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SCHEME ON FOOT TO PACK TAXPAYERS' MEETING

WILL ABANDON HARRIMAN BARRACKS AT VANCOUVER

Department Officials at Capital Admit Removal to American Lake Is Probable--Loss Will Be Welcomed by People of the City.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal) Washington, Dec. 27.—It is stated by an officer of the quartermaster-general's department today that the abandonment of Vancouver barracks and the removal of the post to American Lake is probable.

Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 27.—Officials at Vancouver, barracks disclaim all knowledge of the contemplated abandonment of the post. They believe that even if the government should decide to establish what is termed a brigade post at American Lake, the barracks at Vancouver would be maintained.

Officials of the city of Vancouver, on the other hand, while disclaiming knowledge of the reported loss of the barracks, declare that rumors to that effect have emanated from apparently reliable sources. Mayor Eastham expresses the belief that the removal of the post would be a good thing for Vancouver.

In Vancouver it is generally believed that either the Hill or Harriman interests would readily seize the present reservation and convert it into extensive terminals. It is said that both interests have submitted bids for the acquisition of the reservation and that the Harriman bid was decidedly more favorable to the government.

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There has been absolutely nothing to justify such a belief come to me and I think that fears that this post will drop into the Columbia or otherwise disappear are groundless. However, there seems to be a disposition to do away with some of the smaller posts as the country is settled, and the disposition may probably be manifest if the government establishes brigade posts at American Lake, Fort Riley, Kansas, and other places that have been talked of. But in the case of the Vancouver post I think there is little likelihood of its being abandoned.

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DIRECTORS OF HARRIMAN LINES ARE SUBPOENAED

Must Appear Before Commerce Commission and Explain Financial System—Short Line Is to Harriman What Northern Securities Was to Hill.

(Journal Special Service) Washington, Dec. 27.—The utmost secrecy surrounds the preliminaries for opening the hearing in the investigation of the Harriman railroad system, which will begin in New York January 4, and be followed by hearings at Chicago, Omaha and San Francisco. It is learned, however, that practically the entire board of directors of the Union Pacific system has been summoned to testify at one or the other of the hearings, most of them in New York, and that none of those for whom subpoenas have been issued have made any apparent effort to escape service.

Harriman to Testify. Edward H. Harriman, head of the system, has been served and will testify. It is expected that he will be among the first witnesses whom Attorney Kellogg and Severance will put on the stand. David Wilcox, president of the Lackawanna and a director in the Union Pacific, and James Stillman, also a Union Pacific director and president of the National City bank, have been served and will testify. The New York hearing will be devoted to the financial arrangements of the Harriman group.

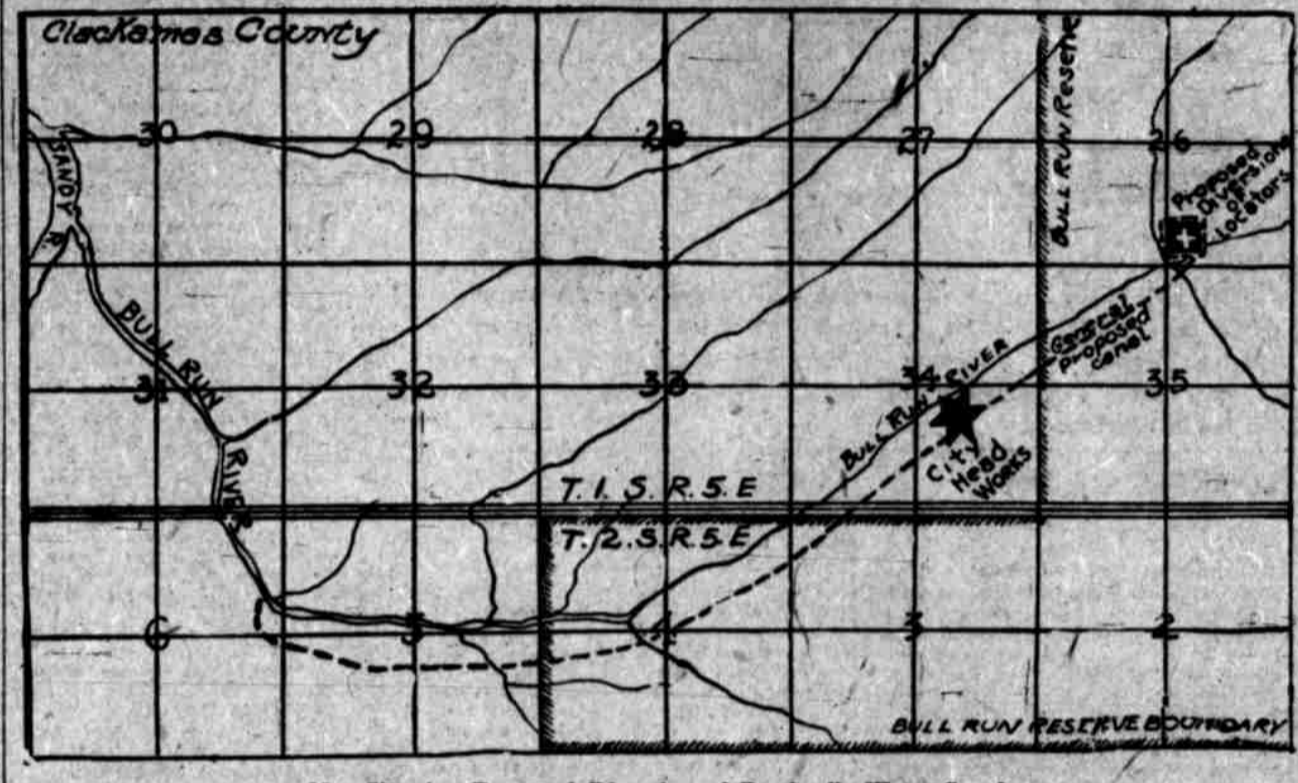
The Oregon Short Line's holdings in other companies of this system, as shown by the last report of the interstate commerce commission, tells the whole story of the organization. Figures on these holdings were learned today from the sworn statements made under the new railroad law to the interstate commerce commission. They have never before been made public.

