RAILROAD INTERESTS

Buying Material for the Extension of Railroads.

PLATE MARKET IS ACTIVE

Eastern Mills Are Selling Considerable Quantities of Steel Rails in the Western Markets and Business of All Kinds Is Booming.

New York, March 30.—The continued heavy buying of material of all kinds by railroad interests is still the main feature of the iron markets, says the Iron Age. It is reflected in quite a steady flow of small additional rail orders, in a very heavy demand for plates, and in the buying of considerable quantities of structural material.

The position of the plate market is attracting particular attention. Eastern mills are selling considerable quantities in the western markets, notably Cleveland and Pittsburg, and in some instances are securing premiums. It is understood that the leading interest is fully booked for a long time ahead and is on the verge of being a purchaser to cover contracts. It begins to look as though some foreign material may have to be brought in this year. There has been another burst of buy- three steel works have in the aggre- markets. In the Philadelphia district three steel works have in the aggregate bought 36,000 tons at prices varying from $16.60 to $16.75 delivered for the third and fourth quarters. A mill in the New York district has taken 8500 tons.

The Pittsburg market for pig iron for steel manufactuer is pretty bare. It had been impossible to squeeze out 1000 to 2000 tons of Bessemer pig for the Cleveland district for immediate delivery.

The steel corporation, it is estimated, will need about 40,000 tons for April delivery which has not yet been contracted for. The general jobbery foundry trade is still slack.

A tidewater steel plant has purchased one lot of 6000 tons of foreign Bessemer pig at or about $18.50 Baltimore, and may have taken additional quantities. This, however, is to cover partially sales of steel rails made to South America, taking advantage of the drawback.

An interesting situation is developing in bridge material. A good deal of business has been placed. A leading interest has been booked during the week about 20,000 tons in individual small lots. While the bookings are very heavy the drawings and specifications are still coming in slowly. There is danger, therefore, of a rush later on, which the fabrication end with ample reserve capacity will easily care for, but which may prove embarrassing to the structural and plate mills that are even now threatened with congestion.

SECTARIANS BARRED.

Carnegie Refuses to Endow Sectarian Schools.

New York, March 30.—The Times today prints an interview with Andrew Carnegie, in the course of which Mr. Carnegie declared that sectarian foundations were not eligible to his gifts.

He added:

"As a matter of fact however, most of the colleges which started as sectarian foundations have broadened their basis voluntarily and while still sectarian in name, perhaps, admit students of all creeds and impose no hard and fast conditions.

"I do not object to a school conducted under the patronage of a denomination if it prospers by reason of such patronage. In the case of a school so strictly guarded that it makes the acceptance of its tenents a condition of matriculation I am free to say that it would not interest me."

ELKS' HOME.

Reno Lodge Room Destroyed by Severe Fire.

Reno, Nev., March 30.—The Elks' home of Reno, the most handsome lodge building in Nevada, was partially destroyed by fire tonight.

The blaze started in the cellar amongst a quantity of bunting and dry twigs. How it started is unknown.

The building cost $35,000. Thousands of dollars worth of furnishings are either ruined or damaged as a result of the blaze.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPH.

Communications With Cuba Expected May 1.

Colon, March 30.—The establishment of a wireless telegraph plant here is progressing. Those in charge of the work say they expect to be in communication with Guantanamo, Cuba, at the beginning of May.

The sanitary department has begun the fumigating of all houses here, necessitating the temporary withdrawal of the occupants but no attempt has yet been made to fill up the malarial swamps surrounding the town.

KING EDWARD.

Will Attend King Christian's Birthday.

London, March 30.—King Edward has decided not to go direct to Copenhagen, as previously planned, to be present at the celebration of King Christian's birthday April 8. When he leaves England April 6 he will go to Marseilles. The following official announcement on the subject was issued:

"The king and queen are not going together to Copenhagen. His majesty proposes toward the end of next week to join the queen on the imperial yacht in the Mediterranean."

MUST BE MOSSBACK.

Something Discovered in Berkley With Russian Names.

