Engineer Asserts Fictitious Securities Absorb Gains in Operative Efficiency.

MEN'S RIGHTS ARE URGED

Proceeds of Land Grants and of Increased Business Capitalized. Control of Finances Is Declared Necessary.

CHICAGO, March 2 .- Warren S. Stone, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, today subof Locomotive Engineers, today sub-mitted to the board of arbitration, which is hearing the Western railroad wage case, a statement in rebuttal to the testimony of the railroad managers, in which he charged that the issuance of fictitious securities had absorbed past, present and future revenue gains of the Western railroads, and that "there is no hope for the railroad em-ployes to secure an equitable participa-tion in the fruits of their labor so long nloyes to secure an equitable participa-tion in the fruits of their labor so long as the present financial control and ad-ministration of the railroads is unregu-lated."

Mr. Stone pointed out that the employes' organizations found economic justice for their demand for increased justice for their demand for increased wages in the productive efficiency of their work, but that the constant contention of the railroads in reply to this argument was that revenue gains arising from increased productive efficiency were absorbed by increased operating costs and by the payment of interest charges on additional capital investments, which have been incurred in the attempt to develop greater efficiency in operation, and because of public demand as to safety and quality of service.

New Securities Absorb Gains "It is now our purpose to disclose that any decline in operating or net

that any decline in operating or net income has not been due to the causes set forth by the railroads," said Mr. Stone. Statistics already read into the testimony by the employes had shown, he said, the remarkable gains in railroad revenue and the amount available for the increased compensation of labor. "We shall show," he continued, "that the constant tendency has been for those in financial control of the railroads to absorb revenue gains arising from increased productive efficiency by the issuance of fictitious securities. The productive efficiency of the men working today, the operating officials as well as today, the operating officials as well as the employes, had already been hy-pothecated and capitalized before we were born. Measures have already been taken by the issuance of fictitious oxpitalization to absorb the increased work and productive efficiency of our children and our children. and our children's children. There is no hope for the engineer and fireman and other classes of railroad employes to secure equitable participation in the fruits of their work so long as the present financial administration of the railroads is unregulated.

Profit Conservation Suggested. "Finally, we shall show that if gains from past productive efficiency had been properly conserved and administered, enormous advances could be granted to all classes of railroad employes, both organized and unorganized, without organized and unorganized, without prejudice to the interests of the owners of the property, and the financial status of Western railroads today from the

investor's standpoint would be all that could be desired. "The points we shall submit in this

connection are "First, that the proceeds from the munificient grants of land made by the Federal and state governments to assist in the building of Western rall-roads were not properly used, but their value, as well as the increased business arising from the development of Western territory, was capitalized by the flotation of fictitious securities.

Small Banking Group Blamed.

"Second, that the direct financial con-trol of Western railroads and the po-tential control of the economic welfare of their employes now rests with a small group of bankers and financial institutions, which make and unmake rallroad presidents, and which, by their methods of administration of the rall-roads, have absorbed present and fu-ture revenue gains of employes by the assistance of fictitious securities; in other words, employes and operating officials are the victims of financial ad-

"Third, we shall show from the publicly expressed opinions of eminent financiers and financial experts that this present inequality in the distribution of the output of the industry is wrong. "Fourth, we shall conclude by saying that, despite the financial excesses of railroads in the past, they are still mancially able to pay reasonable and fair increases in wagez."

"SALES DAY" MONTH PLAN

Albany Now Is Arranging for Event on Larger Scale.

ALBANY, Or., March 2 .- (Special.)-Encouraged by the great success of its first "public sales day," Albany is planning a monthly sales day and will make arrangements to hold them on a larger scale. The chief fault of the first sale, held last Saturday, was that

first sale, held last Saturday, was that not enough people could get around the auctioneer's stand. To remedy this defect, a large platform will be built or an amphitheater arranged.

The public sales will take place here, after on the last Saturday of each month. All will be conducted like the successful event Saturday, with the city paying all expenses of the sale and the goods being offered by farmers residing in this vicinity.

