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"LUCKY" BALDWIN DIES AT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HOME

Noted Millionaire of Pacific
Coast Succumbs After
Long Illness.

LEAVES ESTATE
WORTH \$25,000,000

Rumors of Fight Over Property
Rife But None of Them
Can Be Verified.

(By Associated Press.)
LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 1.—
E. J. (Lucky) Baldwin died at his
home in Arcadia this morning. Bal-
dwin was 81 years of age and the end
came after an illness of several
weeks. He passed quietly away sur-
rounded by his family and friends
after being unconscious most of the
night.
"Lucky" Baldwin for years has
been one of the foremost figures in
the mining business, hotel business
and in recent years on the turf on
the Pacific coast.
Baldwin will be buried at San
Francisco. His fortune is estimated
at \$25,000,000. Many rumors of
impending contests of his will have
been rife during Baldwin's illness,
but they have not yet appeared in
tangible form. It is reported the
will contains a specific statement
denying the existence of more than
one widow, thus providing against
possible contest in that direction.

LEWIS PROBES RUMORS OF FOUL PLAY IN CASE

Coroner Finds That Story of Rob-
bery in Foster Accident With-
out Foundation.

Coroner Lewis returned from Co-
quille this morning, where he was
called to investigate the death of
John Foster who was killed at Camp
No. 1, of the Smith-Powers Company
on last Wednesday. There were ru-
mors of foul play, and as the pocket-
book of the deceased was found cut,
there appeared to be some ground
for the suspicion. This was explain-
ed, however, to Coroner Lewis by
the foreman in charge of the gang in
which Foster was working, who stated
that he had thought the deceased
to be a member of an order and
that the book would probably con-
tain papers, etc. As the book was
locked, there was no way to get into
it and it was cut open.

PROTEST ON PHONE RAISE

Patrons of Farmers Lines In
Coquille Valley Meet In
Myrtle Point.

The Myrtle Point Enterprise of
Friday says: "The different farm-
ers' telephone lines centering in Myr-
tle Point have held meetings and
elected delegates to attend a meeting
to be held in the city hall here Sat-
urday afternoon, February 27, at 2
o'clock, and the farmers have invited
the town business men to likewise be
represented at the meeting. The pur-
pose of the meeting is to protest
against a raise in rates made by the
new telephone company. Farmers
who had bought their instruments
have been receiving the services of
the local exchange and rental of the
transmitter and receiver for \$1 per
year. Now the company desires to
sell the transmitters and receivers at
\$4.95 per phone and charge the rate
of \$3 per year for exchange. The
farmers declare that this rate is too
high and state that they will put in
an exchange of their own before they
will submit to the raise and they
want the business men to join with
them in an independent exchange.

DREDGE STARTS BIG CONTRACT

Capt. Peters Begins Filling
Broadway After Making
Remarkable Record.

The dredge Oregon this morning
began the South Broadway fill and
is pumping dredgings from the bay
near the mouth of Mills Slough into
it rapidly. Yesterday, a force of
men completed the bulk-heading
work on the street and also the
water mains were elevated so that
there will be no delays.

The dredge Oregon has been do-
ing some fine work recently under
Captain Peters' management. For
several days on the shoal near the
Cold Storage, the dredge maintained
a speed of nearly 400 cubic yards
of dirt per hour. This is said to
be a phenomenal record. Hereto-
fore, it was considered doing well
when the dredge maintained a speed
of about 200 cubic yards per hour.

The South Broadway fill will take
a few weeks and afford a neat sum
for the maintenance of the dredge
here. If Representative Hawley's
recommendation, which has been in-
cluded in the rivers and harbors ap-
propriation bill that passed the
House last week, is not stricken out
when the Senate acts on the measure,
the balance in the jetty fund, about
\$25,000, will be available for the
use of the dredge in the harbor.
This will put the dredge on
easy street as it will enable it to
take any and all contracts for filling
and will undoubtedly mean its con-
tinuous operation for many months
to come or perhaps until the next
congress will make an appropriation
for improving Coos Bay.

