

HILL LINES WANTS BULK ELEVATORS

A. D. Thompson Considers Problem of Handling Wheat Crop From Portland.

EXPORT GRAIN IN BULK

Head of Big Duluth Firm Will Experiment With Cargo and Revolution of Waterfront May Result.

That lofty wheat elevators along the waterfront will be replaced by the present wheat docks within the next few years, is the belief of A. D. Thompson, head of A. D. Thompson & Co., of Duluth, very extensive wheat exporters. Mr. Thompson says wheat should be handled out of this port in bulk cargoes instead of in jute sacks, as at present. He announces his intention of sending out a cargo from Portland to test this method of exporting grain.

Thompson left Portland yesterday, after spending a day here in consultation with wheat exporters. He was also in conference with prominent Hill officials and it is known that his visit here was heralded by letters from the headquarters of the Hill lines, asking that information desired by Mr. Thompson be furnished him. It is known further that the big wheat exporter comes to the Coast as the emissary of James J. Hill himself and it is understood that the Great Northern magnate is interested in this problem of economy in handling wheat from the ports of the Pacific Northwest.

It is probable also that big wheat elevators, with a capacity of 1,000,000 bushels will be built on the Welder tract, located on the North Portland river front and owned by the Hill interests. Mr. Thompson will unquestionably report to Hill in favor of building elevators here instead of wheat docks and providing facilities for handling grain in bulk cargoes instead of in sacks.

Bulk Method Saves Money.

Mr. Thompson's firm handles grain exclusively by means of elevators. He exports cargoes from all the leading Atlantic Coast ports and says that the ports on the other side are provided with facilities for emptying these loads of grain, with the exception of a few French ports and a very few in the Mediterranean. Mr. Thompson does not handle grain to these ports.

Mr. Thompson contends that an immense saving will be effected in handling grain cargoes by using the bulk system of loading. He estimates that the present cost of loading and discharging wheat cargoes in sacks is 7 cents a bushel, whereas if handled by elevators, the cost is not more than 1 1/2 cents a bushel. Grain ships are moored alongside the elevator and pipes are laid into each hold, down which the wheat pours as readily as water is run into a jug through a funnel. The only labor required is to spread the wheat in the ship's hold. When the ship reaches port on the other side, big tubes from the elevators are run down into the wheat and the cargo is taken up by mechanical conveyors as readily as an elephant sucks water through its trunk.

WINS IN TWO STRAIGHTS

Dr. Roller Defeats Fred Beel in Wrestling Match in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 14.—(Special.)—Dr. B. P. Roller added another victory to his string tonight, when he defeated Fred Beel in two straight falls before a crowd that filled Dreamland rink to capacity. The first fall was obtained with a bar and chancery hold in 1 hour 16 minutes and 50 seconds. The second came with a body and arm hold in 25 minutes and 52 seconds. Both falls were clean-cut and decisive.

Ship Grain Through Canal.

In any event, he says, upon the completion of the Panama canal, in the next five or ten years, grain shipped foreign will not need to be subjected to various climatic extremes and the long voyages of from 50 to 65 days for steamers and 60 days and over for ships will be very much shortened. He is satisfied that then, if not before, the shipping of grain to the old country in sacks will be a thing of the past and wheat elevators will be used exclusively on this Coast.

Plans are now being worked out in the Hill engineering offices for the construction of wheat sheds on the Welder property on the water front. The specifications call for warehouses with 100 feet frontage on the river and 15 feet deep. They will be two floors high.

SAVED BY NEWPORT CREW

Occupants of Gasoline Launch Become Tangled in Rough Sea.

NEWPORT, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—The Hissavain crew, which arrived yesterday to reach a launch which arrived at the bar at noon and hoisted all the signals of distress. After pulling out to the boat it was found to be an open gasoline launch owned by Nels Anderson, of Kernville, who, with I. H. Payne, had attempted to make the 30 miles ocean trip from Siuslaw Bay to Newport in equally weather. On arrival at the Yaquina Bar, the venturesome sailors discovered that their little craft was unequal to bucking a heavy sea and a strong ebb tide. Captain Wellander, of the life crew, refused to bring the launch in as the bar was dangerous. He brought the two men in after anchoring the launch as securely as possible outside the reef. Last night the launch Oregon made an attempt to go out and tow in the disabled craft but found the sea too heavy. The launch is valued at \$100 and will, if saved, be used on Yaquina

Bay during the summer season. This is the third call on the Yaquina lifesavers within ten days.

Deisch Falls Heir to \$100,000.

JACKSONVILLE, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—Peter Deisch, who was elected Recorder of Jacksonville last January, has been hastily called to Helena, Ark., to assume charge of a \$100,000 estate, to which he lately became heir, through the death of an uncle. Mr. Deisch yesterday wired his resignation as City Recorder.

Charge Anderson With Murder.

