

SHORT RAILROADS IN LEGAL TANGLE

Many Suits Against Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern Road to Be Heard at Coquille.

HARRIMAN LINE INVOLVED

Big Array of Attorneys Will Be on Hand to Argue Varied Sides of Case—S. A. Graham Principal Plaintiff.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—The cases brought by S. A. Graham against the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern Railroad & Navigation Company, will come up for trial Monday morning at a session of the Circuit Court to be held at Coquille, Or. Owing to the fact that Circuit Judge Coke, who was recently appointed to the bench, served as attorney for the road, he cannot preside at the trial, and Judge L. T. Harris, of Eugene, will hear the case.

The railroad extends from Marshfield to Coquille and Myrtle Point, and has about 20 miles of track. It was started by R. A. Graham, and later was taken over for money owed to the John D. Spreckels & Bros. Company, of San Francisco. The amount of debt was some \$500,000. W. S. Chandler, who is made a defendant in one of the suits, and who now lives in San Francisco, was receiver for the Spreckels Company and later was receiver for the Farmers Loan & Trust Company, which was the grantee of the trust deed.

Property Once Sold. In July, 1904, the railroad, the steamer Breakwater, the Bear, the coal mine and the city railroad terminal interests for \$1,250,000. It has since been operated under Southern Pacific management.

Several different suits have been brought by Graham. One is a suit for \$1,250,000, the value of the property, against the Southern Pacific Company and the Spreckels Company. This suit has been removed from the Circuit Court to the United States Court, and C. R. Watson, of W. C. Bristol are the attorneys for the plaintiff. It is alleged that the property was wrongfully taken and withheld from Graham.

Suit Against Directors. Another suit which is to come up Monday is that of the State of Oregon ex rel. T. R. Sheridan against the directors of the railroad. It is alleged that the directors acted wrongfully, and it is asked that they be fined, and that the directors who were removed from the railroad when the road was taken from Graham he had six months in which to get out, and failing to do so, lost all control, and that the resignations of the old directors were received.

Another suit is brought by Graham against the railroad and individuals connected with it to recover \$23,000 alleged to be due him for legal fees.

Other Actions Listed. Some other minor actions will probably come up. Attorney T. R. Sheridan brings the suits for the plaintiff. Several prominent lawyers will be here. Judge W. D. Benton, attorney for the Southern Pacific in Oregon, will appear, and J. C. Flanders, of Portland, and R. A. Graham will be here from San Francisco, and W. S. Chandler, of that city, has already arrived. A large number of men who were connected with the railroad will probably be examined as witnesses.

FARM SITE IS SELECTED

State to Conduct Experiment Station at La Grande.

UNION, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—The board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural College met in this city today and organized plans by which extensive development work will be carried on at the Eastern Oregon Experiment Station. One hundred and sixty acres will be devoted to experiment work at once, the balance of the 600 acres being leased until a sufficient sum of money shall be appropriated to bring it under subsection. The experiments will be conducted along the most practical lines and great care will be used to breed up and cultivate the most profitable fruits and vegetables for the soil and climate.

A five-acre orchard plot was laid out, where apples, cherries and pears will receive the principal attention. The grains which will be looked after closely are wheat, oats and barley. In this respect the board believes that by proper preparation and cultivation the yield can be increased at least 50 per cent.

W. H. MILLER DROPS DEAD

Falls to Ground Dying, While Talking to Sister in Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—William H. Miller, suddenly of heart failure this morning at the home of J. M. Williams. Mr. Miller and his sister, Mrs. Williams, were talking in the yard when Miller fell to the ground, dying before a physician could be secured.

KLAMATH CALLS ELECTION

School District to Vote on Bond Issue for New Building. KLAMATH FALLS, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—Directors of the Klamath Falls school district today ordered an election to be held June 5, to decide upon selection of a site for a new public school building. June 5 an election was ordered held to vote upon the issue of bonds in the sum of \$20,000 for construction of a modern eight-room building. Present facilities are overtaxed by the large increase in the city's growth.

MONTAGUE DID NOT DO IT

Ex-Oregonian Man Not Guilty of New Play Announced in East.

NEW YORK, May 15.—(Special.)—The newspapers have announced that Al

Woods will shortly produce a play "written by James Montague," and James J. Montague, formerly of The Oregonian, has received many compliments. The part of the matter is that the popular James did not write the drama, and nobody knows who the real Montague is.

It is a success I will wish it were my play," is the way James J. Montague puts it, "but really this time I am innocent."

All the same Montague is a very busy man these days. Whenever Charles Frohman brings over a musical comedy from England Montague writes bright, snappy American songs for it. With Lillian Hell he is preparing a new "Alice in Wonderland" series, that is said to be excellent. And he really is writing a play, which his friends hope will make Broadway sit up and take notice.

