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# TRY TO OUST M'CALL

### Policy-Holders of New York Life Start Movement to Retire Managers of Insurance Company.

### BATTLE FOR PROXIES IS NOW BEING WAGED

### Affiliation With Wall Street and Donations to Campaign Funds Arouse Storm of Indignation Throughout Country—J. P. Morgan to Be Placed on Stand.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal)  
New York, Sept. 23.—Policy-holders of the New York Life Insurance company are preparing to make a determined fight against the continuance of the management of the company by John A. McCall, George Wallbridge Perkins and their retainers. Influential members of the company from a western state are taking the initiative in the movement, and already they have retained a prominent Wall street attorney to look after their interests.

They are determined that these men shall join Hyde and Alexander in enforced retirement. The fight will be largely a battle for proxies, and in a short time policy-holders will receive a request for proxies from a committee that is to be appointed for the purpose of rousing sentiment against the men at present in control of the company.

An insurance man who is conversant with the plans of the disgraced policy-holders of New York Life said:

"An effort is to be made to force the McCall-Perkins clique out of the New York Life. It is realized that this will be a most difficult thing, for they are strongly entrenched, and in addition to holding about 20,000 proxies, they are in a position where, with the list of policy-holders in their possession and a large agency force that is interested in keeping the management in power, they will have a great advantage in gathering proxies.

**Disgraceful Condition.**

"Notwithstanding the disgraceful condition in which the life insurance business of these companies, the New York Life, the Mutual and the Equitable, has been found, the policy-holders do not seem to appreciate the gravity of the situation and they are slow in taking measures for the protection of their savings and the future of their families.

"There is no doubt that the McCall-Perkins clique will make a determined fight to retain their positions, but I think, that the stock company is the better for the policy-holders to patronize. Take, for instance, the Equitable case.

There Hyde had a financial interest to protect and so he got out. In the New York Life it is different. The interests of Mr. McCall and Mr. Perkins all lie in retaining their places, and they will do nothing to escape that will serve to keep them in office.

"The public sentiment is being aroused against President McCall for his use of the policy-holders' money to influence elections as evidenced by letters made public today.

Rev. Lincoln Moore, pastor of the Riverside Baptist church, in a scathing letter, denounced the McCall methods of management and called for his immediate resignation in the interests of the company and the public.

**McCall Is Denounced.**

"Your office is a public trust," Mr. Moore wrote to Mr. McCall, "and to betray a trust is the worst because the meanest kind of stealing. Your actions

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# PORTLAND DAY AT FAIR A LEGAL HOLIDAY

Governor George E. Chamberlain today issued the following proclamation, declaring September 30, Portland Day at the Lewis and Clark fair, a legal holiday:

"When the idea was first conceived of celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the expedition of Lewis and Clark to the northwest country, there were many who predicted failure for so gigantic an enterprise, not a few who entered into the spirit of the undertaking doubtful as to the result, and others whose zeal and enthusiasm as to the propriety of celebrating a great historical event, and at the same time exploiting the resources of that vast domain embraced within the limits of the Oregon country, was so great that they eventually succeeded in arousing the pride and patriotic spirit of the whole northwest. Not only the people of Oregon responded liberally to the call for aid, and through their legislature appropriated \$450,000 to the enterprise, but the several countries of the state and the cities as well have contributed most generously in money and in effort.

"Animated by the same spirit, not only our sister states, whose interests are almost identical with those of Oregon, but many of the eastern states, whose citizens had nothing to gain by participation in the exposition, have done all in their power to make it a success. The expectations of our people have been more than realized, and the exposition, which is now nearing its close, will go down in history as one of the most successful ever held in the United States. The citizens of Portland, besides giving generously of their time and



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money, have vied with each other in extending hospitality to the stranger within their gates. The whole of the northwest has shared in the advantages which have accrued from the Lewis and Clark exposition, the beneficial effect of which is already beginning to be felt by addition to population and wealth.

"It is proposed to make one strenuous effort to bring together not only the people of the state, but of the adjoining states as well, on the 30th day of September, which has been designated by the exposition management as Portland Day. In order that every facility may be given to the people of our own state to assist in holding a reunion on the day so designated,

"I, George E. Chamberlain, as governor of the state of Oregon, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, do proclaim Saturday, the 30th day of September, 1905, a legal holiday, and I do earnestly request all of the people of the state to lay aside their ordinary vocations and to repair to the exposition for the purpose of enjoying a day of rest, the renewal of old acquaintances and the discussion of those matters and things which will tend to the greater advancement of the magnificent commonwealth in which we live.

