

THE COOS BAY ROAD LOOKS LIKE BUSINESS

Well Known Construc-
tors Will Handle
the Building.

SUFFICIENT CAPITAL

Work Will Be Pushed From Both
Terminals of the
Road.

ECKLES AND NIBLEY WILL BUILD

From Salt Lake and Bennett and
Remington From
Coos Bay.

The Empire Construction Company, or-
ganized for the construction of the Salt
Lake-Coos Bay railroad, is now in the
hands of what may be called the Big
Four, with a capitalization of \$1,000,000.
The Big Four consists of Nelson Bennett
and William H. Remington of Tacoma,
David Eckles of Ogden and C. W. Nibley
of Baker City.

Nelson Bennett is a well known con-
tractor of this section of the country,
having constructed the Stampede tunnel
for the Northern Pacific Company, through
the Cascade Mountains. He formerly owned the Tacoma Hotel and the
Merchants' National Bank, of Tacoma.

William Remington, originally from Salt
Lake, is a prominent contractor and now
has charge of the Construction and Main-
tenance Company of the Northern Pacific.

David Eckles is the big beet sugar king
of Utah. He is a millionaire and is well
known throughout the Pacific Coast.

C. W. Nibley, a partner of Mr. Eckles,
is the one who colonized Eastern Oregon
with a settlement of Mormons from Utah
and started them into the sugar-beet rais-
ing industry.

These four wealthy men will own the
Empire Construction Company and with
them behind it, the enterprise will un-
doubtedly be handled successfully. The
construction company was organized May
2 with F. H. Alliston, president; H. S.
Rowe of St. Paul, first vice-president;
Robert F. Hall, second vice-president;
Thomas C. Devlin, treasurer, and A. S.
Pattullo as secretary.

David Eckles and C. W. Nibley will
have charge of the Salt Lake end and
build this way on the road, while Messrs.
Bennett and Remington will start at the
Coos Bay end and build the other way.

FUSION IN KANSAS

The Campaign Opened in Topeka
With a Grand Rally.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 23.—The fusion-
ists of Kansas opened their state cam-
paign with a monster rally in Topeka to-
day. The affair was in the nature of a
big outing and it attracted politicians
and other visitors from many parts of
the state. There was a parade in the
forenoon and after luncheon followed a
big open-air mass meeting with addresses
by Mayor Craddock, candidate for Gov-
ernor; Mayor Reed of Kansas City, Mo.,
and other prominent political leaders. In
the Auditorium this evening the rally
closed with more speeches.

HAS NO CHOLERA

The Austrasia Has a Clean Bill of
Health.

(Journal Special Service.)
ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 23.—The British
ship Austrasia, which arrived in last
night, is free from contagious disease.
Her boatswain contracted cholera at
Hong Kong, where he was sent to the
hospital. He was not aboard the vessel
after being afflicted with the plague.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOSEPH.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—Grand Secretary
D. J. Zinner, Treasurer Abraham Jacobs
and other officers and prominent members
of the Knights of St. Joseph, are in Chi-
cago for the meeting of the supreme
lodge of the order, which will begin its
sessions tomorrow in Medinah Temple.
The officers' reports will show that the
total membership of the order now ex-
ceeds 25,000, which is a gratifying in-
crease over the figures presented at the last
meeting of the supreme lodge.

UNIFORMED GIRL MESSENGERS.

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—The Western Union Telegraph Company is em-
ploying girls to take the places of striking messenger boys. Twenty-five
additional girls were engaged this morning. One hundred more are to
be employed in the office buildings and residence districts. The girls will
be required to wear regular uniforms and deliver messages. At first
none of them will be permitted to deliver messages after dark. Men who
are being paid \$2.50 per day are delivering messages in the down-town dis-
tricts.

HEIRS OF DAN PEGG

They Will Sue for a Por-
tion of Philadelphia.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 23.—Dur-
ing the coming week several score of
persons living in various parts of In-
diana and adjoining states will meet in
Indianapolis to raise funds to send legal
representatives to Philadelphia to estab-
lish their claim to property in the busi-
ness district of that city, valued at mil-
lions of dollars, which they claim is
due them as descendants of Daniel Pegg,
the original owner of the land.