Owing to the shortage of funds,
no definite steps have yet been taken
to secure the contract for filling the
marsh in Railroad addition north of
Washington street. It would re-
quire much more pipe than the
dredge now has. The great majority
of the property owners are enthu-
siastic over the proposition and
would like to see it go through, it is
stated.

INAUGURAL TO BE ELABORATE

Preparations For Taft's Induc-
tion to Office March 4 Have
Been Completed.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—
Preparations for the induction of W.
H. Taft into the presidency are com-
plete and the various committees
make prophesy the ceremonies will
be the most brilliant and picturesque
of any previous inaugural event.
The pension office which was the
scene of the inaugural ball, has been
beautifully decorated, over \$20,000
being spent in decorations alone.

Subscribers to the farmers' lines
centering in Coquille and other towns
of the county have likewise joined in
the protest and propose to organize
a complete county system with free
exchange between all towns if the
company endeavors to collect the new
rates. It is quite probable that an
adjustment of differences between
the subscribers and the company will
be reached before any radical meas-
ures are taken. Business men are
paying at the rate of \$18 per year
per phone.

NEW CUTOFF FOR HILL SYSTEM

Surveys Made For New Line
Reaching Direct From Pas-
co to Spokane and Port-
land.

(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, Wash., March 1.—Engi-
neers of the Great Northern Rail-
road have practically completed the
preliminary survey for a new rail-
road for the Hill interests in Frank-
lin, Adams and Douglas counties in

eastern Washington. The apparent
purpose is to afford a direct connec-
tion between the present main line
of the Great Northern with the Spo-
kane, Portland and Seattle Railroad.
The point of the junction is to be
Pasco on the east side of the Colum-
bia river and the construction of
the projected new railroad will mean
a diversion of the great wealth of
traffic from the Big Bend country
now tapped by the Great Northern to
the water grade line of the North
Bank road down the Columbia river.

ALLIANCE IN LATE TODAY

Strong Southeast Wind Delays
Steamship—M. F. Plant
In Port.

A wireless message from Captain
Parsons of the steamer Alliance, to
Agent Skinner states that the steam-
er has been fighting a strong south-
east wind and a heavy sea and will
probably not arrive until late in the
evening. The sailing date will
therefore be changed to Wednesday
at 8 a. m., instead of Tuesday as per
schedule.

M. F. Plant In.
The steamer M. F. Plant arrived
this morning after an exceptionally
good trip from San Francisco. The
weather, with the exception of a
little rough sea last night, was very
good during the entire trip. The in-
coming passenger list was as fol-
lows:

Edw. F. Neuhaus, Mrs. Neuhaus,
Mrs. Janis, T. J. Kennedy, A. B.
Maddin, Mrs. Maddin, R. W. Swan-
ton, O. W. Nay, Mrs. Fabiani, E.
Phinkett, C. E. Morton, Dr. May
Vanderburgh, E. A. Broussel, O. E.
Kelley, Mrs. E. B. Lane, Miss L.
Johnson, Jno. S. Coke, A. Brosen,
J. Johnson, Mrs. Addie Holland, J.
C. Merchant, Capt. Martin Olson, J.
Cookson, Jack Tawse, Fred. S. Dow,
and eighteen steerage.

STOP ATTACK ON ROOSEVELT

Senate Committee On Judi-
ciary Will Bury Alleged
Trust Probe.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 1.—The
Senate Committee on Judiciary to-
day reached an agreement on the
resolution providing for an investiga-
tion of the absorption of the Tennes-
see Coke & Iron Company by the
United States Steel Corporation. It
was decided that any views submit-
ted to the Senate will be considered
as "individual" reports not having
the sanction of the committee. This
is generally regarded as a com-
promise as a number of senators had
drafted a report declaring the mer-
ger in violation of the Sherman
anti-trust law and rebuking Presi-
dent Roosevelt for his part in the
transaction while others declared it
was not a function of the committee
to pass upon those questions.

