

PORTLAND NOT HIT IN RULING IS BELIEF

Conditions Are Proof Against Ill Effects of Harriman Dis-solution Is Hope.

UNION MERGER NOT FEARED

If O.-W. R. & N. and Short Line Join Aspiring Road, Analysis Indicates Operating Headquarters Would Remain in Northwest.

Portland is not likely to experience any ill-effects from the recent decision of the Supreme Court declaring illegal the Union-Southern Pacific merger, regardless of the outcome of the struggle now pending for control of the Central Pacific, which is the line between Ogden and San Francisco.

Leading shippers and transportation experts believe that the geographical position of Portland relative to the properties of the Southern Pacific and of the O.-W. R. & N. Company is such as to make competition between the two lines impossible.

It is unlikely, too, that in the event the O.-W. R. & N. Company and the Oregon Short Line are merged with the Union Pacific that the actual direction of the operation and traffic departments of the O.-W. R. & N. Company will be removed from Portland.

The general offices will remain here in any event.

Farrell Says No Plans Heard. J. D. Farrell, president of the O.-W. R. & N. Company, said yesterday that he had heard of no plan for the consolidation of the three lines into the Union Pacific system.

On account of the fact that conditions in the territory served by the O.-W. R. & N. Company are so different from those on the line of the Union Pacific proper it would be impracticable, it is pointed out, ever to direct the affairs of the lines in the Northwest from Omaha, as would be necessary if actual management were concentrated at the Missouri River point.

However, it is understood that plans for merging the three lines do not contemplate removal of the general offices from Portland.

The change would be a matter of finance, merely, and of economy in accounting and auditing. The most serious point, so far as Portland is concerned, is whether the purchasing department would be removed, and it is evident that heavy pressure would be brought to bear to have this department remain.

Traffic Change Improbable. J. H. Lathrop, manager of the transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday that the proposed consolidation would not affect shipping interests here so long as the traffic headquarters for the lines in the Northwest remain.

"The ideal situation for the shipper," he said, "is to have a good, strong local organization with authority to give direct and quick action in any kind of an emergency. The objection of having the head office so far removed from the local representatives generally have no authority sufficient to make rates or to grant concessions in service."

But regardless of what the Union Pacific does toward merging the Short Line and the local lines, it is improbable that the traffic heads would be removed from Portland.

"So far as service over the Southern Pacific is concerned I don't think the merger decision will affect Portland. It certainly can't change the rates, as they are governed by the Interstate Commerce Commission. There may be some effort on the part of the Southern Pacific to get the haul on the transcontinental line out of the hands of the Union Pacific, which is via El Paso and the Gulf of Mexico, but most shipments will continue to follow the natural channels, and the natural channel from the Willamette Valley to the East is through Portland and along the Columbia River."

Southern Pacific Remains Firm. It is understood that Southern Pacific stockholders will insist on keeping the Central Pacific in their own control. The Southern Pacific has a 99-year lease on the Central Pacific, and a determination will be made to keep that lease from passing over to the Union Pacific. It is reasonably certain, however, that a traffic arrangement will be made whereby the Union Pacific will be able to operate over the Central Pacific into California.

Should this be impossible, the Union Pacific would be left in the position in which it was before the late E. H. Harriman acquired the Southern Pacific, and the principal reason for his acquiring the Southern Pacific was to get hold of the Central Pacific, or rather to prevent George Gould from getting hold of it. Since then Gould has built a line of his own—the Western Pacific—into San Francisco. It is certain that the Union Pacific will insist on maintaining a connection with the Golden Gate even if forced to build a new line out of Ogden.

The Union Pacific's half interest in the Clark road between Salt Lake and San Pedro, is not likely to provide much relief from the predicament that would arise if it lost operating rights over the Central Pacific as half of the earnings would go to the Southern Pacific, which owns the other half of the Clark road.

PERSONAL MENTION.

William Gerig, of Medford, is at the Bowers.

J. K. Davis, of Stevenson, is at the Portland.

A. B. Muir, a Dallas merchant, is at the Perkins.

Menard Gilbert, of San Francisco, is at the Portland.

L. A. Agar, of Spokane, is registered at the Cornwell.

George J. Bush, of Vancouver, B. C., is at the Oregon.