The heirs claim that Pegg owned 350
acres of land in what is now the heart
of Philadelphia, on a land grant from
the lieutenant-governor of the colony of
New York, which was later confirmed by
letters patent from the first governor of
Pennsylvania, William Penn. The heirs
believe that they can prove title to the
ground, which it is declared was leased
to the City of Philadelphia by Daniel
Pegg, the third of the line. They have
engaged able counsel to represent them
and to go to Philadelphia to search the
records for the proofs. In order to prove
the claim it will first be necessary to se-
cure a plat of the ground, a very diffi-
cult thing, the attorneys say, and if the
proof is obtainable, suit will be filed to
recover the property and money due
them for rental on the lease. The claim-
ants have two or three times before at-
tempted to investigate the claim, but
have never had sufficient funds. It is
believed that at the next week's confer-
ence a sufficient amount will be raised
to push the matter to a conclusion.

ROOSEVELT A GODFATHER

Will Attend Christening of Infant
Son of Mr. and Mrs. W.
A. Chanler.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 23.—It will be
a distinguished christening party that
will assemble tomorrow at the villa of
Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Astor Chanler.
President Roosevelt will arrive from
Nahant to be one of the godfathers of
the infant son of the Chanlers, and
Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, if her health
permits, will act as godmother. Mrs.
Howe has been a friend of the family
for many years and the President,
through the Astors, is intimately con-
nected with the Chanlers. The child will
be christened Theodore Ward in honor of
his distinguished sponsors.

CAMPED IN PORTLAND.

The Twenty-sixth battery, consisting
of 110 men and 200 horses, from the Van-
couver Barracks, camped last night in
Portland, on their way to Sandy, where
they are going for target practice, and
Mrs. Hawthorne kindly permitted them
to camp in the Hawthorne Park.

Captain Hawthorne, and Lieutenants
H. E. Mitchell and R. H. Fenner are in
charge of the battery.

DIED IN HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Beale Hicher died at St. Vin-
cent's Sanitarium at a few minutes after
12 o'clock today of consumption. Mrs.
Tilcher has been at the hospital for
two months for treatment, but her case
was so far advanced that recovery was
impossible. She was 22 years of age. She
leaves a husband and a little daughter.

KILLED HIS PARENTS

Afterward the Unnatural Son Com-
mits Suicide.

SALEM, Mo., Aug. 23.—William Up-
shaw killed his father and mother, and
afterwards committed suicide at this
place early this morning.

CONSUL AT VATICAN

The Pope Wants the American's
Friendship.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
ROME, Aug. 23.—The pope, in discus-
sing the Taft Commission with members
of the Vatican, is quoted as saying the
commission's first step would be in the
direction of permanent diplomatic rela-
tions between the Vatican and America
and that he hoped the result of the
Philippine negotiations would lead, at an
early date, to the appointment of a
permanent representative at the Vati-
can.

MARRIED

Miss Sartoris Weds Fred-
erick Roosevelt Scovel.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
COBOURG, Ont., Aug. 23.—A number
of distinguished Americans witnessed the
marriage today of Miss Vivian Sartoris,
eldest daughter of Mrs. Nellie Grant
Sartoris and grand-daughter of Gen. U.
S. Grant, and Mr. Frederick Roosevelt
Scovel. The ceremony was performed in
St. Peter's Church, which was prettily
decorated with palms and white roses.
A wedding reception followed the cere-
mony at the home of the bride's grand-
mother, Mrs. U. S. Grant. Mr. and Mrs.
Scovel left for a honeymoon trip.

ANNOUNCEMENT A SURPRISE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—The
announcement last week of the engage-
ment of Miss Vivian Sartoris, eldest
daughter of Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris
and grand-daughter of Gen. U. S. Grant,
to Mr. Frederick Roosevelt Scovel took
place today at Cobourg, Ont. She was
received with considerable surprise by
her many friends in this city. She was
reported engaged twice before, once to
Archibald Balfour, a cousin of the
English premier, and again to Timothy
Nichols, a rich New York clubman.

