



IS HILL PURCHASER?

Rumor A. & C. R. Sold to Great Magnate.

WOULD BUILD BY SEA

Probably Intends Line From Seaside on Coast to San Francisco.

MEANS MUCH TO ASTORIA

Report Places Sale Price at Five Million Dollars—No Official Advice Have Been Received in Oregon Confirming Rumor.

PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—If James J. Hill has purchased the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad, as rumored—and so far as local officials of the two systems have learned the deal has not been confirmed—it means the construction of an all-coast line in Oregon, extending from Seaside to San Francisco, the southern goal Hill is said to have selected since he has paved the way for a successful invasion of the Harriman territory in Oregon.

Every chief executive who has represented the Harriman system in the Northwest since the Wizard of Wall Street took over the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific properties under a combined organization, has recommended a purchase of the A. & C. No later than August and September of last year an examination of the Hammond line was made by Harriman men and reported on to New York while the last month of the year a Hill official investigated the road as to several particulars and he also sent a statement to Eastern officials. The road has been reported sold several times, and alternately to the Hill and Harriman interests, but the latest is based on a rumor printed in Boston January 19, to the effect that final papers were understood to have passed in the deal. The story credits Hill with having paid \$1,700,000 more for the property than the figure at which it had been offered to him several years ago, and that the purchase price was \$5,000,000.

The Boston authority says Hill took the property merely because Harriman was a close bidder, but locally the discussion of the situation, in the face of no confirmation, leads to the assumption that Mr. Hill will construct a Coast line to the Bay City, not only to compete with the Southern Pacific on passenger business, but to draw a share of the rich dairy traffic from that territory and tap the immense timber belts. The latter is a particular object in view of Mr. Hill's oft-repeated statements regarding the gains from handling that class of freight.

The acquisition of the A. & C. would serve a two-fold purpose. Besides giving access to the Coast, it would eliminate the necessity of building along the north bank of the Columbia below Carroll's point, where the Northern Pacific heads almost due north to Tacoma. What the Hill interests are aiming at in addition to securing a line to tide-water on the Columbia, is a more advantageous route to the Gray's Harbor country to haul timber. The Columbia River route affords a water grade, but the principal problem confronting engineers is the expensive rock work. Construction features of the north and south banks are entirely different, the south bank offering many places for extensive fills when the A. & C. was built. Northern Pacific officials pretend to know nothing of the real estate activity on the north bank below Carroll's Point, and as the Portland & Seattle has not been authorized to acquire right-of-way there, it would seem the stir was caused solely by the Harriman movements in connection with the exten-

sion of the I. R. & C. R. known about for the Coast country in the vicinity of Long B. Bay.

Before final transfer of the property can be made a meeting of the directors must be held, and the sale ratified. Also stock held by them will be transferred. No meeting has been convened—as is known because a majority of the board reside in Oregon—and any such move would receive immediate publicity here.

FOR SHORTER HOURS.

Typhos and Pressmen Unite in Five Years' Agreement.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 2.—Following two private sessions today an agreement was reached between the United Typothetae of America and the Printing Pressmen's Union of America. The agreement is for five years, the first two years being for a nine hour day, the succeeding three years for an eight hour day. It is said that today's agreement will increase the cost of press work 22 per cent. Over 150 delegates, representing 19,500 proxies were present. When the vote on the working agreement was taken, it stood 7,600 for and 3,500 against.

DISEASE IS SAME.

Tuberculosis of Cattle Does Not Differ From Human Disease.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The Royal Commission on tuberculosis has just issued a lengthy report on tuberculosis. The report sets forth that man is liable to infection by bovine tuberculosis and that cows' milk containing tubercular bacilli, is responsible for a majority of the cases of such infection.

OBSTACLE REMOVED

Lowest Bidder on Panama Canal Complies With Requirements.

