



LINE TO SPOKANE TO BE SHORTENED

Reduction by 54 Miles to Cost \$8,000,000

HARRIMAN ROADS TO MAKE PLAN

Work Must Be Completed Before End of 1912.

STRAHORN IN CONFERENCE

Announcement Made That Contracts Will Be Let in Few Days—Route Will Then Be Shortest Between Two Cities.

Contracts for \$3,000,000 of construction work on the North Coast or third division of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation lines between Spokane and the Snake River, reducing the distance between Portland and Spokane 54 miles, making this line the shortest between the two cities, will be let within a few days with the stipulation that they be completed before the end of 1912.

This announcement was made at the Portland offices of the Harriman system yesterday afternoon. Robert E. Strahorn, vice-president and general manager of the third district of the O. W. R. & N. Co.; F. L. Pitman, chief engineer of that district, and R. J. Danson, the company's chief attorney at Spokane.

Traffic to Be Discussed.

The Spokane men came to confer with Portland Harriman officials and officials of other lines relative to traffic arrangements and other details growing out of the reorganization of the Harriman lines in the Northwest, and will discuss the lines heretofore known as the North Coast. They arrived yesterday morning and were in conference with W. W. Cotton, general attorney for the Harriman lines in Portland, most of the day. They will remain in Portland today.

Plans for the construction of the track between Spokane and the Snake River and of the terminal facilities at Spokane have been completed, as have those for the tunnel and bridge work on the new road.

When completed, the proposed road will connect with the old O. R. & N. line at Ayer Junction, and will shorten the distance between Portland and Spokane about 54 miles, and greatly reduce the grade and curvature. It is expected to save the entire project completed in about 18 months.

Arrangements have been made with the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound road for the joint use of the line between Maragon, where the North Coast crosses the Milwaukee, and Spokane, a distance of about 60 miles. The road will be built and owned by the Harriman system, the Milwaukee agreeing to pay a trackage charge. The terminal facilities at Spokane will be owned jointly by these companies. The passenger station will also serve the trains of other lines and accordingly will become a union station.

Engineering Problems Difficult.

In the construction work outlined by the Spokane officials, some of the most difficult engineering tests that ever have confronted railroad officials will be performed. These include the bridge over the Snake River eight miles below Ayer Junction, at which place connection will be made with the Portland-Spokane line of the O. W. R. & N. Co., also those across the Spokane River in the City of Spokane.

It is expected that work on the Snake River structure will be started within the next 60 days. This bridge will be 4975 feet in length and will be approached by two steel viaducts, the one on the north side having a length of 2250 feet and that on the south side 490 feet, leaving the bridge proper 1220 feet long. This will be supported by five steel towers on concrete piers. The viaducts will consist also of steel towers and the track above them will be supported by steel plate girder spans. The maximum height of the bridge over the river will be 415 feet. In the construction of this bridge approximately 10,000,000 pounds of steel will be used. The structure is to cost about \$25,000,000, of which \$150,000,000 will be required for the spans and \$170,000,000 for the steel approaches. One of the Spokane bridges is to be 145 feet high and the other 175 feet high. Each will consist of two steel-truss spans with viaduct approaches.

Canyon Is Picturesque.

In building westward from Spokane, the new line will pass through the canyon of the Palouse, which for 12 miles is most picturesque in character, presenting formidable engineering problems.

Palouse Canyon is a sheer precipice, very rugged in character, from 200 feet to 600 feet in depth. The road will follow the canyon over a portion of the distance, through gullies, cuts and sidings from side to side from one angle to another, through rock-ribbed tunnels and over mighty precipices. The track in some instances will be supported by steel viaducts spanning the distance from tunnel to tunnel or extending from one side of the main gorge to the other, with hundreds of

SOME MILLIONAIRES GOOD AS HUSBANDS

CARNEGIE ADVISES GIRLS NOT TO BOYCOTT THEM.

But He Admits Most Millionaires' Wives Are Unhappy—Better to Be Born Poor Than Rich.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—"Don't refuse a man simply because he is a millionaire," was a bit of matrimonial advice which Andrew Carnegie gave to a group of working girls employed on a magazine which the steelmaker was inspecting. The young women told today what Mr. Carnegie said.

"Most millionaires' wives are not happy," Mr. Carnegie also said. "They have too many luxuries and have no mental resources to fall back on. Some of my partners have been unjustly criticized for what was not their fault, but the fault of their wives."

"I would rather be born poor than a millionaire, and I have had some experience in both directions. I have made 40 or 45 millionaires in my time, but I want to say that the only right a man has to wealth lies in his acquiring it by some useful labor."

