PRICE FIVE CENTS.

MELLEN WON'T DENY THERE IS BIG SCHEME TO DOWN M'BRIDE

DELEGATES TO THE IRRIGATION CONVENTION COMING IN FAST

The Journal's Exclusive Story of a Giant Railroad Combination to Boom Portland at Expense of Sound Cities.

Is Not Denied by the Railroad Magnate---Some Interesting Talk on the Railroad Situation. Mysterious Consultation With Mohler.

morning, exclusively published in The Journal of last Saturday, that it is the intention of the railroad companies to divert all of Washington's vast cereal product

to the mouth of the Columbia, and boom Portland to the skies.

Watching the sensational developments in the railroad situation in the Northwest. The Journal sounded the first note over a week ago, when it gave publicity to the agreement between the large railroad lines extending interchangeable track privileges. It was claimed at that time that the move was to better shipping facilities and render it possible to move freight to tidewater over a river grade, thus cutting down the amount of fuel necessary to supply traction. The political complexion, the Senatorial fight in Washington and the campaign that has been waged for months against the railroads of the Northwest by Gov. McBride has brought to light the real significance of the Northwest agreement with regard to the tracks.

O. R. & N. MAY USE TRACKS. "Is there anything in the report that your road is to allow the O. R. & N. Co. the use of your tracks to Scattle and the Sound country?" was asked by The

privilege of running their trains into the Sound country, and if they have not taken advantage of their privilege, thatis their business.

"Can you say anything as to the proba-ble outcome of the merger?"

What merger?" asked Melleh. "The Northern Securities merger, of course. Your road, the Great Northern and the Burlington."

"There is no such thing as a merger of these roads. We own half of the Burlington and the Great Northern owns the other half, but there is no merger of any kind that I am aware of."
"Hasn't the Governor of Minnesota undertaken to break an existing merger

of the Hill mads"
"Yes, he tried to do something three

times but suddenly dropped the matter-each time. We have had no official cognizance of any pending suit."
"Then the telegraphic dispatches from Washington must be groundless, are they?"

these matters is what I rend in the news-papers, and everything that I read in the newspapers I do not generally believe."
"Is it a fact that a branch is being built or will be built into the Klickitat

'Yes, the fact is that we have a party surveying the route at the present time, and we intend building shortly to Lyle, instead of along the north bank of the Columbia, as originally intended."

DOES LARGEST BUSINESS Does not the Northern Pacific do more

business in this part of the country than all the other roads combined?" "If you mean by this country-Portland-then no; if the Pacific Northwest-then yes. We have the territory and we do the business."

"How about the road to Lewiston; is the Northern Pacific going to build the road jointly with the O. R. & N. Co., or

"The newspapers seem better informed on railroad subjects than we railroad of-ficials. I know nothing of any joint line." "Is it not a fact that there is a road being built from Lewiston to Riparia, by

"If the O. R. & N. is building any new roads you better go to Mr. Mohler and get the information.

"Is your road building or intending to build in that country?" "No, at least I don't care to say

thing for publication." TALKS ON LEWIS AND CLARK FAIR. After answering several other questions gruffly, Mr. Mellen switched the conversation to the weather, saying that the Oregon people seem to be quite success-

ful in having sufficient rains. Oregon is successful in everything it undertakes," replied The Journal reporter. 'In your Lewis and Clark Fair also?" queried the railroad president.

Certainly, sir. "Well, I would not like to invest any money in your fair. I don't think it will prove a successful venture." Why not?

"Well, with the St. Louis Fair coming up and other attractions, I don't think you have the 'ghost' of a show. As a financial venture I am sure that it will

"On what reason do you base "Oh, I don't care to discuss the mat-ter. It only reminds me of a Fourth of

"I auppose they are. All I know about there matters is what y round in the matters is what y round in the name."

