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LOSS COMPANY TO GO INTO RECEIVER'S HANDS

DRAIN ROAD HAS CAUSED ITS FAILURE

Creditors' Meeting Today in Portland—R. L. Sabin Will Probably Be Receiver

President Has Consented to Appointment—Financing of the United Railways Engrossed His Attention and Construction Work Was Delayed.

Stripped of its resources by alleged mismanagement of the construction contract of the Drain-Cook bay extension of the Southern Pacific railroad, the C. E. Loss company will go into the hands of a receiver. The company is one of the oldest and most prominent construction companies on the Pacific coast. Liabilities are about \$47,000, and it is said they are more than exceeded by the assets.

A receivership has been consented to by C. E. Loss as a last resort to get the complicated affairs of the company straightened out. Owing to the engrossing nature of business attending the financing of the United Railways company, Loss let his business at Drain get out of his control, and the Drain construction work was thousands of dollars in arrears before he was aware of the condition of affairs there.

Creditors Meet Today.

Suspecting irregularities in the handling of the accounts, Loss took immediate action to get possession of the books, but has not yet succeeded in doing so, although they are today under surveillance of a detective and the bookkeeper in his employ, in a room in the hotel at Drain. A meeting of the creditors is being held this afternoon at Portland and a receiver will be asked for. It is probable that Robert L. Sabin, secretary of the Merchants' Protective association, will be asked upon.

Conspiracy Alleged.

"There has grown up at Drain without my knowledge a conspiracy to oust the company, one of the creditors, an attachment was sued out today at Drain, and the case will be taken into the federal court. A. C. Emmons, of the law firm of A. C. Emmons and R. W. Emmons, Portland, and Stalder & Rice of Roseburg, have charge of the case for Mr. Loss and a number of the Portland creditors, and Mr. Rice has gone to Drain to take personal direction of matters there."

"Until a few days ago I did not realize the condition affairs at Drain were in. I have put into that work \$60,000 besides the money that has been paid by the railroad company on the contract. Under its provisions, the company withholds 25 per cent of the money due as the work progresses. There is enough of these funds now due to take care of all accounts for labor. The plant and livestock has a value of about \$65,000, and will be sufficient to cover other claims, if the matter is handled properly."

Commissary Run Wastefully.

"The only subcontractors who have any money coming to them are Sweeney & Cole and Thomas Owens. The amount due from the railroad company will more than pay Sweeney & Cole. As for Owens, he owes the C. E. Loss company \$14,000, and in addition he assumed an indebtedness of \$12,000 on

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HELLIG MAY REOPEN THE MARQUAM

Theatre Is Again Under Consideration With Plans for Grill on Alder Street

Local Capitalists Look With Favor Upon Deal and Will Subscribe Two Hundred Thousand Dollars to Buy and Improve Playhouse.

If the plans of Calvin Hellig are carried out, the sum of \$200,000 will be expended in purchasing the Marquam Grand theatre, with additional expenditures in providing elaborate improvements, and establishing a grill on Alder street, immediately in the rear of the theatre. The plans provide for three entrances to the theatre, the main entrance on Morrison street and entrances from both Sixth and Seventh streets.

Mr. Hellig's plans have been submitted to local capitalists and it is said that many are inclined to look favorably on the proposition. To those who invest a certain sum in the venture, permanent seats in the theatre are to be given according to the terms of the plan that are now being considered.

Owens Willing to Sell.

While no option on the theatre has yet been secured, it is said by those in a position to know that the owners are willing to sell the theatre for \$300,000. The purchase of that part of the Marquam building which fronts on Morrison street is not contemplated. If the deal is consummated it will involve only the purchase of the theatre, including entrances by way of Morrison, Sixth and Seventh streets and property in the rear of the theatre for the establishment of a grill.

DEATH FULFILLS THE GREWSOME PREDICTION

Cleveland, Feb. 25.—After predicting that they would die at the same time, A. N. Buell and James R. Curphy, company mates in the civil war, have passed away at Solon, Ohio. They enlisted at the first call for volunteers by President Lincoln and after the war took up farming, vowing that as they had passed through the conflict unscathed they would die together.

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HARRIMAN'S FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Tells Story of Greatest Stock Speculation in History of the World

Wizard of Wall Street Relates Before Interstate Commerce Commission How He Got Control of Transcontinental Systems.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Feb. 25.—Edward H. Harriman today told the interstate commerce commission the story of the greatest stock speculation in the history of the world.

He talked of millions of dollars as little boys speak of marbles; discussed the buying and selling of railroads as the ordinary citizen talks of the purchase of a cigar, and dizzied all by the easy, confident way in which he referred to his manager of getting control of great transcontinental transportation systems.

General Grant Must Say What He Meant by Talking of Presidents and Indicted Mayors—He Denies Whole Story.

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—Major-General Frederick Dent Grant, commander of the department of the east, with headquarters at Governor's Island, arrived last evening. It is expected he will go to the war department today and explain to Secretary Root the remarks made Friday evening which seemed to reflect on President Roosevelt.

