

# LITIGATION STOPS CONSTRUCTION

## Hill Lines Cannot Do Track Work on Ground Purchased for Terminals.

### MUST WAIT UNTIL COURT SETTLES IT

#### Contention Over North Portland Property Cause of Costly Delay to Hill Interests—Freight Sheds Will Be Built, However.

Litigation between the Hill and Harriman companies over possession of a number of blocks in North Portland purchased by the Portland & Seattle for independent terminals is delaying the construction work of the Hill companies in this city. They cannot lay tracks on the ground until the suit is settled, but the building of freight houses and sheds is not enjoined, and the Portland & Seattle will within a few days invite bids on this part of the terminal program.

The proposed railroad and terminal to be built in Portland by the Portland & Seattle railroad company are for the use of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad companies, known as the Hill group of roads. They will come in over a \$2,000,000 bridge across the Columbia and a \$1,000,000 bridge over the Willamette, and their double tracks will come through an 80-foot cut across the peninsula from Hayden island to a point near the Portland drydock. The last piers of these bridges are in place and the work of building is going rapidly forward. A contract has been let to Grant Smith of St. Paul, for moving the dirt for the peninsula cut. A pumping station will be installed by Smith at the Willamette river, and a large part of the cut will be hydraulized, a system commonly used for moving earth in placer mining.

The dirt and gravel taken out of the cut will be hauled in dump cars to the low ground at the north side of the peninsula, and used for filling. It has been estimated that 3,000,000 yards of earth will be taken out, and that a year will be required to complete the cut.

**Have Already Spent Millions.**  
The Hill lines have to the present date spent about \$7,000,000 in construction and rights of way. The north bank line, including Portland terminals, is included by the management that in view of the large amount of money they are investing in getting to Portland they must come in right and have terminal facilities that will enable them to successfully compete with the Harriman roads now enjoying a monopoly of the traffic and terminal business. The ground they have secured for independent terminals is the bone of contention in present litigation before Judge Wolverton in the United States court. The Northern Pacific Terminal company, a name that is a misnomer, is controlled by the Harriman companies, and they demand that the new terminal grounds acquired by the Hill companies shall be consolidated with the so-called union terminal properties, and managed jointly by all the roads. Until this contention is settled the Hill companies cannot lay their tracks and construct their sidings.

## THE STOUT-CITIZEN HAD NO TROUBLE WITH SKIDOO

### That is, Not Much, but His Friends Were Worried Over the Answer.

By J. H. Davis.  
"Of all the nerve-racking, contumacious, confounded, inexplicable things I ever run up against," said the fat citizen, "this skidoo takes the blue ribbon. I remember the 12-14-15 puzzle, and I was stuck on Mark Twain's 'a pink trip slip for a three-cent fare, punch in the presence of the passengaire,' but bust me if none of 'em touches a skidoo! Why, I haven't slept a single night since the dodgasted thing was foisted on the unsuspecting public."

"No," I answered. "But then, it is simple, oh, so very simple."  
"That's it," he assented. "The very simplicity of the thing is what worries me. And I can't get away from it. Why, it's worse than a boil or an aggravated case of love-sickness; 'tis by thunder!"

"Of course you've solved the little simple thing," I suggested.  
"That's the deuce of it! Of course I can do the skidoo sum, lay my nut on the head in the land can do it. People are doing it every day. Why, do you know, I almost felt sorry for the paper which sprung this simple fooltiness on the public as a sure-guess puzzle. And how for a fact. In five minutes I had it all right. And just because it was so easy I felt that it would be mean, real low-down mean, to take those thousand pennies from Mrs. Johnson's night. It looked like robbery, you see. The boy had 23 pennies. Wish some one would get up a real, genuine conundrum, something hard."

**Was Thinking of Others.**  
"Thought you said it was nerve-racking," I replied.

"So 'tis, so 'tis; but not for me. You see, it's this way: Yesterday Brown dropped in at our house. Said he'd just skidooed from Mrs. Johnson's night. And how do you skidoo? he asked me, with a nine-line pica smile across his classic features. 'Oh, I skidooed the skidoo before the ink was dry on the paper,' I said. 'Why, dog of it, Brown, it's as easy as sliding down a greased pole. Skidoo, 23 for me!'"