FIND GRAFTERS GUILTY.

Ent Pittsburg Jury Recommends
Mercy For Councillmen.
(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURG, March 1.—After
deliberating for over sixty hours, the
jury in the case of Councillmen
Klein, Wasson and Brand returned a
verdict today finding them guilty
and recommending mercy court. W.
W. Ramsey, the banker, was found
not guilty in instructions from the
court. The councillors charged with
conspiracy in connection with the
graft scandals.

NOTED INDIAN FIGHTER DEAD

Ralph E. Summers, One of
Battle Rock Heroes, Suc-
cumbs at Bandon.

BANDON, Ore., March 1.—The
Recorder says: "Ralph E. Summers
was born in Pennsylvania, December
21, 1815, and died at his home near
Bandon, February 19, being nearly
94 years old at the time of his
death. He came to Curry county,
Oregon, in June, 1851, and settled
on the Sixes river, where he began
pioneer life as all other sturdy set-
tlers of that day were compelled to
do.

"Perhaps the most interesting
feature of Mr. Summers' life, and
one that will forever connect his
name with the history of south-west-
ern Oregon is the fact that he was
one of the nine heroes of Battle
Rock, Port Orford, where the most
daring defense against hundreds of
Indians, hostile and persistent, was
made for fifteen days, and at the
end of that time all succeeded in
getting away alive, while at least
twenty-three of the red skins fell
victims of their deadly aim. The
other members of that memorable
battle were: Capt. J. M. Kirkpa-
trick, J. H. Eagan, John T. Slater,
George Ribouds, T. D. Palmer,
Joseph Hussey, Cyrus W. Hedden,
and James Carigan. After fourteen
days of constant terror the nine
men were able to deceive the Indians
and get back to white settlement.

BIG SUM FOR NATION'S WORK

Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill
Passes Senate—Ocean
Subsidy Up.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—
The sundry civil appropriation bill
was reported to the Senate from the
Committee on Appropriations today.
The bill carries \$138,076,565, an in-
crease of \$1,266,719 over the bill as
passed by the House. Of the in-
crease, \$99,000 is for a public build-
ing at Everett, Wash.

Relying upon a poll just complet-
ed, an attempt will be made tomor-
row to pass through the house with-
out the amendment of the Gallinger
Ocean subsidy bill, already agreed to
by the Senate. The fate of the bill
largely depends upon numerical
strength of the Republicans in at-
tendance. If there is a good at-
tendance, it may pass by a small
majority while if there is a slim at-
tendance, it may be defeated.

BREAK IN WHEAT.

May Option Declines Two Cents In
Chicago Pit.
(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, March 1.—Wheat
prices broke sharply at the opening
of the market today, the initial quo-
tations showing losses of 1 3/4 to 2
cents compared with Saturday's
close. May opened at \$1.16 to
\$1.17 3/8.

"ITS UP TO MY OFFICIALS IN OREGON" SAYS HARRIMAN

WANT RAILWAY TO COOS BAY

Gov. Brady of Idaho, Indorses
Plan of Oregon-Idaho De-
velopment Congress.

BOISE, Ida., March 1.—A state-
aided railroad from Boise to Coos
Bay is the chief object of the Oregon-
Idaho Development Congress, which
met here, attended by 100 represen-
tative men from Eastern and Central
Oregon and southeastern Idaho.
The object of the congress was
heartily indorsed by Governor Brady,
who welcomed the delegates. He
said he would pledge his support for
any action which would give Idaho
better means of transportation and
open its doors to reach the seaports
of the Pacific. He spoke of the
growth of the state, its wonderful
development and its great resources,
stating that it would continue to
grow and, even if walled in, would
continue to develop, as it had all
the resources needed if left to stand
alone.

Want to Exchange Resources.
"But," he continued, "we want to
extend our resources into Idaho.
When the Panama Canal is complet-
ed it will mean one of the greatest
freight rate reducers for the West
that it could possibly have, for at
that time the great steamers from
the East will unload cargoes at San
Francisco, Portland, Seattle and
Coos Bay."

