



J. J. HILL ADMITS ELECTRIC DEALS

Two Systems Now in "Hill Interests."

WON'T TELL ALL HIS PLANS YET

Property Acquisitions Necessary Before Secrets Out.

TERMINAL PROBLEM BAD

No Prospect of Combining North Bank Yards With Northern Pacific Terminal Company's—Ten Day Trip Over State Next.

Beyond giving encouraging intimations concerning future railroad construction in Oregon and admitting the ownership of the United Railways and Oregon Electric systems, James J. Hill yesterday declined to make any statement relative to his plans or acquisitions in this state.

While promising that before he leaves the city he will make a further statement, Mr. Hill insists that more or less reference is necessary in the carrying out of plans which require the purchase of rights-of-way and other property.

"If I told all that we intended to do in Oregon there would be perhaps 50 persons who would try to jump in ahead of us at each point to gain some unjust advantage or profit at our expense," said the railroad magnate yesterday when asked for details concerning construction plans for Oregon.

No Statement Given Out Yet.

"Will you say whether an east-and-west line is to be built across the state?" was asked.

"No; that is a matter that I cannot discuss at this time," he replied.

The solid through train between Portland and St. Paul will be known as "The Oregonian," President Hill, of the Great Northern, yesterday said that it was desired to have the name "Oregon" somewhere in the title that will be given the new limited service, but the shorter form of the word had been used so much in the designation of trains that something distinctive of the Great Northern service was desired, so "The Oregonian" was selected as the name.

Ownership Now Admitted.

In reply to a direct question James J. Hill admitted that he and his associates now own the Oregon Electric and United Railways, but when a question as to extending the Oregon Electric this year to Albany and McMinnville was asked, Mr. Hill again reserved any statement on the ground that it would not be politic to disclose his plans.

A similar reply was given to a question as to whether a new depot would be constructed this year on the North Bank terminal property.

In answering further questions, Mr. Hill said that he saw no prospect for a combination of the North Bank terminals with those of the Northern Pacific Terminal Company in Portland.

Terminal Problem Serious.

"The terminal situation is a serious one in all large cities," he continued. "Ready handling of traffic cannot be accomplished without adequate terminals. Look at Chicago. It now requires more time to get a car through the Chicago terminals than it does to haul it from Chicago to the Pacific Coast once it is out of that city."

"In the state at large," he continued, "the great need is for development of the outside territory. You now have large and growing cities, but they must have a settled country on which to draw. The upbuilding of the state is what is most needed."

The Oregon Electric Railway, of which Mr. Hill now admits ownership, was acquired only a few weeks ago. It is understood, while the transfer of the United Railways occurred last fall. The Oregon Electric system includes an interurban line to Salem and one to Forest Grove. Prior to the sale arrangements had been practically completed for the then owners to extend the road from Salem to Albany and also to build from Tigardville to McMinnville. The extensions would mean the construction of about 50 miles of new railroad. The road is also projected on to Eugene and also to McMinnville via Forest Grove and North Yamhill.

The United Railways now consist of about 13 miles of railroad, the principal line extending from a terminus at the Chamber of Commerce building to Burlington. Tracks are laid also on Front street which gives a connection from the North Bank terminal properties to the Oregon Electric terminal on Jefferson street.

Porters Get Tunnel Contract.

Recently, Porter Bros. were given the contract for constructing a tunnel through the hills that divide the Willamette Valley from the Tualum Valley and the road, before many months, will be in operation to Forest Grove. It is also projected to Tillamook. Last week construction work began on three miles of city tracks connecting North and South Portland via Seventh street.

Arrangements for Combining the Offices of the United Railways and the Oregon Electric Have Not Yet Been Made, According to Reports.

ILLINOIS WOMEN TO GET INTO CAMPAIGN

"VOTES FOR WOMEN" MUST BE ISSUE, THEY SAY.

Dramas Built About Their Ideas Also to Be Staged in Many Towns of State.

CHICAGO, May 3.—(Special.)—Bands of woman suffragists touring the state in automobiles will descend upon every city, town, village and hamlet in Illinois before the legislative primaries next September, in an effort to make the question of "votes for women" the leading issue in the campaign that already has so many angles. It promises to be the hardest-fought legislative battle ever experienced in Illinois.

