

NORTHERN PACIFIC RUSHES WORK ON NORTH BANK LINE DARK HORSE HAS GOOD CHANCE

Chief of Construction Staff Arrives at Vancouver and Takes Charge.

A DOZEN SURVEYING PARTIES IN THE FIELD

Rival Companies File Plans, Secure Right-of-Way Options and Will Fight Transcontinental Line—New Road to Be Completed in a Year.

L. E. Shields of the firm of Seims & Shields, railroad contractors, of St. Paul, Minnesota, has arrived at the scene of operations on the north bank of the Columbia river and taken personal charge of the construction forces of the Portland & Seattle Railroad company. The rival companies—the Portland & Seattle and the Wallula Pacific—have filed plans of their routes and applications for rights of way at the office of Register H. C. Phillips at Vancouver, and he has forwarded the documents to Washington, where they will be granted or refused.

Contractor Shields will be permanently located at or near Vancouver for the next year and will spend much of his time in the field, looking after the construction work of the road that is to bring the trains of the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the Burlington into Portland. President James J. Hill of the Great Northern has officially announced that the trains of these companies will be run to Portland as soon as the north bank route is completed.

Good Money Next Year.

President Hill says it is the intention of the management to build the road in a year, and it is expected that the north bank line will be in operation in time to move the crops of the fall of 1906. Contractor Shields' firm has the grading of about 100 miles of the line, from Vancouver eastward. Chief Engineer Miller will make a trip over the route from Vancouver to Kennewick, and it

will then be determined how the remaining contracts will be distributed. The Hill party, due to arrive in Portland this afternoon, will make a stop at Vancouver today and inspect the town and vicinity.

The situation all along the north bank of the Columbia is rapidly taking definite shape. Forces of the rival trans-continental lines have been working hard to get their route plans on file, and the Hill men succeeded in forestalling their rivals by only a few hours. The land and legal departments of both roads are especially active. General Western Counsel Grosscup of the Northern Pacific was on the ground last week in company of Vice-President C. M. Levy. General Attorney Avery of the same company is now at Vancouver directing the closing purchases of tracts optioned some time ago and the securing of further options. M. T. Sanders, land agent of the Northern Pacific, spent Thursday and Friday at Vancouver and left yesterday for St. Paul.

Many Surveyors in Field.

Not less than 12 surveying parties are now in the field between Vancouver and Kennewick. Yesterday a party consisting of nine engineers and assistants arrived from Tacoma and will leave tomorrow for points on the route to Cape Horn. Engineer Estep of the Northern Pacific and a party of 17 men who have been working on the survey for the Northern Pacific's extension from Cullis to Grangeville completed their task in that region a few days ago and went to Kennewick, where they entered the field for the Portland & Seattle, working toward The Dalles. The entire route for the Grangeville extension is now located and the Northern Pacific has two right of way agents at work.

Senator E. M. Rands and his assistants, in the service of the Wallula Pacific, are still at work securing options and deeds to rights of way at various places along the north bank. They have formulated applications to the government for franchises to cross public lands and school sections at points that are regarded as important for strategic purposes. These applications accompany their plat filed with Register Phillips, who does not deny that the Harriman people have placed the plan on record and that it has been forwarded to the department of the interior.

Developments of Land Fraud Prosecutions May Affect Distribution of Patronage.

WOLVERTON LATEST JUDICIAL POSSIBILITY

Prominent Republicans Oppose Fulton's Men—Hitchcock's Private Secretary Said to Be Investigating Hegardt and Eddy.

The disposition of federal patronage in Oregon may be seriously affected by the developments of the land fraud prosecutions during the coming week.

Three important positions are to be filled, United States district judge, receiver and register of the land office at Roseburg. Senator Fulton is in Washington, where he went for the purpose of securing the appointment of the men of his choice for the three vacant offices.

For months the politicians have been speculating on the extent of Senator Fulton's influence with the Roosevelt administration. He has received some severe rebuffs at the hands of the president, notably in the appointment of a successor to Jack Matthews, without so much as a consultation with the senator.

Scott Against Fulton.

Arrayed against Fulton are a number of the prominent Republicans of the state, whose private interests lead them to oppose his leadership. Conspicuous among them is Harvey W. Scott, about whose budding senatorial hope is once more buzzing busily. Scott is in Washington, District of Columbia, where he went in the hope of influencing the president's choice of appointees for the vacant federal offices in Oregon. Chief among these appointments is that of United States district judge and Senator Fulton's candidate for the place is Judge Thomas A. McBride. Scott is opposed to McBride's appointment and early in the game threw all his influence to Justice Bean of the state supreme court, who has been looked on for some time past as McBride's principal opponent.

