

RAILROAD CONSPIRACY TO INCREASE PRICES OF APPLES GRILLED WILLAMETTE VALLEY FRUIT PRODUCERS TO COMPETE IN APPLE DISPLAY. PURCHASING MANAGER OF O. R. & N. SAYS THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER REDUCTION OF WORKING FORCES—125 NEW LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED. Our bank is temporarily closed, but we are open. It has come to my ears that we are heavy creditors of the bank, the Merchants' National. The fact is, had every one dug up for their banks as much as J. M. Acheson did for his there would have been no holidays. October 14 we paid our bank \$40,000. We only owe them about \$15,000 now, nearly all of which is not due until January 1. So let that lie be nailed. The Merchants' National is sound with securities, in my judgment. My sister has her money in there and never even tried to pull it out. I start for the east tomorrow morning to arrange matters with our creditors—to pay 100 cents on the dollar. I'll do nothing else. I'll be no party to any 40 or 50-cent settlements—mark that down. Simply, we are in the same position as a bank—we have the goods, the security, etc., and can pay 100 cents, but, like a bank, we must have time.

Lumbermen of Oregon File Complaint Against Hill and Harriman Lines With the Interstate Commerce Commission.

(United Press Lined Wire.) Washington, Nov. 13.—A conspiracy between the Hill and Harriman lines to shut out competition, boost rates for transportation of lumber from Oregon and other North Pacific states to the coast, is charged in a complaint by practically all of the big lumber manufacturers of those states, which was filed today with the interstate commerce commission. All the Hill and Harriman roads in Oregon are now putting into effect increased rates at from five to 10 cents per hundred.

Man Who Confessed to Murder When Lured on by Victim's Widow Driven From Todd Home at Point of Gun Two Weeks Before.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hoquiam, Wash., Nov. 12.—Ralph W. Steele, who was arrested yesterday for the murder of Frank Todd, August 31, is reported to have been driven from the Todd house at the point of a gun two weeks before the murder was committed by Todd himself because of the relations existing between Steele and Mrs. Todd.

Walter Moodie Accidentally Stabbed by His Companion—Gunshot Wounds Fatal.

While engaged in a childish scuffle yesterday during the morning recess at the West avenue and Base Line road school, Walter Moodie, the 7-year-old son of A. D. Moodie, was stabbed in the chest by Gustave Dienelt, 9 years of age, residing at 21st Street, Fifth street.

Government Suit to Force Railroad Magnate to Answer Questions About Dealings Is Called by Judge Hough.

(United Press Lined Wire.) New York, Nov. 13.—After several postponements, the government suit against E. H. Harriman and Otto H. Kuhn, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., to force them to answer questions put to them by the Interstate Commerce Commission, was called for hearing today before Judge Hough in the federal district court.

Willamette Valley Fruit Producers to Compete in Apple Display.

Willamette valley producers of apples will open an exhibit in Portland tomorrow. The exhibition rooms are on the fourth floor of Oids, Wortman & King building, where the judging and awarding of prizes will be done.

Purchasing Manager of O. R. & N. Says There Will Be No Further Reduction of Working Forces—125 New Locomotives Ordered.

That the climax has been reached, and that railroads in this part of the country, and more particularly in the case of the O. R. & N., will not reduce the forces from now on, and that all work in hand will be continued, is the belief of W. V. S. Thorne, of New York, director of purchases of the O. R. & N., who is now staying at the Hotel Portland.

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Emperor Will Approve Peace.

Kaiser Willing to Aid in Establishing Friendly Relations With England.

(United Press Lined Wire.) London, Nov. 13.—Better relations between England and Germany are promised through the Kaiser's utterances in Guild hall today. The relations of the two countries have been strained so long that few statesmen looked for much from the Kaiser's present visit.

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Attended Funeral.

On the day of Todd's funeral Steele attended the service and viewed the remains of the man he was charged with killing, and never moved a lip or showed an emotion that would lead to the belief that he had committed the murder.

