

ENGINE BEATEN IN RACE WITH SLIDE

Rotary Swept Down Hillside, Snowshed Wrecked, Bridge Demolished.

ONE DEAD, ONE INJURED

Accident, Following Recent Fatalities Near Scene, Causes Excitement in Wellington—Track Is Buried Deep in Debris.

WELLINGTON, Wash., March 12.—An avalanche that swept down the mountainside above Alvin, a small station three miles west of here on the Great Northern Railway, this morning wrecked a rotary snow plow and its engine from the "high line," carrying them 200 feet down the side of the canyon, and, sweeping down to the "low line," demolished a snowshed and knocked out one span of a small bridge one mile east of scenic Hot Springs.

John Annen, an engineer, was caught in the wreckage and received two broken ribs. He was dug out of the snow and was taken to the hospital at Everett. An Italian laborer is missing and is thought to have been killed. These are believed to have been the only casualties resulting from the slide.

The slide was a thousand feet long and moved with great rapidity. The crew of the rotary, which was clearing the "high line" of snow left by several small slides that occurred Saturday night, saw the avalanche coming and Engineer Annen put on full speed in an effort to run out of its path. Before the engine was fairly under way it was caught by the mass of snow and debris from the mountainside and was swept off the track.

The heavy machines started to roll down the side of the canyon, which has more than 500 feet drop at this point, but when they had gone 200 feet they struck a small ledge covered with three stumps and were stopped. The avalanche swept on down the side of the canyon until it struck the "low line," where the road is just beginning its tortuous course up the mountain.

A snowshed, built to protect the track from such slides, collapsed, burying the track beneath a mass of snow-covered wreckage 20 feet deep. One span of a small bridge in the path of the slide was knocked from the abutments. Railroad men say that it will take two or three days to clear the track and repair the damaged bridge.

Coming so soon after the disaster that overwhelmed the two Great Northern trains, when more than 100 lives were lost here 12 days ago, the avalanche at Alvin caused great excitement here.

It was reported that several lives were lost and a large force of workmen who have been digging in the avalanche ruins here hurried to the aid of their comrades. Investigation, however, showed that the first reports were exaggerated, and that not more than one death had occurred.

SLIDE AGAIN BLOCKS ROAD

Great Northern Line Suffers Greatest Loss in History.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 12.—After having had its line through the Cascade Mountains free for three weeks, the Great Northern Railway succeeded in opening it Saturday only long enough for one eastbound transcontinental train to get through, when snowslides again blocked the way.

Small slides Saturday night compelled the Oriental Limited eastbound for Chicago via St. Paul to run back from Everett to Seattle to go East over the rails of the Northern Pacific.

The operating department expected to have the line clear again by tonight, but the avalanche at Alvin this morning completely wrecked their plans. Traffic officials announced tonight that for the next 48 hours all passenger trains of the Great Northern will use the Northern Pacific tracks through the Cascade Mountains.

The slide at Alvin was caused by the unusually warm weather of the last two days, loosening the snow on the mountainside. Railroad officials predict that the line will be clear and ready for operation by Wednesday, and the warm weather is reducing the amount of snow in the mountains so rapidly that danger of further slides will soon be passed.

M. J. Costello, traffic manager of the Great Northern, today declared that never before in the history of American railroads has a railway suffered so heavily from snow blockades and slides as the Great Northern has in the Cascade Mountains. The recent experiences of the Great Northern has shown the officials the points that need protecting and plans are already under way for improvements that will prevent similar accidents.

No bodies were removed from the Wellington ruins today, and the interruption of train service prevented the shipment to Seattle of some already recovered.

EUGENE DEDICATION NEAR

New Y. M. C. A. Building to Be Thrown Open This Week.

EUGENE, March 12.—(Special.)—Formal dedication of the new Y. M. C. A. building at Eugene will take place this week. While the dedicatory exercises proper will not begin until Wednesday, preliminary arrangements and the installation of much of the new furniture will begin Monday.