In CONSULTATION WITH MOHLER President Mellen was in consultation with President Mohler, of the O. R. & N., this morning for a balf hour. The subject of conversation is shaded with mysterious silence, although Mellen's voice rose to a high pitch several times during the conversation and threatened to give the patiently waiting reporter a

LEAVE FOR SEATTLE President Mellen arrived in Portland last night and spent the night at the Portland Flotel. He is accompanied by Vice-President J. M. Hannaford, General Manager Thomas Cooper, Superintendent of Motive Power O. E. Byrnes, Tax Commissioner C. S. Fernald, Assistant General Superintendent A. E. Law, the president's stenographer, E. N. Easton:

The party will leave this afternoon for Seattle, where they will remain several

Mr. Cooper's stenographer, B. W. Walker, and Newman Kline, superintendent of the Pacific division.

MAY HAVE BEEN FAME ASSASSIN

A Direct Charge Against Belgian King.

It Is Claimed He Is Playing for Personal Favor and Hired the Shooting.

ing gaining ground here that Rubino, the assassin, was paid by the King or some member of his suite to fire the shots on Saturday, and that there was no intention at any time to injure the royal per-

While this is simply conjecture it is being largely believed and very generally repeated. The King has long been in bad favor with the people and it is claimed that he would adopt almost any remedy for this condition. His action in secur ing an alleged assassin to fire at him during his passage through the crowded streets was an attempt to win the public over to his side through a play upon their feelings. It is further claimed that the prisoner has been guaranteed his release. He could be spirited away in the night and the story circumsted that he had committed suicide. Anarchists declare he is not of their

RUBINO'S HISTORY. PARIS, Nov. 17 .- The man who fired at Leopold, the Belgian King, is a common thief. In 1893 he was sentenced to prison for stealing in Milan. He escaped and went to England, where he lived for years. He is not an Anarchist, having been ex-pelled for alleged treachery. It is believed that it was in order to prove his interest in and faithfulness to the cause that he attempted to kill the Belgian King. His name is Gennerro Rubino.

ENGLISHMAN ARRESTED. BRUSSELS, Nov. 17 .- James Hardie, a member of Parliament, former Chairman of the Independent Labor party and a widely known labor leader, was arrested this afternoon on suspicion of hav-ing been connected with Rubino's attempt ing been connected with Rubino's action in great to assassinate Leopoid. Later, when identified, he was released and at once identified, he was released and at once identified, he was released and at once in great.

Reports have reached Honolulu of great.

MYSTERIOUS KNOCKOUT.

Detective Ford is making an investigation of the case of Charles Kalk, who was yesterday afternoon found in the cellar of his grocery store at 555 Milwaukie street in an unconscious condition, caused by a blow on the head from an axe. There are some mysterlous fea-tures about the case. Falk had over \$100 on his person, which cuts out the robbery theory, unless the offender was frightened away before he had time to carry out his purpose.

EVANS SPEAKS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.-Rear Admiral R. D. Evans, commanding the American squadron in Asiatic waters, has reported BRUSSELS, Nov. 17 .- There is a feel- to the department at Washington that recent concessions made American capital for railroad construction purposes in China are of great importance. Admiral Evans has just completed a trip up the Yangtse River in the gunboat Helena.

TIRED OF MOLINEUX.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Nov. 17 .- Mrs. Roland B. Molineux arrived here and has taken apartments at a hotel, where she will remain the six months recessary to secure a divorce from her husband, who was recently acquitted of murder.

MARCONI HAPPY.

HALIFAX, Nov. 17 .- A Glace Ray dispatch says the Italian warship Alberto is constantly receiving complete mes-sages across the ocean. Marconi today said he would give no statement to the public until he could give a full and complete history of his success.

CARNIVAL AT HOUSTON.

HOUSTON, Tex., Nov. 17.-This is carnival week in Houston and the city is decked out in holiday attire and prepared to enjoy the festivities to the limit. A street fair and other interesting features of entertainment have been pro-vided. Many visitors are already here and a great crowd is expected before the middle of the week.

FAMOUS FOREIGN STARS HEARD IN THE UNITED STATES.



FIRE AND ROCKS

Hawaiian Volcano in Violent Eruption.

Not Before in Twenty Years Has It Been so Active---No Danger.

HONOLULU, Nov. 11 - There is great excitement on the Island of Hawaii where the volcano Kilauea is in the most violent eruption for years. Not for the past 20 years has so much molten lava, ashes

destruction of the country surrounding the flery mountain. There is no actual danger unless the entire Island of Hawali is destroyed, as there is no property within reasonable distance of the crater. Honolulu is perfectly safe, being fully 1.000 miles from the scene of the eruption. Hot stones have been thrown from the crater a distance of several miles.