"The great trouble with the wealth of today is that the sons of millionaires do not realize the necessity of being of use to the community."

ROBBERS PUT TO FLIGHT

Attempt to Hold Up Groceryman Foiled by Youth.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Two masked men with revolvers were foiled in their attempt to hold up Alexander Ledingham in his grocery store, at Eighth and Harnes streets here, at 7 o'clock tonight, when Frank Vernon, aged 18, seized a shotgun and rushed to Ledingham's aid. The men made their escape out the front door unharmed by the charge of buckshot which Ledingham sent after them.

When the robbers rushed into the front of the store and commanded Ledingham to hand over the contents of the cash register he refused, though both men pointed guns at him. He dared them to shoot. At this moment Vernon entered and thrust the shotgun into Ledingham's hands, and the men fled.

102-YEAR-OLD NEWSY ILL

Delivery of Papers Taken Up by 95-Year-Old Wife.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Orasmus Page, Joliet's oldest "newsboy," who for years has been a familiar figure at the railroad station, where he sells newspapers, is ill and, owing to his age, little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Page this month will complete his 102d year of life. He became ill more than a week ago, but continued at work until yesterday, when he gave up and his wife, who is 85 years old, delivered papers and sold them to passengers boarding trains.

\$50,000 GIVEN MONMOUTH

Regents' Request for Additional Appropriation Denied.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Fifty thousand dollars for a new dormitory and improvements at Monmouth Normal School has been granted by the Ways and Means committee. It was emphatically declared by committee members tonight that this is all the money the normal need expect through committee recommendations. It was suggested by the Board of Regents that an additional \$50,000 be granted for an administration building.

TAFT CALLS FOR FARMERS' BACKING

Reciprocity Benefit to All, Says President.

WILL UNITE TWO COUNTRIES

Speech at Columbus Defines Effect on Farmers.

GRAINGROWERS WILL GAIN

Immense Audience Hears Reply to Critics of Canadian Agreement and Applauds—Campaign Will Continue in Illinois.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 10.—Carrying forward his campaign for Canadian reciprocity, President Taft made a direct appeal today to the American farmer on that issue. He declared that the impression that reciprocity with the Dominion would injure the farmer was without foundation, and by statistics he sought to lead actual proof to his assertion.

Mr. Taft declared without reservation that the reciprocity agreement with Canada would be a benefit, rather than a detriment, to the agricultural interests of this country.

As for himself, the President said that he felt that the general benefit of the pending agreement would entirely vindicate those who were responsible for it. The greatest reason for the adoption of the agreement, he argued, is the fact that it would unite two countries, having kindred people and living together across a wide continent, in a commercial and social union to the great advantage of both.

"Such a result," added the President, "does not need to be justified by a nice balancing with a pecuniary profit to each."

Mr. Taft's address, the first of his (Concluded on Page 3.)

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KANSAS REJECTS RECALL

Senate Votes No, Though Both Parties Pledged to Measure.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 10.—The recall for state officers was defeated in the Senate this afternoon by the decisive vote of 23 to 15.

This was one of the pledges made by both parties in their platforms. (Concluded on Page 5.)

APPROPRIATION BILL CUT IN COMMITTEE

Grand Total Asked Is \$1,019,965.49

DEFICIENCIES ARE INCLUDED

\$50,810 Pruned From Estimates and \$2240 Added.

INSTITUTIONS COME LATER

Allowances for Sheep Commission, Tax Commission, Printing, Cost of Session, and Supreme Court Are Reduced Materially.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Carrying a grand total of \$1,019,965.49, the general appropriation and deficiency bills have been completed for submission to the Legislature. The ways and means committee pruned \$50,810 from the estimates in the general appropriation bill, but at the same time added in certain instances a total of \$2240, making a net decrease of \$48,570 in this bill.

The appropriation bill reaches the magnificent total of \$847,920, while the deficiency bill includes sums which reach to \$152,045.49. Not an institution is included, the bills for the various other institutions not being completed by the committee and will probably come early next week.

Pruning Knife Wielded.

One of the material cuts made is in the appropriation for the State Board of Sheep Commissioners, the cost of which for the biennial period was estimated at \$12,000 and was cut to \$2500 by the committee.

The request of \$20,000 by the State Board of Tax Commissioners is decreased from \$20,000 to \$22,000, and the estimate for the cost of printing from \$120,000 to \$100,000. The legislative (Concluded on Page 5.)