The dedicatory programme will begin next Wednesday and close the following Sunday with a large mass meeting for men. The programme will include an address by H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A., followed by short addresses by local men and music by the Y. M. C. A. mandolin club and quartet. Thursday afternoon a reception for women will be held. In the evening the gymnasium and swimming pool will be thrown open. Friday afternoon there will be open house and the gymnasium and swimming pool will be turned over to the students of the State University and the Bible University. In the evening the High School will hold forth. Beginning Saturday morning the gymnasium and swimming pool will be thrown open to the students of the various schools of the city. In the afternoon County Day will be observed and a reception for out-of-town subscribers will be held.

NO AFFINITIES FOR STAGE

Plea for Respectability of Actors and Actresses.

PORTLAND, March 12.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian of last Friday

had a statement, credited to a dispatch from Kansas City, to the effect that Mrs. Cudaby, of recent sensational notoriety, was being besieged with offers to go upon the stage. Why should the curse of undesirable publicity be thrown upon the theatrical profession? Why is it that every sensational divorce suit, murder, or noted infidelity affair needs must be announced for the footlights? In actual fact, these weird concoctions never materialize. They are the usual nine-days' wonder and never get beyond the news stands. Self-respecting managers do not seek to recruit their ranks from sources so opposite to the intelligent reasoning. A few "misnomers" (more rightly termed "damagers") have attempted these things occasionally in the past, and found to their chagrin that the morbidly-inclined do not fill theaters, and that the American public is too healthy a product to permit such pandering methods to succeed.

The stage is unjustly labeled as the ever-ready dumping ground for the latest "affinity murder," "run-away lady of title or millions," or "upholders of the unwritten law." Such statements are injurious to every self-respecting person in the theatrical profession. There are hundreds of morbidly-inclined, sensation-seeking persons in America today who rehearse mentally what they do if their heart affairs take a wrong turn; and parallel to their fabled or real wrongs, running like a tempting lure, are the thoughts: "The stage—the stage. I will get a reputation. Managers will pay me almost any price just to walk on. The public will know of my wrongs and will

THREE WINNERS OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ORATORICAL CONTEST MAY BE AFFECTED BY PROTEST BASED ON PROLONGED SPEECHES.



Edwin McKee, of McMinnville. Harold D. Rounds, of University of Oregon. W. E. Gwynn, of Pacific.

sympathize with my temptations. Stuff! They never see the stage. ERNEST SHIPMAN.

HORN BACK TO PRISON

PAROLE VIOLATED CHIEF CAUSE OF HIS RETURN.

In Vancouver Bites Policeman's Leg, So Charge of Mayhem Would Also Lie.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 12.—(Special.)—Paroled from the State Penitentiary at Salem, Or., Tuesday and arrested Wednesday night in Vancouver for being drunk and disorderly and biting a chunk from an officer's leg, is the record of Jack Horn, who was taken back to the Penitentiary today by Warden Curtis.

Horn held up three pedestrians on the Burnside Bridge in Portland about a year ago and was arrested by a plain-clothes man who happened to be on a passing car. Horn, who had thrown his gun into the river, said he pointed his finger at his victims and did not use a gun.

When Officer Gasoway attempted to arrest Horn here for being drunk and creating a disturbance on the street he was compelled to handcuff him. With his hands manacled Horn lay on the sidewalk, and when the officer attempted to pick him up, sunk his teeth into the calf of Gasoway's leg. He was sentenced to ten days on the strait.

H. Peterson, a blacksmith of Oregon City, had secured a position for Horn there and had advanced him enough money to visit a sister in Woodlawn, Portland. Horn took the money, went to Portland, boarded a Vancouver car to go to Woodlawn, fell in with a crowd of soldiers, came to Vancouver, and proceeded to create a disturbance. He violated his parole by leaving the state and could have been convicted of mayhem here, but it was decided to send him back to Salem.

Peterson was here this morning and attempted to get Curtis to permit Horn to go to Oregon City, but in vain. Peterson may take up the case with the State Board of Pardons.

WHEAT OUTLOOK IS GOOD

Ground in Good Shape for Seeding. Winter Crop Not Killed.