AN OPEN TOWN.

HONOLULU, Nov. 11.-The battleship Oregon and the cruiser New York have arrived here. President Dole has issued

a call for a special session of the Legislature following the recent election. It is rumored there will be an effort to secure the passage of laws throwing the town open to gambling and opening houses of prostitution. It is believed this action would relieve the present stringent financial situation.

READY FOR SUIT. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17 .- Queen Lilluokalani has arrived here from the Hawaiian Islands and will leave at once for Washingotn, where she will begin suit to recover possession of the crown lands in the islands. She is in very poor

SCHMITZ GETS GLAD HAND.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.-Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco arrived this morning and was given an ovation. There will be a labor demonstration and a big parade tonight. A monster volunteer band of union musicians is a feature. He is hold-ing a reception this afternoon. The letter carriers give him credit for Loud's

ASKS FOR NEW TRIAL.

In the suit of the Goodale Lumber Company against the Congress Construc-tion Company, in which the plaintiff was awarded a judgment for \$714 by a jury in Judge Sears' Court Saturday, defendants were granted 10 days this morning in which to file a motion for a new trial.

LOOKING FOR BEAR.

SMEDES, Nov. 17 .- President Roosevelt started at daybreak this morning, foilowing a fresh bear trail. There has been a light but steady rain all day, and hunting weather is excellent.

TRAVELS IN STYLE

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 17 - The Stames Prince visited Coronado yesterday. To-day he took a horseback ride about this city. He will leave tomorrow for River-side, Pasadena, Monterey, and thence to San Francisco, where he will stay a week. He has cut Los Angeles entirely. He travels in the car "Columbia," used by Prince Henry, and has a special train of eight cars. His expenses are \$1,000 a day and he pays the freight.

MARINES TO COME HOME.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 .- The following dispatch from Casey at Panama was received this morning: "The Colombian government today has 1,500 men on the railroad line and more are expected daily. Gen. Perdome expresses ability to maintain free transit of the isthmus. have ordered the withdrawal and embarkation of the marines on Tuesday

JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF.

In the State Circuit Court this morning Judge Sears granted F. E. Dumont a judgment for \$500 against Samuel Ma-

ALAN MASON A SOCIAL LION



BOSTON, Nov. 17 .- Alan G. Ma son, the prominent society man of this city, who was twice arrested for murder and who has now been finally released, is at his home. He makes light of his troubles and says he never had the slightest doubt he would be set free. Purely circumstantial evidence against him was at one time considered strong, but he was at once released after the capture of Perry. Mason is again going about in so clety, and is quite the lion of the

hour, women paying him especial

VALDES WILL

HAVE BIG BOOM Railroads Will Build

> Miners Say It Only Lacks Transportation to Make It Great.

From This Point.

From time to time in the last few months rumors have come from Alaska that Valdes was to be the next point to enjoy that sudden influx of newcomers known as a "rush." Phese rumors are rapidly crystallizing into definite statements of new projects being launched in that district. J. W. Ivey, formerly collector of customs for Alaska, received a telegram from New York this morning which stated that W. A. Me-Donald, the well-known ratiroad contractor, bad left Gotham on his way to Valdes, where he will immediately under take the construction of the Valdes and Copper River Railroad. This road, as now surveyed, will run from Valdes into the interior some 300 miles, and will af ford the owners of the recently discovered copper deposits in that section means of transporting their ore to the SPEAKS OF VALDES.

J. W. Langham, a miner who arrived in Portland from Vaides this morning,

I know nothing of the railroad mentioned in Mr. Ivey's dispatch, but I have heard of several roads which it is proposed to build. One or more of them will certainly be constructed soon, as there is plenty of business for any line which will penetrate the interior coun try and give the miners access to the seabourd. If the Vaides and Copper River road commences the construction of its line in good faith. Valdes will experience a full-fledged boom next spring. After this exhausts itself, the country, or at least that section of it, will be on a permanent basis, and what is more, it will not be long before its production copper will have a marked effect on the market for the electrical metal.

