

PROSPECT BRIGHTER FOR COOS RAILROAD

One of the Leading Timber Men of the Land Is Seeking to Secure a Line to the Rich Forests There and May Himself Build.

The prospect of Coos county getting that much-needed and prayed for railroad which will enable it to take its proper and natural place among the states of the union seems to be growing brighter. C. A. Smith of Minneapolis is largely interested in the county and has recently been in consultation with Mr. Smith and Southern Pacific officials in an endeavor, it is understood, to interest them in the region and obtain a promise that they will extend their lines to the isolated timber holdings. Mr. Smith admits that one object of his visit to the coast has been to arouse the railroad interests in the county and that he will continue to watch the progress of the same with a good deal of interest. He says the lines in southern Oregon have thus far done but little damage.

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HAS INTERVIEWED MANY MONARCHS

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Mr. Curtis has during his time held converse with a social or professional way with more nobles than have been interviewed by any other newspaper reporter, and the mystery of it is that he always remains in good standing with them afterward.

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COUNTY ARCHIVES ARE WELL GUARDED

Warned by their experience in the case of the county commissioners' journal No. 1, about which such a hue and cry was raised recently when it was believed to have been stolen, the county officials have taken precautions making it impossible for books to be taken from the vault in the county clerk's office without the knowledge of the deputies. Inside the iron doors leading to the vault have been placed doors of steel wicker work, fastening with a spring lock. These doors remain locked except when entrance is made to the vault. Under the desk of the manager of the county clerk's office, the vault and secure presses causes the lock to be released by electrical action and the doors to open. In this way it will be impossible for any person to enter the vault and secure a book without the knowledge of one of the clerks. If a book is missing, it will be known who has it, as Mr. Fields has instructed his clerks and deputies that any person securing a book must state which one is wanted before it is procured.

DAIRYMEN WILL CELEBRATE SUCCESS

Dairymen are preparing for a monster mass meeting at Shedd, Or., tomorrow. The meeting will be in the nature of a celebration in view of the returns of the dairymen having recently been established at that place. The meeting will be under the direction of A. H. Lee, field superintendent of the Haselwood Creamery company, who has been placed in charge of the dairy industry in the county. The meeting will be attended by 600 and 700 people who are expected to attend. There will be many interesting features, including an elaborate spread and addresses by prominent men of the state. Addresses will be delivered by J. W. Bailey, state dairy and food commissioner; Scott Bosworth, manager of the Pacific Farmer, Salem; Dr. James Withycombe, a director in the Agricultural college, and other distinguished men of the state.

MANUAL TRAINING TO BE INSTITUTED

City Superintendent of Schools Frank Rieger has had a conference with Prof. W. J. Stanley regarding the equipment of city schools for the introduction of manual training. The conference was highly satisfactory to Mr. Rieger, for it was found that the expense of installing tools, benches and furnishing the material for each plant will not amount to over \$750 for the first year. This will make a total of \$3,750 for the five centers contemplated by the city school board. In addition to this expense, there will have to be one general supervisor, whose salary will be about \$1,400 a year, and a teacher for each center at a salary of \$850 a year.

MOTORMAN RYAN DIES OF HIS INJURIES

Chicago, Aug. 15.—Michael Ryan, the motorman who stayed at his post of duty yesterday's grade crossing catastrophe, died at an early hour this morning. The coroner began an investigation of the disaster this morning. Ryan became unconscious a few minutes after he was removed from the wreckage. All that he was able to recall of the occurrence was: "The brakes refused to work. That's what caused it. I reversed the current, but no avail."

DEMOCRATIC CLUB WILL MEET TONIGHT

There will be a meeting of the Multnomah Democratic club this evening in Foresters' hall at Sixth and Washington streets, at which Fred V. Holman, national committeeman, who recently returned from the Mexican war and the reunions of the state association were formerly well attended. During the last few years, however, death has thinned the ranks to such an extent that there are now scarcely 20 surviving veterans and of this number many are debarred from attending the annual reunions by their age or infirmities.

MEXICAN WAR VETERANS

Bedford, Ind., Aug. 15.—The annual reunion of Mexican War Veterans of Indiana began here today. The city is elaborately decorated in honor of the veterans. Indiana furnished nearly 400 soldiers to the Mexican war and the reunions of the state association were formerly well attended. During the last few years, however, death has thinned the ranks to such an extent that there are now scarcely 20 surviving veterans and of this number many are debarred from attending the annual reunions by their age or infirmities.

LOG-ROLLING AT MCCOOK

McCook, Neb., Aug. 15.—Two thousand members of the Modern Woodmen of America are attending the big log-rolling here today under the auspices of the Southwestern Nebraska Log-Rolling association. Governor Mickey, Congressman Norris and other men of wide prominence are to be among the speakers.

IOWA EDITORS IN SESSION

Council Bluffs, Ia., Aug. 15.—There was a large attendance of editors and publishers today at the opening of the joint convention of the Upper Des Moines Editorial association and the Western Editorial association. The visitors are the guests of the Commercial club of Council Bluffs.