COLEFAX, Wash., March 13.—(Special.)—Prospects for winter wheat never looked better in Whitman County. John Arrasmith, ex-State grain inspector, who has a large field of wheat east of Colefax on his home ranch, when asked regarding prospects in Whitman County, said:

"Prospects or conditions never were better for spring grain. The ground is wet through and will be fine for seeding. Winter wheat in general looks fine. It did not winter kill as badly as last year, but, owing to heavy snow, which left with rain and chinook, the hillsides have washed more than other years."

HATTON VOTES DRY BY FIVE

Though There Is Only One Saloon, Town Closes It Up.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 13.—(Special.)—Hatton, the first town in Adams County to vote on local option, voted dry at special election, 25 to 22. Every qualified voter registered cast a vote. Forecasts of temperance forces previous to election counted only 25 votes. Hatton has one saloon whose license expires July 29, but as the result of the election will be a dry town after June 12 next. No votes were challenged.

PROTEST ASSAILS ORATORY CONTEST

Rules of Intercollegiate Association Voted Down, Two Schools Complain.

FOUR SPEECHES TOO LONG

Three Winners Named, McMinnville Gaining First Honor, University of Oregon Next, Pacific Third. "Ring Rule" Is Alleged.

SALEM, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—Because four speeches of declaimers in the intercollegiate oratorical contest

held in Salem last Friday were too long, the proceedings have been protested against and honors may not be conferred officially on three student spellbinders until the complaint of the protesters is acted upon.

Provisions of the constitution and bylaws of the association confine competing orators to speeches not exceeding 1500 words, and for every word over that number it is provided that one per cent shall be deducted from the elocutionist's rank in thought and composition. But representatives attending the annual contest gathered in numbers sufficient to override the bylaws, and the vote taken permitted the orators, as one said, "to talk their heads off." The speeches proceeded, no count of the words being kept, and the winners were named.

It was decided by the judges that Edwin McKee, of McMinnville College, who spoke on "The Anglo-Saxon," was entitled to first place. Harold D. Rounds, of the University of Oregon, whose subject was "The Spirit of Patriotism," won second place, and W. E. Gwynn, of Pacific University, who spoke on "The Citizen of the Twentieth Century," was third choice.

Looming up as a peculiar feature of the protest, following the selection of the three foregoing silver-tongued students as the best orators, McMinnville College and Pacific College, each of which is represented by a victorious speaker, are the institutions protesting against the decision. C. H. Woody, chairman of the McMinnville delegation referred to overthrow of the bylaws as a "disgraceful example of ring rule and railroadism." Old Lassell, of the executive committee of McMinnville, and Roy Pitch, of the executive com-

mittee of Pacific, concurred with Mr. Woody.

"Then, to complicate the case, all the delegates to the oratorical contest voted to record the protests on the minutes of the annual business meeting of the association. In part Mr. Woody's protest is as follows:

I protest allowing certain contestants to take part in the oratorical contest tonight on the basis that it is in violation of the by-laws of the constitution of the Intercollegiate Oratorical Association of Oregon. The protest is based on the following facts: Certain contestants are admitted by all to have flagrantly violated section 3 of article 5 of the by-laws. The penalty provided for its violation has been legally suspended by the executive committee. By careful manipulation of the autocratic power of the chair the delegates to the business meeting have been denied the privilege of voting upon the question involved. The proceedings of this meeting seem to be a disgraceful example of ring-rule and railroadism.

The contest to be held tonight according to the arranged plan will be unconstitutional and illegal since the plan requires the suspension of the by-laws illegally. Permitting certain contestants, who have

violated the by-laws, to enter the contest on the same basis as other contestants, who have observed the association's rules, is manifestly unfair and unjust to the rule-abiding contestants.

I resent the reflection of these proceedings upon the moral standards of Oregon colleges, men and women.

Whether the protest will affect the decision of the judges or simply have to do with the business meeting that allowed the suspension of bylaws is a moot point. It is thought that the protest, if deemed well-founded, will not undermine the judges' decisions for the year's contest, but rather be set down next year as an additional reason to keep the speeches within the prescribed length.

Miss Florence Rees, of Pacific College, tied for first place in thought and composition, but a severe cold prevented her from increasing her percentage by oratory.

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