"In testimony whereof I have heretofore subscribed my name as governor of the state of Oregon, at the capitol in the city of Salem, and have caused the great seal of the state to be affixed this 23d day of September, A. D., 1905.

Attest: F. I. DUNBAR, Secretary of State.

GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN, Governor.

# ACTOR EBEN PLYMPTON MAY BE ACCUSED OF MURDER

### Charged With Probably Fatally Beating Captain Martin—Was With John McCullough in California, Later Leading Man With Edwin Booth, Mrs. Fiske and Others

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal)  
Plymouth, Mass., Sept. 23.—Eben Plympton, the actor, was brought before Judge W. H. Osborne of the district court here yesterday and held under \$5,000 bail for his appearance in the court a week from today on the charge of assault with intent to murder Captain George Martin, who has been living with him. He pleaded not guilty, and the court granted a continuance for one week to await the outcome of Martin's injuries.

Martin is in the Massachusetts general hospital near the point of death. The physicians say he has concussion of the brain and a fracture of the skull, besides other injuries about the body.

According to Harry Blanchard, who told the police that he was an eyewitness to the assault, Plympton approached Martin in the yard last Saturday after the latter had returned home without calling for the actor and said: "Did you intend to leave me?"

"I did," said Martin, with some heat.

This statement was followed by a fight, during which Plympton fell to the ground. He was found there by Blanchard and Walter Bennett, bleeding and with one eye partly closed. A blow

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# FINE PROGRAM FOR PORTLAND DAY

### Management Arranges Airship Races, Naval Battle and Dress Parade.

### DAYLIGHT FIREWORKS ANOTHER BIG FEATURE

### Every Indication Points to the Hundred Thousand Mark Being Exceeded and Railroads Expect Record Crowds.

This is the week that includes the greatest of all days at the exposition—Portland day.

The success which attended the opening and the Fourth of July surpassed the hopes of sponsors, but that Portland's own day will be greater is evident.

Not only the city, but the entire state, will participate in the celebration next Saturday, since the proclamation of Governor Chamberlain makes it a legal holiday.

**Other Cities Will Help.**

Portland herself will be out in best bib and tucker, and in the celebration will be materially assisted by all the states represented at the fair and the cities of the northwest. Aside from the elaborate program within the exposition gates there are many features which will go far towards bringing the attendance to the 100,000 mark set by President Goode. The railroads have made a special reduction in rates from adjacent territory for that day, and merchants throughout the city are preparing to send their employes to the exposition.

**Fifteen Hours of Fun.**

The tentative program provides at least 15 hours of solid entertainment. The day will begin with a national salute of 21 guns; then there will be a parade, an airship race, distribution of \$1,000 in prizes, Japanese daylight fireworks, a dress parade by the Oregon National Guard, exercises in the bandstand and a reproduction of the battle of Manila bay.

The morning parade will be participated in by the exposition, states and cities, and from present indications floating being prepared will excel anything of that character ever seen in Portland. The parade will be entirely within the exposition grounds.

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WE'LL MAKE IT ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND ON PORTLAND DAY.

# "HAUNTED OAK" OUT IGERNA

### Slayer of Augusta Pfeiffer Is Hunted Like a Wild Beast in Hills.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal)  
New York, Sept. 23.—Detective Sergeant Price of New York headquarters at midnight tonight received the following telegram from Peekskill:

"We have run into the woods here a man who closely resembles Girard. We have surrounded the woods and are keeping guard tonight and tomorrow. (Signed) 'ILLIC SCHEUING.'"

Hunted like a wild beast by a posse of more than 100 men, Joseph Girard, suspected of the murder of Augusta Pfeiffer, found dead at the "Haunted Oak," is surrounded in the woods of the Spitzberg mountains, near Peekskill, and, according to Acting Captain Samuel Pierce of the Bronx police station, is certain of capture within a few hours.

Every road is watched and the flickering of the campfires of the detectives, police and scores of volunteers tonight flamed in a cordon about the base of the mountain. Sentries are posted in every direction, and the fire light glinted on rifle barrels ready for action at a moment's notice. Tomorrow at dawn this small army will begin the formidable task of examining every foot of ground on the mountain sides.