Mrs. Catherine Waugh McCulloch, a lawyer and Justice of the Peace in Evanston and a leader in the equal suffrage movement, made the first announcement of the plan today. Another plan for educating the people will be placed in the hands of Miss Dorothy Horning, a graduate of Northwestern University, as soon as she graduates from Cumbeck School of Oratory in a few weeks. Suffragists have three plays written around their cause, and Miss Horning will visit principal cities of the state and train groups of girls to present these plays.

STAR CONTRACTS AWARDED

Government Lets Work of Carrying Mail to Interior Points.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 3.—Contracts have been awarded for star service on Oregon routes for a period of four years, beginning July 1, 1910, as follows:

Siletz to Kervilla, 32 miles and back twice a week to Louis M. Smith, Siletz, at \$900 per year.

Sandlake to Hemlock, eight miles and back three times a week to William J. Galloway, Sandlake, at \$74.99 per year.

Skelley to Yoncalla, five miles and back once a week to W. H. Wilder, Yoncalla, at \$150.

Galloway to Heppner, 15 miles and back twice a week to W. T. McRoberts and Marion Evans, of Heppner, at \$500.

Villistas to Lorella, 38 miles and back once a week to J. C. Walker, Lorella, at \$425.

Contract for star service between Artesian City and Murtaugh, Idaho, has been awarded to Joseph E. Strong, of Artesian City, at \$280.

AUTO MAKES RECORD TRIP

Seventy-Six Miles of Mountain Grades Covered in Six Hours.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., May 3.—(Special.)—William Prall, owner of an automobile stage line from White Salmon to Trout Lake, brought a party of four people from White Salmon to Goldendale, 72 miles, without a mishap. His speed indicator showed the distance to be 76 miles.

In making the trip over this route it is necessary to cross the mountain into the Camas Prairie country and cross the Big Kiklatat at the bridge over the Clearwater road. The grade is the steepest one in this part of the country. The trip made is considered record time over the route.

CHILD KILLED IN RUNAWAY

Victim Pitched to Crosswalk, Death Resulting Immediately.

LEWISTON, Idaho, May 3.—(Special.)—Agnes Wagner, 13-year-old daughter of William Wagner, food dealer and insurance dealer, was instantly killed here this afternoon in a runaway accident. This accident was witnessed by scores, but all were powerless to render assistance.

Mr. Wagner, accompanied by the little girl, had started on a drive into the country and in front of a meat market got out of the buggy, leaving her to hold the horses. The animals became frightened and started to run and in passing over the crosswalks the child was thrown from the vehicle, striking on her head. Her skull was fractured, death resulting almost immediately. The funeral will be held from the Catholic Church Thursday.

Sunday a woman was killed on Main street in almost a similar manner.

ALUMNIS PLAN BIG REUNION

Interest Aroused in Commencement at University of Oregon.

EUGENE, Or., May 3.—(Special.)—Members of the University of Oregon alumni who reside in Eugene at a special meeting tonight laid the foundation for what they hope to make the most successful commencement in the history of the university.

Classes were represented from 1890, the second graduate class from Oregon, to 1909. Special reunions will be held of the classes of 1890, 1895, 1896, 1899 and 1905, and every other class represented locally will be brought back in large numbers as the resident alumni and the people of Eugene can secure.

HEINZE'S ROBBER TO JAIL

Charles Katz GUILTY of Pledging Stock to Secure Loan.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Charles Katz, who was found guilty of larceny by a jury in the Supreme Court last night, was sentenced today to serve an indeterminate term in the penitentiary. Bail was fixed at \$25,000, pending appeal.

Katz was charged by Donald Persch and others with pledging \$110,000 worth of copper stock put up with the Windsor Trust Company by an agent of P. Augustus Heinze as security for a \$50,000 loan.

LONG HAUL CLAUSE LIES WITH SENATE

House Modifies Provision in Rate Bill.

COMMISSION HAS DISCRETION

Clause Relating to Traffic Agreements Stricken Out.

