

BIG ROAD BUYER

Northern Pacific Back of Railway Sale.

CAPITALISTS ARE AGENTS

Need Columbia River & Northern to Complete System.

SHORTER ROUTE TO PORTLAND

Lyle-Goldendale Road May Be Extended Through Yakima Valley, and Project of Building Down Columbia River Revived.

The developments of yesterday in the sale of the Columbia River & Northern Railway tend to the further establishment of the theory that the property has really been sold to representatives of the Northern Pacific.

It is learned that the road was bought by Henry P. Scott & Co., bankers, of Wilmington, Del., who are in turn said to be backed by a syndicate of Philadelphia and Baltimore capitalists. Mr. Scott and his party are now in Southern California for a short visit, and will return to Portland in a couple of weeks, by which time their attorneys, Teal & Minor, will have finished the examination into the titles and records of the property. When that formality is finished, the Eastern bankers will pay the purchase price agreed upon, which is approximately \$1,000,000.

The capital stock of the Columbia River & Northern, as stated yesterday, is approximately \$200,000, while its bonded debt is \$250,000, or about \$50,000 a mile for its 41 miles of road. The Regulator Line of steamboats is capitalized for \$50,000 and has no bonded debt. The stockholders who put their stock in escrow pending the sale of the property are: Ladd & Tilton, T. B. Wilcox, W. B. Ayer, Rufus Mallory, A. L. Mills, C. F. Swigart, H. C. Campbell, W. P. Hawley, E. B. Piper, William MacMaster, George W. Simons, M. W. Smith, L. A. Lewis, W. E. Robertson, E. E. Mallory and Charles A. Cogswell.

The price agreed upon between Mr. Scott and the representatives of the stockholders was, as stated, very close to \$1,000,000.

Northern Pacific Seeks New Route.

For many years the Northern Pacific has been warring and watching for a shorter route to the East than the one now in use from Portland to Tacoma and then to the East across the State of Washington. All of this time the eyes of the management of the Northern Pacific have been turned longingly toward the north bank of the Columbia River, and it has become settled belief and an acknowledged thing among railroad men that the route would be yet adopted by the Northern Pacific, and that before many years had passed Portland would be the first of the trains come here over

road. These tracks now reach for 41 miles from the banks of the Columbia into the heart of a wonderfully rich country. Reaching farther to the northeast, the line would tap the Yakima Valley, a rich tract which is not richer in all the Northwest. At least the tributary line could tap the main trunk of the Northern Pacific at Prosser or farther to the north-west, thus opening a very rich land to railroad service.

But it is not this short line that the Northern Pacific wants. It is an outlet to the sea and to the seagoing traffic. It wants a track and an easy grade across the State of Washington, instead of away to the north and down, as now, to make a shortcut to the coast. This purchase will give in part what is wanted. Lyle, the lower terminal of the little road, is below The Dalles and less than 100 miles from Portland. From Goldendale it is not more than 50 miles to a junction with the main trunk of the Northern Pacific. The Northern already has large terminal facilities in Portland and a track to them; it has a crossing at Vancouver, and is talking of a better one. It is necessary, therefore, in case the Columbia Northern has passed under Northern Pacific control, for the larger road to secure its water grade to the main trunk of the Northern Pacific along a level river bank and through a level valley.

Taking, therefore, the known intentions and desires of the Northern Pacific management, with the coincident circumstances of the sale, it is almost safe to presume with certainty that the parent of the North Coast Limited will in a short time send its champion passenger train over the shorter route, with great shortening of schedule, while at the same time it will benefit by the vast freight resources of the territory, as well as the gateway it will hold to Oriental business through the port of Portland.

MAKE RAID AGAINST MILK.

Restaurant is Accused of Dispensing an Impure Article.

Justice Reid's court was devoted yesterday to a discussion of the quality of properties of milk. In an endeavor to insure the wholesomeness and purity of this household necessity, Health and Food Commissioner Bailey has taken the part of Sherlock Holmes against many of the purveyors and servers, and as an example F. Gamble, proprietor of the Lone Star restaurant on Burnside street, was called before Justice Reid yesterday to demonstrate that no matter what milk might be composed of or what it contained, it was still milk.