But his most wonderful feat consists in having been in a Hearst paper for eight years, and steadily gained in popularity, not only with his employer, but with the entire staff. Montague is easily the most popular man in the Hearst employ, and is one of the few "big men" who is not afraid to walk alone in lonely streets, unattended, late at night.

GIANT KNIFE CUTS MAN

JOHN REAM BADLY INJURED IN PAPER MILL.

Steel Blade Weighing 500 Pounds Strikes Workman on Back Inflicting Deep Gash. OREGON CITY, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—John Ream, an employee of the William Pulp & Paper Company, received injuries this afternoon that may cost him his life.

Ream, who is about 28 years old, was working on the wood splitter in the wood mill about a half-mile up the river from the company's main plant. While helping to haul a log over the splitter, the foreman of one of the workmen accidentally struck the lever and the heavy steel blade, weighing about 500 pounds, struck Ream in the back between the shoulders, inflicting a deep gash. He was brought to the city immediately for surgical attendance, and has some chance for recovery, though it is a wonder he was not killed outright.

It is feared the spine is injured. Two ribs were broken and one lung is probably damaged. The blade of the splitter was two feet long and in wedge shape, ranging in width from one to one and one-half feet. The knife runs on a six-inch shaft.

ROBBERS WERE EXPECTED

Navy-Yard Officials Doubled Guard and Paymaster's Office.

BREMERTON, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—That navy-yard officials believed that an attempt was to be made to crack the safe of the yard pay office and that they placed an arc light in front of that office, doubled the sentries and ordered a number of sharpshooters in the vicinity last Thursday night, is the report which was given out at the yard today on good authority. On the same night, the yard officials prepared to resist an attempt of desperate criminals to crack the safe. The Bremerton post-office was looted of \$1,000 in stamps, personal papers and jewelry.

It is probable that the crooks planned to crack the navy-yard safe and the post-office on the same night, but gave up the former job when they found that the yard officials were on their guard.

HEAVY RAIN IN FRUIT BELT

Soaking Downpour Does Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Good.

GRANTS PASS, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—The dry spell which has been prevailing throughout the Northwest has broken here today by a heavy rain, which has soaked up the dry ground and done thousands of dollars' worth of good to farmers and berry raisers. The rain assures a splendid crop of everything raised in the Rogue River Valley.

EXPRESS TAX IS \$45,136

Railroad Commission Gathers Data on Companies' Business.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—The Tax Commission has received final reports from all express companies doing business in this state showing their gross income for state business the year ending March 31 last, aggregating \$90,617, as against about \$84,000 the previous year. At the 5 per cent tax the companies pay \$45,136 to the state.

Foresters to Meet in Vancouver.

YANCOUVER, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—The Grand Court of Foresters of America of the State of Washington will hold its annual state convention in this city beginning on Wednesday, May 19, and continuing for four days. It is expected that there will be present at least 200 and 300 delegates from all over the state, and a royal welcome, reception and entertainment will be tendered the visitors. The business houses, private residences and streets are to be gayly decorated with red, white and blue, the colors of the Foresters of America.

Launch Haloo Launched.

ASTORIA, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—The gasoline launch Haloo, built at the Defoe yard for the Hammond Lumber Company, was launched today. The craft is 32 feet long, six feet beam and is equipped with a 20-horsepower gasoline engine. She will be used as a tender for the Hammond Raft Company's plant at Stella.

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MANY FINE SHOWS

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MANY STARS COMING WEST

John Cort Announces Long List of Dramatic and Musical Attractions for Coming Season on Pacific Coast.

SEATTLE, May 15.—(Special.)—Manager Cort's return to Seattle a week ago was followed a few days later by the arrival of the "books," those records in advance of the theatrical joys and otherwise that are promised for the time following the inaugural of the regular season.

Mr. Cort's display of theatrical wares is attractive, the list being made up of resounding names of stars and of attractions that have taken the measure of success in New York during the season now closed in the East, and of an equally impressive list of musical comedies and stars. All the attractions listed will play in Portland and all cities on the circuit.

The list inaugurating the season of 1909-10 is as follows: "Queen of the Moulin Rouge," "Polly of the Circus," "A Gentleman from Mississippi," "A Knight for a Day," "Paid in Full," "Commencement Day," "The Three Twins," "Dustin Farnum," "Chauncey Osoot," "Victor Moore," "The Shepherd King," "King Bodo," "The Third Degree," "The Traveling Salesman," "Eva Kendall," "The Soul Kiss," "George M. Cohan in 'The Yankee Prince,'" "William H. Crane," "Max Figman," "Marie Cahill," "Blanche Walsh," "David Ward," "Joe Weber," "The Jeffersons," "The Merry Widow," "Charles E. Hanford," "English grand opera," "Robert Maud," "The Round Up," "The Thief" and "Maud Adams."