Short Line Holdings. It appears that the Oregon Short Line is to the Harriman system what the Northern Securities was to the Hill.

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APPROPRIATE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY PLAN IS TO FORCE HIGH LEVY

The Mount Hood Electric Railway company promoters have filed upon the waters of the Bull Run river, appropriating waters not in use at the present time by the city of Portland. If the contentions of those who filed are sustained, Portland's water supply can be increased only by purchasing their rights. The filing is made under the contention that the act exempting the Bull Run river from provisions of the state law is unconstitutional. If the law is held defective Portland's water supply will be at the mercy of these men.



Map Showing Proposed Diversion of Portland's Water Supply.

Claim Twenty Thousand Inches of Bull Run Water PORTLAND'S WATER FILED UPON

STATE WILL USE ITS POWER IN BRINGING BRUTES TO JUSTICE Authorities of Mississippi Determined That Christmas Outrages Shall Be Punished.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 27.—Dispatches from Kemper county say the power of the state of Mississippi is being directed towards the punishment of the whites who were responsible for the race riots on Christmas. At a conference of the civil and military authorities they had before it enough evidence to establish the identity of five white men of good families who took part in the lynchings. District Attorney Curry states: "We find the trouble was caused by hoodlums and outlaws who openly violated the laws of God, men and decency, for the men killed on Christmas were in no way connected with the outrages. They burned houses occupied by negroes who were not even in sympathy with the negroes connected with the outrages." The total of deaths is 17.

FILING MADE IN CLACKAMAS ON DECEMBER FIRST Amount of Water Claimed Is Greater Than Flow of Stream—Except During Flood.

Promoters of the Mount Hood electric railway have laid claim to so much of the flow of Bull Run that if their contentions are sustained the city could increase its water supply only by buying up the rights already filed upon. A serious question has been raised as to the constitutionality of the act of 1905 which particularly exempts Bull Run from the provisions of the state law under which water rights may be filed upon any stream. It is shown that this law is defective, the proposed increase in Portland's water supply stands at the mercy of the men who technically have the law on their side. It is believed another pipeline must be laid within six or eight years.

SCHMITZ FILES DEMAND TO PLEAD--IS ANXIOUS FOR IMMEDIATE TRIAL Attorney for Ruff Using Old Way to Delay Case and Stifle Further Grand Jury Work.

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Apparently determined to secure an immediate trial, Mayor Schmitz, accompanied by Attorney Matson, appeared in Judge Dunne's court this morning and filed a written demand for opportunity to plead on the five indictments in the case against the defendant Ruff. The matter was taken under advisement. The examination of the witnesses in the Ruff case was then resumed. Grand Juror Greenbaum was questioned by Attorney Ach, representing Ruff, as to whether he had been prejudiced against defendant by reading the newspapers. The witness denied having been so influenced. It is evidently the intention of the defense to examine all grand jurors in an effort to secure delay and at the same time prevent the grand jury from proceeding with the work of returning more indictments.

MILLIONS SPENT IN BRIBERY FUND

Documents and Affidavits to Be Submitted to Court Showing That Money Was Freely Used With New York Aldermen and Legislators by Railroad.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Dec. 27.—Secret documents and affidavits are in existence and will be submitted in the evidence before Judge O'Gorman of the supreme court showing that between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 in cash and securities have been used to bribe members of the board of aldermen, members of the state legislature and persons close to the state railroad commission to perform certain favors for the New York, Westchester & Boston Railroad company.

MRS. INGERSOLL SEEKS AID OF FEDERAL COURT

Washington, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Eva A. Ingersoll, widow of Robert G. Ingersoll, has applied to the United States supreme court relative to her suit against Joseph A. Coram and others, involving a claim of \$100,000 as attorney fees, made because of Mr. Ingersoll's successful efforts in contesting the will of the late Andrew J. Davis of Minnesota. The United States circuit court of appeals allowed her only \$5,000, and Mrs. Ingersoll seeks to have the case brought to the supreme court for review.