WINTER FISHING IS OVER Catch at Astoria Excellent and Fish-

ermen Await Spring.

ASTORIA, Or., March 2.—(Special.)— The Winter fishing season on the Co-lumbia closed at 12 o'clock Monday and has been one of the best in years. The catch of steelheads was good and recently there have been quite a number

of Chinooks taken.

The Spring fishing season will open May 1 and in the meantime it is expected that vast numbers of the early Chinooks will be able to reach the natural spawning grounds.

ST. JOHNS SERVICE BETTER Four Additional Trips on Daily Schedule Except Sundays.

ST. JOHNS, Or., March 2 .- (Special.) -A new time card was put into effect Monday on the St. Johns carline for daily service except Saturday evenings, Sundays and holidays, which provides for four additional trips, as follows: The first trip from Portland, via the

north side loop, is at 5:55 A. M., five minutes later than the former schedule,

Inquest Held at North Bend Hos

pital Over William Sweeney.

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PIONEER RAILROADMAN PASSES AWAY, AGED 69.

William Lovelock. William Loyelock, aged 69, who

died at his home in East For-tieth street on February 22, was an employe of the Meler & Frank Company. He was a resident of Portland for more than 30 years.

Before coming to this Coast he was employed by the Canadian Pacific Railroad and was at one

time a conductor on the Grand Trunk. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Octavia Lovelock, and several step-children. His brother, Harry

Lovelock, resides in Toronto, Canada, and his sister, Mrs. James Ellis, lives in Ontario, Canada.

North Bend over the death of William

Sweeney, an orderly who had been at the Mercy Hospital for the past two months, coming from San Francisco. He was 19 years old, and the hospital au-

minutes later than the former schedule, and the first trip from St. Johns is at 5:45 A. M., 14 minutes later than the former schedule. By way of the south side loop the first trip from Portland is at 6:10 A. M., 20 minutes earlier than the former schedule, and the first trip from St. Johns is at 5:41 A. M., 19 minutes earlier than the old time. The 7:29 P. M. car from St. Johns, via the north loop, and the 6:22 and 11:31 A. M. cars from St. Johns by way of the south side run to the Piedmont barn only. in Sherman County Cases.

ORDERLY DIES IN BATH EARLY ACTION IS UNLIKELY

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 2,-(Spe- Improved Condition of Nationa Treasury to Be Awaited; Modifled Measure Designates Beneficiaries by Their Names.

> OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, March 1.-The modified Sherington, March 1.—The modified Saerman County settlers bill, recently reported to the House of Representatives, carrying a total appropriation
> of \$94,707, is likely to receive favorable consideration at the hands of the
> House when the state of the Treasury
> is such as to permit of the adjustment
> of numerous claims against the Government. That this bill can pass this
> session, however, is hardly to be expected.

Time and again the Sherman County Time and again the Sherman County settlers bill, in one form or another, has passed the Senate, but never the House. Usually the Senate has passed a bill carrying an aggregate appropriation of \$250,000, but never has the Senate taken the time or the pains to go into the subject to specify what claims shall be paid and what shall not. Last session the Senate passed the Chamberlain bill which authorized the payment of "all claims enumerated in the report of Special Agent T. B. Neuhausen, of the General Land Office."

Individual Claimants Named. It was this bill which was reported by the House committee, but the report is in the nature of a substitute bill, not at all along the lines of the Senate

measure.

The House substitute, which will be reintroduced next session by Representative Sinnott, if it does not become a law this session, gives the name of each individual claimant who has been found to have a valid claim against the Government and also specifies the amount each is to receive.

which is important. This new section provides that no agent or attorney engaged heretofore or hereafter in preparing, presenting or prosecuting any of the Sherman County claims to any of the Sherman County claims to Congress shall directly or indirectly receive or retain for such services more than 5 per cent of the amount allowed by Congress under the bill.

was 19 years old, and the hospital authorities say his heart was weak.