VENERABLE SENATOR HOAR IS NEAR DEATH

Worcester, Mass., Aug. 15.—The condition of Senator Hoar showed no marked change this morning, and he is gradually growing weaker. The end is looked for inside of 48 hours. The death of the senator's wife, which occurred during the last session of congress was the beginning of his breakdown. Several weeks ago his present illness began with a severe attack of lumbago, and although the constant pain worried him considerably, it was not until the past two days that it was abandoned for his recovery.



WHAT DID THE LOGGERS BUG SAY

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Any hour any day—Sunday excepted—while they last, you can get these hot-wave bargains here, and here only. Real genuine bargains, not baits, as you sometimes get in the ads. you read. Read on—

French Percale Wrappers, trimmed in fancy braids and embroideries, all sizes, 32-48 full skirt, deep flounce, medium and light colors; standard values \$2.00 and \$2.50. Take your choice— **75c** only one to customer.

Hop Pickers' Leather Gloves, with gauntlets, flexible and durable; worth 40c and 50c a pair. Take your choice. **25c**

Ladies' Large Percale Sunbonnets, all colors; standard value 35c. To **15c** close.

What is left of Torchon, Batiste Waist-ing, embroidered dots and stripes, correct goods for kimonos and loose house gowns; regular value 36c yard. Closing out price. **15c**

Women's rustproof Summer Tape Girdles, colors pink, blue and white; standard value 75c. Sale price **35c** now.

Cambrie Corset Covers, elegantly trimmed in Smyrna laces and insert-ing; worth 75c. While they last **37c**

Our Midsummer Sale of Camping Blankets, Comforts, Cottage Curtains, Rough and Ready Table Linen, Men's and Women's Knit Underwear, Ladies' Lawn and Percale Shirts, Waists, Gloves, Mitts and Fancy Collars at astonishingly low prices—at one-third lower prices than you find the same goods in high quality elsewhere.

McAllen & McDonnell THE ONLY EXCLUSIVE DRY GOODS STORE IN THE CITY. CORNER THIRD AND MORRISON. Mode Patterns 10c. Get Fashion Journal for September. Prompt Attention to Mail Orders Samples on Application.

LIGHT MERGER FAKE AMUSES OFFICIALS

Officials of both the Portland General Electric company and the Portland Gas company assert positively that there has been no proposition to merge the concerns, there has been no effort to accomplish anything of the kind and the published story that a merger is contemplated is a pure fabrication without even a semblance of truth.

Gas company. "I told one of the reporters called to see me that it was untrue, but they printed it just the same. The control of the company is in this city and it would be impossible to arrange such a merger unless we knew of it. No one in this city except the publisher of the paper which printed it knows anything about the affair. You can deny its truth for me as strongly as possible."

LARRY SULLIVAN ESCHEWS GAMBLING

Larry Sullivan is not a jack of all trades. In the sailor boarding-house line he has achieved a reputation that is world-wide; in the political line his name is looked on by his friends as something with which to conjure; in the mining realm he bids fair to become a magnate. But there are two things Larry can't do successfully—gamble and he can't run foot races.

He dropped a big roll. "I have repeatedly stated that there is absolutely no truth in the report," said C. F. Adams, president of the Portland Gas company. "I told one of the reporters called to see me that it was untrue, but they printed it just the same. The control of the company is in this city and it would be impossible to arrange such a merger unless we knew of it. No one in this city except the publisher of the paper which printed it knows anything about the affair. You can deny its truth for me as strongly as possible."

MRS. FALING WILL FIGHT JUDGMENT

Declaring that the county commissioners' court has exceeded its jurisdiction in the decreasing the rental of the county \$20 a month for the support of Cornelius W. Barrett, her indigent brother, Mrs. Karifa J. Faling applied to the circuit court, through Attorney Thomas N. Stinson, for a writ of review. It was granted by Presiding Judge George and was made returnable September 10, on which date County Clerk Fields must appear in court and file the documents in the case.

It is asserted by Mrs. Faling, through her counsel, that the court exceeded its jurisdiction generally and went contrary to law in relating to specific procedure. The history of the case from its inception is given, including the objections registered by her counsel at various stages of the celebrated action. Mrs. Faling is estimated to be worth \$100,000. Her brother has been sleeping in cellars and in infirm through exposure. His battle is being conducted by Attorney Pittgoff.

ROOMS WANTED FOR CONGRESS DELEGATES

Members of the accommodation committee for the American Mining congress which convenes in this city Tuesday find themselves facing a very grave problem. They have to secure accommodations for over 2,000 people and only 250 rooms in hotels available for their use. They are in a dilemma and they hardly know which way to turn. They have taken the matter up at such a late hour that they have to exert every possible energy in order to secure the accommodations for the city's guests who will begin to arrive tomorrow, and

TORPEDO BOAT SUNK DURING MANEUVERS

Copenhagen, Aug. 15.—During the maneuvers of the Danish training squadron in the strait between the Baltic and Kattegat today the torpedo boat Haversen and Storan collided. The former sunk, but the crew was saved. The Storan was but slightly damaged. The greatest excitement prevailed for a few minutes succeeding the accident. Immediately after the collision a sinking vessel, obscuring the view of the crews on the other boats, and for a time it was thought the loss of life would be heavy. However, the quick work and discipline that prevailed enabled the rescuers to save the entire crew.