DANVILLE OFFICIAL INDICTED BY JURY

MORE SCANDAL BARED IN POLITICAL CORRUPTION PROBE.

Ex-County Treasurer Is Sought on Charge of Embezzlement—Total True Bills Now 216.

DANVILLE, Ill., Feb. 10.—The grand jury returned 216 true bills today, and adjourned until Monday afternoon. A large number of subpoenas were issued this evening, returnable next week, when it is believed the real work of sifting the charges of political corruption will be commenced.

Among the indictments returned today were bills against City Attorney Frank W. Jones and Pat Sanchez, a Greek merchant, who are charged with perjury in connection with their testimony in the election inquiry. It was stated that several indictments were returned against vote sellers, and at least one against a vote buyer, but the names will not be disclosed until bench warrants have been served.

An indictment containing 210 counts was returned against Harry H. Whitlock, ex-county treasurer, who is supposed to be in Detroit, charging him with embezzlement and malfeasance. An order was immediately telegraphed to Detroit for his arrest. Bail was fixed at \$7500.

An indictment was also returned against Harry L. Freeman, clerk of the Probate Court, who was Whitlock's chief clerk in the treasurer's office, charging him with being an accessory before the fact.

SISTER DENIES WEDDING

Miss Hastings Says Reputed Sister-in-Law Not Wife.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—(Special.)—In an answer in which she denies that her brother, Harry Hastings, prominent and well-known locally and in San Mateo, where he resides, is married to his wife, Maud Hastings, Miss Elizabeth Parker Hastings, the incompetent of whose estate there has been so much litigation, asks that she be adjudged the sole owner in fee of property on Clay and East streets, this city, valued at half a million dollars.

Harry Hastings and his wife Maud brought suit for partition of the property, claiming under a trust deed for the benefit of Hastings and his sister Elizabeth, which was given for the tenure of the life of their mother. The Hibernia Bank is said to have a mortgage for \$60,000 on the property, and is joined as a party to the suit.

J. W. Daniel, the English second husband of Mr. and Miss Hastings' mother and guardian of the person of Miss Hastings, has brought suit also, seeking to have the same property revert to the estate of his deceased wife, of which he is administrator.

AVIATORS BRAVE BULLETS

Hamilton and Garros Fly Over Juarez, Mex., Despite Warning.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 10.—Charles K. Hamilton, American aviator, flew his biplane over Juarez and Roland G. Garros, the Frenchman, in his Blériot monoplane, crossed the international border a short distance today. Only yesterday Hamilton and other international aviators had been warned that a flight over Juarez would be met with a storm of bullets from the Federal troops now holding that city.

The two left the ground within a few minutes of each other. After reaching 1200 feet Hamilton crossed the Rio Grande and a half minute later had passed the Mexican customhouse, making the first aeroplane reconnaissance ever made in time of actual warfare.

The aviator on his return would not give out an interview, simply stating that "there appeared to be a good-sized army in Juarez."

AMERICAN ARTIST LOST

Fear Expressed Wolfe Is Victim of "Black Hand" in Italy.

ROME, Feb. 10.—A general alarm has been sent out for Henry Lawrence Wolfe, of New York, a student of painting at the American Academy, who has been missing since last Monday afternoon. Wolfe is 25 years old. He is credited by his friends with being a man of good habits and they can advance no theory as to why he should have disappeared.

There are some among the Americans who suggest the possibility of kidnapping or the "black hand" being connected with the absence of Wolfe, but there is no evidence of any criminal act. Suicide is scouted by those who knew Wolfe well.

Immediately after luncheon Monday Wolfe went to a bank to cash his pension, amounting to \$70, and also drew \$5 from his private account. Since then he has not been seen. When he disappeared Wolfe had only the clothes he wore.

COMIC VALENTINES PASS

Place Taken by Postal Cards, Burnt Wood and Leather.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The old-fashioned comic valentines, which showed signs of passing a year ago, will be almost completely missing on Feb. 14 this year. Wholesale distributors here report a brisk business, but say that orders from all parts of the country are notable for the fact that they practically eliminate the comic.

The postcard valentine, a comparatively modern conception, leads the fashion this year, with burnt wood and leather novelties next in demand.

DILLING GOES IN AS RECALL MAYOR

'Good Luck', Wishes Gill on Farewell Eve.

RIVALS WILL CLASP HANDS

Official Change at Seattle Takes Place Today.

NEW INCUMBENT SILENT

He Refuses to Disclose His Administrative Programme and Political Predictions Are Said to Be Worthless.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The City Council met tonight, canvassed the votes cast at the recent recall election and declared George W. Dilling elected Mayor.