TINKERING IS CONTINUED

Both Branches of Congress Make Sweeping Amendments—Heyburn Amendment Under Consideration at Adjournment.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The dismantling of the Administration railroad bill proceeded in both houses today.

Section seven—the traffic agreement provision—was eliminated both by the Senate and the House. The Senate also struck out section 12, which would have permitted any railroad owning 50 per cent of another to absorb it altogether.

The section prohibiting a railroad charging a higher rate for a short than for a long haul was adopted by the House in the bill as it is pending in the Senate, but with an amendment, offered by Senator Heyburn today to modify the existing law similarly precipitated an extended debate, which was in progress when the Senate adjourned.

POLICE CHEATED BY DEATH

Wifebeater Kills Himself and Wife When Officers Surround House.

ST. LOUIS, May 3.—While 10 policemen surrounded his house in an effort to arrest him, John Briscoe shot and killed his wife and himself today.

Mrs. Briscoe had summoned the police to protect her from her husband, who was beating her.

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PATRIARCH CALLS ALL DESCENDANTS

105 DESCENDANTS OF MEXICAN MILLIONAIRE ASSEMBLE.

Owner of \$30,000,000, Feeling Death Near, Summons All Three Succeeding Generations.

GALVESTON, Tex., May 3.—(Special.)—When Senor Evaristo Madero, one of the wealthiest men of Mexico and for years Governor of Coahuila, who has been sojourning in San Antonio, Tex., for several weeks for his health, believed the end was near, he notified his son and physicians that he wanted to call his children and their children and their children's children.

A message was dispatched to Monterey, Mexico, and immediately the family was gathered from far and near and they numbered 105, including several sons and several daughters, 52 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren. A special train brought them to the border and from there they came in two special sleepers to the Alamo City, where a small hotel was leased for them.

Madero is 74 years of age, but he never hoarded his wealth and he said the sight of such a family reunion was worth a million. Only 10 of the children had ever crossed the border of Mexico.

Madero is said to be worth about \$30,000,000.

SECRETARY MAY RESIGN

Coming Unsmirched From Attack, He Will Lay Down Trust, Knowing He Has Conserved People's Interests Despite Pinchot.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—(Special.)—Seemingly everybody in Washington has made up his mind that there can be only one outcome of the investigation which the joint Senate and House committee has been making into the affairs of the Interior Department and of the Forest Service. The majority of the committee is to vote Secretary Ballinger a clean bill of moral health and a minority is to submit a report which will say at the worst that the Secretary of the Interior was not as sympathetic as he might have been with the policies for which his department, as an agent of the people's wishes, was supposed to stand.

If it is possible to base affirmative words on external appearance, the committee long ago made up its individual minds concerning the matter under investigation. The tone of the questions asked by the chief members sounds the note of opinion. No one has believed for a long time that anything was likely to be disclosed during the latter days of the investigation, which would change in the slightest the opinions of any member of the investigating body.

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Haskell's Trial Put Over.

TULSA, Okla., May 2.—The trial of Governor Charles N. Haskell and five other men in the Muskogee town lot cases was continued this afternoon until the next term of the Federal Court.

COMMITTEE WILL CLEAR BALLINGER

Even Minority Cannot Find Wrongdoing.

PINCHOT CHARGES FALL FLAT

Based Only on Inferences From Conversations.

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GRAND OPERA STAR SINGS TO CONVICTS

GERALDINE FARRAR GLADDENS FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Half Dozen Bank Officials, Including Charles Morse, Are Hidden in Audience.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 3.—(Special.)—Facing 8000 men in stripes, many of whom were serving life sentences, Miss Geraldine Farrar, noted grand opera singer, brightened one day of life at the Federal Prison when, early this afternoon, she sang her way into hearts hungry for music, but long denied it.

Building her songs to the majority of her audience and their limitations, she selected a number of simple English ballads, though there were many present who had heard the best of grand opera and would appreciate French, Italian or any other language.

Hidden away in the midst of stripes were such prisoners as Charles W. Morse, Greene and Gaynor, Lupo "the wolf," a half dozen prominent bank officials, the man who a few weeks ago was convicted of stealing \$84,000 from a Richmond postoffice, and others.

