Forbes, the great Yale end who coached the Army team last season, was in the city for a few hours yesterday.

Forbes is one of the greatest ends ever turned out at New Haven, his playing being of such a high order that he was given a place on the All-America eleven for two successive years. He coached West Point during the season just closed, and it is said that he has a standing offer to return to the Military Academy next Autumn.

Forbes is now located at Ballard, Wash., where he has business interests. He played with the Seattle Athletic Club eleven against Spokane on New Year's

SECOND VICTORY FOR SLOSSON

Again Defeats Sutton at 18.2 Balk-Line Billiards.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—George Slosson, of this city, scored another victory over George Sutton, the world's champion, 400 to 273.

DOUBLE-HEADER AT EUGENE.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—In the basketball game played at the Armory here tonight between the girls' team of Salem High School and the girls' team of the Eugene High School, and the boys' teams from these two schools, the girls from Salem won by a score of 26 to 2. The Eugene boys defeated the Salem team by a score of 37 to 19.

The game between the boys' team played among the schools belonging to the Western Oregon Interscholastic League, which was organized in the Spring of 1907.

TO INSPECT HARBOR WORK

Members of House Rivers and Harbors Committee Coming.

A party consisting of several members of the House Rivers and Harbors Committee will arrive in Portland about the end of the month to inspect the many important Government improvements now under way and contemplated in this State for the purpose of familiarizing themselves with the project in view of the additional appropriations. The most important new undertaking to be investigated by the party is the improvement of Coos Bay harbor and bar. The Collier annual and the petty at the mouth of the Columbia will also be visited.

It is not known at the present time whether any member of the committee will visit Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and other points in the Northwest, but Colonel Lockwood, chairman of the National Rivers and Harbors Commission, and Colonel S. S. Leach, principal assistant to the chief engineer, will accompany them in an advising capacity.

The visit of the Congressional committee with the members of the board of engineers is of particular importance at this time, as upon its favorable or unfavorable report on the present and proposed projects will depend the action by Congress on the rivers and harbors appropriation bill, to which there is considerable opposition.

GOOD BOXING EXHIBITION

Bouts at Tommy Tracey's Athletic Club Pleases Large Crowd.

Tommy Tracey's Columbia Athletic Club gave a series of three-round boxing bouts at Tracey's gymnasium last night which were enthusiastically received by the hungry boxing enthusiasts of Portland.

Over 700 of the ardent admirers of the fight game were crowded around the ring, and if Tracey is successful in repeating last night's performance he will have enlarged his seating capacity; otherwise he will not be able to accommodate those who desire to witness the sport.

From beginning to end the youngsters, many of whom are being taught the manly art by Tracey and his assistants, displayed more than passing ability at the ring, and the bouts were commenced without the usual delays and the precision with which each pair of contestants entered the ring at the conclusion of the preceding bout immediately won the favor of the spectators.

The main attraction of the evening was announced as the go between Gus Rosche and Gene Sullivan, the latter being the young boxer who recently defeated West of the Multnomah Club, at the New Year's tournament with the Spokane Athletic Club. Sullivan was given the decision by Rosche, but in the opinion of the spectators was favorable to the defeated lad, for he put up a splendid exhibition during the three rounds the bout was permitted to last. Manager Tracey decided that it had gone far enough and asked Referee Jack King to announce his decision, and also to thank the present for their demonstration of appreciation.

The bout between Charles Bush and Earl Polson was almost as interesting as the main event. Bush won the decision. Joe Sax and Young Bundy gave a clever exhibition and were heartily applauded at the window of their three-round bout, which was called a "draw" by the referee. Bob Wesley put up a rattling three-round affair in the 130-pound division, and this also was declared a draw. To fill out the program Fred and Frank Sax brothers, entertained the spectators with a friendly sparring match that was pleasing. Taking everything into consideration, the bouts were as interesting as any seen here in the last two years.

At the ring-side it was announced that on next Friday evening a benefit boxing exhibition will be given at Merrill's Hall, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to defraying the expenses of Jack Hill, a former well-known boxer, to Arizona, as he has been advised by physicians to go to a warmer climate.

NEW MEN ON CRESCENT TEAM

Strengthened Eleven Will Try to Down the Soccer Leaders.

