

RAILROAD BUILDING TO BE PROSECUTED

Construction of Wenatchee Southern Is Ordered.

RICH DISTRICTS TAPPED

Officers Are Re-elected and Are Ordered to Proceed With Work When Rights Are Obtained.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the Wenatchee Southern railroad held here recently the former officers were re-elected and were instructed to proceed with the construction of the road as soon as the necessary right of way is obtained. J. G. O'Brien of Richland, Wash., was chosen as a member of the board of trustees. Richland is located 12 miles from any railroad and welcomes the coming of the Wenatchee Southern, which will pass through it on the way to Kennewick.

The complete survey of the route decided upon for the Wenatchee Southern railroad follows the west side of the Columbia river practically all the way from Wenatchee to Kennewick. The first section of 63 miles extends to Beverly, where a connection is made with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul. This is the most difficult portion of the road to build, involving considerable rock work.

Ninety-nine-Year Lease Obtained. From Beverly to Hanford, 46 miles, the tracks of the Priest Rapids branch of the Milwaukee road will be used, a 99-year lease having been entered into with that road.

From Hanford new construction must be made for 23 miles to a point where the North Coast line of the O.-W. R. & N. is reached, and from here the O.-W. R. & N. tracks will be used into Kennewick, five miles.

This leaves only 82 miles of road to be constructed out of a total distance of 132 miles between Wenatchee and Kennewick. Connection will be made with the systems of the Milwaukee, the O.-W. R. & N., the Northern Pacific and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle, besides the Great Northern at Wenatchee, so that the Wenatchee Southern will form a north-and-south connecting link between five east-and-west railroad routes.

Freight Worth \$25,000,000.

It will give direct connection with Portland over two routes, the Spokane, Portland & Seattle and the O.-W. R. & N. for north central Washington, a territory having 75,000 population and shipping during the present season \$2,000,000 of fruit, stock, wheat, lumber and other products, valued at \$25,000,000. Of this output, 15,000 cars are shipped annually, many of which will be shipped by water in the future, while much of the wheat and flour can also find an outlet through the Wenatchee Southern.

It is believed here that interests connected with the Milwaukee and the O.-W. R. & N. or Union Pacific are furnishing capital for the building of the Wenatchee Southern.

The most difficult problem that the new road has had to face to date was the securing of a right of way along Columbia street, in Wenatchee, but this was finally granted after a six months' contest. This street parallels the Great Northern right of way, and that railroad openly opposed the granting of the right of way.

SPRUCE TAXES ATTACKED

Government Starts Fight on Effort of Lincoln County.

An effort on the part of Lincoln county to collect taxes of 1918 and 1919 on holdings of the United States Spruce Production corporation amounting to approximately \$90,000 will be fought by attorneys of the corporation, suit having been filed in the United States district court yesterday.

No effort was made in 1918 or 1919 to collect taxes on the vast timber holdings in Lincoln county, it being generally understood that such property was owned by the government and therefore exempt from taxation.

However, recently the sheriff of Lincoln county certified this property for collection of the taxes on the ground that it was held by a private corporation.

The complaint in the suit was drawn by Omar Spencer of Carey & Kerr, representing the United States Spruce Production corporation.

\$10,000 IS GIVEN CHURCH

Methodist Centenary Fund Helps St. Johns Congregation.

Rev. W. E. Kloster, pastor of the Pioneer Methodist Episcopal church of St. Johns, this week received a check for \$10,000 from the Methodist Centenary fund, as a part of the \$10,000 appropriation which has been made to this church from the fund. Payments of \$2,000 each will be made in 1922 and 1923.

This money will be used on the new church, now nearing completion on Charleston street. About four St. Johns branch libraries. It will cost \$30,000. The community hall and church parlors now in use, and the main auditorium will be completed early in the spring.

SILVER THAW REPORTED

Washougal District Is Covered With Ice, Due to Freeze.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Another silver thaw visited the Washougal district yesterday, but did no damage except to make the roads very slippery. The wires were half an inch thick with ice and the ground was covered with ice in the morning. There is considerable snow on the ground at Camas and Washougal and east of there.