L. Windelman, a Tacoma merchant, is at the Oregon.

M. Lowe, of The Dalles, are registered at the Cornwell.

A. D. Lourey, an Antelope stockman, is registered at the Perkins.

W. L. Thompson, a Portland banker, is registered at the Imperial.

Frank Patton, cashier of the Astoria Savings Bank, is at the Imperial.

C. S. Fowler, a bridge builder of Seattle, is registered at the Imperial.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray O'Brien, of San Mateo, are registered at the Bowers.

J. M. Poorman, a Woodburn banker, and Mrs. Poorman, are at the Seward.

Henry A. Gibson, a machinery manufacturer of Chicago, is at the Multnomah.

William M. Britton, United States Army, is registered at the Perkins, from Fort Casey.

William Cullen, the theatrical manager, and Mrs. Cullen, are registered at the Multnomah.

H. S. Hewson, a lead pencil manufacturer of San Francisco, is registered at the Seward.

Dan J. Moore, proprietor of the Hotel Moore, of Seattle, and Mrs. Moore are registered at the Portland.

G. W. Luce, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific at San Francisco, is registered at the Multnomah.

A. J. Russell, representing the Portland Lumber Company at San Francisco, is registered at the Oregon.

Christmas Rush Seen

COLLECTORS FOR POOR SEEK ADVANTAGEOUS POSTS.

Early Shopping Due to Consideration for Employees and Desire to Secure Coveted Articles.

Taking their stand outside the big department stores or at favorable street corners, in fact scrambling for every position of vantage, men and women, boys and girls are busy from morning to night, collecting for the various charitable institutions, money that will make the poor happy and at ease on a day of universal joy and gladness.

Their presence on the streets alone is a forcible reminder that Yuletide is at hand.

Numerous were the devices yesterday to attract the attention of the charitable. The Salvation Army lasses, in their uniform, known the world over, were conspicuous with their tripod and gypsy's cauldron, into which many a coin found its way.

So, too, were the imitation houses of red brick, into which one was asked politely to drop an offering for the poor, when there were people at every turn armed with a hand bell, the tinkling of which never seemed to stop.

These little bells seemed to know that they had caught the eye, and when they told of the needs of the destitute, and there seemed a God-given power behind the arms that kept them unceasingly at it.

Outside the stores seemed to be the favorite "stand," for the rush of shoppers is now enormous and one and all who have entered these great emporiums to purchase Christmas presents are forcibly reminded, on coming out, that for someone there will be no gifts to gladden the Christmas morn unless they are provided by the more prosperous.

The "shop early" maxim has a great deal to do with the great rush, for everybody recognizes that if all shopping were done at the last moment Christmas, for many of the employees in the stores, would be but a day in bed, a day spent in resting weary feet and aching heads and backs.

One great incentive, too, this year is the fear that some particular article which had caught the eye might not be there when the time came for the actual purchase of presents. In many cases the stores have issued warnings that articles cannot be returned or exchanged unless they have been attached to goods shown in the window telling people that it is the only thing to do under the circumstances is to get at once and secure its possession before any other hand should take away the appropriate gift.

Then the smaller stores also Christmas array is now the order of the day. Display windows are appearing here, there and everywhere draped in white, holly wreaths are being placed in windows, while many a news store has displayed its usual array of periodicals and the natural calendar, with Christmas but 12 days away.

SOCIALISTS ARE DEFENDED

Expelled Member Barzee Explains Position in Controversy.

In explaining his position in connection with the trouble that led to his expulsion from the Portland local branch of the Socialist party by a vote of 8 to 2 at the general meeting last Tuesday night, C. W. Barzee said yesterday that in voting to repudiate the "Roosevelt circular" he did so, not because of any untruths it may contain, but on the ground that the matter contained therein was unsocialistic and inopportune for socialist propaganda. He defends the men now under indictment for its issue.

"Our difference," he said, "is purely one of tactics, and not principles. It is not that the Roosevelt letter is so scandalous, but that it discards the movement. The charges against these comrades are groundless when measured with actions taking place about us in saloons, brothels and loafing places. Public places should be as non-scurrilous as the public press.

"The very great majority, possibly all, to a degree, of that letter can be proven. I have opposed it as being unsocialistic and inopportune for Socialist propaganda. It simply is not, and does not lead to Socialism.