With a trio of new men in their line-up and a determination to end the unbroken string of victories achieved by the Columbus in the city association football league, the Crescent will face the league leaders at the baseball grounds at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Taylor, Penney and Lawson are the additions, and the Crescent will try to get the strongest. The line-ups follow:

Columbus—Goal, Pattullo; backs, Dr. Short and Dymond; halves, Bennett, Fenwick and A. Stewart; right wing, Burns and Stevenson; left wing, Clark and Tailor; Dick; center, Mills (captain).

Crescent—Goal, Cummings; backs, Rylands and Jago; halves, Clark, Taylor and Steele; right wing, Kilpatrick (captain) and Hanson; left wing, Lawson and Dent; center, Honeymann, Reserves, True and Whitesides.

COMPANY TAKES NEW NAME

Eugene & Eastern Absorbed by Portland, Eugene & Eastern.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The deed was filed with the County Clerk here today transferring the streetcar line now built in Eugene, the franchises of the Eugene & Eastern in both Eugene and Springfield, all rights in connection with the proposed Blue River line, all materials, tools and other property of the Eugene & Eastern Electric Railway Company, including the latter's interest in the Press and University additions in Eugene to the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway Company. The consideration was

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While we have so many rare bargains in our Specials for today—Saturday—our extra specials are to be the hours for the different HOURS named, and only at the hours named can these articles be purchased at such an Extra Clearance Sale price.

Extra Specials are always looked for at the J. M. Acheson Co.'s Cloak and Suit House. These are opportune times both to the buyer and seller. Opportune to the buyer as at this time the extra bargains are secured, and opportune to the house, in that at these hours these goods may be handled to the best advantage to both buyer and seller. We shall confine these sales to the following hours ONLY during Saturday's Clearance Sale prices.

FROM 9 to 12 M. LADIES' COATS

Lot No. 630-91—Blue and brown Kersey-fitted; regular price \$15; Clearance Sale price.....\$3.75

MISSSES' SUITS

Lot No. 710—Blue and brown mixtures; regular price \$15.; Clear-ance Sale price.....\$5.95

FROM 8 to 9:30 P. M.

An Assortment of Ladies' Fur Neck Pieces—Regular price \$6.50; Clearance.....\$1.95

BLACK SUIT CERTIFICATES—Lot No. 1732—Extra fine; regular price \$7.50; Clearance at.....\$5.00

UMBRELLAS—Regular price \$3.00; Clearance.....\$1.50

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WOMAN TURNS DETECTIVE

Traces Man Who Robs the Guests of Hotel.

Posing as Stranded Actor, He Seals Watch and Pin—Is Caught Later at Roseburg.

THRAILL, Cal., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—California has produced an Anna Katherine Green in the person of Mary Cook, the young woman who looks after Uncle Sam's Postoffice business at Trall, a little town on the Southern Pacific, and who is a daughter of William Cook of Klamath.

On last Wednesday evening Percy Newton, manager of the Thrall Hotel and cottages, upon going to his cottage discovered that he had been robbed of a fine watch and that his little boy's blank had been carried away with several dollars it contained. He reported the robbery at the hotel and it was not long before everybody in the place had made a hurried examination of rooms and cottages to find if the thief had visited these also.

Miss Cook found that a diamond pin was missing from her room, and a large sum of money had been taken from her room. She at once began an investigation and finally learned that a man named Lewis had been seen about the town, and had stopped at the hotel for a few days without having a great amount of money, but had been treated hospitably by Newton, who took pity on his tale of hard luck after he had lost everything in the disbanding of the Mahm troupe which had been touring the state. Lewis stayed in the town for several days and made friends with a number of people. It was found that he had made inquiries concerning the financial work of many of the residents. His appearance was accurately described and Miss Cook recalled that he had stopped on several occasions to talk to her about trains, distances, etc., and had started to walk to a town some ten miles distant on Thursday morning. She put herself into communication over the telephone with towns along the road and finally found that a man answering the description of the "actor" had left a parcel at a station on the line to Roseburg, Falls and had gone on, but returned later on a train and took his parcel away and was supposed to have gone to Roseburg. Miss Cook advised Mr. Newton to take the morning train and go to Roseburg, which he did, and found his man on the depot platform. Lewis was taken into the condition room and searched, but only a small amount of money was found in his pockets. Mr. Newton then noticed that the man held his hand at his side and doubled together and grasping it quickly and forcing it open found the watch and diamond pin. Lewis was arrested, but residents of Thrall think the credit is due Miss Cook for her active work she did in locating the thief before he had time to escape.

NEW BRIDGE IS DISCUSSED

North East Side Improvement Association Will Prepare Petitions.