DEFECTIVE CONDENSERS ON WARSHIP CONNECTICUT

New Battleship Reported Also to Have Failed to Make Required Speed on Trial.

(Journal Special Service.) Norfolk, Va., Dec. 27.—Imperfect condensing, it is learned, is one of the defects in the new battleship Connecticut, which left the Brooklyn navy yard, where she was built, for the first time on December 15, and dropped anchor in the Chesapeake yesterday. It is not known that the defective condensers had anything to do with the reported failure of the ship to go through the speed test. The Connecticut will call at Newport News Friday. The condensers will there be examined and it is probable a general board of inspection will then board the vessel.

CHARGES MADE AGAINST JAPANESE STEAMSHIP

Washington, Dec. 27.—A complaint has been made to the navy department that the Japanese training ship Anagawa, during a recent cruise of the Midway Islands charted the coast. It is also charged that the Anagawa left stranded the Mongolia for two days before she pulled her off. The commander of the Anagawa says he offered help and stood by until the line parted.

PORTLAND GIRL CAUSES DIVORCE

San Francisco Society Shocked When It Learns That Wife Is Suing Charles R. Winslow of the Bay City and Portland for Divorce.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Society folk received a shock yesterday when the town learned that Mrs. Sallie Stetson Winslow, wife of Charles R. Winslow, had filed a suit for divorce. Charles R. Winslow, the defendant, is the head of the firm of C. R. Winslow & Co. of this city, having branches in the north. It has been noted that he has spent much of his time of late in Portland, where he has an office at 87-89 Front street. While there he has been very attentive to an attractive and beautiful society girl, the daughter of a prominent citizen in that city.

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RAILROADS WILL TRY TO PREVENT A STRIKE

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Dec. 27.—Railroad officials are meeting here today to discuss the demands made by 50,000 trainmen on all lines west of the Mississippi who threaten to tie up these roads January 1 unless a substantial concession is granted. The trainmen ask for eight-hour day shift and from 8 to 15 per cent raise in wages.

PRINCESS WILL WED THE EMPEROR'S SON

Berlin, Dec. 27.—Announcement is made of the betrothal of the Princess Alexandra Victoria, of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glücksburg, to Augustus William, the fourth son of Emperor William.

PLAN IS TO FORCE HIGH LEVY

J. V. Beach, Chairman of Board of Education, Believes There Is Something in His Tip

Says It Would Be Easy Matter for Any Dissatisfied Community to Pack Annual Meeting for Such Purpose as the Present.

(This morning I received a telephone message from a woman in Montavilla who told me there was a scheme on foot there to bring a crowd of people to the taxpayers' meeting at the High school building tonight and force the meeting to adopt a levy higher than that recommended by the directors.)

J. V. Beach, chairman of the board of education, made this startling statement this morning. "I know the woman and I believe there is something in it," he continued. "It would be a very easy matter for any dissatisfied community to pack the annual taxpayers' meeting any year and do this very thing. This meeting is a relic of barbarism, anyhow. The city council, elected by the masses, has the power to fix a tax levy, while the school directors, elected by the taxpayers alone, are not entrusted with the power to fix any levy at all, though apparently they are the ones who know best what is necessary."

Want 2.5 Mills. The directors have recommended a levy for 1907 of 2.5 mills for school purposes. This levy would raise \$425,000, or approximately \$45,000 more this year than last, when the levy was the same. When the last levy was made, however, the valuation of property within the district was \$131,000,000. The last assessment shows a valuation of \$155,000,000. The district includes the city of Portland and such outlying neighborhoods as South Mount Tabo and Arleta.

After several secret sessions the directors late yesterday afternoon decided to recommend 2.5 mills as the school levy. For several years the taxpayers' annual meeting has adopted the levy recommended by the board of education, usually with very little discussion. "Usually only about 50 or 60 people attend these meetings, and it would be easy to pack them at any time," declared Chairman Beach. "It would be a real disaster to the city if the levy was made higher than 2.5 mills."

Montavilla Is Liberal. "The people of Montavilla have always been very liberal with their schools. This suburb, one of those received into the district by consolidation with the city in June. They believe their school is not getting enough and they think the only way to do it is to secure a higher levy. "The people of the city should turn out to the meeting at the High school tonight and see that the levy is not made higher than 2.5 mills."

Plan Framed Up. Apparently the people of Montavilla heard last night that the directors would not let themselves down by any definite promise of a new building for Montavilla and the plan to bring several caissons of residents of that community to the annual meeting tonight was framed up. It is estimated that the total disbursements for 1907 will be \$402,450. For new buildings and completion of buildings \$180,000 is estimated. Teachers' salaries will take \$425,000. (Continued on Page Two.)

OLD FAVORITES

And some new, are among the comic features of The Sunday Journal, which in every department is the best paper on the coast. One of the contributors who writes on timely topics is RABBI STEPHEN S. WISE