Sweeney had gone to the bathroom, it is said, to prepare to aid in an operation, and being gone longer than be ought, was sent for and found dead. The inquest was held before Justice A. E. Shuster, and the body was examined this afternoon by Drs. Kaiser and Bartle.

It is a notorious fact in Washington that at least one land attorney has been interested in pressing these claims.

In reporting the substitute bill, the House claims committee points out that all previous bills to settle the Sherman County settlers' claims have failed in the House "because they proposed to pay claims which were without to pay the previous plants on the pay claims to pay the pa Hotel Centralia Changes Hands.

CENTRALIA, Wash, March 2.—(Special Agent Neuhausen has ever been the cial.)—The Centralia Land & Hotel Company, a \$15.000 corporation just organized, has taken over the Hotel Centralia from Ely & Ely. The hotel will henceforth be under the management of being instrumental in the organization of the new company, which will also engage in the realty business. Samuel Stillwell, a Seattle capitalist, is president of the new concern.

eny. It is alleged that Simms sold the bucker to James Huston, representa-tive for a Denver firm, for the French

TIETON SCALE SUGGESTED Congress Favorably Inclined \$1.25 for First Acre Foot of Water and 25 Cents for Next Urged.

> NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., March 2,-Special.)-Trustees of the Tieton Water Users' Association adopted a resolution yesterday asking the Reclamation Commission to fix \$1.25 for the first acre foot, 25 cents for the second and 75 cents for the third as the amounts to be paid on that project under the new plan, whereby the water users pay at the end of the season for water actually used.
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> The water users are to be asked to meet March 9 to elect conferees to discuss with the trustees, March 13, questions relating to the cost of the project, Government management of the smaller laterals and other subjects. Water Users' Association adopted a

A resolution accepting the terms of the reclamation extension act for nonresident owners and others who have not been reached was adopted.

CHEHALIS CORONER CLINGS

Fight for Salary to Be Basis for Retention of Office.

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 2.—(Special.)—Dr. R. F. Hunter, of this city, for the past four years Coroner of Chehalis County, has begun a fight to retain the position despite the law passed two years ago by the State Legislature, which abolished the office of County Coroner and placed the work in the hands of the Prosecuting Attorney and the Justice of the Peace located and the Justice of the Peace located at the county seat. He is basing his fight on the decision of the Superior Court of Snohomish County, which held the law unconstitutional.

Dr. Hunter yesterday submitted to the County Commissioners a bill for his salary for two months. The bill was rejected and he will take the mat-ter into the courts in an effort to enforce payment.

GIRL WED TO INSTRUCTOR On Return to Pendleton High School One Goes to Class, One to Work.

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PENDLETON, Or., March 2.—(Special.)

Henry Schlick, a bookbinder, was arrested yesterday by County Detective Shaw on a charge of blackmail made by Mrs. William Days, of Portland. Mrs. Days sent her son, according to her story, to be cared for by Schlick in Tacoma.

Curl, among the most prominent of the local residents.

In addition to being one of the biggest wheat-growers in the county, Mr. Curl is chairman of the County Republican Central Committee. After the wedding the couple returned to school, the bride going to her classes and the bridegroom resuming his work.

dis Master's Voic

Arrested but Case Is Settled.

Schlick is alleged to have sent Mrs Days a threatening letter demanding \$50 board for the boy, who, he told her, would not work and had been guilty of some petty offenses. After the parties to the shit got together the case was dismissed and all agreed to hunt for the box who is missing.

as you wish.

Camden, N. J.

dealers.

counts. Particular attention is directed to road construction and right of way matters.

BLACKMAIL SUIT BROUGHT

Portland Woman Has Tacoma Man

From Using Tobacco

the Tobacco Habit With a Recipe She Gave Secretly.

An Ohio Wife Broke Her Husband of

She Tells What She Used

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COUNTY INVESTIGATION ON

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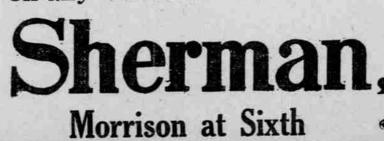
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