The bride of today was born in London
22 years ago and made her social debut
in 1886, at a large reception given at
Mrs. Grant's home in this city. She is a
pretty brunette, with chestnut hair and a
rich olive complexion. She is of medium
height with a tendency to plumpness.
She was educated abroad under the per-
sonal supervision of her mother.

Mr. Scovel is a son of Chevalier and
Mme. Edward Scovel, cousin of President
Roosevelt, and nephew of Frederick
Roosevelt of New York and of Mme. Ri-
cardo Diaz Albertini of Cobourg.

WEATHER IS FINE

Test of Battleship Maine to Be
Made Today.

BOSTON, Aug. 23.—The weather condi-
tions this morning seem almost all that
could be desired for the speed test of the
new battleship Maine, which takes place
this afternoon off the New England coast.
The course laid out for her is 36
knots and return. She will have to do
this in four hours.

BIG EXTENSION

The Choctaw Route to Extend to
New Mexico.

AMARILLO, Tex., Aug. 23.—Prepara-
tions will be put under way within the
next few weeks for the extension of the
Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf southwest
from this city to Tucumcaca, N. M., a
distance of about 155 miles. The exten-
sion will form a connection at Tucum-
caca with the El Paso line of the Rock
Island and will give a new direct route
between El Paso and points in Western
Mexico and California and Memphis.

ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED.

Charles Reine, a sailor from the
schooner loading at the Portland Lum-
bering Company dock, was accidentally
drowned this morning.

A FOUL MURDER

Peter Beauchene Is Done
to Death.

SKULL IS FRACTURED

William White Under Arrest on
Suspicion of the
Crime.

At 12 o'clock last night the body of
Peter Beauchene, a French blacksmith,
was found near the turntable on Jeffers-
on street.

There were a number of bruises about
the face which might have been made
by blows or by a fall on the pavement.
He had bled freely from these injuries.

Beauchene was a man of wonderful
physical development and was noted for
his strength. He conducted a blacksmith
shop on Front near Columbia. He leaves
a widow and daughter, who reside on
Seventeenth near Clay.

The last seen of Beauchene alive was at
the saloon of Gottlieb Rapp, in the lo-
cality where the body was found. He had
been drinking and was in the company
with William White and several other
men.

The police are making a thorough in-
vestigation of the case. Some are in-
clined to believe that the death was
due to other causes than that of acci-
dent. The foul play theory is advanced
on the ground that Beauchene had on a
number of occasions wrangled with his
fellow-workmen, on the union question.
He refused to join the organization and
some of the blacksmiths harbored a bit-
ter feeling toward the dead man.

An autopsy performed today by Dr. J.
D. Fenton showed that Beauchene came to
his death by a blow on the left temple.
The rim of the skull was fractured in
such a way as to prove conclusively that
the fatal blow had been struck with
some dull instrument wielded by a power-
ful arm.

The man named William White, who is
known to have been drinking with
Beauchene, has been arrested on suspicion
of being the murderer.

MONEY IS COMING IN

Business and Professional Men Are
Paying Up

FOR THEIR OCCUPATION TAX

City Treasurer Werlein Smiles and
Takes the Coin.

Occupation tax money is coming to
the City Treasury in a lively manner to-
day. Since yesterday afternoon 32 firms
and individuals have paid up, \$294.95 being
the amount. The individuals amounts
paid in run all the way from 50 cents
for Miss R. Marks, a milliner, to \$100,
paid under protest by Limpson, Wolfe &
Co. It will be noticed by the following
list that many of those to pay up are
physicians.