A year ago Scott was decidedly lukewarm in his support of the investigation of the Oregon land frauds. His attitude changed when Senator Mitchell was brought to trial and ever since that time the Oregonian has been an ardent prosecutor in its reports and comments on the land fraud cases. Scott will doubtless expect that this latest policy of his paper will command him to the president in his efforts to control federal patronage in Oregon.

Dark Horse Has Chances.

The competition between Bean and McBride for the federal judgeship has grown so keen that many of the star gazers who study the political heavens are inclined to believe that neither may receive the appointment. Many believe that Justice Wolverton of the supreme court, hitherto a dark horse in the race, but backed by the circuit judges, will carry off the prize. When Justice Bean first announced his candidacy, Wolverton wrote a letter strongly commending his colleague for the office, but it is said that the letter impressed the attorney-general much more strongly with the qualification of the writer than with those of a man who has in dored. According to the story that is current, the attorney-general expressed the opinion that Wolverton, rather than Bean, was the man for the place and this view was reinforced by unsolicited endorsement sent in by a number of Wolverton's friends.

There are other candidates in the field, however. Wolverton is not the only one whom the lightning may strike, in case Bean and McBride should fall to attract it. Several of a man who has in dored. According to the story that is current, the attorney-general expressed the opinion that Wolverton, rather than Bean, was the man for the place and this view was reinforced by unsolicited endorsement sent in by a number of Wolverton's friends.

Other Appointments.

Senator Fulton has recommended E. Eddy of The Dalles for register and G. B. Hegardt for receiver of the Roseburg land office. Recent utterances of Secretary Hitchcock suggest that neither of these offices will be filled immediately, notwithstanding the pressure which Fulton is bringing to bear in behalf of his nominees. Hitchcock's private secretary, Scott Smith, was recently in Portland and he is said to have been here for the purpose of inquiring into the fitness of Eddy and Hegardt, especially the latter. According to the rumor which is current, some strong objections have been made to the appointment of Hegardt and it is taken for granted that Harvey Scott will do his utmost to emphasize these objections. Eddy was a member of the legislature in 1903 and refused to vote for Scott for senator.

The greatest difficulty in placing estimates on personal property. He was of the opinion that the value of personal property, according to his figures, would be about treble what it was last year. The statements sent in by holders of personal property were extremely misleading and often did not represent one-sixth of the real value of the property.

"All the statements of personal property sent in," said he, "had to be changed. I had to go over them and mark them up, for I did not consider them correct. Some of the valuations I increased five and six times, some of them I trebled, others I doubled, while a few were nearly correct."

Personal Property Values.

"It is hard to compare the amount of personal property valuations this year with last for the reason that this year personal property to the value of \$300 is exempt from taxation and many poor families thus evade this tax. According to the Journal's statement that there are 160,000 people in Portland, there must be many who are at many people who formerly paid personal tax under the old law who will not have to do so next year."

The figures placed on personal property by the assessor are only arbitrary and may be changed by the board of equalization, which meets tomorrow. Assessor Sigler has sent circulars to each property owner containing the valuation placed on his property and inviting him, if he objects to the assessment, to appear before the board of equalization and present his grounds. The board will be in session all week.

Come to the Fair.

Dr. M. M. Bettman of Harrington, Washington, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bettman, 267 Teath street.

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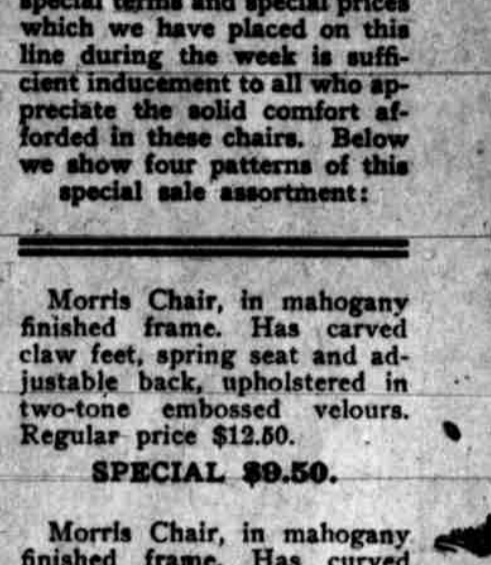
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Sale Begins Monday

A considerable portion of our fourth floor is devoted to the ever-popular and comfortable Morris Chair. In fact, with our new fall goods arriving daily and our limited space, we have found it necessary to close out many patterns which constitute the remaining samples and stock of chairs which are classed under this heading. The special terms and special prices which we have placed on this line during the week is sufficient inducement to all who appreciate the solid comfort afforded in these chairs. Below we show four patterns of this special sale assortment:



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SIGLER BOOSTS VALUATION

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Assessor will report the result of the assessment and the board will undertake to adjust any grievances regarding assessments which property owners may bring forward.

