

WILL GIVE EVERY ROAD A CHANCE

Tacoma Reported to Have Gigantic Scheme to Provide Terminal Facilities.

ONE MAN CONTROLS ALL AVAILABLE HARBOR LAND

General Ashton, Who Holds the Property, Denies He Represents Harriman and Says Tacoma Has Segregated Lands.

The city of Tacoma has, if reports are true, entered into a gigantic scheme to provide advantageous terminal facilities at moderate prices for every railroad company that knocks for admittance.

General J. M. Ashton of that city, who has thrown the people of his town and the sound country into a state of mild excitement by reason of his connection with a huge deal in Tacoma harbor lands, confirms in positive terms the denials made by J. P. O'Brien and W. W. Cotton that he was acting for E. H. Harriman.

All of the lands within the city of Tacoma available for railroad terminal purposes on the harbor, other than those already held by the Northern Pacific and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, were decided last week to General Ashton. They embraced about 640 acres, and represented an estimated aggregate value of something more than \$5,000,000.

General Ashton is a prominent attorney. He has acted in minor matters for the Harriman system and other railroad companies in Tacoma. He is chief counsel for the Northern Pacific 12 years, up to the time it was sold under receivership.

CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING



Captain and Mrs. W. S. Powell.

Fifty years ago this evening Captain W. S. Powell, balliff of department No. 1 of the circuit court, and Miss Helen Charlotte Hill ran away and were married above the local postoffice, then located at the corner of First and Morrison streets.

They are just as well and happy today as they were at the hour they launched on the sea of wedded bliss. Time has been kind to both of them, and although the snow of passing years has left traces, Mr. and Mrs. Powell are as happy a couple and as ideally matched today as they were on that December morning 50 years ago.

There is only one living witness of the wedding, and he is the preacher who married them, Rev. W. F. Boyaklin, now living at Blue Rapids, Kansas. News of the event soon leaked out in the village and just after the couple had retired last night they were awakened by a number of times singing rollicking songs and wishing the bride and groom a happy new year.

The wedding took place at the home of A. R. Shipley, who was postmaster of the town.

No history of the Pacific northwest is complete without an account of Captain Powell. During the civil war he raised a company of volunteers to fight the whole of Lee's army.

Forty years ago this morning I got up and built a table before breakfast, several chairs before dinner and a home before supper," said Captain Powell this morning.

The day was bright and the Willamette river was frozen over. The snow making we sent all the printers in the town some cake, but it would take a good many pieces now to send all of them some pastry.

Thought Helen a little bit too young to get married when she did. Mrs. Mary L. Shipley and Mrs. Frankie Hestline, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Powell, will be present at tonight's reception, as well as four grandchildren.

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While 760 prisoners seem a large number for the 363 days of the year, there being two busy days of 1805 to roll along, it is said that this is at least 200 fewer than in 1904. This is attributed to Sheriff Word's stopping of gambling in Portland, although several dozen of this year's prisoners were Chinese and Indian slaves.

During the year five men and one woman charged with having committed murder have been in the county jail. One of these was John Coleman, who is now serving a life sentence in the penitentiary for having killed Edna Hoffman in a north end dive; another was Louis Ferraris, who shot Carlo Bonanno in self-defense last July; a third who attracted much attention for a time was John Hogan, who accidentally killed Mrs. Louise Jenkins in a north end saloon by sticking an umbrella in her eye.

The one woman charged with murder was a resident of a North Second street house, who was accused of having thrown a lighted lamp at another woman, setting the latter's dress on fire and causing her death. The prisoner was cleared of the charge.

More than a dozen prisoners were charged with the crime of attempting to kill or of assault with a dangerous weapon. Perhaps the best known prisoner charged with this last named offense is Joseph Young, a saloonkeeper, who shot Joseph Van Drain, a rival, last May. Young was found guilty, sentenced to serve six years in the penitentiary and is now in jail awaiting an appeal to the supreme court.

More prisoners were charged with larceny than with any other crime, the number being 268. Thirty-nine of Grafton's wards were accused of assault and battery, while 28 were charged with statutory crimes. Thirteen men were charged with burglary. Eleven Chinese have been in jail awaiting to be deported to their native land.

Among other crimes for which men and women have been sent to the county prison were attempting to extort money, carrying concealed weapons, obtaining money by false pretenses, hunting with out a license, deserting from ships, threatening to kill, gambling, receiving stolen property, forgery, maintaining a lottery, encouraging the delinquency of minors, embezzlement and the unlawful

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BANK OF AMERICA COMING SOON

Has Million-Dollar Paid Up Capital and is Seeking for Ground to Build.

WILL FLOAT MILLION DOLLAR BOND ISSUE

Mt. Hood Electric Company, Which is Planning to Construct Large Plant on Sandy River, is Asking Bids on Machinery.

The Bank of America, with a paid-up capital of \$1,000,000, is seeking a tract of land in the city of Portland. Efforts have been made to purchase the controlling interest of a number of Portland banks, but thus far without favorable result.

Options have been taken on two locations in the business center, and it is the bank's purpose, it is said, to purchase ground soon after the first of the year and erect an office building.

The Bank of America is a New York and San Francisco concern. The company is the American Trust company of New York. Clarence M. Brune is president and general manager of the San Francisco house. The bank has various interests in the Pacific northwest and has recently acquired large holdings of the stock of the First National Bank of Seattle.

The management is said to have been impressed favorably with conditions and prospects for development in and about Portland, and is reported to have contracted to underwrite an issue of \$1,000,000 bonds for the Mount Hood Electric company, which is planning to construct a large plant on the Sandy River. Bids are being received by the company on the machinery to be installed.

Company Asks for Bids. Two representatives of electrical equipment concerns in the east are on the ground, this week to compete for the orders. The company has asked bids on six 5,000-horsepower 43-inch high-pressure Victor turbines, 450 R. P. M., of the Francis type, constructed to operate in a spiral casing flume discharging through a cast-iron quarter turn through draft tube into a tail race.

The wheels will cost upwards of \$15,000 apiece. Each wheel will develop 5,000 horsepower, aggregating a total of 30,000 horsepower and sending a current of enormous electrical energy to Portland, where it is designed to sell the power at wholesale and retail for manufacturing and lighting. Bids are being received by this company on six generators with a capacity of 2,500 kilowatts to cost upwards of \$15,000 apiece. There will be 18 transformers, each of 18-kilowatt capacity. The plant will be located at the town of Bull Run, on the Sandy.

More electric current is to be generated from the waters that form the Sandy river. There are three mountain streams that feed it, and the Cascade Electric company is preparing to flume these streams to a point near Tollgate and concentrate them at a fall where an immense head will be obtained for generating power.

Richardson's Plans. The company is headed by E. R. Richardson of New York. He has shown big plans to the city council, and taken a number of the councilmen to Tollgate to examine the site, to convince them that his application for a franchise to enter Portland with poles and wires is

made in good faith. He is preparing to depart tomorrow for New York, and will give an informal dinner at the Oregon grill tonight, to which members of the council have been invited, for the purpose of discussing the subject of proposed electrical development.

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