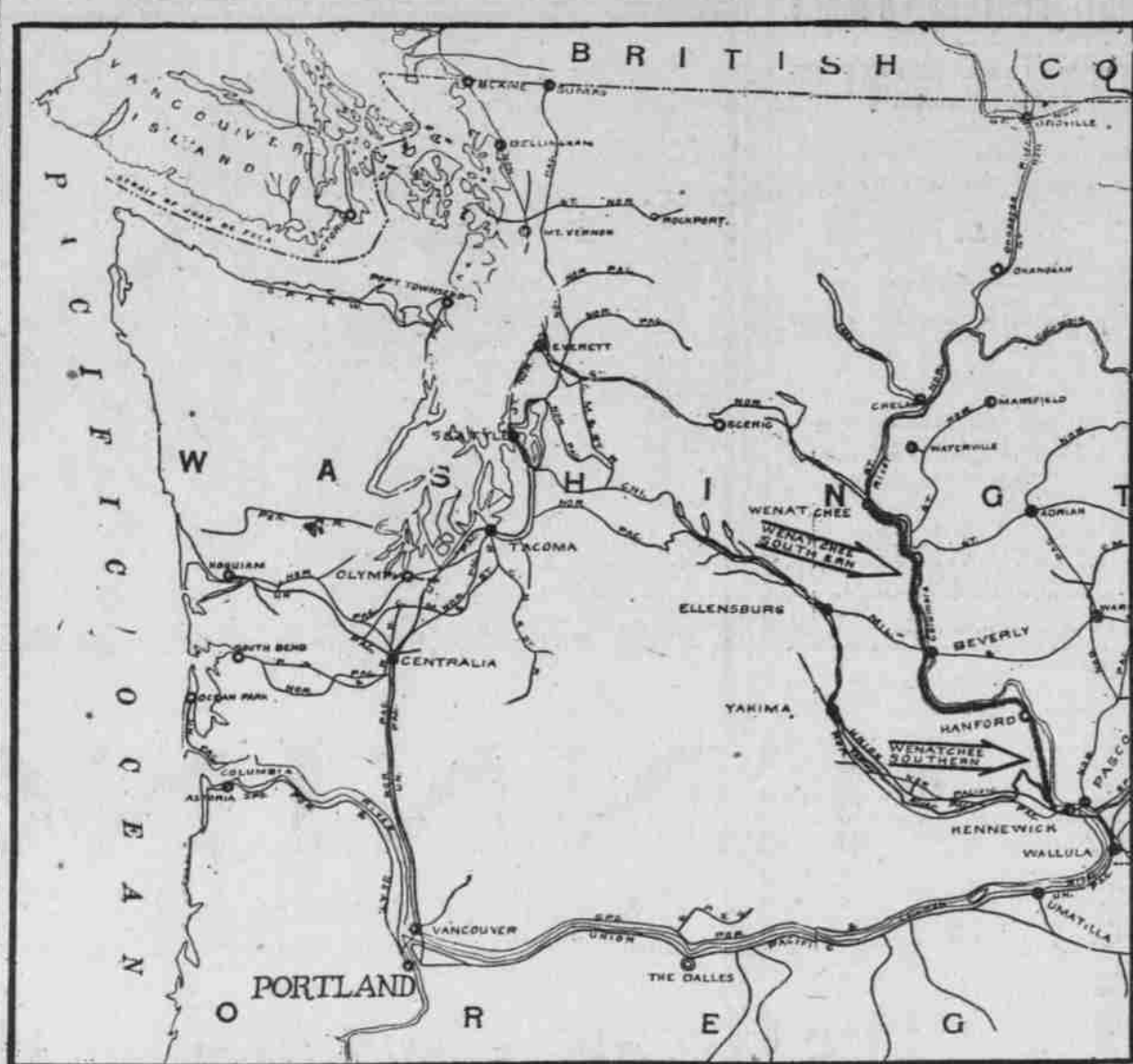
The pavement was a glare of ice here today. Rain falling last night was frozen this morning, and when machines started to move down town early, several broken wheels resulted.

Convicted Dealer Not With Garage.

C. P. Upham, who was fined \$200 by District Judge Deich Thursday on a charge of selling stolen motor cars, is not now proprietor of the Columbia Highway garage, it was announced yesterday by J. J. Greiner. At the time of the offense for which Mr. Upham was fined he was the owner of the garage. About four months ago, however, he sold the garage to Mr. Greiner. Mr. Upham was the fifth man to be brought into court as a result of an investigation conducted with reference to alleged irregularities in the sale of oil.

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MAP SHOWING PROPOSED NEW RAILROAD IN SOUTHERN WASHINGTON.



WENATCHEE SOUTHERN MARKED IN HEAVY CROSS LINE, EXTENDING FROM PASCO TO WENATCHEE.

TUNNEL HEARING CLOSES

RAILWAY VOLUNTEERS PLANS TO ERADICATE DANGERS.

Trainmen Counter With Demands for Safety That Reject Company Proposals.

Voluntary offers of the O.-W. R. & N. company to provide safety devices and make corrections in operation to minimize danger to train crews in the St. Johns tunnel met with counter recommendations by representatives of the railway brotherhoods for equipping the tunnel with electric locomotives and a general reorganization of the safety system, at the close of the state public service commission hearing, late yesterday afternoon, over the fatal mishap in the tunnel Christmas night.

