

SPEED CONTEST BETWEEN ROADS

Hill and Harriman to Contend for Portland Mail Contract.

HARRIMAN PUTS ON STEAM

Tries to Save Five Hours Between Granger and Portland in Order to Compete With North Bank Road.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 2.—The Herald will say today that behind an order just received for a change in the schedule of the Oregon Short Line's Salt Lake-Portland express is mapped out an elaborate campaign between two great transcontinental railroads.

By speeding trains on the Union Pacific from Granger, Wyo., on the Short Line, through Huntington, Or., on the Oregon Railway & Navigation road to Portland, the Herald continues, it is hoped to reduce the time of the through trip by five hours at least.

This contest against time is inspired by the completion of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle from the Northern Pacific connection at Pasco, Wash., to Portland, along the north bank of the Columbia River.

The Spokane, Portland & Seattle is a Hill enterprise. It reduces by many hundred miles the trackage between Chicago and the Oregon metropolis.

Beginning next week the Portland express will leave Salt Lake at 10:45 P. M., instead of 11:45 P. M., to connect at Portcattello with the Granger-Huntington flyer, whose running time is to be reduced 45 minutes between these points.

ASSURE CANNON OF AID

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS FAVOR HIS RE-ELECTION.

Representative Mann Says Illinois Man Has More Than Majority of Votes Pledged.

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Representative Mann admitted yesterday that he had received unequivocal answers from more than a majority of the Republicans of the House, that they would support Mr. Cannon. This number has not yet reached a majority of the House.

Mr. Mann said that a number, principally new members, had written that they desired to look over the situation and investigate the subject more thoroughly before replying in a way that might be considered as a pledge. It is said that only one member of the House has replied that he will oppose the re-election of Mr. Cannon as Speaker.

Attention is gradually shifting from the Speakership to the proposal to amend the rules of the House. There are indications that the Speaker may not offer much opposition to some amendments, at least.

HAS AMBITION TO BE MAYOR

BATTLING NELSON WOULD RULE OVER HEGEWISCH.

Will Wear "Shiny Lid," Dress Like Gentleman and Act Like One, Says Pugilist.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—The secret is out. Battling Nelson, lightweight champion pugilist, wants to be Mayor of Hegewisch, and in a naive little speech to some of his familiar friends yesterday he told why.

"One man's ambitions run one way, and the other in another," said the "Man Who Would Be Mayor."

"When I was a kid, my idea of a gentleman was the fellow in a shiny lid and frock coat, that sold my old man life insurance. We must be independent of Chicago. I always had an itch to wear a shiny lid, and if I'm elected Mayor of Hegewisch, I'll support the dignity of the place by wearing one all the time."

"I want a town that men can live in who haven't had the sporting blood stirred out of 'em by laws that were made for crooks and three-card-men. If I'm elected Mayor, I propose to dress like a gentleman and act like one. I won't behave like a preacher in public and live like a crook in private."

JUMPS 100 FEET TO DEATH

Yale Student Commits Suicide by Leaping From High Rock.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 2.—John Allan White, 29 years old, of Watton, N. Y., a student in the Yale graduate school, committed suicide last night by jumping from the top of West Rock to the ground, a distance of 100 feet.

It is believed his mind was temporarily deranged from overwork and worry. Before entering the graduate school White was a member of the academic department of Yale, graduating in the class of 1907 as its high-stand man.

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Wanted in Portland for Cashing Check Lost on Street.

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FIGHTING TO SAVE CITY

PINE BLUFF IN DANGER OF DESTRUCTION BY FLOOD.

River Eats Away Bank and Costly Buildings Are Gradually Tumbling Down.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Dec. 2.—While appealing as a last resort to President Roosevelt that permission be granted to cut through Government levees and change the course of the Arkansas River, leaving Pine Bluff high and dry but safe, every available man in this city will be put at work strengthening already crumbling banks until the creation of a 16-foot rise passes this point, probably Wednesday night.

The plan suggested yesterday was that a strip of land several miles north of the city where the river starts a horseshoe bend, be cut through, but Federal permission, through the War Department, could not be obtained. Late today a message appeared that the President was sent, but even should the necessary authority now be granted the water is rising too rapidly to permit the successful carrying out of the plan.

Fascine mats, built of small pine and willow trees, reinforced by mud and debris, are being anchored in the river at points along the banks considered the weakest and where the force of the water's pressure will be felt.

Tonight a large section of land 50 feet north of the city, the County Court at \$100,000 is slowly disappearing into the river, and warehouses along the bank, which have been partly weakened, may fall at any moment. Should the water break through the bank it seems certain that several streets lined with business houses will be destroyed.

FLOODS CLAIM TWO DEATHS

Waters Are Slowly Receding in Oklahoma River.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 2.—Flood conditions in this part of the state continue to improve, and the rivers are falling steadily today. So far, only two deaths have been reported.

John Sullivan, a section foreman, was drowned in Blackdeer Creek, near Red Rock, yesterday, and A. J. Whitner, secretary and treasurer of the Farmers' Union Oil mill, in Guthrie, was drowned while leaving the mill on a raft last night.

As a result of a washout early today which caused a break in the Federal main supplying Oklahoma City and Guthrie, both cities are out of fuel and practically all of the factories are closed.

Zero Weather at St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 2.—One degree below zero was the official weather record here today. A northwest wind makes the cold intense.

Below Zero at Butte.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 1.—Thirteen degrees below zero was registered here today. At noon the cold moderated.

Is Guilty of Rebating.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 2.—The

Stearns Salt & Lumber Company, of Ludington, pleaded guilty in the United States Court here today to six counts charging rebates in connection with shipments made over the Pere Marquette Railway. Sentence will be passed tomorrow morning.

The company pleaded guilty some time ago to 20 counts, covering 20 shipments, and was fined \$20,000.

Escape to Joyful Wives.

CENTRAL CITY, Ky., Dec. 2.—One hundred miners in the coal mine of the Cen-

tral Coal & Iron Company, near this city, escaped from the workings, which had been filled by smoke as a result of an armature blowing off a dynamo running a pump, shortly before 6 o'clock this morning.

The miners, frightened by the smoke, hurried to the surface through an irregular shaft, much to the joy of the assembled crowd and anxious wives and mothers, who had gathered at the mouth of the mine soon after news of the accident had reached them.

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