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Police Authorities are Putting forth every effort today to keep secret the details of the holdup of a tamale vendor at Front and Lincoln streets at an early hour this morning at First and Market streets.

The peddler was halted at the muzzle of a pistol as he was on his way home, and forced to deliver up his night's earnings. The thugs were evidently professionals, as they were most deliberate in their actions, and after securing the money they hurriedly disappeared.

INSANE MAN FIGHTS WITH ATTENDANTS.

Harry Gassler, an insane man, proved almost a match for four or five strong men when he was taken from his cell at the county jail for transfer to the state insane asylum at Salem this morning.

Aroused to sudden frenzy by the sight of the brass buttons of the asylum attendants who had come to take him in charge, he fought with superhuman strength and was only overpowered after a struggle with the jailer and his assistants.

PLAN TO EXAMINE ALL CITY BANKS.

Examination of the clearing-house banks at regular intervals by a management committee from each of the banks which are members of the Clearing-House association may be adopted in Portland.

The management of the St. Louis clearing-house has decided to put into effect the plan of bank examination that has worked so admirably in Chicago. The plan is to have a committee of representatives of 13 banks present, voted unanimously in favor of establishing a bureau for the examination of every bank and trust company enjoying the privileges of the St. Louis Clearing-House association.

But Refused Amputation, Doctor Says—Examination of Men Examined.

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ALIBI SAVED HIM FROM SERIOUS CHARGE.

Police Arrest Man Believed Guilty of Attack on Little Girl.

George Breslin was able to establish by competent evidence that he was employed in Ellensburg, Washington, on the day of the felonious attack made on little Margaret Meyer, Third and Mill streets, he would now be facing a term in the penitentiary instead of being held on an aggravated misdemeanor charge.

FEDERAL BOND ISSUE IS FAVORED IN EAST.

Proposal Submitted to Congress by J. N. Teal Being Considered.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., Nov. 13.—The proposal submitted last year by J. N. Teal, of Portland, and others from the Pacific coast delegates to the national congress, for a federal bond issue of \$100,000,000, appears to have found strong support in the east. This is evidenced by the statements made last week by members of an influential delegation which came here to press the subject to the attention of President Roosevelt.

REAR ADMIRAL WALKER IS ON RETIRED LIST.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 13.—Having reached the age of 62 years, the limit for active service in the navy, Rear Admiral Asa Walker was placed on the retired list today.

Admiral Walker, who served in the navy for 32 years, was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire in 1845, he entered the Annapolis academy in 1862 and graduated four years later with the highest honors.

TIME AND A HALF ON OVERTIME ROAD WORK.

Olympia, Wash., Nov. 13.—It is unlawful to allow men to work on the public roads under the direction of road supervisors more than eight hours a day unless paid extra for overtime, according to an opinion by Attorney-General Alkinson addressed to Prosecuting Attorney G. E. Evelyn of Snohomish county, who says it is the practice in some districts in the county to employ men to work on the county roads, paying them 25 cents an hour for the time actually at work.

The attorney-general points out that an act passed in 1903 declares that no public work shall employ men for more than eight hours a day, except in cases of extraordinary emergency, which is defined to be "such as danger to life or property." In such an emergency the men may be worked overtime, but even in that event only at the legal rate of "time and a half."

ENTRYMEN GRANTED RELIEF PRAYED FOR.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Peleton, Or., Nov. 13.—The appeal of Congressman Ellis in the interest of Oregon land entrymen has been answered favorably by Secretary of the Interior Garfield, whose reply is as follows:

"Oregon land officers have been instructed to receive and suspend proofs in cases where the applicants cannot withdraw funds from banks to make payments. This is welcome news to eastern Oregon, where large numbers of entrymen are ready to make proof. In many cases entrymen would lose their lands by depositing the money with the bank, without this relaxation of the rules."

DEPOSITORS MEET TONIGHT.

Depositors of the Title Guarantee & Trust company will meet tonight at Arion hall, Second and Oak streets.

The general situation will be discussed, and the public will be advised as to the appointment as receiver of the defunct institution. A special committee has been organized for the purpose of representing the depositors capable of serving as receiver.