# MAY GET DEMON OF FIRE MAY WIPE BERRY TRIAL IS

### Flames—Loss Already is Fifty Thousand Dollars.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal)  
Dunsmuir, Cal., Sept. 23.—The town of Igerna, less than 25 miles north of this city and about 10 miles north of Blason, is being swept by fire tonight and may be entirely destroyed. The flames, probably of incendiary origin, broke out at 3:30 this afternoon. At 10:30 tonight 15 dwelling houses had been burned and the fire was beyond control, although more than 500 men were desperately fighting it.

The blaze has got into the dry forest, and vast lumber holdings with mills and lumber that has been cut are in great danger.

Since 10:30 o'clock there has been no communication by telephone or telegraph between Igerna and the outside world and it is feared that the destruction of the town is complete.

So far as can be learned tonight there has been no loss of life. The damage that had been done up to the time of the last report from the burning region was estimated at \$50,000. It was feared that the loss would go as high as \$200,000, for the flames threatened all the town and mill properties besides.

# COURTMARTIAL HALTS PENDING SECURING OF DEPOSITIONS FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

### Court Martial Halts Pending Securing of Depositions From the Philippines.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal)  
Vancouver, Wash., Sept. 23.—All the witnesses called for the court martial of Captain A. P. Berry, of the Tenth Infantry, were discharged Friday and the trial was adjourned for two months, in which time important depositions can be secured in the Philippine islands. So far as can be learned the court martial up to date has failed to bring out sensational features that were expected. This is said to be due to a postponement taking place immediately prior to a time when important developments in proceedings were looked for.

**An Expensive Case.**

Notwithstanding this fact, it is estimated that the expense of the hearing has been very great and will run into the thousands of dollars.

There have been many witnesses in attendance, for and against Captain Berry, who is accused, while acting as captain-quartermaster of the transport Sheridan on her trip to San Francisco from the orient in last March, of breaking into the stateroom of the wife of Lieutenant Mack, of the artillery, and insulting her. Each of the witnesses is allowed transportation from and to the places where they were located, expenses and \$5 a day additional.

**Witnesses Go Home.**

The numerous witnesses left today for their homes, but have been instructed to be ready to return when called upon. Most of the officers of the Sheridan left today for San Francisco.

Before a postponement was ordered by Captain Bradley, judge advocate of the court, almost the whole of yesterday's session was taken up with the argument of points of law. Several verbal clashes were witnessed between the opposing sides. Whether or not the prosecution should be allowed to introduce the testimony of certain witnesses was the cause of a lengthy and heated debate. Superior Judge W. W. McCredie, of Vancouver, was finally called on to settle the question.

# PUSHES MAN OFF WALK KILLING HIM INSTANTLY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal)  
Fullman, Wash., Sept. 23.—J. Overbaugh killed George Schmidt, a shoe maker, here in a peculiar manner this evening. Schmidt was drunk and began abusing Overbaugh on Main street, when Overbaugh pushed Schmidt backward with his left hand. Schmidt fell to the cement sidewalk striking his head and fracturing his skull. He died almost instantly.

Overbaugh is heartbroken over the affair. Schmidt was 55 years old, single and has no known relatives.

# THROWN TO TOP OF POLE IN RUNAWAY ACCIDENT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal)  
Salem, Or., Sept. 23.—One of the most remarkable escapes from injury in a runaway accident was witnessed on the street here today when Harry Roll, a boy working for the local telephone company, was thrown 20 feet in the air. He was driving with a horse and cart, when the horse ran away and collided with a telegraph pole. The force of the shock threw the boy on the top of a bracket 20 feet from the ground, where he sat, uninjured. He climbed down on a ladder put up for his assistance.

# THREE ARE KILLED IN COLLISION

### Engineer, Fireman and Mailclerk Perish in Train Wreck Near Eaton, Idaho.

### THREE PASSENGERS ARE INJURED IN DISASTER

### Westbound Passenger and Freight Meet Head-On—Both Engines, Five Freight Cars, Two Baggage, Mail Car and Coach Smashed.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal)  
Huntington, Or., Sept. 23.—A head-on collision between the westbound passenger and a local freight occurred this morning on the Oregon Short Line near Eaton, Idaho, resulting in three deaths, all members of the train crew; the serious, perhaps fatal, injury of three passengers, the slight injury of a score of others; the complete destruction of both engines, five freight cars, two baggage and a mail car and one passenger coach. The dead:

Mail Clerk Wallace Harrison, Glenns Ferry; instantly killed.

Buck Robblestead, Glenns Ferry, fireman of the passenger; instantly killed.