The governor stated he would do
all in his power to further the move-
ment and that some action should
be taken at once before the one
line which dominated the state had
secured all the best valleys and left
nothing but those of second class for
a new road.

POPE IS BETTER.

Catholic Prelate Has Been Suffering
From Cold.
(By Associated Press.)

ROME, March 1.—The condition
of Pope Pius who has been suffering
from a cold, is much improved to-
day.

BEAVER HILL BOY KILLED

Young Son of Andrew Yodzu-
kenas Meets Tragic Fate
While Playing.

Coroner Lewis left this afternoon
for Beaver Hill where he will hold
an inquest over the remains of the
ten-year-old son of Andrew Yodzu-
kenas, who was killed yesterday
afternoon by falling from a handcar
on which he and some other boys
were playing. Details of the acci-
dent are lacking but it is thought
that he was struck on the head by
the handle of the car and thrown
off.

AGREE TO DISAGREE.

Congressional Committee Again
Clashes Over Salary Increases.
(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—
The conferees of the legislature on
the executive and judicial appropria-
tion bill for the third time voted
today to report a disagreement on
the amendments increasing the sal-
ary of the president, vice-president,
speaker of the House and the federal
judges.

Railroad Magnate Answers
Gov. Chamberlain's Letter
About New Lines.

GROWS FACETIOUS
IN HIS MISSIVE

Says That Offer Regarding
Coos Bay Line Still Holds
Good.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 1.—That
the Central Oregon line of the Har-
riman system is a live project, not-
withstanding the delays that have
ensued since his first announcement,
that he would build the line is indi-
cated in a telegram from E. H. Har-
riman to Governor Chamberlain, just
received by the state executive. Gov-
ernor Chamberlain wrote to Mr. Har-
riman asking for further assurances
in regard to the Central Oregon line
and calling attention to the fact that
no progress has been made in the
matter since Mr. Harriman's own an-
nouncement that he would build the
road, when he was in Portland last
September.

Mr. Harriman declares in his tele-
gram that the Central Oregon road
will be built and that the speed with
which the line is accomplished de-
pends upon the local management, in
other words, responsibility for con-
struction is placed upon General
Manager O'Brien and his fellow offi-
cials in this territory.

The first sentence of Mr. Harri-
man's telegram is supposed to be a
bit of facetiousness on the part of
the Union Pacific magnate. Also the
Coos Bay line, which he refers to,
was not mentioned in the Governor's
letter. Mr. Harriman's telegram, re-
ceived at Salem yesterday, follows:
"Hot Wells, San Antonio, Tex.,
Feb. 23, 1909.—Hon. George E.
Chamberlain, Salem, Ore.: No need
for a witness. Investigations all
completed. Construction already au-
thorized. Matter in hands of local
officers. Is there anything else I can
do?"

"I told the delegation from Coos
Bay that I would recommend con-
struction of road to that point if they
could satisfy us that it would earn
4 per cent on cost or have that
amount guaranteed each year for a
term of years. This still holds good
to you or them."
"E. H. HARRIMAN"

WILL JEFFRIES FIGHT JOHNSON?

Two Declare Big Pugilist Said
He Would While He
Denies It.

(By Associated Press.)
OMAHA, March 1.—Jim Jeffries
passed through Omaha last night
en route to New York to fill a thea-
trical engagement. He stated posi-
tively to Sandy Griswood, a sport-
ing writer, that he would meet
Johnson after his theatrical tour.

CORBETT VERIFIES IT.

Declares Jeffries Told Him He Would
Fight.

(By Associated Press.)
KANSAS CITY, March 1.—James
J. Corbett said today that in a re-
cent conversation with Jeffries the
latter said he would fight Johnson
after his New York engagements.

JEFFRIES DENIES IT.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, March 1.—Jim Jeffries
arrived in Chicago today. He de-
clared he authorized no one to an-
nounce he would fight Johnson.