STEEL ASKS FOR MONEY.

Local Agent of Surety Company Will Investigate.

State Treasurer George A. Steel has served a written demand on the American Surety company for \$100,000, the amount of state funds on deposit with the Title Guarantee & Trust company covered by insurance with that company.

GLENDALE INDORSES CERTIFICATE PLAN.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Glendale, Or., Nov. 13.—At a largely attended meeting in Sonnemann's hall the leading business men, manufacturers and ranchers of this vicinity indorsed the action of the Glendale State bank in stopping the payment of currency and issuing certificates.

Certificates are issued in the denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5 and \$10, and circulate in this vicinity as readily as coin or currency. They create no additional obligation of the bank as they are issued on deposits.

SUNDAY LID NAILED DOWN BY TACOMANS.

The fate of the breakfast is decided by the quality of the Coffee.

Folger's Golden Gate Coffee advertisement. Includes an image of a coffee tin and text: "The fate of the breakfast is decided by the quality of the Coffee. Folger's Golden Gate Coffee makes breakfast the beginning of a cheerful day. Aroma-tight tins save all the fragrance and strength. Sold on merit. No prizes. No coupons—No crockery. J. A. Folger & Co., San Francisco."

BAKER COUNTY RICH IN DREDGING GRAVEL.

F. M. Batchelor, secretary and general manager of the Western Exploration & Dredging company, has just returned from a 10 days' business trip through the hills and along the creeks of Baker county.

He reports a rich gold dredging fields, a number of which he has annexed to his company's holdings. Mr. Batchelor reports a lively trade in gold dredging, and that among old miners to give way to the incoming dredge that can do in a day the work of a man in a decade, also a steady flow of money, and that already flowing and every indication of the presence of oil over considerable areas.

COMPTROLLER THINKS BANK IS SOLVENT.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., Nov. 13.—The comptroller of the currency believes the Merchants National bank of Portland will open again in a few days.

He has no facts other than the notification of the bank's closing temporarily but it is firmly fixed at the treasury department that no reason exists why the bank should not resume, as sound as ever, as soon as the officials there are able to realize on the bank's securities. The treasury learns that currency is now floating rapidly from New York to western banks, which certainly will speedily resume the normal banking conditions everywhere.

TO EASE REMITTANCE OF STATE MONEY.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., Nov. 13.—As a result of a complaint from Seattle about the refusal of the state treasurer to accept any substitute for cash in remittances of money due the state, a compromise has been effected which it is believed will relieve the situation.

State Treasurer Russell of Seattle that remittances of any considerable amounts are to be made the state it can be done by depositing the money with either of the state depositories in Seattle, in the name of the state treasurer, sending the deposit slip to the official, who upon receipt of the money shall give the instructions will be sent to other localities having state depositories.

KEEP SHARP EYE ON INSURANCE PROMISES.

Olympia, Wash., Nov. 13.—In an opinion addressed to Sam H. Nichols, state insurance commissioner, Assistant Attorney General Falkner advises the commissioner to do all in his power to prevent insurance companies from adopting any such subterfuge as special insurance policies, unless open to all persons alike, for all time.

The attorney-general points out that the law merely subterfuge, in the interest of the company, which hopes thereby to profit over those companies doing strictly legitimate forms of business.

CANNERY MEN GO ON WITH PROJECT.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Lebanon, Or., Nov. 13.—There will be a special meeting of the cannery committee at Mr. Garland's office this afternoon. More than \$6,000 has been secured and the full \$10,000 will come in a short time.

The cannery men who are pushing the cannery, it has only made them more determined to start with plenty of money so that no financial embarrassment may overtake them. Parties interested are invited to meet the committee.

WESTGATE TAKES HIS OFFICE AS SURVEYOR.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., Nov. 13.—George A. Westgate's bond as surveyor general was approved today, and he was instructed to begin his duties immediately, and took charge of the office this morning.

Wisdom's Violet Cream and Robotine Powder used together produce a marvelous effect.