

FIRST SIX MILES OPEN FEBRUARY 1

Initial Unit of Harriman System's Extension to Sound Nearly Completed.

OUTLET FOR COAL MINES

Branch Is Six Miles in Length and Runs From Tono Diggings to Wabash Junction With N. P. North of Centralia, Wash.

The first six miles of the Oregon & Washington Railroad, the United Pacific extension from Portland to Puget Sound, will be opened to traffic on February 1.

A tariff has been issued on the new line, effective February 1, over the name of R. B. Miller, general freight agent for the allied Harriman roads in this state.

The stretch of the new line between Wabash and Tono, Wash., which will be the junction with the Northern Pacific Railway some nine miles north of Centralia and Tono is the station where the mines of the Washington Union Coal Company are located.

The early completion of this part of the Oregon & Washington system was to handle the coal output from the mines of this company. It is expected that the amount of fuel will be mined by this concern, in fact the output will be regulated solely by the demand for the coal.

Considerable work is being done upon the Oregon & Washington at different points along the line between Portland and Seattle and particularly at the Puget Sound terminals, where rights of way and terminal properties are being improved.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC GROWING

Decided Improvement Apparent on Harriman Lines in Oregon.

That there is an improvement in traffic, particularly in the movement of merchandise, is the statement of R. B. Miller, head of the traffic department of the Harriman lines in this territory.

"In fact, there is an improvement already throughout the territory covered by our lines. I think this will continue to improve. There appears to be a generally healthy tone throughout our territory."

About 70 per cent of the grain crop of the inland Empire has been moved. What we are going to do for traffic on the O. & N. lines after the remaining 30 per cent of the wheat is brought down, I do not know.

RETURNS FROM SALT LAKE

John M. Scott, assistant general passenger agent for the Harriman lines in this state, returned yesterday from Salt Lake City, where he attended the annual convention of the Trans-Missouri Dry Farming Congress, which was held in the Mormon City from January 23-25.

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optimistically regarding conditions in the extreme Orient, which he said is rapidly recovering from the period of depression following the war.

JAPANESE SPIES SUSPECTED

Persistent Attempt to Rob Army at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—The Call says today: Bullets fired with deadly intent by National Guard sharpshooters early yesterday morning frustrated a second attempt to rob the Army's Company K and M, Fifth Infantry, of the National Guard.

That the attack was not a burglar's ordinary operation seems apparent from the persistence of the mysterious visitors. Early Saturday morning and again in the darkness of Sunday morning two men tried to gain an entrance into the mysterious building.

RIEF WANTS MORE TIME

CALHOUN, HOWEVER, DESIRES SPEEDY TRIAL.

Honey Will Go Back to Finish Up Great Cases—Yet's Chauffeur Has Not Yet Been Found.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—Abraham Ruef will plead for further time when he comes up before Superior Judge Lawlor at 10 o'clock tomorrow, at which time the date of his first trial on one of the many indictments returned against him is to be set.

Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, who returned from New York yesterday, is insistent in his demand for immediate trial, and is not amenable to the new plan proposed by Ruef's counsel.

Calhoun Promised Speedy Trial.

When Tracy L. Ford, general counsel for the United Railroads, was acquitted in December on one of the 11 indictments charging him with bribery, Prosecutor Francis J. Heney announced in court that it was the prosecution's intention to place Mr. Calhoun on trial next.

Honey to Take Up Work.

Francis J. Heney, according to District Attorney Langdon, is expected here from Portland some time next week. Langdon is understood to have been engaged at Portland, and will devote his whole time to the San Francisco bribery-graft cases until they have all been disposed of.

HABEAS CORPUS FOR GLASS

Sets Forth He Is Sick and Cannot Live—Returnable January 30.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—A writ of habeas corpus was issued this morning by the Supreme Court in the case of Louis Glass, convicted of bribery. The writ, which asks for his release on the showing made before Judge Lawrence, is made returnable January 30.

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HENEY PROSECUTES HALL'S INACTION

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Defense Begins Today.

Honey will close the Government's case before the noon adjournment today, when the defense will begin the introduction of testimony. Judge Webster said that not more than two days will be required to present the evidence for the defendant.

Honey created something of a surprise at the opening of the afternoon session when he called George Sorenson as a witness for the Government. Sorenson's testimony was admitted by the court only after repeated objections on the ground of competency and relevancy had been interposed by Judge Webster for the defense.

Sorenson Urged to "Stand In."

"You are mixed up in these land frauds in connection with different cases," said Hall to me on one of these occasions, testified the witness. "Not only yourself, but Brownell, Henry Meldrum, F. P. Mays, W. N. Jones and I am not sure, but I think he also said W. W. Stelwer. We talked the matter over and he suggested to me that I should 'stand in' and support him for reappointment. At the same time he showed me some papers that Greene had against Brownell and others, including myself. We had some other talks and finally decided to go down to Oregon City and see Brownell. This we did and I remained down there while Hall went up to Brownell's office. When Hall came down stairs he told me that it was all right with Brownell—that he would 'stand in.'"

On cross-examination Judge Webster undertook to ascertain from the witness that as attorney for Sorenson, Hall on the occasion of his visit to Oregon City in 1903, actually had some in the interest of his client and not to see Brownell as the witness had testified. But Sorenson would not make the admission, although he said he was uncertain as to the actual date of the Oregon City visit.

Hall Writes Sorenson.

Department of Justice, United States Attorney, District of Oregon, Portland, Or., Oct. 7, 1903.—Captain George Sorenson, care of Standard Hotel, 1000 Broadway, New York, N. Y.: Your favor of the 3d instant is just at hand and contents noted. You are anxious to see me, but I am not sure you are coming home?

W. E. Burke Testifies.

W. E. Burke, a member of the Oregon Legislature in 1896 and 1897, and employed by A. B. Hammond in 1899 in connection with William G. Goslin, Hammond's secretary, when, with Goslin's assistance, he induced 20 unemployed men that were placed in the North End, to file on timber land at the Oregon City Land Office, each of the 20 illegal entries being paid for their respective shares by the land company. He did not take the land with the intention of acquiring it for themselves, but did so with the understanding that they were to hold the land temporarily and to execute relinquishments that were to be filed as soon as Burke and Goslin received from Hammond the land scrip in which the lands were so designated.

Rivals Divide Lands.

On cross-examination, Burke admitted that he had never discussed the subject with Hall. In answer to another question, he testified that he had discussed the matter with Carey and F. P. Mays were the attorneys for the Northern Pacific, and that while Hammond did not get the lands that were originally filed on, the 20 quarter-sections were eventually divided between the rival companies.

Hermann Is Cautious.

With his characteristic shrewdness, the ex-Land Commissioner replied that the case not being before the Department, it was up to Hall to do what the facts and circumstances in the case warranted. But this did not satisfy the District Attorney.

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NO CASES TO BE DROPPED. GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE LAND-FRAUD PROSECUTION. Trials to Be Set for April and Honey Probably Will Return to Take Charge of Hermann Case.

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HURLS SELF BEFORE TRAIN. Unidentified Stranger Commits Suicide Near Astoria.

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