H. J. Schesner, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.
(under protest), Rasmussen & Co., Jen-
ning & Son, Skidmore & Co., Portland
Sawdust Co., F. S. Grant, S. Jacobs,
Miss R. Marks, E. M. Atchinson, Smith
Bros., E. E. Vandenberg, and the follow-
ing physicians: W. M. Wells, A. D.
Walker, O. S. Bingswanger, H. L. Ken-
ney, C. T. Prehn, G. H. Nottage, G. E.
Nottage and E. L. Irvine.

Dr. Herbert Cardwell seemed to voice
the sentiments of his colleagues when he
said to The Journal today:

"Yes, I have paid up, as I do not care
to get into a squabble over a measly dol-
lar or two, but I protest that the tax is
an unjust one. Where a person or firm
is engaged in a commercial business I
think the tax is a just one. But why
should I be taxed and not the carpenter
or machinist. We both have to serve
our apprenticeship, so to speak. Not un-
til then are we allowed to take our tools
and go to work. Now, why should our
mentality be taxed and the carpenter's
hands go free? It is not just. The pro-
fessional man should be no more liable
to taxation than the mechanic."

THEY WILL COME

Governors of States Will Attend
Laying of Corner Stone.

Secretary Reed, of the Lewis and
Clark Centennial has received answers to
his letters, which he sent to the Gov-
ernors of Oregon, Washington, Idaho
and Montana, requesting them to set a
time to suit their convenience when they
can be present at the laying of the corner-
stone of a monument to be erected to the
memories of Lewis and Clark. All the
answers are unanimous in the statement
that any time that the corner stones are
laid they will be glad to come.

WALL STREET THINKS STRIKE ALMOST ENDED

THE SITUATION A DELICATE ONE.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—One of the most vexing problems confronting
the local management of the coming Grand Army encampments is the lo-
cating of General Miles during the various exercises. Open antagonism
between the Administration and the head of the Army makes the question
before the citizens' committee a delicate one. The Grand Army insists that
Miles be given a position in honor at every opportunity, but the feelings of
the President must also be taken into consideration. Plans for the President
to review the grand parade with General Miles have been abandoned.

NOT MISS MITCHELL

So Says the Coroner's Physician--
Body Exhumed.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—To determine pos-
itively whether or not the body found in
the South Side prairie was that of Min-
nie Mitchell, the supposed victim of
William Bartholin, the coroner today de-
manded an exhumation of the remains
for examination. The coroner's physician,
contents that the body could not be that
of the Mitchell girl. Efforts will be made
to identify those of the young woman by
taking measurements of height, size of
hands and feet and an examination of
false teeth.

CHEERS FOR PRESIDENT

Hartford, Conn., People Turn Out
En Masse.

WILMANTIC, Conn., Aug. 23.—The se-
cond day of the President's New Eng-
land tour was an ideal one in sunshine
and temperature. Large crowds were on
hand to cheer the chief magistrate when
he reached the Hartford depot on this
morning's train for this city. The Pres-
ident was taken for a drive soon after
he arrived here.

AT PROVIDENCE.
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 23.—A tremen-
dous crowd greeted President Roose-
velt when his special train pulled into
the city shortly before noon. The crowd
surged through the depot doors crushing
women and children. Several women
were taken from beneath the feet of the
mob in a fainting condition. The Pres-
ident was escorted to the State Capitol
by Governor Kimball and Senators Ald-
rich and Wetmore. At all stops between
Wilmington and Providence the Pres-
ident was enthusiastically greeted.

ANOTHER BIG BLOCK

Edward Holman Plans One on the
Corner of Third and Salmon.

Mr. Edward Holman, the undertaker,
has just purchased a lot 50x100 feet, on
the southeast corner of Third and Salmon
streets from Balfour, Guthrie & Co., for
which he paid \$20,000.

Mr. Holman will have a two-story
brick building, in the form of a modern
undertaking establishment, erected on the
premises and work will commence im-
mediately on the structure. The building
is to be 50x100 feet, with a large base-
ment under it, plans of which will be
submitted by Whidden & Lewis.

OLD MAN MISSING.

David Roasoner, a man 75 years old,
has mysteriously disappeared. He came
to Portland in April and that is the last
heard of him. He had over \$600 on his
person at the time of the strange inci-
dent.