Under a report of the special committee by J. F. Sinnott, secretary, the North East Side Improvement Association last night set in motion the preliminaries of the proposed high bridge across the Willamette River north of Sullivan's Gulch. With the advice of Judge M. G. Munly, president of the association, the committee prepared an extended report explaining the methods provided in the charter for starting the bridge preliminaries, two ways being suggested: one way by initiative of the City Council and the other by petition signed by 15 per cent of the voters through the City Council. After going over the question at length the committee recommended the latter form.

The report was supplemented by remarks by Judge Munly, after which it was adopted. With the recommendation across the country under his preparation the petitions and the ordinance. The association also favored the movement for the city to own and operate rock crushers and provide crushed rock for street improvements.

C. L. Daggart, superintendent of the crematory, advocated the city gathering the garbage. He said that it would cost a year, whereas at present it was costing private individuals \$100,000 a year.

President Munly appointed the following committee: Publicity—D. McCallen,

ONLY ONE CAR OF PIANOS LEFT

Eighteen Sold Since Thursday—Factory Says Close Out Remainder In Next Four Days.

The public is quick to take advantage of a genuine bargain. This has been shown during the past few days at 103 Front street, where two carloads of the very highest grade pianos are being offered at about one-half the price that dealers charge for them. All of one carload is gone and the remainder is being sold in the second. These instruments were shipped to one of the dealers here who met with misfortune. They were left upon the factory's hands and I was sent here with instructions to dispose of them to the best advantage in the quickest possible time.

These instruments are the best my factory ever made. They are brand new and you will see in them many excellent patented features not found in other upright pianos. These pianos have been sold right here in Portland by the dealer who formerly handled them for \$450.00, \$500.00 and \$550.00. Dozens of them are still in the factory's hands and their owners will speak of them with highest praise.

These instruments are going at actual factory cost. I must leave for the East with as little delay as possible and will arrange for reasonable payments, as favorable as could be secured on any piano. If you are unable to pay in full, please call on our factory's five-year guarantee and I will arrange to finance you in full. This is a bona fide offer and an opportunity that seldom comes. When you see these fine, high grade pianos and appreciate what most extra ordinary savings has been made, you are sure you will not need to be urged to buy. Remember the location, 103 Front street, between Washington and Stark, in the warehouse of the City Transfer & Storage Co. Please come between 9 in the morning and 5 in the afternoon—not later, because of the lights. F. Frank, 103 Front street.

MAHER DELIVERS HIS MAN

Local Detective Back From Chicago With Chinese Prisoner.

Detective Patrick J. Maher, attached to District Attorney Manning's office and delegated to take Moy Kee Sim, a wealthy Chicago Chinaman alleged to have murdered a fellow countryman back to the Windy City for trial, arrived home yesterday, after successfully placing his prisoner in charge of the Chicago authorities.

According to Maher, Moy Kee Sim will make a strong fight for his life, and has retained Patrick O'Donnell, one of the most noted criminal lawyers in Illinois, to defend him. The friends of his alleged victim have secured the services of ex-Mayor Dunne, of Chicago, to assist in the defense. Dunne, a millionaire, has been arrested in Portland after having come here following the murder. He is near 90 years of age and has been 40 years in the United States and is president of the Chinese Masonic order.

In speaking of the Chicago police department, Maher stated that it comprises 1500 men. At one station on the South Side, where the negro population predominates, there are 15 colored policemen and 25 colored men act as detectives. Maher and his partner, together with Attorney L. H. Tarpley, of Portland, who was retained by Moy Kee Sim to assist in his defense, arrived at Chicago in the midst of the blizzard which swept over Illinois last week, but experienced no ill effects from the inclemency of the weather, but nevertheless, Maher was glad to get back to Oregon.

Cleaning Up Lane County Orchards.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The Lane County fruitgrowers are gratified over the action of Fruit Inspector Beebe, who has been granted permission to cut down all badly infected fruit trees in this district and to otherwise protect the fruit interests in the country under his jurisdiction. There is more interest being taken in the fruit industry in Lane County than ever before, and a number of fine orchards are being planted. Cherries, apples, pears and walnuts are receiving special attention.

George S. Nixon, Senator from Nevada, has a ranch of 45,000 acres in Wyoming located within the proposed high bridge. Nevada. His mines in Tonopah, Goldfield, Columbia, Diamondfield, Manhattan and Patterson yield great wealth.

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