Alex LaRosa, engineer of the passenger; badly scalded and hurt internally; died this evening in the hospital at Weiser.

Seriously injured:

Mrs. Banner, Clifton, Washington; left arm broken.

Mrs. Lucy Walker, Dalton, Missouri; cut about head.

O. M. Harper, Damar, Kansas; thrown through a window and badly cut and bruised.

**Passengers in the Wreck.**

Mrs. Laura Babb, Glenns Ferry, Idaho. Rebecca Harold, Indianapolis, Indiana. W. L. Schaefer, Mucoda, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wheeler, Da Mar, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Morrison, Da Mar, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Geschwain, Dunn, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McElhenny, Wheatland, Wyoming.

W. T. Smock, Randolph, Utah.

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# ALICE ROOSEVELT MUST PAY DUTY UPON HER COSTLY GIFTS

### Presents Worth Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars Given to President's Daughter by Empress of China, and Other Rulers May Prove White Elephants.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal)  
San Francisco, Sept. 23.—Collector of the Port Stratton today stated that he would not make any disposition in regard to the enforcement of the custom laws on the arrival of the Taft party, between them and any of the other passengers on the steamer. They will be treated the same as any other American returning from abroad. From all accounts they will bring with them numerous articles and treasures from the orient.

The presents given Miss Roosevelt alone will amount to thousands of dollars and the duty on them will be a considerable amount. Secretary Taft has also received several valuable gifts and reports received here show that each member of the party has been a large purchaser of oriental curios, silks, embroideries and other things which always attract the eye of the tourist.

The law explicitly states that all baggage shall be examined, except that of ambassadors, diplomats, commissioners or agents of the government returning from abroad where they have been in an official capacity. If it is considered that Secretary Taft and the rest of his party are included in the latter category, that of the government, some turning back of the presents to the official duties of the party, it may be passed without duty. Otherwise the presents will be subject to duty and be declared as white elephants.

# RIVALRY BID FOR PROPERTY

### Northern Pacific and O. R. & N. Clash on the Peninsula, Each Seeking Right to Cross Byers Tract.

### ENORMOUS PURCHASES OF TERMINAL LANDS

### Hill Line Has Secured All the Right of Way Required Except a Strip Between Vancouver and Washougal—Fresh Filings Made at Olympia Yesterday.

It is stated on reliable authority that the Northern Pacific Railroad company's purchases of terminal grounds in North Portland include all but one block in the entire district bounded by Johnson street on the south, Twelfth street on the west, the North Pacific Terminal company on the east, and extending north to the present main line of the Northern Pacific railroad at Sawyer street. The exception is block 224, at the north end of the present terminal company's yards. It is said the Northern Pacific is negotiating for this block. In that part of the city the company has bought a total of 23 blocks, and its purchases include other blocks and acreage tracts in the city and on the peninsula. It has under option a tract 1,000 feet wide and nearly a mile long, owned by the Ononota Land company, and extending from Guild's lake to the Willamette river. Its purchases on the peninsula amount to several hundred acres.

**Fight for Right of Way.**

The long open contest for rights of way on the peninsula has been won by the Northern Pacific and the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company. A tract of several acres owned by Mrs. Irish Byers lies on the route the O. R. & N. is acquiring for its freight line from St. Johns to Clatskanie. The land lies just north of the St. Johns woolen mill property, and its topography is such that it forms a strategic point in the route desired by the Northern Pacific for its new line from Vancouver to Portland. The O. R. & N. & Co. has offered Mrs. Byers \$2,000 an acre, and she is holding the land at \$2,500. It is said the Northern Pacific is bidding against the O. R. & N. for the ground.

**Struggle at Vancouver.**

At Vancouver the Columbia Railway & Navigation company, acting for Hill and the Northern Pacific, yesterday filed for record options on eight tracts of land between Washougal and LaCamas, paying \$10,800 for the right to purchase within 90 days. The Columbia Railway & Navigation company is represented at Vancouver by A. G. Berger. Its franchises were acquired by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern companies from the owners of the old Paul Mohr portage road, several miles of which remain along the north bank of the Columbia opposite The Dalles. It has been erroneously stated that this land was acquired by the Columbia Valley Railway company, through agents of L. Gerlinger, acting for the Hartman lines. The land was drawn in the name of the Columbia Railway & Navigation company, successors to the Paul Mohr organization, and now in possession of the Northern Pacific.

The tracts on which options are taken are as follows: From H. H. Strong, a strip in 14-1-4, two miles east of Washougal.

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