OREAT COPPER DEPOSITS. "Within a radius of 300 miles from Valdes I will venture to say that there is as much copper and more as ever lay buried in the great mines of the United Verde and the famous Calamet and Heela. This metal is worthless at present, because it costs more to transport the ore to a smelter than it is worth. A railroad, however, will change this, and when it is built Valdes will be the largest and most permanent town in

AMERICANS IN CANADA

TORONTO, Nov. 17.-Twelve thousand Americans are to come to the Canadian 000,000 acres of land which has been of-

SUIT ON ACCOUNT.

Charles Schulenberger has brought suit In the State Circuit Court against the Portland Live Stock Exchange to re-cover \$145.19 on account. fee arrived here this morning and will remain all day. The former goes to meet Roosevelt this evening. Portland Live Stock Exchange to recover \$145.19 on account.

A Hot Fight Between Advocates of Private and of Government Irrigation of Arid Lands Is Expected--Caucuses Being Held Today.

President, Secretary and Executive Chairman of National Association Due to Arrive Tonight. President Roosevelt Sends His Regrets.

Everything is now in readiness for the National Irrigation Association convention which will convene here tomorrow morning and last for two days. Delegates from every county in the state are coming in right along and the hotels are rapidly being filled up. Cancuses of the various delegations are being held and various measures which will be brought up at the convention are being framed. The president, secretary and executive chairman of the National Irrigation Congress are due to arrive tonight. Indications point to the fact that much business will be transacted at this congress, and that a hard-fought battle will be seen between the private irrigation companies and those in favor of the government doing the irrigation work.

Oregon Irrigation Association received will furnish the music for the occasion the following letter from George B. Cortelyou secretary to President Rooseveit. This is in answer to one requesting the President to attend the irrigation conven-The letter is as follows:

"My Dear Sir: Your favor of the 7th 4mstant has been received and in behalf of the President, I beg to express his regrets that engagements already made will preclude him from accepting the cordial invitation which you have been pleased to extend him to be present at the Ore-gon Irrigation Association convention in Portland on November 18 and 19.

With assurances that your thoughtfullness and the courtesy are appreciated, believe me. Very Truly Yours." MINNESOTA WILL HELP.

The secretary of the St. Paul Chamber ommerce acknowledged receipt of the official call to the convention and con-cludes his letter by stating: "You may depend on the unanimous support of the Minnesota delegation in Washington on any irrigation proposition endorsed by the Geological Survey and Interior De-

The Merchants' Entertainment Committee met this morning and made final arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors in Portland this week.

There was some discussion as to fur-pishing guides to the strangers in the Address by Fred J. Kiesel, Executive Thy to point out the interesting sights, and it was finally decided that the subcommittee on entertainment should request the Portland delegates to the confrom out of the city around.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

dent Holmes, Secretary Muson and Executive Chairman Fred J. Kiesel, of the badges, one red and the other whit National Irrigation Congress, will arrive this evening in order to attend the convention. They will be met at the Union Depot by James M. Moore, who will escort them to the Portland Hotel, in the lobby of which an informal reception will be held to which all interested in irrigation matters are cordially invited Among those who will meet these gentlemen will be President Devers of the Oregon irrigation Association; President Mears, or the Chamber of Commerce; President Beach, of the Board of Trade President Morrow, of the Manufacturers' Association; President Ramsdell, of the Merchants' Entertainment Committee; Col. L. L. Hawkins, Gen. O. Summers and H. C. Wertman.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT. Chairman Ramsdell requests that all sub-committees of the Merchants' Entertelnment Committee who have as yet not reported and turned in their subscription lists, do so at once.

One of the principal features of the enterfalament of the visitors will be at the Armory, corner Fourth and Couch streets, on Friday evening. The princitery A. Captain H. U. Welch, commanding the man, Dr. H. E. Curry, Nayor R. D. Carter, tery A. Captain H. U. Welch, commander C. A. Johns, S. L. Baer, David Wilcox, ing, a company drill by Company F. J. H. Robbins and W. W. Travillion.

