

WEST INSPECTS YAQUINA TRACK

Railroad Commissioner Walks 83 Miles and Tests Ties With Hatchet.

WILL MAKE FULL REPORT

State Official Seeks Information First-Hand in Order to See That Road is Safe for Excursion Trains.

Oswald West, State Railroad Commissioner, who is always doing sensational stunts in investigating the railroads, has just concluded another unique tour of investigation, the results of which he promises to embody in a formal report to the State Railroad Commission within the next few days. Mr. West has completed a walking trip from Albany to Yaquina, a distance of 83 miles. During the trip he made a minute examination into the condition of the roadbed, track and bridges of the line, which is now the property of the Harriman interests.

Commissioner West carried with him a hatchet, which he applied to the ties and timbers of the road to determine their physical condition. Whether the timbers of the ties were well preserved or not he could determine in this way and this was the prime cause for his taking the trip.

Many Bridges on Line.

The Corvallis & Eastern, between Albany and Yaquina, crosses and recrosses the Yaquina River a great many times, besides bridging a number of mountain gulches with high trestles. There are, between Albany and Yaquina on this line of railway, 149 bridges. This fact was the chief cause of the trip being undertaken, for unless these high bridges are kept in the proper condition any one of them might collapse when a heavily loaded summer excursion train passed over it, causing many deaths.

The walk of 83 miles that Mr. West undertook required some time, but was completed during the past week. He went carefully over every rod of track with his hatchet, and examined the bridges with the closest scrutiny, climbing down the mountain sides to the bottoms of the gulches to investigate the stability of the foundations and the condition of the timbers. Mr. West found no serious defects in the road, so far as has been learned, although what will be embodied in his report cannot now be known. Officials connected with the line are satisfied with its physical condition and say it is fully up to the standard of Oregon railroads.

Former Trip in Cattle Car.

Mr. West made a sensational trip last year on a cattle train from the Upper Willametta Valley to Portland to observe the methods used in trans-

porting cattle from the farms to the local stockyards. Disguised as a farm hand, he was hired to care for the cattle on their journey to Portland. Upon accomplishing the journey Mr. West reported that the methods of caring for cattle while in transit in this state are cruel and unnecessarily brutal. He said the journey was slow and tedious and the cattle suffered agonies from thirst and hunger. It was Mr. West, also, who walked over the West Side division of the Southern Pacific from Corvallis to Portland, some time ago after a passenger train had been wrecked near Forest Grove. Carrying a hatchet with him he chopped "into" ties along the railway to see if they were sound, and he reported that a very large percentage were rotten and unsafe. It is expected that Mr. West's forthcoming report will contain some sensational features. A walk of 83 miles means much time and effort wasted unless it develops something worth while.

PREDICTS BIG WHEAT CROP

A. D. Charlton Says Fears of Shortage Are Unfounded.

That the wheat crop of the Pajoune country will be an average one is the belief of A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent for the Northern Pacific, who has just returned from a trip through Washington. He says that while the grain has been much damaged in spots, this condition does not necessarily mean a crop failure or continued prosperity for the whole. While the grain generally will yield less per acre than last year, the acreage is larger and this will make up for shorter yields per acre, so that the total crop will average up well. With the good prices in prospect, Mr. Charlton believes the crop is such that it means continued prosperity for the whole. Mr. Charlton met C. M. Levey, third vice-president of the Northern Pacific, on the Sound and traveled through the state with him. Mr. Levey is on a trip looking over the west end of the line, and will be in Portland the last of this week. He will spend several days in this city.

Reports Improved Conditions.

That business conditions throughout the West are improving gradually is the statement of A. J. McCauley, a dealer in railroad equipment, with offices in the Chamber of Commerce building, who has just returned from a trip through Montana and Colorado. He says the return to normal conditions is slow but steady throughout the country visited.

VAN RENSSLAER IS SANE

Scion of Knickerbocker Family Who Threatened His Mother.

NEW YORK, July 25.—John A. Van Rensselaer, well known in Newport and Philadelphia, who was arrested Monday, charged with sending a threatening letter to his mother, was arraigned today and paroled in the custody of his counsel. Van Rensselaer was in Bellevue Hospital several days under observation as to his condition, from which institution he was discharged, as sane. Counsel was directed to produce Van Rensselaer in court Tuesday in order to ascertain if the young man's mother desires to press the charge.