Summer List, Too. Previous to the appearance of the list enumerated is another. This Summer's list consists of Mr. Skinner in "The Honor of the Family," "The Merry Widow," "Nat Goodwin and Edna Goodrich," "John Drews," "The Servant in the House," "Ethel Barrymore," "Mrs. Fiske," "Mary Dora" and "Three Weeks."

Plenty of Music. Ferris Hartman will inaugurate a Summer season of light opera and musical comedy, and the regular season will be begun with the following temptations to spend money: "The Time, the Place and the Girl," "The Girl at the Helm," "Polly Miles from Boston," "The Cat and the Fiddle," "The Sunny Side of Broadway," "Ralph Stuart," "In Ken-tucky," "John E. Younger," "Just Out of College," "The Parisian Model," "Honey-moon Trail," "Forty-five Minutes from Broadway," "The Girl Question," "Primrose Minstrel," "The Land of Nod," "The Man of the Hour," "His Hopkins," "Top of the World," "The Honey-mooners," "Too Many Wives," "Florence Gear in 'Pluffy Ruffles,'" "As the Sun Went Down," "The Virginian," "The Lion and the Mouse," "Norman Hackett and David Higgins."

WOOL SALE DATE MAY 21

Growers and Buyers Make Earlier Date for Shaniko.

THE DALLES, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—An agreement was reached today between the Woolgrowers' Association and wool buyers of the country tributary to Shaniko, setting May 21 as the day for the first sealed-bids sale at Shaniko. According to previous arrangement, the first wool sale at Shaniko was to have taken place June 1, but as many buyers were becoming anxious to market the wool, the agreement for an earlier date was reached.

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FLEET AT TACOMA

Puget Sound City Plans Huge Celebration for Japs.

NOTABLES TO BE PRESENT

British Ambassador, Vice-President, Speaker Cannon and Others to Take Part in the Joint Festivities.

Wool Sale Date May 21

TACOMA, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—With prominent men from all parts of the country and one division of the Pacific fleet of United States warships together with the militia of Western Washington, in Tacoma on May 21 and 22 to welcome the Japanese fleet, this brilliant military and naval pageant in the history of the Pacific Coast. Not only will there be great crowds in the city, drawn here by the reception, but will be given the Japanese officers and their men, but there will be many visitors to take part in the annual pilgrimage of the Mystic Shrine, which will be held May 25-29.

Among those who are expected to take part in the event are James Bryce, British Ambassador to the United States; Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives; Vice-President Sherman and James J. Hill, Governor M. E. Hay, of Washington, will be here with his entire staff, and will be one of the principal speakers at the banquet to be held in the new armory.

One of the chief amusements during the week the Japanese fleet is here will be a series of sporting events, both in and out of doors. Agile youths of the Japanese navy will contend with men of Uncle Sam's ships for athletic honors of every character in field, aquatic and indoor events. The local Japanese, through the agency of M. Takawal, of this city, are arranging to give their countrymen automobile rides about the city and a picnic at Spanaway Lake.

Band concerts in Wright Park, at which the bands from four United States cruisers will play as one organization, dances at the new armory, banquets and receptions will be some of the features for the week. On Saturday, the 29th, the man staid from drink. They were taken to the city hospital, where the woman died without being able to speak.

Seattle told the police that the woman was Mrs. Anna Burke, that she had come from Denver with her two years ago and that they had lived at 200 C street, Tacoma, as man and wife; that they had been drinking for several days and, dependent over financial troubles, they had decided to come to Seattle and kill themselves.

While he was absent from the hotel room, Kansas says, Mrs. Burke took his pistol from a bureau drawer and shot herself.

The judge believes Kansas' story. They found the pistol under the bed chair, where it had dropped from Mrs. Burke's hand, and in her wallet they found more than a pound of crystals of potassium, which she had bought this morning at a druggist in Tacoma, Kansas says.

Mrs. Burke was 26 years old and attractive. Kansas is about 35 years old.

DEATH PACT FAILS

Woman Is Dead, but Man Retains Hold on Life.

SEATTLE HOTEL TRAGEDY

Couple Register as Man and Wife, Pistol Shot Is Heard and Woman Is Found Dying—Both Had Been Drinking Heavily.

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FRUIT BUDS NOT HARMED

Careful Examination Shows Fine Prospects in Jacksonville.

JACKSONVILLE, Or., May 15.—A careful examination of the fruit prospects along the foothills, stretching from near Central Point to Jacksonville, shows that the fruit buds are in good condition. In and around Jacksonville, the prospects have never been more favorable to the fruit-grower. The crop of apples and pears will be an enormous one.

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We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many friends who showed us so much sympathy in our hour of bereavement. Mrs. JAMES FRANKLIN AND FAMILY.