While the question of the purity of Portland's milk brought out but three witnesses yesterday, Commissioner Bailey and his deputy, H. B. Tater, as against H. and F. Gamble, the defendant, sustaining it, many interesting sidelights were thrown on the subject. It would doubtless surprise many people that even in the North End one can go into a restaurant where out of every three gallons of milk received by the restaurant one gallon resolves itself into cream and is served when a plain glass of milk is called for, and that the other two gallons are placed into the coffee. Out of an average of 50 gallons of milk a day, according to testimony offered to Justice Reid yesterday, 25 gallons turns into cream and is served the customer and the other 25 gallons is placed in the coffee. Such was part of the evidence introduced by Commissioner Bailey in his defense yesterday against the charge of handling impure milk, but while no decision was given by Justice Reid, it is to be conjectured that the fact that he gets his supply of milk from Henry Westerman, he of notorious court-room milk fame, will have considerable weight against him. Commissioner Bailey and Deputy Tater are firm in their conviction of the impurity of the milk supplied in this restaurant and base their entire argument upon analysis.

Justice Reid, after hearing the testimony, took the case under advisement, and will announce his decision during the coming week. It is understood that the Health and Food Commissioners have but started

WANTS MORE MEN

Chief of Police Says Force is Too Small.

TWO NEW STATIONS NEEDED

In All Hunt Thinks There Should Be One Hundred and Fifty Patrolmen, and Would Increase Pay All Around.

The three newly-appointed detectives have entered upon their duties. They are Joseph Reeling, L. G. Carpenter and A. G. Vaughn. Patrolman Taylor, named to

PROMOTED TO NEW POSITIONS ON THE POLICE FORCE



Joseph Reeling, Detective.



L. G. Carpenter, Detective.



T. W. Taylor, Sergeant.

ter being out about an hour, the Circuit Court jury returned a verdict this afternoon in favor of the defendant in the case of LeRoy S. Davidson against the City of Astoria. The suit was brought to recover damages in the sum of \$300 for injuries alleged to have been sustained by falling through a hole in the plank near the foot of Sixth street, on the evening of September 5, 1904. The defense was that the city had erected and maintained a barricade around the hole, and

that the plaintiff was so badly intoxicated at the time of the accident he was unable to exercise reasonable care and diligence in avoiding dangerous places.

Jury disagreeing, six to six. It seems to be doubtful if the District Attorney moves her trial again. Unless he does so before May 1 next, let her be discharged on bail.

FUNERAL OF L. A. LINDHOM

It Will Take Place at the Swedish Lutheran Church.

The funeral services for Leonard A. Lindhom, of this city, who died last Monday evening in Santa Barbara, Cal., of pneumonia, will be held today at the Swedish Lutheran Church, Burnside street, between Tenth and Eleventh, at 2 P. M. The burial will take place in Lone Fir Cemetery, under the auspices of Company H, Third Infantry, Oregon National Guard, of which the deceased had been a member for about one year. A squad from the company under the direction of Corporal Cramer will fire three volleys over the grave. Three intimate friends from Company H and three other friends will act as pallbearers. Leonard Lindhom was born in Clatsop

Heavy Tax Receipts Shown.

Sheriff Word has collected taxes amounting to \$41,651, to and including March 3, and the receipts yesterday were large. He has paid to County Treasurer Lewis \$23,300 and will make another return to the Treasurer on Monday. Three per cent rebate is allowed on all taxes paid in full on or before March 15. Many who have already obtained statements will pay by check. The collections this week are expected to be very heavy.

Chancellor Muldrow Dead.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 4.—A special from Starville, Miss., says Chancellor Muldrow, who served as First Assistant Secretary of the Interior during Grover Cleveland's second term, is dead at his home in that city, aged 83 years. Judge Muldrow was well known throughout the South.

CLUBS ARE FILLING

Eilers Piano House's Big, Generous, Broad Gauge, Progressive Way of Selling Pianos Proving a Practical Benefit to Scores of Buyers.