SECURES STABLE BACKERS

Associates Are Among the Most Prominent Contractors of the United States, and Will Undertake Work Under Olliver's Bid.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The announcement was made this evening that William J. Olliver, the lowest bidder for the contract of digging the Panama Canal, had associated himself with a number of the most prominent contractors of the country. The names were given to the Associated Press as representing the association, who, with Olliver, would undertake the work under Olliver's bid. Some time afterward Olliver received a telephone message from New York and left for that city. His secretary stated that the announcement made earlier in the evening is premature, so that the question who would form the syndicate was unsettled.

Olliver has gotten together as his associates some of the largest contractors in the United States, most of whom have been engaged in government construction work running into millions of dollars. The men whose names he will submit to the President are: John B. McDonald of New York, who built the subway there; John Pierce, of New York, who built the Portsmouth drydock and the Chicago and Washington postoffice buildings and other government work amounting to over fifty millions; W. H. Sayre, of the International Contracting Company, of Washington, D. C.; John R. Garris, of the Eastern Dredging Company, Boston; and H. L. Walsh, of the Walsh Contracting Company, of Davenport, Iowa.

COMMISSION WILL SIT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—It was stated last night that the Interstate Commerce Commission would take up its inquiry here into the financial operations of the Harriman roads on Feb. 21. A subpoena for that date has been issued for E. H. Harriman, William Rockefeller, Jacob H. Schiff, D. O. Mills and others.

CONTINUE TWO NORMALS

The Other Two Must go Says the Senate.

ENDS YEARS OF GRAFT

Measure Proposes One School for Either Half of the State.

TO REDUCE APPROPRIATION

Cuts Sum from Half Million to Hundred Thousand—Normal School Lobby Expected to Make Desperate Fight on Bill.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—The most carefully laid plan to raid the State treasury comes from the normal schools. They have become such an issue, these normal school appropriations, that they have taken a political aspect of no mean proportions.

The normal school raiders have developed such strength of recent years that they are able to affect the organization of House and Senate and the make-up of the education and ways and means committee. They are responsible for a lobby of large and active proportions, they have engendered bitterness between members, have defeated bills with no bearing on the school question, have influenced senatorial fights and have even gone down into district and primary fights.

As a matter of fact, the normals are not recognized as state institutions, although there is a general impression that they are. In locating normal schools and supplying them with state aid, no consideration was taken of their geographical position. The schools were given aid in exchange for a few votes in senatorial fights in years gone by.

While the House has had its preliminary skirmish on the normal question, the Senate has postponed it until the latter part of next week. In the meantime, however, there is a lobby laying wires with the skill born of long experience.

The normal outlook has simmered down to two schools, one for Eastern Oregon and the other for Western or Southern Oregon. The Senate ways and means committee has been instructed to make appropriations for but two institutions of this character. Consequently two schools will be dropped. The question is, which two.

Perhaps the key to the situation is Senator M. A. Miller's bill, which is now in committee. This bill provides for two schools, one at Ashland and the other at Weston, eliminating Monmouth and Drain. It provides for one board of regents, appointed by the governor. The graduates under the Miller bill must teach at least two years, and traveling expenses are allowed students.

In round numbers the normal schools ask \$500,000. The Miller bill cuts the sum to \$100,000. The committee is now considering an amendment to Senator Miller's bill. This is that the governor appoint three people who shall receive bids from such towns as want the normal schools, taking into consideration the location, sanitary conditions and other important matters. This board would decide by July 1.

Inquiry among the senators indicates that the Miller bill, with the proposed amendment has a good chance of winning, for it will receive the support of the Eastern Oregon delegation and Southern Oregon, as well as of certain of the Multnomah crowd.

MOB WOULD LYNCH.

GLOBE, Arl., Feb. 2.—A mob of a thousand people surrounded the Globe county jail in this city, intent on lynching William Baldwin, a negro,

charged with the murder of Mrs. Morris and her child at Roosevelt. The prisoner was spirited out of the jail and hidden by the sheriff, who gave the key to the leaders of the mob and allowed them to search the building.

GIVES TO SCHOOL.

Widow of Russell Sage Gives Million to Troy Seminary.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The Herald tomorrow will announce the gift by Mrs. Russell Sage to the Emma Willard Seminary of Troy, N. Y., of one million dollars, and \$250,000 to the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association. Mrs. Sage finished her education at Emma Willard Seminary and has been for several years president of the Alumni Association. Both gifts are unconditional.