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LATEST PICTURE OF EVELYN THAW



Harry Thaw Made This Sketch of His Wife While She Was on the Stand.

VETO AX KILLS MANY BILLS

Johnson's Road and Perkins' Bird Slaughter Measures Vetoed by Governor, Who Is Not Done Yet

(By a Staff Correspondent.) Salem, Feb. 25.—Decapitated laws are the order of the day at the state capitol. Already five headless bills have been filed away in the secretary of state's office by the governor and the veto ax still swings.

It is probable that as high as 30 bills will be vetoed before his labors cease. Governor Chamberlain has been busy since Saturday noon delving into the mass of bills and a big pile is forming for his second consideration and possible disapproval.

WIFE MURDERER GETS OFF WITH LIFE TERM

(Journal Special Service.) Los Angeles, Feb. 25.—Anton Besold, convicted of murdering his wife, was sentenced to life imprisonment this morning. Besold took his wife to a lonely spot in a canyon near here and shot her to death. The woman was a consumptive. Three days after the murder Besold married another woman. The murderer and his victim formerly lived at Bellingham, Washington.

RELIEF OF SETTLERS ON INDIAN LANDS

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Feb. 25.—Representative Jones' house bill passed the senate today allowing settlers adjoining the C. A. Indian reservation to take sufficient lands to compensate them for the loss to them by following the boundary line of the reservation as shown in surveys in the general land office here.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—President Roosevelt arrived this afternoon. His train was 3 hours and 50 minutes late. It was first delayed by snow, and then at Baltimore a wreck necessitated switching the train from the Pennsylvania to the Baltimore & Ohio tracks for the remainder of the journey.

GREAT M'CORMICK IN HUMBLE GEORGE'S PLACE

(Journal Special Service.) Paris, Feb. 25.—For many years the portrait of George Washington occupied a conspicuous place in the American embassy here and was seen and known by many visitors. It has been replaced by a large portrait of Ambassador McCormick, presented by him to the embassy on the eve of his departure from Paris.

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AX IN HER HAND BALKS BOLD THUGS

Mrs. Elvin Scares Away Burglars Who Poured Drug Upon Quiner's Bed

Daring Gang Visits Room on East Washington Before Family Retires, Sprinkles Chloroform on Pillows and Returns Later to Obtain Loot.

Chloroform was employed by a pair of thugs last night in a desperate attempt to gain possession of a well-filled wallet and a costly diamond ring, the property of J. W. Quiner and wife, who reside at 437 East Washington street. With an uplifted ax in her hands, Mrs. Nettie Elvin, wife of an electrician, held one of the robbers at bay while she aroused the Quiners to their danger by her warning cries.

Four Drugs on Pillows.

Slipping into the Quiner bedroom by a side door while the husband, wife, a hired manservant and the baby in arms were in the sitting room, the robbers poured a bottle of the sleep producing drug on the pillows and slipped out again. They retired across the street and waited in hiding behind a hedge, expecting that when the Quiners went to bed they would be overcome by the chloroform.

Scared by Policemen.

Two policemen, Lillis and Howell, arrived soon afterward, in time to give chase to a suspicious-looking character who was lounging on the street corner and who took to his heels the moment he saw the blue of the officers' uniforms.

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GIRLS CRY FIRE AND CHURCH PANIC FOLLOWS

Many Women and Children Injured in Mad Rush for Sacred Building in Chicago.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Feb. 25.—More than a score of persons, chiefly women and children, were injured in a panic yesterday morning at the Italian Roman Catholic church Santa Maria Adolorata. Two little girls noticed the outpouring of steam and cried "Fire!" In a few seconds the church was in an uproar. Exit was difficult because the church is on the second floor, the ground being reached by a staircase on either side, with sharp turns. Some of the panic-stricken ones decided that the quickest mode of escape was through a window at the turn on the east side, and scores of persons jumped to the Peoria street sidewalk, a distance of seven feet. Several of those who took the leap were injured.

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The Week's Record

For the week ending February 24 The Journal and the Oregonian ran "neck to neck" race in the volume of advertising carried in their daily and Sunday issues. The Journal "crossed the wire" by 10 inches ahead of the Oregonian, while defeating the Telegram by 2141 inches. The record for the week was as follows:

Journal, Oregonian, Telegram.		
7 Issues, 7 Issues, 6 Issues.		
Local Display, inches.....	5688	4563 4944
Foreign Display, inches.....	898	1578 816
Classified and Real Estate, inches.....	2942	3378 1652
Readers, inches.....	65	64 40
Totals.....	9593	9583 7452

The circulation of The Daily and Sunday Journal continues to rise steadily. One day last week (Saturday) the circulation was within 62 of 30,000 copies, and every day during the week there was an increase in the city circulation of The Journal, which is greater by at least 4000 copies than any other advertising medium circulating in the same territory.

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