Prices and Payments Briefly Put

Club "A" contains 157 pianos, selling regularly at from \$30 to \$200. Prices in club members, \$11 to \$22. Payments \$5 down and \$1.50 a week.

What It Is

It is simply extending to retail buyers the same advantage that wholesale buyers have. It is cutting out the tremendous expense necessarily incurred by the retailer in marketing a sensitive and expensive article as a piano.

URGED TO RUN FOR MAYOR

ST. JOHNS CITIZENS WANT W. V. JOES FOR CANDIDATE.

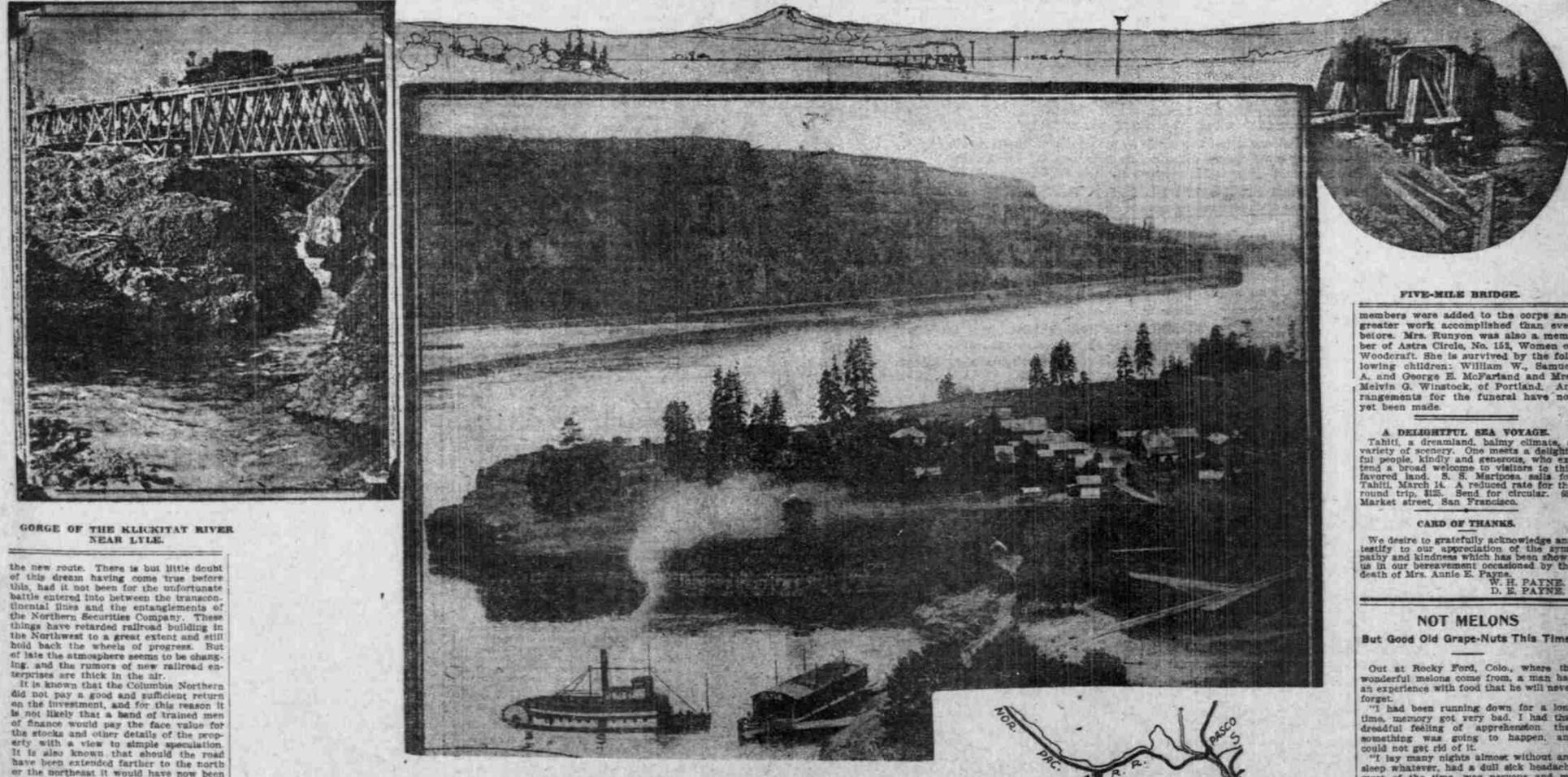
Commercial Club Will Preserve a Neutral Attitude — Prominent East Side Woman Dies.