The offer of the company, as expressed by Charles Riley of the legal department, included the installation of advance signals to obviate stops for orders at the St. Johns junction, within the tunnel; provision of respirator equipment for train crews; and the testing out of elbow smokestacks as a further protection for engine crews.

The counter recommendations asked for a definite order from the commission to overcome the dangers; installation of electric engines to make the haul through the tunnel; removal of the block signals back a much greater distance from either entrance of the tunnel; and installation of a complete electrical switch system to guard the north entrance from interference on the spur tracks when trains were passing through the tunnel.

The matter was taken under advisement by the commission, with a forecast that a decision would be forthcoming within the next two weeks.

Testimony during the day hinged largely upon findings of doctors as to the cause of death of Conductor Walker, who lost his life in the tunnel.

Dr. R. F. Menne of the University of Oregon medical school testified that an autopsy indicated carbon monoxide poisoning might have been the contributing cause of death. His testimony was at variance with that of Dr. M. K. Hall, company physician, who held that the presence of carbon monoxide gas in the tunnel would have had effect on other men near the scene. Dr. Menne's testimony also refuted that of E. W. Laselle, chemical engineer, who had stated that the blood would show blue as the result of carbon monoxide poison. Dr. Menne declared that it would cause

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Fred A. Rasch, chemical engineer and examiner introduced by the commission, explained the formation of carbon dioxide gas from engine fuel and the possibility that some carbon monoxide gas might be produced. Sufficient carbon dioxide gas would result in asphyxiation while carbon monoxide would poison.

Members of the train crew and others were recalled to dispute the contention of company witnesses that the trouble had been due mainly to faulty working of an ejector which had flooded the cab with steam.

RUM-RUNNING IS DEFENSE

Plea Made Against Extraditing Pair on Bank Robbery Charge.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Governor Olcott today granted extradition papers authorizing the return of John Franklin and Kelley Gates to Warden Grant, county jail, Washington, where they are wanted on a charge of burglary. The men were arrested in Portland, where they arrived recently in an automobile.

At the extradition hearing today, Sheriff Deyouss of Grant county said he had accumulated considerable evidence indicating that Franklin and Gates were the men who last December 24 entered the State Bank at Warden, dynamited the vault and escaped with valuables aggregating several thousand dollars.

Attorneys appearing at the extradition hearing in behalf of the defendants denied that they were within 150 miles of Warden on the night the

bank there was robbed. It was argued by the defendant's counsel that Franklin and Gates are liquor runners, but that they had never previously been charged with a more serious offense.

SHOOTING VICTIM WORSE

Little Hope Held for Recovery of Johnston From Suicide Try.

Little hope was held at St. Vincent's hospital yesterday for the recovery of William J. Johnston, who had been unconscious more than 60 hours with a self-inflicted bullet in his brain, after he had shot his wife three times last Thursday. The nurse in charge said Johnston had grown weaker during the day and physicians said he might die any time, or might linger indefinitely. The bullet entered the left side of his forehead, and was thought to be lodged between the skull and the brain.

Mrs. Johnston was reported slightly improved at the Good Samaritan hospital. Her condition was so favorable that officials there said there was little doubt of her recovery. Mrs. Johnston suffered greatly from shock. It was said, and this will retard her recovery somewhat.

Ex-Matron Gets Position.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Mrs. Myra Shank, who recently was defeated for police matron here after serving more than six years, has accepted a position as assistant to Mrs. Clara Patterson, superintendent of the state industrial school for girls. Mrs. Shank assumed her new duties today.

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DEAF TEACHER WANTED

LARGER FACULTY AT SCHOOL URGED BY ASSOCIATION.

Classes Considered Too Big Under Present Arrangement—Board Invited to Inspect.

Determined effort is to be made by the Parent-Teacher association of the deaf school section of the Portland public schools to obtain more teachers for this department. The subject, which has been under discussion for some time, was made a special feature of the meeting of this association last Wednesday night at the East Portland branch library auditorium.

It was decided to urge each member of the school board of district No. 1 to visit this school and become personally familiar with the work it is trying to accomplish under handicaps. This is to be done in the hope that some way may be found to provide for at least one more teacher at this time.

Appeal has been made also to Governor Olcott on the subject of securing state aid, but while he has expressed sympathy with this plan, he has pointed out the fact that it could not be accomplished until the next session of the state legislature.

The school for the deaf is a department in the Stephens school, East Eighth and Harrison streets, of which H. M. Sherwood is the principal. It has an enrollment of 23, this being a considerable increase over the enrollment of last school year. There are two teachers, Mrs. Florence Metcalf and Mrs. Mabel Odell, and the oral or lip-reading system is used.