PASTOR RESIGNS.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 2.—Rev. Geo. Clark Cox, rector of Calvary Church of this city, last night resigned. His action is due to the recent letter of Bishop Boyd Vincent in which the latter condemns the utterances of Mr. Cox as heretical. After the appearance of the letter of the bishop Mr. Cox's supporters advised him to resign.

The Cox case came to public notice through an open letter from the clergyman to Bishop Vincent, which was published in the Living Church, in which Mr. Cox avowed his disbelief in the immaculate conception, bodily resurrection and other vital doctrines of the church. Shortly afterward, an information against Mr. Cox charging him with heresy, was filed with the standing committee of the diocese.

Upon the failure of the committee to find Mr. Cox liable for trial, the bishop wrote to the church chronicle, expressing his opinion on the matter.

GHASTLY MURDER

Young Man Found in San Francisco Fearfully Mutilated.

BEATEN TO DEATH BY BOOTS

Own Shoes Worn Used to Kill Unfortunate Electrician—Robbery Was Not Motive As Money Was Found on Body.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—A terrible murder was discovered this afternoon when the body of Claude Young, nude and fearfully mutilated, was found in a room of a lodging house on 49 East Street. Beaten to death by his own heavy miner's half-boots and literally blood soaked, the corpse lay on the floor. Young was 28 years of age and carried a card showing him to be a member of the Western Federation of Miners. He came from Tonopah, Nevada, three months ago, and worked in San Francisco as an electrician. No clue has been found, but from the fact that money was found in his clothes, robbery is not thought to be the motive. Apparently the man had been dead six hours when discovered. The room bears evidence of a terrible struggle, though the body was not found until this afternoon and the noise could not have been very considerable.

DIRECTORS MEET.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 2.—The Butte & London Copper Development Company, the controlling interest of which is held by the Venture Company of London, England, held its annual meeting of directors in this city yesterday afternoon, when Theodore Brantley, chief justice of Montana, was re-elected president; James H. Lynch vice president, A. A. McMillan treasurer, and W. E. Reynolds secretary. Frederick W. Parkes, of London, represents the interests of the Venture Company, heading the directorate. Other directors are W. W. McDowell, James A. Talbot, Senator E. J. Anderson, Fred Whiteside, G. W. Stapleton and C. J. Kelly.

The Butte and London enjoys the distinction of sinking one of the largest shafts in the Northwest, a three compartment affair, 1,500 feet deep, on territory adjacent to the North Butte Company.

THOMPSON IS FREED

Murderer of Judge Emory Held Insane.

SAVED BY HIS FATHER

Most Spectacular Trial of Northwest is Finished at Spokane.

JURY OUT BUT SHORT TIME

Plea of Attorney to Save the Life of His Boy Overcomes Judge and Audience Alike—Dramatic Close of Speech.

TACOMA, Feb. 2.—"Not guilty, by reason of insanity." This was the verdict read by Judge Snell after the jury in the case of Chester Thompson, charged with the murder of Judge Geo. Meade Emory, in Seattle July 7, 1906, had considered the evidence less than three hours.

A large attendance was present in court, but no unusual scene followed the reading of the verdict. The usual handshaking and congratulations followed. The boy remained in the custody of the sheriff until further disposition is made of him by the court. His face was impassive as he was led from the court room.

After his remarkable effort of the previous two days, Judge Will H. Thompson, who late last night had tottered babbling from the court room, was somewhat recovered this morning, and was in the court room to witness the finish of the trial.

The trial practically terminated at 10 o'clock last night in perhaps the most dramatic and remarkable scene ever enacted in a Western courtroom. When the aged father of the accused, with arms aloft, made his final sobbing appeal to the jury, there was but one person in the room not in tears, and seemingly lacking all interest in the proceedings—Chester Thompson.

Judge, jurors and spectators made no effort to restrain their emotion and the situation became intensely painful when Judge Thompson lost control of himself and in tones of anguish wailed: "I have lost my Chester. I have lost my boy, my boy, my little boy. God Almighty, I have lost him."