A letter received from Wm. Olson of
Tillamook, by Chief McLaughlin, states
that the old man left there in April to go
to Southern California, and while en-
route intended to spend a few days in
Portland, and about a month at Sauvie's
Island.

He has not showed up at either place,
and his relatives are worried over the
matter.

It is known that he arrived in Portland
and from that time on nothing has been
heard of him.

The police will make an investigation
at once.

PORTLAND METHODISTS.

Many Portland Methodists are in favor
of uniting all the benevolent societies of
the denomination in America, but very
little is planned definitely, and the ques-
tion will be open for discussion in the
church until 1904, when it will be finally
acted upon.

Dr. Albert Fisher, one of the commis-
sioners appointed by the General Con-
ference, says that the commission has
decided to say nothing of its plans, until
the official report is made.

Operators Are Confident
That They Will
Win Out.

STRIKERS SANGUINE

Morgan's Attitude Assumed to Be
Disastrous to the Miners
Cause.

NO BREAK IN RANKS OF MEN

Concessions Will Probably Be
Made by Both Sides to
the Dispute.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—There is a grow-
ing feeling today in Wall street that the
end of the great anthracite coal strike
which has been causing so much anxiety
throughout the Nation and especially in
financial circles the past four months, is
almost in sight. The popular opinion
in the street seems to be that the opera-
tors will win, owing to the fact that
what has been the great hope of the
miners is gone. This hope is claimed to
be J. Pierpont Morgan, for it was to him,
according to the operators, that the min-
ers were looking to bring about an am-
icable settlement of the strike, and his
failure to act in the matter is claimed to
be the last straw, and the street is con-
fident that the miners will soon acknowl-
edge defeat and return to work.

In spite of the fact that Wall street
and the operators feel so confident that
the strike will end in favor of the opera-
tors, there is a general expression of the
belief on the outside that the miners
have a splendid chance of winning the
fight. This is the 15th week of the strike
and the miners claim that the fact that
175,000 men have held out so long with-
out a sign of a break in the ranks is
the strongest argument that can be pro-
duced in favor of their claims.

It is generally believed, however, by
both sides, that the strike will be ended
on or before September 1. This opinion
is greatly due to the rumor that an agent
of the coal operators has been quietly
telling the dealers to prepare for ship-
ments of anthracite coal after September
1. This gives the impression that con-
cessions will be made by both the strik-
ers and operators.

Although great importance has been at-
tached to the position Mr. Morgan would
take in the matter it does not look at
the present time as though he intends
to take any active part in the affair
whatever.

A FARMERS' TRUST

They Incorporate With \$50,000,000
Capital Stock.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
PIERRE, S. D., Aug. 23.—Details con-
cerning the Farmers' Trust, which has
been incorporated here with a capital of
\$50,000,000, are just being made public.
Under the plan of the concern no one but
farmers will be allowed to own a share
of stock. Branch offices are to be estab-
lished all over the United States, the chief
branch establishment to be in Chicago.
All kinds of farm products are to be dealt
in and handled on a commission basis or
for cash, as circumstances may direct.
Deals on the Chicago Board of Trade in
cash grain are also contemplated, with
the object of giving the farmer a chance
of getting a better price for his product
and at the same time shutting out the
middle man. It is believed by eliminat-
ing the middle man and having the farm-
ers of the country behind it, the organiza-
tion can maintain a uniform price to the
benefit of the farmer without injury to
the consumer.

PLEADED IGNORANCE

Captain of San Quentin Guards
Was Wisc.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—In the
Spreckels libel suit, J. C. Edgar, until
recently Captain of Guards at San Quen-
tin, testified that furniture was manu-
factured by convicts but didn't know
for whom, as he took care not to find
out. William Bailey, an ex-convict, saw
a great variety of furniture and musical
instruments manufactured; also saw fur-
niture marked "Q" and "H. T. G."—
monograms; saw harness, two belts, pi-
stols, holsters and knife scabbards made
with same monogram.