"The case against these comrades should be dismissed peremptorily. Let society clean up its cesspools instead of fighting mosquitoes. The reaction is more on the Socialist party than on society. Begin where laws are made and not altogether where laws are broken, if you would have law enforcement. Strike at the cause for real protection."

FREAK COMPLAINTS MADE

Woman Wants Officer to Have Her Firewood Split.

Police answer many peculiar calls, but Patrolman Green thought he had reached the limit when he answered a summons sent Wednesday night by Mrs. Anna James, 187 1/2 East Twenty-sixth street, and found that the complainant wanted to compel a wood dealer to send a man to split her wood.

Green reported at the station that Mrs. James had ordered a load of slabwood, but when it came the slabs were too big to be used in her stove. She thought the dealer should be forced to reduce them to smaller dimensions. Green regretfully informed the woman that her case was beyond his province.

BOY ADMITS CRIMES

19-Year-Old Robber Lured Into Police Net by Victim.

FIVE HOLDUPS CONFESSED

Albert Kroll, Who, After Robbing Felix Isherwood, Goes With Him to Home to Eat, Meekly Tells Officers of Career.

Meek, downcast and answering "Yes, sir" to every question, Albert Kroll, alias Harry Wilson, 19 years old, caught by the strategy of Felix W. Isherwood, whom he had waylaid and robbed at the point of a revolver Wednesday night, confessed at the Police Station yesterday that he had committed five successful and attempted highway robberies, all but one in the northwest section of the city, since November 1.

The confession came bit by bit, the boy at first relating only one of his exploits beside the one in which he was caught. After his capture by Patrolmen Bales and Schirmer, he was turned over to Detectives Mallet and Moloney, to whom he made his statement.

Necessity Given as Cause. Giving necessity as the cause of his crimes, the boy said that he came here from Los Angeles recently, taking quarters with his family within a few blocks of most of his exploits. He was identified by Detective Mallet as a bicycle thief who stole a number of wheels here two years ago.

The list of crimes confessed by the boy is:

Robbery of W. Jacobson and R. T. Tobin, at Fourteenth and Kearney streets, November 3, the two men being waylaid within a few moments of each other and in the same vicinity.

Robbery of Dick Syke, who lost \$27, at Fourteenth and Marshall streets, November 17.

Attempt to rob J. Andre Foulhoux, at Sixteenth and Columbia streets, December 7.

An attempt at Twelfth and Lovejoy streets which was not reported to the police.

Robbery of Felix W. Isherwood, at Twenty-eighth and Raleigh streets, Wednesday, after which the victim prevailed upon the robber to accompany him to his home to eat, and summoned the police.

Second Man Involved. The boy denies that he had anything to do with the robbery of P. L. Adams, December 4, at Fourteenth and Hall streets, though the description given at the time tallies closely with his.

In view of his frankness otherwise, officers are inclined to acquit him of this crime.

In almost all of these cases there was a second man, also a mere youth, and the detectives are seeking him, though Kroll says he left the city.

Kroll waived examination yesterday and his case went direct to the grand jury.

CAR COMPLAINTS COMING

Special Committee Hears What Public Thinks of Service.

With the appointment of a special committee to investigate the service of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, dozens of letters are being received by City Auditor Barbur making suggestions for betterments of service in various parts of the city.

The letters are in response to the announcement that the committee desires letters of comment from patrons of the company.

One suggestion received is that the company establish lights or illuminated signs on cars so that the destination of the car can be distinguished for a considerable distance at night. The writer of this suggestion says patrons often stop the wrong cars along streets upon which more than one car runs, because of their inability to tell the destination of the car until it gets nearly to the stopping place.

Many letters suggest that the company have its cars stop every corner along Killingsworth avenue, at present the cars run several blocks in places without stopping. Similar recommendations are made for other lines in the outskirts. Officials of the company explain that the committee desires letters of comment from patrons of the company.

Another suggestion is that the company heat all cars on cold mornings and evenings. At present many cars are operated without heat even in the coldest weather. Many of the cars have no heaters. Mentioned in this list are cars on the Fulton line. The same conditions apply to rush-hour cars on some of the other lines, according to communications.

A palm tree on Temple street, Los Angeles, over 100 years old, has been cut down to make way for a business structure.