Captain of Police Claude G. Bannick will become acting chief of the police department when Mr. Dilling takes the Mayor's chair at noon tomorrow. The selection of a permanent chief will be considered by Mayor Dilling at a later date, but to Captain Bannick will be given the work of reorganizing the department and of carrying out the new Mayor's plans for policing the city.

The resignations of Richard St. Armas, superintendent of the city lighting department, and of Chief of Police C. W. Wapenstein, will be placed at the disposal of Mayor H. C. Gill before he retires. The successor to Superintendent Armas has not been decided upon by Mr. Dilling.

Smith Is Secretary.

The appointment of Joe Smith as private secretary to the new Mayor was announced today. Mr. Smith is a newspaper man who has worked for many years on the Seattle newspapers and the Spokesman-Review. He was active in the Poindexter campaign and in Mr. Dilling's campaign. He is now a candidate for the City Council.

Mayor Gill was busy this afternoon cleaning up his office to turn it over to his successor. He signed a pile of ordinances on his desk, made a schedule of the official bonds of which he is custodian and packed up his private papers.

"Mr. Dilling cannot take over the office any too quick to suit me," said Mayor Gill. "He can have it tonight if he wants it. I shall shake hands with him tomorrow and wish him good luck."

The ceremony of changing Mayors will take place at noon tomorrow. The heads of the city departments will be called together and Judge J. T. Ronder, of the Superior Court, will administer the oath to Mr. Dilling, which will be filed with his official bond with the City Controller. The greeting between the retiring Mayor and the Mayor-elect will be friendly.

Dilling to Instruct.

In the afternoon Mr. Dilling will give his instructions to the acting Chief of Police and will outline what he wants done by that department. He will ask Captain Bannick to place the police department upon a working basis as quickly as possible.

"I shall make no hurried or radical changes," said Mr. Dilling today. "I shall proceed carefully and will consider the interests of the people with every move. Certain things which I promised in the campaign have been decided upon, and I shall do those things at once. There will be no turmoil. I shall expect every man to do his duty and there should be no trouble about getting exactly that sort of service."

"I have been busy today and I have had no time to think of several questions which seem important. The appointment of a permanent Chief of Police will be taken up in due time. Captain Bannick is my choice for the head of the police department. He has a difficult work to perform, but I am convinced from what I know of him that he will make good. I shall talk over the situation with him tomorrow and he will enter upon his duties at once."

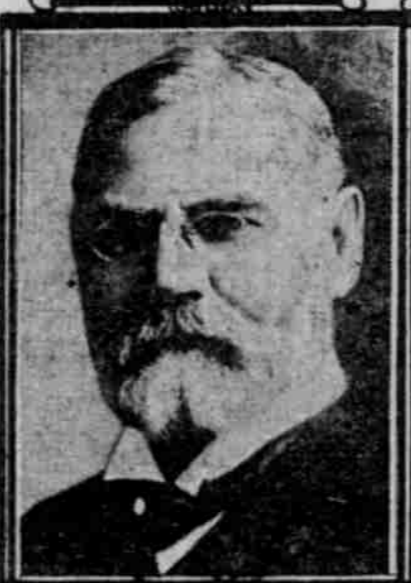
Gamblers Against Bannick.

The selection of Captain Bannick is decidedly unsatisfactory to the gamblers and the so-called "vice syndicate." Bannick is 35 years old. He comes of farmer stock, a wealthy old-line Iowa family. He matriculated at the University of Michigan in 1897, but was injured two months later in trying to make the football team and left. When he got well war broke out and he enlisted with an Iowa regiment and served through the war, and then came to Seattle. He has been on the force 19 years.

He is popular with the force, does not smoke or chew, goes to bed early every night, and is now probably used to getting up early to build the fire, as he was married two months ago. He is a splendid athlete, a keen fisherman, and a mighty hunter before the Lord.

Charter Amendment Pends.

Beyond what Mr. Dilling says himself, political predictions are worthless. He is known for playing a lone hand, and appears to be taking a position midway between those who elected him and those who opposed him. He refuses to answer questions until he gets ready to make his announcements.



ABOVE, REPRESENTATIVE J. R. MANN, OF ILLINOIS, AND PRESIDENT TAFT, WHO LEADS FIGHT FOR RECIPROcity. BELOW, SIR WILFRID LAURIER, CANADIAN PREMIER; REPRESENTATIVE SERENO E. PAYNE, OF NEW YORK, AND SECRETARY OF STATE P. C. KNOX.