PIGEONS ARE NOT PRIVATE PROPERTY

Little Earl Elliott was fascinated by three pretty pigeons belonging to George Kampp and he said to have caught them and taken them to his home, 327 East Irving street. On complaint of Mr. Kampp the lad was arrested by Policeman Dolan, brought to the central police station and booked on a charge of "larceny of pigeons and chickens." Now, things were getting pretty serious for the little fellow and influences were set to work, resulting in his release. Chief of Police Hunt listened to the boy's story, and knowing that his act did not constitute an offense, let him go.

EMPIRE WILL OPEN

On August 25 the Empire theatre is to be reopened with a competent stock company at the unusually low prices of 15 cents, 10 cents and 10 cents. The enterprise is under the management of Tom Wiedemann, who has had much experience in the conduct of stock houses. The opening bill will be "The Inside Track," to be followed a week later by "The Octoroon."

Sour Stomach. "I used Cascara and feel like a new man. I have been a sufferer from Appetite and Stomach for the last two years. I have been taking medicine and other drugs, but could not get any relief. I will recommend Cascara to my friends as the best thing I ever used for my stomach and to keep the bowels in good condition. They can get it at any drug store." Harry Stuckley, March Chunk, Pa. Deal for The Bowels. Cascara. THEY WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP.

YANCOOVER AND ORCHARDS THREATENED

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Willamette valley during the past few days, but this has not been as disagreeable as in former years, when large forest fires were burning throughout the state. The reports from the C. & E. railroad indicate that all fires along the line of the road are under control. None of these was near the line of road, and the reports received from them were very much overdrawn by the persons coming in from the woods.

CANNOT BE CHECKED.

Camas Valley and Cow Creek Canyon Fires Are Spreading. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Roseburg, Or., Aug. 15.—Two fires are reported here, neither of which can be checked and will have to burn themselves out. Both promise to do great damage. One is in Cow Creek canyon and the other in Camas valley. The Camas valley fire is much the larger and is doing great damage as it is working over an excellent body of timber. No attempt is being made to stop it as there are not enough men at command to make a successful fight.

LOST IN SMOKE.

Fishermen on Puget Sound Have Drowning Experience. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, Wash., Aug. 15.—Louis Kelly of 323 Howell street, mourned by his wife as dead since last Thursday, returned home last night and tells a harrowing story of his adventures. Thursday morning with two friends he started out in a rowboat fishing. They steered the craft toward Alki point and had just settled down to business when a dense smoke from the surrounding forest fires enveloped them. Soon it became so thick they were unable to see where they were going. Thicker still became the smoke and in the afternoon they were lost on the bay. They attempted to row in any direction but soon discovered they were going in a circle.

WOMEN HAVE NARROW ESCAPES.

Fire Near Gates Sweeps Over Several Acres and Endangers Many. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Aug. 15.—A report has been received that a fire broke out Tuesday on the site of the old Leedy mill, five miles southeast of Gates. It is burning fiercely, and a number of men were going from Gates to fight it. After two days on the water without food they might land a few feet ahead of them and landed on Mauray island. This was 4 o'clock Sunday morning. They remained there until yesterday morning when they found a boat coming to Seattle and got aboard.

ANOTHER FOR JAPAN

(Continued from Page One.) Corbett residence, Mr. Schwerin concluded: "Portland is one of the prettiest cities this side of Chicago. Where else can one see such beautiful shade trees and lawns? It would be almost a crime to destroy one of those trees. I must say that I was more than surprised when I first looked upon the grand scenic beauty of the place. And as the city grows it will become more beautiful."

PICKPOCKET MEETS WITH BAD RESULTS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 15.—A pickpocket robbed eight passengers on the Oregon Railroad and Navigation train at 11 o'clock while the train was standing at the depot. Crowds going from the circus packed the aisles and the work was done quickly. Fifty dollars was secured from one man. The crowd on the platform chased the robber under a warehouse on an alarm from a man who was robbed on the car steps. The police were called while the crowd held the robber and the most of the booty was secured. The man gives the name of Stranger, and is following the circus.

DESTROY \$5,000 IN WHEAT.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) The Dalles, Or., Aug. 15.—Fire from a traction engine stack yesterday set fire to the grain field and three grain of Frank Hoyt at Eight Mile, near here in Wasco county, and did nearly \$5,000 damage. The loss included 5,000 bushels of wheat.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Blackfoot, Ida., Aug. 15.—E. E. Chalmers, a prominent citizen and attorney, attempted to cross the railroad track in front of a moving train here yesterday. He fell and 10 cars passed over his body, cutting him in two at the hips.

DROWNED IN SNAKE RIVER.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Clarkston, Wash., Aug. 15.—Percy Beeman, aged 30, was drowned in Snake river yesterday. He went beyond his depth and could not swim.

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