Berkeley, Cal., March 30.—A valuable fossil ichthyo-saurian recently discovered in the middle treassic limestones of Nevada is described in a new geological bulletin from the university press. It shows the anterior half of the vertebral column, one side of the pectoral arch complete, the first two segments of a pectoral limb and nearly the entire skull.

It is said that the type of limb in the present specimen is "more primitive than any heretofore described," a fact which makes the discovery one of the greatest interest to geologists all over the world.

Made Trial Trip.

Berlin, March 30.—The new cruiser Rusbek, the first turbine propelled vessel of the Germany navy, ran her trial trip from Kiel to Swinemunde, 180 sea miles, at 23 knots an hour. The contract called for 22 knots. The naval commission aboard accepted the vessel during the run.

KIDNAP CHILDREN

Daughters of Dr. Wm. Hartigan Are Taken to Denver.

READY FOR LEGAL BATTLE

An Estate Valued at $500,000 Is the Bone of Contention and the Relatives Are Fighting the Father to Secure the Children's Interest.

Denver, aMrch 30.—The Republican today says:

From Morgantown, W. Va., comes the news that Sarah and Mary Hartigan, aged 5 and 11 years respectively, daughters of Dr. Wm. Hartigan, a famous surgeon and professor in the University of West Virginia, have been kidnaped and brought to Denver.

A legal battle for the custody of the little ones is promised, as large financial interests are at stake. The father is determined he shall secure the children. Certain relatives of the late Mrs. Hartigan are just as determined that the children shall be taken away from the father. An estate valued at $500,000 is the bone of contention. The litt ones who were spirited away from their father's home will share in this estate. This is the second time these children have been kidnaped from their father.

Get Rich Quick.

Philadelphia, March 30.—Senator Bradley, receiver for the Storey Cotton Company, has received an unexpected asset in the form of a $8000 draft. The money came from the "get rich quick" concern's Liverpool branch. The draft was mailed before the Storey company was forced to go out of business. Post inspectors said today there would be no difficulty in proving that the Storey company and the Provident investment bureau were affiliated. It is estimated by the receiver that the liabilities of the two concerns are approximately $5,000,000.

SLUM CHILDREN.

Salvation Army Will Be "At Home" to Chicago's Poor.

Chicago, March 30.—The Salvation army will be "at home" to the slum children of Chicago this summer on its own farm of 50 acres near Glen Ellyn—a long cherished hope of the organization, made possible by the generosity of several Chicagoans whose names are kept secret.

The property, already purchased, includes two large dwellings overlooking a small but picturesque lake and other roomy buildings for the accommodation of small guests who crave a bit of country hospitality.

According to Colonel Charles Miles the farm, with all its appurtenances, including grass and trees, will be "dedicated to the waifs of Chicago."

ACCIDENT TO O'BRIEN

Trial Trip Prevented by Breaking of Piston Rod.

DID CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE

There Seems to Be a Hoodoo Attached to the Torpedo Boat 'Brien as She Has Had Several Accidents in Attempting to Make a Trial Trip.

New York, March 30.—The cause of the breaking of a high pressure piston rod on her preliminary trial trip off Fire Island the torpedo boat O'Brien, which was to have had an official trial today at Newport, has been returned to the dry dock at the New York navy yard. The rod snapped with a crash that shook the little vessel from stern to stem. The shaft was seven feet long and fourteen inches thick and after it broke was swinging through the air, pounding and beating the machinery. The oilers and others who were working about the machinery hurried away.

Chief Machinist Van Sickle ran into the engine rom and succeeded in shutting off the steam. A great bar of steel fell between Van Sickle's feet while he was at work on the steam valve.

The O'Brien was taken over from the Nixon Shipbuilding Company when it was absorbed the United Shipbuilding Company. She has sustained injury after injury on all her trial trips.

During the last run she was making 22 knots and the officials were much elated when the collapse occurred.

SENSATIONAL SUIT.

Many Startling Details Promised in Mining Suit.