It is usually conceded that seven ungraded pupils to a teacher is the limit if best results are to be secured, and the Parent-Teacher association will urge that it would be economy to employ a third teacher, as

this would hasten the completion of the study courses by the pupils. Albert Odell is president of the association and Mrs. F. W. Cupper is its secretary.

AFFINITIES BREAK UP PAIR

Husband, in Divorce Suit, Names Three Men—Joy Rides Charged.

"Joy rides," "booze parties" and other brands of carousals were greatly favored by Mrs. Velma Chipman, according to M. R. Chipman, who filed a suit for divorce yesterday in the circuit court. She neglected their child, Robert, age 3, to go on all-night parties and took a position as usher at a moving-picture show against her husband's wishes, it is asserted.

Misconduct with numerous men is charged, Chipman naming George Harbig, W. R. Curtis and James Coffey as affiliates of Mrs. Chipman. The male friends of his wife gave her such presents as silk "lighties," shoes and silk shirts, he further asserts.

The Chipmans were married in Vancouver, Wash., in 1918. Other divorce actions filed yesterday were: Louis A. against Margaret Proehl, Olive M. against Willis M. Thompson, Iva M. against Jeff Bogart, May against Harry E. Stewart, Ida against Joseph Theberge and Carrie E. against Frederick W. Fairbanks.

"Boy Problem" Lectures Slated.

A series of six night lectures on "The Boy Problem" will be given this week in the Lents school assembly room by Chester A. Lyon, founder of the "Big Brother Farm for Boys" at Lebanon, Or. A similar course will be held in the Arista school the last week in January. The subjects of the lectures and their dates are: Tomorrow night, "Five Keys That Unlock the Heart of a Boy"; Tuesday night, "The Boy They Call Bad"; Wednesday night, "Dad and Ma"; Thursday night, "Live Wire"; Friday night, "The Boy's Work"; Saturday night, "On the Wrong Road."

BANK ROBBER SENTENCED

W. C. BRINSON GETS TERM OF SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON.

Petition for Parole of Man Who Held Up Jefferson Institution Is Denied.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—W. C. Brinson, Linn county rancher, who a few months ago entered the Jefferson State bank, covered the bookkeeper with a revolver and appropriated approximately \$3500, today was sentenced to a term of seven years in the state penitentiary by Judge Percy Kelly.

Preceding the passing of sentence, Judge Kelly heard an application for parole of the defendant. Many neighbors and friends of Brinson were in the courtroom and a number of them informed Judge Kelly that if the defendant was paroled they were sure he would go straight. John Carson, district attorney, represented the state and opposed the application for parole. The parole was denied.

Brinson, according to the records submitted to Judge Kelly, had resided on a ranch in Linn county for a number of years. A few months ago he became financially involved, and to meet his obligations hit upon the plan of robbery.

He drove his automobile into the town of Jefferson, parked it some distance from the business district and went to the bank. In the absence of the cashier, Brinson covered the bookkeeper with a revolver and appropriated several hundred dollars from the teller's counter. Brinson then forced the bookkeeper into the vault, after which the robber helped himself to currency.

Eilers Contempt Case Quashed.

Final court action in the matter of the Eilers Music house, a bankrupt, was taken yesterday when Federal Judge Bean ordered contempt charges

placed against Hy. J. Eilers last summer stricken from the court records. The action was taken on request of counsel to clear the record against his client. It followed a court order Thursday in which the proceeding in bankruptcy was dismissed, ending all court action that has arisen during the three years since the original suit was filed.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS ON

St. Johns Community Club Wants 1000 on Rolls.

St. Johns Community club has set 1000 as its membership mark and a membership campaign is to be started soon. Plans for this and other work were discussed at the first meeting of the year, held Tuesday night in the St. Johns Y. W. C. A. building. Plans to build a commodious community clubhouse this year were endorsed. The club plans a series of entertainments and has accepted an offer of the Peninsula minstrel to put on an entertainment soon.

Woodmen to Install.

St. Johns camp, Woodmen of the World, is to have a public installation of officers tomorrow night at Hickner's hall, followed by a musical programme and dancing. Deputy District Manager Beard will be the installing officer, assisted by the team from Multnomah camp, No. 77. The new officers are: H. Peters, consul commander; R. C. Green, adviser; Lieutenant; C. A. Kreyer, banker; H. H. Hemming, escort; L. N. Hollinger, watchman; M. B. Green, sentry; P. H. Walker, manager; J. N. Oliver, musician.

Salem Girl Dies.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Miss Mildred H. Palmer, until recently employed as stenographer by a local newspaper, died here last night after a brief illness. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Palmer, and two sisters, Mareta and Ruth Palmer. Miss Palmer was a graduate of the Salem high school and was popular in local social circles.

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