WASHINGTON STREET JEWELRY FIRM POSITIVELY GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

I am quitting the Jewelry business, but I want to have a clean record. I am going to SLAUGHTER my entire stock of high-grade cut glass, silverware sets, hand-hammered brass, diamonds, watches, clocks and fancy jewelry, bought for the Xmas trade, amounting to thousands of dollars.

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| Diamonds, such as Rings, Brooches, Locketts, Scarf Pins, Cuff Links and Cigar-Cutters, which are all suitable for a nice Xmas gift, at less than 50c on the dollar. | 7-jewel Elgin, Waltham, Hampden and Illinois, with a guaranteed 20-year case, cut to \$6.98 |
| Rogers 26-piece Set, Knives, Forks and Spoons; \$10.00 set cut to \$4.98 | 17-jewel Elgin, Waltham, Hampden, Illinois and Hamilton, with a 20-year guaranteed case, cut to \$12.98 |
| Rogers 26-piece Set Knives, Forks and Spoons; \$12.50 set cut to \$5.98 | A big variety of Ladies' Gold and Gold-Filled Watches, with all the standard movements, at a big sacrifice. |
| Rogers 26-piece Set Knives, Forks and Spoons; \$15.00 and \$18.00 sets cut to \$7.98 | 8-piece Manicuring Sets; \$10.00 and \$12.00, cut to \$4.98 |
| 4-piece Tea Sets; \$12.50, cut to \$5.98 | 8-piece Manicuring Sets; \$15.00 and \$18.00, cut to \$6.89 |
| 4-piece Tea Sets; \$15.00 and \$18.00, cut to \$7.98 | A big line of Out Glass and Hand-Painted China at a big sacrifice. |
| 3-piece Toilet Sets \$10.00 and \$12.50, cut to \$5.89 | Sterling Silver in an endless variety. |
| 3-piece Toilet Sets; \$15.00 and \$18.00, cut to \$7.69 | Umbrellas, ladies' and gents', a big variety at 50c on the dollar. |

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HUGE HOUSE IS PLANNED

OWNERS OF PORTLAND HOTEL TO DECIDE FUTURE.

Present Structure Expected to Be Razed and 14-Story Building Erected in 1913.

When the directors of the Portland Hotel Company meet next week, it will be decided to raze the present hotel building and erect a 14-story structure, if tentative plans for the project now under consideration are carried out. It is understood that a building similar in design to the building that has made the hotel distinctive in character will be erected. It will be of modern, fireproof class "A" construction, and will have a light court feature similar to that of the present building. The basement will extend under the court and will provide much more underground space than is had in the present building.

If it is decided to proceed with the project, the hotel will be closed for a year. The entire present building will be wrecked and the new structure erected by the end of 1913. It is estimated that the proposed building, with new fixtures, will cost between \$1,250,000 and \$1,500,000.

The hotel property occupies an entire block bounded by Morrison, Sixth, Yamhill and Seventh streets.

MOVE TO QUASH IS DENIED

Many Persons Attend Trial of Dr. Harry A. Start.

A motion to quash the indictment against Dr. Harry A. Start, on technical grounds was overruled by Circuit Judge Gantenbein yesterday. This means that the case will go to the jury, and if conviction results, to the Supreme Court for a settlement of the law point, as to which Judge Gantenbein upheld the contention of Deputy District Attorney Collier, who is prosecuting.

The courtroom was crowded all day. Four women were in the audience, three of whom retired before the end of the day. The name of Mrs. H. A. Stevens was given by the woman who remained to the end.

The only witness examined so far is Fred Rodby, aged 21, an elevator operator.

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| Log Cabin Syrup, quart..... | 37¢ | Snyder's Catsup..... | 20¢ |
| Cross & Blackwell's Lucca Oil, large bottle..... | 79¢ | Macaroni, lb..... | 5¢ |
| Bellamy's New Blend Coffee, lb..... | 40¢ | Searchlight matches, doz. pkgs..... | 40¢ |
| 3 pounds for..... | \$1.00 | Corn, 3 cans..... | 25¢ |
| Fine potatoes, sack, 75¢; 20 lbs, 25¢ | | Tomatoes, 3 cans..... | 25¢ |
| Rolled Oats, 6 lbs..... | 25¢ | Popcorn, 3 lbs..... | 25¢ |
| | | Bellamy's Rice Flour, sack..... | \$1.20 |

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