First she sang "Annie Laurie" and then she switched into "Cumrin Thro' the Bye." Both songs were applauded to the echo and brought two others, which were just as enthusiastically received. The simplicity of the occasion was emphasized by the action of Miss Farrar in playing her own accompaniment. In the party which accompanied Miss Farrar to the prison were Antonio Scotti, a number of others, but Scotti did no singing.

WEIRD PRACTICES DISCLOSED IN RAID

Young Man with "Influence" Under Arrest.

TACOMA GIRL MAKES CHARGE

In New York She Becomes Victim of Peculiar Cult.

HYPNOTIC POWER HINTED

Detectives, Breaking In, Find 'Om,' Young Man From Indiana, Going Through Gyration on Glass Globe Before Girls' Class.

NEW YORK, May 3.—It was a strange story which Detective Callahan told the Police Court today in describing the raid last night on the Mytic Temple of "Om," a young man who is entered on the police records as Pierre A. Bernard, a native of Indiana.

"Om" was arraigned on the charge of abduction after the detectives had found him in a luxuriously appointed house, where he taught physical culture and languages, surrounded by a number of pupils, mostly young women. Some of his girl pupils said Bernard represented himself as a "swami" from India.

Peculiar Exercises Seen.

"When I pushed open the parlor doors," Callahan testified at the hearing today, "Bernard was standing on a glass globe that was on a hair mattress in the center of the room. He was going through some peculiar gyrations. Five girls and several men, all in bathing suits, were gathered around him trying to repeat the movements."

Miss Zela Hopp said she went to Bernard's place last October and consulted him about a method of curing her of heart weakness. Bernard told her she must come to the place and stay for a time, which she did, first paying him, she testified, a fee of \$100.

Tacoma Girl Influenced.

Miss Hopp told the magistrate that Bernard had a peculiar influence over her and that she believed he had hypnotized her. She made grave charges against Bernard.

While she was in the place she met Miss Gertrude Levy, of Tacoma, Wash., another "student," and when she got out she thought she ought to advise Miss Levy's sister, Mrs. Hanford, of Tacoma, of what was going on. Her letters brought Mrs. Hanford to New York and the two women complained to the police. Bernard was held in \$15,000 bail.

ILLINOIS EX-GOVERNOR DIES

General John L. Beveridge Passes in California Home.

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 3.—John L. Beveridge, ex-Governor of Illinois, died at his home here today.

CHICAGO, May 3.—John Louis Beveridge served four years as Governor of Illinois, beginning in 1878. He entered the Volunteer Army in 1861 as Major of the Eighth Illinois Cavalry and participated in the battles of Fair Oaks, Malvern Hill, Fredericksburg and Gettysburg.

In the winter of 1865-64 he recruited and organized the 15th Illinois Cavalry, of which he was colonel. He served to the end of the war, when he was mustered out with the brevet rank of Brigadier-General.

In 1870 he was elected Congressman-at-Large. Two years later he was chosen Lieutenant-Governor, and when Governor Oglesby was elected to the Senate, General Beveridge succeeded him. He moved to California 15 years ago. Kuehn Beveridge and Baroness Ray von Wrede are children of the deceased.

COW STARVING IN WOODS

With Foot Through Bellstrap, Animal Becomes Helpless.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 3.—(Special.)—With her right foot through her bell strap, a cow belonging to William Lawler was found yesterday. She had been in this condition several days, apparently, and was starving, and was starving to death in the woods near Yaocot.

She had become lost and Mr. Lawler searched three days before he found her.

JAPANESE TOWN BURNED

Aomari, Flourishing Seaport, Is Nearly Wiped Out.

TOKIO, May 3.—Aomari, a flourishing seaport on the north shore of the main island of Japan, was visited today by a conflagration, which destroyed two-thirds of the town.

The census of 1909 gave Aomari a population of 15,000.

SOCIETY BELLE, SUICIDE

Miss Idelle Phelps Found Dead in Room, at Denver.

DENVER, May 3.—Miss Idelle Phelps, daughter of A. C. Phelps and prominent for several years in Denver society, was found dead in her room today from the effects of poison, taken, it is presumed, with suicidal intent.

She had been in ill health.



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