"Wrong," answered Brown, "entirely wrong. I have the correct answer, 523. Twenty-three pennies in each box. Too simple to talk about."

"Then Jones dropped in. He had skidooed down in the rain with that simple skidoo sum. The boy had 207 pennies, 2 for a box."

"Then Mrs. Johnson's gal, Hannah, came in with a skidoo hop-step-and-jump, claiming, 'Eureka! Eureka! skidoo for me—23 pennies, 21 in a box. Can you see what people are making so much fuss over so simple a thing?'"

"My wife Betsy, and the children all had it worked out different ways, and presently our preacher called looking tired and forlorn. With a nervous hitch of his mouth, he asked: 'Have you—er—have you seen the skidoo?'"

"We have, we have, parson," I hastened to answer to that simple proposition.

"And you have solved it?"

"Certainly, parson, any one ought to be able to solve so simple a thing. Yes, we all solved it days ago."

"Bless the Lord," he responded fervently, "that one of my flock is able to do it. Bless the Lord, why, that iniquitous skidoo has haunted my waking and sleeping hours like a hideous nightmare. So simple, so unassuming, and yet so—er—devilish, I was going to say. And yet—er—here the good man mopped his eyes with his handkerchief. 'Why, when I read the text in church Sunday morning, I said, 'The Israelites skidooed out while the hands which guided smiles all over the church, and when I said the benediction I remarked to the congregation, 'We will now skidoo to our homes.' Sunday night I figured over 497 pages of foolscap trying to get the answer to that simple proposition. And I have figured, and pondered until I am a mental wreck, almost. I never had anything, not even the grip, to affect me so. It seems like a hideous, fascinating, relentless phantasm, beckoning me on to destruction. Oh, it's awful, awful! And you've solved it? Your answer is—"

"Twenty-three, I said.  
At this he gave an unearthly groan, and as he took his hat and stood in the open doorway, he replied: 'I pity you; yes I pity you. And with a wild, maniacal laugh he went out into the darkness and the storm."

"All this," added the fat citizen, "makes me uneasy—all this worry of others. Oh, yes, I've got the problem. I'm onto the skidoo with both feet."

## NO FUEL IN SIGHT FOR CITY OF LA GRANDE

La Grande, Or., Nov. 24.—The fuel situation at this place has reached a serious stage, all the more so in view of the continued cold weather. The dealers have no hopes of getting coal and efforts are now being made to get some hauled in from the mountain points at Kamela and Hilliard. Wood is selling at \$7, which is unusually high, as only \$4 and \$5 was paid last winter, considerable suffering has already been experienced here.

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## DAY'S EVENTS ON EAST SIDE

### St. Johns Police Judge Holds Man on Charge of Attempted Assault.

### BUILDINGS GOING UP IN ALL THE SUBURBS

### Eighty-Foot Thoroughfare From Center Addition to the River Is Planned by Improvement Clubs—Other Notes From the East Side.

**East Side Department.**  
Charles Whitehead, a fine-appearing man, who says that he has a family in Baker City and gives his age as 33, was bound over to the grand jury yesterday by Judge Thorndyke in the municipal court of St. Johns on a charge of attempted assault. Whitehead was arrested Thursday night just after the affair occurred, was arraigned before the judge the next day and released under bail of \$100, furnished by H. Prouty and O. M. Scott of Portland.

Miss Mae Turrell, who was attacked by Whitehead Thursday evening, says that she encountered the man first near her home on Chicago street, as she was going out to visit a friend. He had been drinking and asked her where to take the car for the city, as he wished to return to Portland. She informed him and started on her way. The stranger followed closely after her. This worried her, so she started to run, upon which he also ran until, catching up with her, he seized her and attempted to hold her. Miss Turrell managed to break away and ran again until she reached the veranda of the McClave home, where she was intending to go, when she was caught again by the man, who held her and said: "You can't get away this time." She rang the doorbell frantically, but no one heard her. With a desperate effort she managed to get away and dashed into the house.

When her friend, Miss McClave, saw her come in, covered with mud and almost in hysterics she notified the nearest neighbors at once and a search was made for the man. Marion Holcomb, a youth of 12 years of age, witnessed the attack and immediately notified the police. He found, and they joined in the chase.