Third Regiment, Captain F. S. Baker, The Umatilla County delegation, about commanding, and a heavy gun drill by 40 Battery A. An inspection of the Armory and are installing themselves in the hotels,

This morning Secretary Moore of the will follow. The Third Regiment Band

HEADQUARTERS ESTABLISHED. On the second floor of the Chamber of Commerce Building, headquarters have been established by Secretary Moore, and all delegates are requested to present their credentials and obtain badges.

The official badge of the convention is Congress, which was held at Colorado Springs recently. It is a green ribbon on a stiff back, on which is printed the following in gilt letters:

DELEGATE OREGON IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION PORTLAND,

Store the Floods Save the Forests. ADDITIONS TO PROGRAM. The following additions to the official program have been made: Tuesday Afternoon—Address, Prof. A. E. Chanler of the United States Experi-mental Association. Address by Fred J.

Holmes, President of the National Irrigation Congress. Tuesday Evening-Reply to Mayor's address by Hon. D. Solis Cohen, Wednesday Morning Report of the Executive Committee, Henry Hahn, Chairman. Address by A. P. Davis and

C. Moreland and Booth Tucker. BAKER DELEGATION MEETS

The Baker City delegation to the con-vention is 20 members strong and came fully prepared to cope with the difficulties A telegram was read stating that Presi- that may attend them in the convention. Each member is bedecked with two badges, one red and the other white. On Save the Forest and Store Baker City, Oregon. Delegate Irrigation Convention. November 18 and 19, Port-

land, Oregon."
On the latter is printed, "Baker City, Oregon, Metropolis Arid Belt of Oregon, good markets, grand scenery, rich soil, boundless stock ranges, healthful climate, 100,000 acres arid land. We produce annually gold and copper \$3,500,000; grain and hay, fruit, wool and dairy products, \$700,000; livestock, \$800,000, and lumber, \$1,000,000.

The delegates met this morning in the Imperial Hotel, but did not transact any business. They will meet again this evening at 6:30 o'clock in conjunction with the l'matilla delegation to devise measures to propose to the convention tomorrow.

The Baker City delegation consists of the following: O. L. Miller, Chalrman; J. B. Messick,

Secretary: Samuel White, John Waterman. I. Crabill, James York, Carl Diles-heimer, C. H. Stuller, A. B. Winfree, E. P. McDaniell, Hon. George Chandles, Hon. E. W. Grace, Charles H. Breck, A. J. Hartung, H. K. Fisher, George W. Moody, George B. Janny, C. W. Cowgill, E. A. pal events of the evening will be the foot McDaniell. D. L. Mooman, William Polland pistol drill with ammunition by Bat- man, Dr. H. E. Curry, Mayor R. D. Carter,

The Umatilla County delegation, about strong, arrived early this afternoon

TRIES TO CAST A SLUR ON GOMPERS

Evidence of Petty Politics at Federation of Labor at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 17 .- There was demanding an investigation. American Federation of Labor this after- and the charges they conveyed read to noon when Delegate Sheridan, of the the end, declared he had but one wish Amagamated Iron and Steel Workers in the matter—that it be sifted to the Amalgamated Iron and Steel Workers, introduced a resolution asking for an investigation of the charges made by President Shaffer, of the Iron and Steel Workers, that President Compers, of the geseral organization, had used the functions of his office prejudicial to certain labor | the charges, and it is expected that the interests. Shaffer's charges were made at a recent meeting of his association

held at Wheeling. It is evident that Gompe's had been forewarned. He turned the gavel of whole thing was a scheme on the part of authority over to Secretary Wilson and Sheridan to place him (Shaffer) in bad stepped down from off the platform be- favor in order that Sheridan might be fore the resolution was read.

bottom in the shortest possible space of time. Pursuant to this a special committee wis appointed under a suspension of the order of business, and the session adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.
The night will be devoted to looking into committee will be ready to report when the convention assembles tomerrow.

After adjournment, Shaffer was seen by press representatives and declared the elected to the position now held

CHAFFEE IN CHICAGO.

Shaffer excitedly addressed the chair, Shaffer.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17 .- Wright and Chaf-

WHEAT MARKET.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.-Wheat-7840 SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 11-What-