COQUILLE, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—The grand jury here today returned an indictment against "Mazook" Anderson, charging him with murder of Mrs. Bertha Bita Gordon. The trial of the case will be taken up June 25, when a special session of court will be held. Anderson will be held without bail.

Must Clear Channel of Logs.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 14.—(Special.)—The Government has granted an extension of time from May 20 to June 10 to the Wishkah Boom Company to clear the Wishkah River of logs and to keep a free open channel for ranchers.

Everett Lingenfelter.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 14.—(Special.)—Everett Lingenfelter, aged 35, brought here from Elma a few days ago to undergo an operation for appendicitis, died this morning.

DYNAMITERS LOST NERVE

PLANNED TO BLOW UP HUNGARIAN MILLEHANDS.

Bunkhouse of Chehalis Lumber Company Would Have Been Destroyed by Agitators.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 14.—(Special.)—A plot to dynamite the bunkhouse of the Chehalis Lumber Company at Littell, a week ago Saturday night, came to light today. That the plot was not carried out was due to the vigilance of the Centralia officers, who learned of the plot before hand, and of the county officers, who were in hiding waiting for the attempt to be made; also to the fact that one of the ring-leaders lost his nerve at the last minute.

The officers saw four men leave Centralia in a buggy with a quantity of dynamite in their possession and drive away in the direction of Littell. They also watched nine other men gather to meet the four with the dynamite and go with them to blow up the bunkhouse of the Chehalis and began drinking there. At a late hour another party of men, in the direction of Littell. They also watched nine other men gather to meet the four with the dynamite and go with them to blow up the bunkhouse of the Chehalis and began drinking there.

Find Spurious Coins in Woodburn.

WOODBURN, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—Ed Laver today found two gold counterfeit coins in the Hunt Saloon, where they had been dropped by someone. The coins were a \$5 piece of 1903 date and a \$10 piece of 1901 date, of very noticeably light weight and poorly colored. It indicates that some party handling counterfeit coins was in this city during the past week.

Three Tramps Buried Alive.

SPOKANE, May 14.—Three hobos are believed to be buried under nine carloads of coal which were piled up in a heap by a wreck near Cheney about 6 o'clock this morning. The men are known to have boarded the train at Tyler and were not seen to leave it. Hours of digging may be required to find them.

Rain Brings Joy in Wasco.

THE DALLES, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—A warm rain, much needed and longed for in this county, began falling here last night and has continued at intervals

SUES TO ANNUL GRANT IN CLARK

R. W. Minckler Would Compel Railroad to Sell Land at \$2.50 an Acre.

OTHER SUITS TO FOLLOW

Oregon & California Corporation Contends Land Was Once Offered to Public at Established Price but No Buyers Applied.

TACOMA, Wash., May 14.—(Special.)—Encouraged by the recent attitude of the administration which has been compelling the railroads to relinquish lands illegally held, a number of suits have been prepared against railroads of the Northwest to compel them to give up valuable lands which they are holding to the exclusion of settlers, contrary to stipulations of their land grants issued by Congress. The first suit upon which the test is to be made was filed in the United States Court here today by Roy W. Minckler, of Clark County, Wash., through Attorney A. W. Lafferty, of Portland.

Minckler has settled on 80 acres in Clark County which tract is held by the Oregon & California Railroad Company. He seeks to make the company sell the land to him for \$2.50 per acre under the provisions of the land grant issued by Congress May 4, 1870. The company states the petition, contends that it has held the land for the past 37 years, that at one time the company was anxious to sell the land to any person that applied, but no one made application and therefore the company contends that it would now be unjust and inequitable to require it now to sell to actual settlers for \$2.50 per acre.

Minckler's petition is in printed form, indicating that provisions have been made for filling a large number of similar cases. If the Minckler case is successful, the others will undoubtedly follow in quick succession.

Survey All Oregon Lands.

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through the day, carrying infinite relief to farmers whose Spring crops were sorely in need of moisture. The rain has been general throughout the county and has been of inestimable benefit to all kinds of growing crops and gardens. One-third of an inch has already fallen, with every indication of more tonight.

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Biscuit Shortcake

1 quart of flour, 1 scant pint of water or milk, 1/2 cup of Columbia Leaf Lard, 1 heaping teaspoonful of salt, 3 teaspoonfuls of baking powder, 1 teaspoonful of sugar. Mix the dry ingredients together and sift into bowl. Add the lard. Chop lightly with knife until lard and ingredients are well mixed, then add water, or milk, and stir lightly. All ingredients, especially the lard, should be very cold. Bake in well-greased tins until a light brown. Have the berries chopped and sugared one-half hour before using. When cake is baked (takes about 15 minutes in quick oven) take out and split open as you would a biscuit and butter both sides well; sugar, then pour in berries on bottom crust and put top crust on again. Put a number of whole berries on top. Sprinkle with powdered sugar, and serve immediately, with whipped cream.