**Assault Is Arrested.**  
After a thorough search J. M. Hanks saw a man whom he suspected of being the assailant skulking along in the shadow of a building near Fessenden and Fillmore streets. The suspect was taken to the city hall to be confined and there his name was learned.

At the preliminary hearing yesterday before Judge Thorndyke, Whitehead said that he had come to St. Johns about 11 o'clock the previous day to see a friend and drank excessively until about 5 o'clock, when he started for Portland. He says that he remembers nothing from that time until he awoke the next morning in the city jail at St. Johns to find himself under arrest.

**Has Many Contracts.**  
W. C. Adams has contracts for the construction of numerous new structures to be commenced in St. Johns immediately. For Mrs. Rose of Seattle he is building a 28-room hotel at Burlington and Fillmore streets, which is to be a three-story structure. Incidentally this is the first building in St. Johns that will be affected by the new fire ordinance, which provides that all three-story buildings must be equipped with modern fire escapes.

Mr. Adams will also build three four-room bungalows for Mrs. Anderson near Seneca and Dayton streets, at Point View. Mrs. Anderson is a sister of Mrs. W. W. Lytle and came recently from Toronto, Canada, to visit at St. Johns but became so charmed with the place that she has decided to remain and invest her money in St. Johns property.

**Plan for Wide Street.**  
At the meeting Thursday night of the Twenty-eighth Street Improvement association plans were discussed for an 80-foot thoroughfare from those outer districts to the city. The Center Addition Improvement association, in working with the former organization, for this improvement and a tangible

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means for accomplishing this important improvement has been just about concluded, although the members of these progressive societies realize that the execution of their plans will meet with many difficulties.

They hope to have an 80-foot highway from the Ladd farm to the Burnside bridge which they will endeavor to accomplish by widening East Gilliam to 50 feet from the Ladd farm to the Sandy road, which will also be widened to 50 feet until it reaches East Sixteenth and from there to Grand avenue through East Davis. This will bring about a great benefit for all parts of the east side touched by the proposed route. After Grand avenue is reached an indirect connection is also made with the central east side.

Rev. Gilman Parker of the Grace Baptist church addressed the Montevilla Home Training circle yesterday afternoon on the "Social and Moral Training of Children." Dr. Parker emphasized the importance of this sort of training in connection with the stability of the nation which depends largely upon the morals that surround the child in the home and in the school and pointed out that in this respect the political corruption of our day could find a solution in the moral and social training of the child.

The new addition added to the Sellwood school two years ago has now been filled and the latest reports from that district make the attendance 577.

C. M. Foley has returned to Woodlawn after a two weeks' visit in Ashland.

Cook & Walton have been awarded the contract for finishing the city hall at St. Johns. The new bonds are being prepared and the work will go right ahead without delay.

**EUROPE CONSIDERS CUBA A NATION NO MORE**  
Great Britain Leads in Withdrawing Recognition During American Occupation.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Washington, Nov. 24.—The state department has been told by the British government that it will not recognize the provisional government of Cuba as other than a dependency of the United States.

Grant Duff was appointed minister from Great Britain to Cuba some time ago, but has not taken his post. He will not be sent to Havana.

This is taken to mean that the British government believes the United States is in Cuba for an indefinite period. It is expected that other European governments will follow in the steps of the London government and give their ministers to Cuba indefinite leaves of absence.

**PLANNED MURDER OF HUSBAND BUT GOES FREE**  
(Journal Special Service.)  
Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 24.—Mrs. Aurelio Schreck, widow of Joel Schreck, for whose murder in this city July 14 last Ernest Stackpole is now serving a

sentence of life imprisonment, has been freed from a charge of perjury and discharged from custody by Judge Trask in the Superior Court. She has been in jail ever since her husband's murder, first charged with being an accomplice of Stackpole and later accused of perjury.

The court ruled that the grand jury in returning the indictment against Mrs. Schreck had not acted in accordance with the form of law. Mrs. Schreck turned whom she lived on intimate relations, state's evidence against Stackpole, with

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**NEXT COMMERCIAL CONGRESS AT MUSCOGEE**  
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