For a full minute he stood swaying like a drunken man and closed his remarkable argument in a subdued, low voice, as follows:

"May God Almighty enable you to do your duty and may he enable you to do it now."

The uplifted hands dropped. With a sob that reached all parts of the courtroom he fell into his chair and his head sank into his hands. There he sat until his weeping sons each took an arm and led him away.

WILL BE EXCOMMUNICATED.

Threats Against Performers of Schismatic Mass in Paris.

ROME, Feb. 2.—Officials of the Vatican declare that the schismatic mass which is to be performed in Paris tomorrow by Archbishop Villatte, head of the Independent Catholic movement in America, and Father Roussin, of Paris, priest of the Church of the Holy Apostles, is sacrilegious, and that in the end they will be excommunicated.

STRIKE AT WILLAMETTE.

University Students Threaten to Quit Unless Professor Apologizes.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—Willamette University is threatened with a strike. Unless Professor Louie Bach makes apology to the student body in general and to C. Belknap in particular a majority of the students say they will quit at the end of the semester,

according to secret action taken yesterday afternoon by the student body.

Yesterday was the most exciting day the school ever had. A special meeting of the college body was called at 2:30 p. m. by President Coleman, and the announcement made that C. Belknap had been suspended. Then the president warned the students not to side with the "lawbreakers," but to be good, or there would be trouble.

The student body went into executive session and asked President Coleman, the president of the faculty, and the presiding elder, Dr. Rowland, also a trustee, to leave the room. All but Coleman went. He stayed for a time, but the debate grew too warm, and he escaped, remarking as he went: "I'm going because I want to, not because I have to."

During the student conference Belknap apologized to the students and later to the faculty, and the suspension sentence was removed. The students then resolved to force an apology from Professor Bach, who was chief cause of the trouble, or to resign in a body. Bach refused, refuses and will refuse, and the faculty and students are at a deadlock. The semester is near an end and the expressed sentiment among the students seems to be to take their credits and go elsewhere, unless Bach makes reparation.

DIES SUDDENLY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Mrs. Jacob H. Gallinger, wife of Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, was taken ill at the Belasco Theatre tonight and died before the ambulance could be summoned. Death was due to angina pectoris.

Mrs. Gallinger was formerly Miss Mary Anna Bailey of Salisbury, N. H. Two sons and a daughter and the widower survive.

FRETS AT SUSPENSE

Harry Thaw Impatient for Re-New of His Trial.

CHANGES IN JURY POSSIBLE

May Mackenzie, Close Companion of Prisoner's Wife, May Be First Witness—Defense Is Prepared to Submit Case Monday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—His trial having been adjourned from yesterday until Monday, Harry K. Thaw sat impatiently in his cell in the Tombs today, regretting that some arrangement could not have been made to avoid the week end truce in his battle for life and liberty. Thaw's attorneys were busy all day rounding out the mass of testimony which the defense will submit to the jury. They will be ready to proceed Monday, but were inclined today to doubt that Jerome will find it possible to introduce all the direct testimony which the state has to offer in two hours and a half of the Monday morning session as he yesterday declared. It is reported that May Mackenzie, Mrs. Thaw's constant companion, will be one of the first witnesses for the prosecution, which hopes to prove by her that Thaw made threats against the life of Stanford White. Miss Mackenzie was subpoenaed immediately after the tragedy. The report could not be confirmed today. Thaw's counsel today denied that Thaw had decided to take the stand in his own behalf. Such an event is possible, but a decision in the matter has not been reached. Rumors of possible changes in the jury continue to circulate and when the trial is resumed Monday Jerome may spring a surprise. Thaw is pleased with the jury and unless extraordinary pressure is brought to bear it is not likely that the defense will consent to further changes.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 2.—It has just been learned here that Wilbur F. Steele, a juror on the Thaw murder trial, has been a long time friend of the Thaw family and was for years agent for the prisoner's father in North Dakota.

CHICAGO GALE.

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—A gale is blowing at the rate of sometimes fifty miles an hour today, the most uncomfortable of the winter. The mercury is dropping steadily toward zero.