San Francisco, March 30.—The complaint in what promises to be one of the most sensational suits of its kind has been filed in the county clerk's office by W. F. & Marie Patrick against L. L. Patrick, brother of the first named plaintiff.

The suit is brought to recover $100,000, and many startling details are regarding big mining claims at Tonopah and Goldfield will be aired, it is said, when the hearing comes up.

MILLIONAIRE SENTENCED.

Gets Two Years in the Pen for Trying to Kill His Wife.

Chicago, March 30.—A dispatch to the Tribune from San Francisco, Cal., says Griffith J. Griffith, the Los Angeles millionaire, who three years ago attempted to kill his wife, must spend two years in state prison and pay a fine of $5000, according to a decision of the state supreme court, which has affirmed the sentence of the lower court.

Griffith gave a park of 3000 acres to Los Angeles and was named park commissioner.

NEW CONSTITUTION.

Has Been Prepared in London for the Transvaal.

London, March 30.—The new constitution for the Transvaal has just been signed in London and will shortly be presented to parliament for its deliberation.

Colonial Secretary Lyttleton has telegraphed Lord Milner, who recently resigned as governor of the Transvaal, expressing that government's gratitude for his great services in South Africa.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Astoria National Bank

At the close of business, March 14th, 1905.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$324,662 57
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		6,203 86
U. S. bonds to secure circulation		12,500 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds		750 00
Bonds, securities, etc		66,416 74
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures		2,685 00
Other real estate owned		4,375 00
Due from national banks not reserve agents)		5,907 88
Due from state banks and bankers		11,038 98
Due from approved reserve agents		97,002 96
Checks and other cash items		2,657 41
Notes of other national banks		836 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents		864 11
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$56,473 95	
Legal-tender notes	90 00	56,563 95
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent circulation)		625 00
Total		$593,089 46

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund		10,000 00
Undivided profits ,less expenses and taxes paid		28,758 77
National bank notes outstanding		10,800 00
Individual deposits subposits subject to check	$259,975 77	
Demand certificates of deposit	30,725 56	
Time certificates of deposit	202,114 36	
Certified checks	715 00	493,530 69
Total		$593,089 46

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss:

I, J. E. Higgins, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that teh above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22d day of March, 1905.

E. Z. FERGUSON, Notary Public.

(Seal)

Correct—Attest:

GEO. H. GEORGE.
A. SCHERNECKAU.
L. MANSUR.

Directors.

STATEMENT OF

ASTORIA SAVINGS BANK

At the close of business March 20, 1905.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$522,635 67	
County warrants	24,199 90	
City warrants	38,527 41	585,362 98
Real estate		21,000 00
Due from banks	75,912 12	
Cash on hand	42,895 88	118,807 89
Total		$725,170 87

LIABILITIES.

Capital paid in		$100,000 00
Surplus		35,000 00
Undivided profits		3,302 40
Dividends unpaid		165 00
Deposits—		
Subject to check	$369,757 28	
Time certificates	198,021 45	
Demand certificates	18,924 74	586,703 47
Total		$725,170 87

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank

At Astoria, in the state of Oregon, at the close of business, March 14th, 1905.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$283,071 88
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		5,555 14
U. S. bonds to secure circulation		12,500 00
Stocks, securities, etc		73,380 00
Other real estate owned		6,000 00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)		9,244 60
Due from state banks and bankers		98,794 73
Due from approved reserve agents		135,851 99
Checks and other cash items		18 90
Notes of other national banks		105 00
Nickels and cents		468 52
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$114,200 00	114,200 00
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation		625 00
Total		$739,815 76

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund		50,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		25,764 78
National bank notes outstanding		12,500 00
ndividual deposits subject to check	$448,064 51	
Demand certificates of deposit	153,366 47	
Certified checks	100 00	601,550 98
Total		$739,815 76

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss:

I, S. S. Gordon, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March, 1905.

J. H. MANSELL, Notary Public.

(Seal)

Correct—Attest:

G. C. FLAVEL.
W. F. McGREGOR.
JACOB KAMM.

Directors.