DEATH OF MRS. M. J. RUNYON

She Was Past President of Sumner Women's Relief Corps, G. A. R.

Mrs. M. J. Runyon, who has been prominent in fraternal circles in this city for a number of years, died at her home, 626 Powell street, yesterday afternoon at 4:15, aged 54 years, after a lingering illness. She was surrounded by members of her family, and though she had been a sufferer for a number of years, she died peacefully. Mrs. Runyon was born in 1851, in Goodrich County, Canada, of Scotch ancestry. Her early womanhood was spent in Detroit, Mich. In 1878 she was married to Walter McFarland, builder and contractor and prominent member of the G. A. R., and shortly afterwards moved to San Francisco, and thence to Portland. For the past 25 years she had been a resident of East Portland, respected by her neighbors and occupying a high place in the school and fraternal circles of the city. During 1903 she was president of Sumner Women's Relief Corps, G. A. R., and under her administration more

SCENES ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER & NORTHERN RAILROAD—SOLD FOR \$1,000,000



GORGE OF THE KLUKKITAT RIVER NEAR LYLE.

the new route. There is but little doubt of this dream having come true here this, had it not been for the unfortunate battle entered into between the transcontinental lines and the entanglements of the Northern Securities Company. These things have retarded railroad building in the Northwest to a great extent and still hold back the wheels of progress. But of late the atmosphere seems to be changing, and the rumors of new railroad enterprises are thick in the air.

THE TOWN OF LYLE, TERMINUS OF COLUMBIA RIVER & NORTHERN.

their renewed campaign against impure and adulterated foods, and that some more arrests will follow.

Suit Over Stockton Lode.

The testimony in the suit of the Badger Mining Company, of San Francisco, against the Stockton Gold & Copper Mining Company, of Seattle, is being reviewed by Judge Bellinger, and the 18th of this month. The suit is over title to an undivided one-half interest in a claim in the Stockton lode in the Elk Creek mining district, Grant County, Oregon.

Too Drunk to Be Careful.

ASTORIA, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—A-



FIVE-MILE BRIDGE.

members were added to the corps and greater work accomplished than ever before. Mrs. Runyon was also a member of Astra Circle, No. 151, Women of Woodcraft. She is survived by the following children: William W., Samuel A. and George E. McFarland, and Mrs. Melvin G. Winstock, of Portland. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

A DELIGHTFUL SEA VOYAGE.

Tablet, a dreamland, balmy climate, a variety of scenery. One meets a delightful memory not very bad. I had that dreadful feeling of apprehension that something was going to happen, and could not get rid of it.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to gratefully acknowledge and testify our appreciation of the sympathy and kindness which has been shown us in our bereavement occasioned by the death of our Annie E. Payne.

NOT MELONS

But Good Old Grape-Nuts This Time.

Out at Rocky Ford, Colo., where the wonderful melons come from, a man had an experience with food that he will never forget. "I had been running down for a long time, memory not very bad. I had that dreadful feeling of apprehension that something was going to happen, and could not get rid of it. It is necessary to almost without any sleep whatever, had a dull sick headache most of the time, was nervous and my stomach was in a dreadful condition. I had been considered in connection with physical work. Heart irregular. My complexion was sallow and I had lost flesh until I was very thin. "At this period I was induced to change my food and go on Grape-Nuts and cream, and from the first week I found a marked change. I kept on steadily until now I have been using the food for four months. I have come back to my old weight, my complexion is rosy and indicates perfect health. My memory is better than it has been in years. All the old stomach and heart trouble is gone. I sleep like a baby at night and no one can tell how I appreciate the feeling of perfect health brought to me by Grape-Nuts. Mine given by Foster & Eastman, Chicago. I look in each package for the little book, "The Road to Wellville."