There are 2678 miles of railroad line in the United States for every 10,000 inhabitants, as against 62 miles in Germany, 36 in Great Britain and 74 in France.

SAVAGE IS IN JAIL

Negro Rearrested for Kansas City Mail Robbery.

NEW EVIDENCE IS FOUND

Detectives Now Believe That Booty Amounting to Over \$50,000 Was Buried by Thief Before His Flight.

KANSAS CITY, July 25.—Charles W. Savage, a negro, was arrested here today by postoffice authorities, charged with stealing a mail pouch in the Kansas City Union Station June 6 last, getting \$50,000 being sent from Los Angeles to a New York City bank. The inspectors assert that they have positive evidence against Savage and declare their belief that he has buried the money, intending to recover it after his release from the penitentiary. Savage was taken into custody a few hours after he returned to the city. He had since leaving visited several cities in the West, including Denver. In his pocket the detectives found a clipping from a Denver newspaper giving the calculations of a robber who had stolen a large sum of money and buried it. The man had been sent to the penitentiary for a number of years and in the stories he figured it out that by serving a certain number of years he would, upon his release, have earned \$50,000 a year. Upon this the inspectors base their belief that Savage has concealed the stolen money, hoping to regain it when finally he is given his freedom. A few days following the Kansas City robbery, Savage was arrested by the local police. He paid a lawyer \$200 to defend him, and was released. The judge holding that there was not sufficient evidence on which to hold the man, Savage immediately left the city and since then evidently has traveled extensively. The postoffice inspectors had information that Savage would return here today, and when he appeared at a negro lodging-house they arrested him. Savage surrendered without a struggle and was taken to the postoffice where he was held under a severe examination. Aside from admitting that he had served a sentence on McNeill's Island for a mailpouch robbery, the prisoner would tell but little about himself. The robbery of the pouch in Kansas City, June 6, was held in the extreme. Savage evidently knew that it was being sent across the country, and is supposed to have known the exact time it would reach here. The pouch was stolen an hour after its arrival in Kansas City. It had been thrown from the train upon which it arrived to a temporary building, used by the postoffice as an annex in place of the building that had been burned, and it is supposed that the negro jumped to an outgoing train with the bag in his hand. He rode three miles into the country, jumped off, rifled the pouch and apparently immediately made his way back to Kansas City. The robbery was not made known for several days, and it was several days later before the rifled pouch was found where it had been thrown along the railway