Assessor Sigler's task has been difficult. He has had nothing to guide him in his work, as he has paid little or no attention whatever to the valuations placed on property last year, and the statements rendered him by property owners have been so misleading that he could not depend on them. In many instances the valuations of personal property submitted by taxpayers have been five and six times less than the real value.

In the greater number of instances he or his deputies have made a personal investigation of the property, especially realty, and in making his estimates of personal property he has gathered information from whatever sources he found it possible.

Comparison of Values.

Following is a comparison of the assessed valuation of property last year of several of the large corporations operating in this county, with the valuations placed on the same property by Assessor Sigler:

	1904.	1905.
D. R. & N. Co., road-bed and rolling stock	\$272,550	\$ 304,000
S. P. Ry. Co., road-bed and rolling stock	123,330	381,300
N. P. Ry. Co., road-bed and rolling stock	107,120	339,600
Portland Con. Ry. Co., road-bed and machinery	148,735	2,201,420
Portland Gen'l Electric Co.	170,150	640,000
Portland Gas Co.	189,360	828,310
Pacific States Tel. & Tel. Co., phone and telegraph	225,090	686,305

The above assessment of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company, the Northern Pacific Railway company, and the Southern Pacific Railway company merely represents the roadbed and rolling stock and not realty, of which the corporations own considerable in this county. Last year the assessment was levied at the rate of \$5,800 a mile on the roadbed and rolling stock, but Assessor Sigler raised the valuation to \$20,000 a mile. The Oregon Railway & Navigation

company has 40.7 miles of road in the county, the Northern Pacific 14.48 miles and the Southern Pacific 19.94 miles.

While the assessment of the roadbed and machinery of the Portland Consolidated Railway company is \$2,201,420, the company also owns realty valued at \$245,000, and its franchise is assessed at \$600,000, making the total assessment of the corporation's property in the county \$3,046,420. Last year before the consolidation of the Portland Railway company and the City & Suburban Railway company the assessment of the roadbed and machinery of the former was \$299,170 and the latter was \$53,525.

The total assessment on the property of the Portland General Electric company, together with the valuation placed on the franchise, is \$840,000; Portland Gas company, \$828,310; Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company, \$686,305.

The banks of the city have been assessed on the total of their paid up capital stock, surplus and undivided profits.

Franchises Assessed.

City franchises have been assessed for \$1,175,000 by Assessor Sigler, which is the first time that an assessment valuation has ever been placed on city franchises in Portland. Heretofore no taxes have been paid on franchises, but Mr. Sigler classed them as personal property and placed an arbitrary valuation on them.

Assessor Sigler stated that he was of the opinion that the valuations placed on the franchises were very conservative. He did not wish to place the valuations too high, because of the opposition manifested by the corporations against such a practice. He was of the opinion that if the franchises were assessed at figure nearer their real value the holders would enter objections for the purpose of defeating any assessment whatever.

Following are the arbitrary assessments made on city franchises held by the large corporations:

Portland Con. Ry. Co.	\$ 600,000
Portland General Electric Co.	300,000
Pacific States Tel. & Tel. Co.	300,000
Portland Gas Co.	150,000
Oregon Water Power & Ry. Co.	5,000

Total assessments for franchises, \$1,175,000

Assessments on Realty.

Assessments on real property have been made as nearly as possible on true value. It has been difficult in many instances, according to Assessor Sigler, to secure the real value of property, owing to the fact that owners were misleading in their statements.

He found that real estate was increasing in value, especially in the center of the city. Lots on Washington street between Third and Seventh streets which were assessed for \$25,000 last year were assessed for \$110,000 this year.

"On Washington street I have made a distinction between the lots on the north side of the street and those on the south," said the assessor. "On this thoroughfare most of the travel is on the south side of the street and it is there that the best stores are located. This is due to the fact that the hot sun strikes the fronts on the north side of the street and the people are driven to the shady side, making trade better there and therefore increasing the valuation of the property."

Morrison Street Values.

"On Morrison street I found a different condition. The travel is about equally divided between the north and south sides of the thoroughfare. I do not know how to account for this unless it is due to the fact that a large portion of the property is occupied by the postoffice block and the Portland hotel, which are unattractive to shoppers. The property on both sides of this street was assessed about the same."

Assessor Sigler and his deputies had

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