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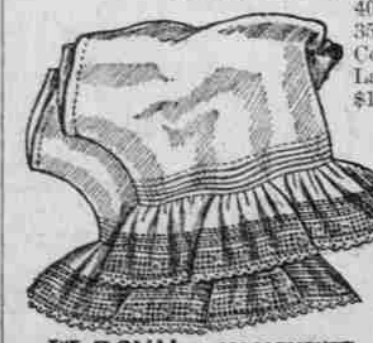
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Nos. 5, 7 and 9, yard... \$ 4c Nos. 12, 15, 16, 18, 20 and 22, yard... \$ 9c Corset Steels, 15c and 25c values... \$ 5c</p> <h4>HOSE</h4> <p>Ladies' 35c embroidery Hose... \$ 16c Ladies' 75c to \$1.00 Hise Hose, black and all colors... \$ 47c Children's Hose—1 lot... \$ 6c Children's Hose—1 lot... \$ 8c Children's Hose—1 lot... \$ 12 1-2c</p> <h4>STAMPED DOILIES</h4> <p>This stock we wish to dispose of, and quote you two lots of extra good Linen at 3c and 5c each.</p> <h4>CORSETS</h4> <p>Being our intention to discontinue handling ladies' furnishings, we quote prices on Corsets worthy of your consideration: 1 lot... \$ 10c 1 lot... \$ 19c 1 lot... \$ 15c 1 lot... \$ 29c 1 lot Tape Girdles, 50c to 70c values... \$ 39c American Lady, all styles... \$ 89c 1 lot Ladies' Ferris Waists... \$ 69c 1 lot Children's, 85c to \$1.00... \$ 39c</p> <h4>LADIES' SATEEN PETTICOATS</h4> <p>All colors. \$1.50 values... \$ 49c \$2.75 values... \$ 89c</p> <h4>TAFFETA SILK PETTICOATS</h4> <p>White, green, black, brown, blue and fancy plaids. \$7.00 values... \$ 4.89 \$6.50 values... \$ 3.98 \$15.00 Silk Embroidered... \$ 9.89</p> <h4>MISSSES' SKIRTS</h4> <p>All colors, styles, plain and plaided. \$3 to \$4 values... \$ 1.98 \$6 to \$9 values... \$ 4.98</p>	<h4>LADIES' VOILE SKIRTS</h4> <p>All colors and styles. \$10.00 values... \$ 6.98 \$12.00 values... \$ 7.48 \$15.00 values... \$ 9.89</p> <h4>LADIES' PANAMA SKIRTS</h4> <p>All colors and Fall styles. \$10.00 values... \$ 4.98 \$25.00 values... \$ 14.89 \$15.00 values... \$ 6.89 \$30.00 values... \$ 18.89 \$18.00 values... \$ 8.48 \$35.00 values... \$ 19.89</p> <h4>BEARSKIN COATS</h4> <p>Black, brown and tan. 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Children's white pique Suits, \$3.95 val, now... \$ 1.98 1 lot ladies' white Serge Jackets, \$9.00 val... \$ 5.98 Ladies' linen Jackets, Indian Head brand... \$ 2.19 Ladies' Wrappers, \$2.00 to \$2.50 values... \$.49c 1 lot Sunbonnets, all colors, 25c values... \$ 10c Ladies' Gloves—Any glove in stock, value to \$2.50, now... \$ 69c</p> <h4>MILLINERY DEPARTMENT</h4> <p>1 lot ladies' Outing Hats... \$ 39c 1 lot white Sailor Outing Hats... \$ 29c, 49c, 89c 1 lot Merry Widow Sailors, all colors, choice... \$ 99c Ladies' bl'k chiffon and braid Hats, \$6 val... \$ 1.98 Ladies' Leghorn, black and white, 1 lot... \$ 19c Ladies' Leghorn, black and white, 1 lot... \$ 89c Children's Leghorn, extra fine quality, entire stock... \$ 49c Ladies' Neapolitan Flats, \$2.50 values... \$ 49c Ladies' Neapolitan Flats, \$3.00 values... \$ 59c</p> <h4>FLOWERS</h4> <p>Entire Stock of Flowers Included. 1 lot... \$ 9c 1 lot... \$ 13c 1 lot... \$ 19c 1 lot... \$ 23c 1 lot... \$ 49c 1 lot... \$ 39c 1 lot... \$ 69c</p> <h4>OSTRICH TIPS</h4> <p>1 lot blacks... \$ 15c 1 lot blacks... \$ 23c 1 lot assorted colors... \$ 29c 1 lot assorted colors... \$ 89c 1 lot assorted colors... \$ 1.49</p>	<h4>LADIES' SILK SUITS</h4> <p>Ladies' black, white, fancy plaids and plaided 1908 Spring and Summer styles, as follows: \$25-\$30 vals... \$ 12.50 \$35-\$40 vals... \$ 17.50 \$20.00 values... \$ 9.95 One lot Ladies' White Suits, Indian Head brand... \$ 4.95 These include Mohair and Jumper Suits. 1 lot Ladies' Lawn Suits, \$5 vals... \$ 2.89</p> <h4>LADIES' TAILOR-MADE ETON WOOL SUITS</h4> <p>Latest Styles. 1 lot at... \$ 4.98 1 lot at... \$ 9.98 1 lot at... \$ 12.50 1 lot at... \$ 14.89 1 lot at... \$ 18.98</p> <h4>EMBROIDERIES</h4> <p>Our entire stock of Laces, Insertions and Embroideries we intend to dispose of regardless of cost. 1 lot Embroidery, sale price... \$ 2 1-2c 1 lot Embroidery, sale price... \$ 4c 1 lot Embroidery, sale price... \$ 5c 1 lot Embroidery, sale price... \$ 6c 1 lot Embroidery, sale price... \$ 8c 1 lot Embroidery, sale price... \$ 1-2c 1 lot 35c to 40c values, now... \$ 17c Laces and Insertions—black, white and cream. 10c values... \$ 2c 15c values... \$ 6c 18c to 20c values... \$ 10c 25c to 30c values... \$ 15c</p> <h4>CORSET COVER EMBROIDERY</h4> <p>35c values... \$ 18c 60c values... \$ 29c</p>	<h4>LADIES' FANCY SILK DRESSES</h4> <p>Extra good quality; pink, brown, black and cream. 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