

# 3,000 FARMERS VISITED TRAIN

## Demonstration Special of O. R. & N. Met With Unparalleled Success.

O. R. & N. company officials returned last night from a tour of eastern Washington with a farming demonstration train that visited all points in the Palouse country and gave Pullman Agricultural college professors an opportunity of lecturing to the farmers. It is estimated that more than 3,000 farmers visited the train during its two days' run.

The purpose of the demonstration was to urge upon wheat farmers the advisability of diversifying crops and planting all their lands every year instead of following the practice of exclusive wheat farming, which means permitting one-half of the lands to lie fallow every alternate year.

It is said the Pullman professors did a great amount of good, and that the results will be seen in the next few years by a large increase of the products of the Palouse country. Pendleton men heavily interested in the agricultural industry have asked that the train carrying Oregon State Agricultural college experts be run through eastern Oregon, to demonstrate the possibilities of more modern farming methods applied to Oregon soil.

### Four More Than Successful.

The Palouse tour was a great success, as a result of the extensive advertising given freely through the newspapers all the way from Portland to Spokane and Walla Walla, and the complete arrangements made by the railroad and the Pullman college people. There were big crowds awaiting the arrival of the train at nearly every point visited, and the farmers who attended the demonstration lectures were not idlers but earnest and deeply interested men, who were anxious to learn something for the advancement of the farming industry.

At many places they had arranged receptions and luncheons for the party of educators and railroad men.

"I never saw more attentive audiences at any speaking event," said a Portland railroad official who returned home last night. "It was a great sight to see the long lines of already successful farmers listening with deep attention to the college men while the latter explained how summer following is a waste of land and how diversification of crops will result in greatly increased profits and also make fertile lands. Many of the farmers brought their boys and these young minds took in a vast amount of valuable knowledge from the demonstrations."

### Farmers Await Train.

At sunset, where the former O. R. & N. agency is closed for lack of business, the arrival of the train was awaited by about 100 farmers, who had built a big bonfire and were keeping themselves warm, the hour scheduled for that point being 7 o'clock, p. m. Darkness was falling, and the train was to stop here only 10 minutes, but so large was the attendance, and so thoroughly interested the audience that half an hour was given to this stop. During the four hundreds of questions were asked and all were given intelligent answers.

# BUILDING PLANS FINALLY SETTLED

## Two Department Stores Are to Be Erected on Downtown Blocks.

Plans for large buildings on the Penney and Pittcock blocks to be occupied by two of Portland's great department stores, are again said to have been finally settled by the Trustee company, which holds 50-year leases on these properties. It is reported that J. B. Meikle, president of the Portland Trustee company, has closed deals with the firm of Olds, Wortman & King for occupancy of the Penney block, and with Lippman, Wolfe & Co. for the Pittcock block structure.

W. P. Olds, when asked last night to confirm the story, said: "There is nothing to say for publication at this time. Possibly no negotiation with this firm has been closed for any new building. Mr. Wortman is in the east, and is expected home next week. He will report on some matters, and then we will either take up the proposed building plan, or let it drop for good. It is entirely possible that nothing at all will be done."

The rumor that Lippman, Wolfe & Co. would occupy a building to be erected on the Pittcock block was recently denied by that firm, but the story persistently breaks out again, and again.

It is said the structure to be erected on the Pittcock block will be a general occupancy building, and that the Trustee company will not entertain any proposition involving a hotel or theatre.

# UNSAFE CLEVELAND SCHOOL CLOSED

Cleveland, Ohio, March 7.—There is to be no repetition of the Collinwood school disaster in Cleveland, if the authorities can prevent it. As a result of the awful lesson impressed upon the city this week one school, alleged to be unsafe, was closed today. The large Mayflower school, where hundreds of children assemble daily, was tonight ordered closed for repairs.

From the very beginning of the Collinwood horror an investigation of Cleveland schools to see that they were safe was started. It is intimated that other schools may be closed.

From nearly every church in the suburbs funds are being available and in the homes sorrowful ceremonies are held.

One new name was added to the list of identified dead today, Richard Kelly, the second of three sons of Walter Kelly, a sporting writer, killed in the disaster, twenty-one of the bodies are still unidentified and it is now almost certain that five of the victims were burned to ashes.

# MERELY REPEATS A WELL-KNOWN STORY

Washington, March 7.—That the horror at Collinwood, Ohio, resulted from conditions that are to be found in nearly every village and town in the United States and in many larger cities, is the startling announcement made tonight by Richard Baugh, engineer in charge of structural materials laboratories for the government.

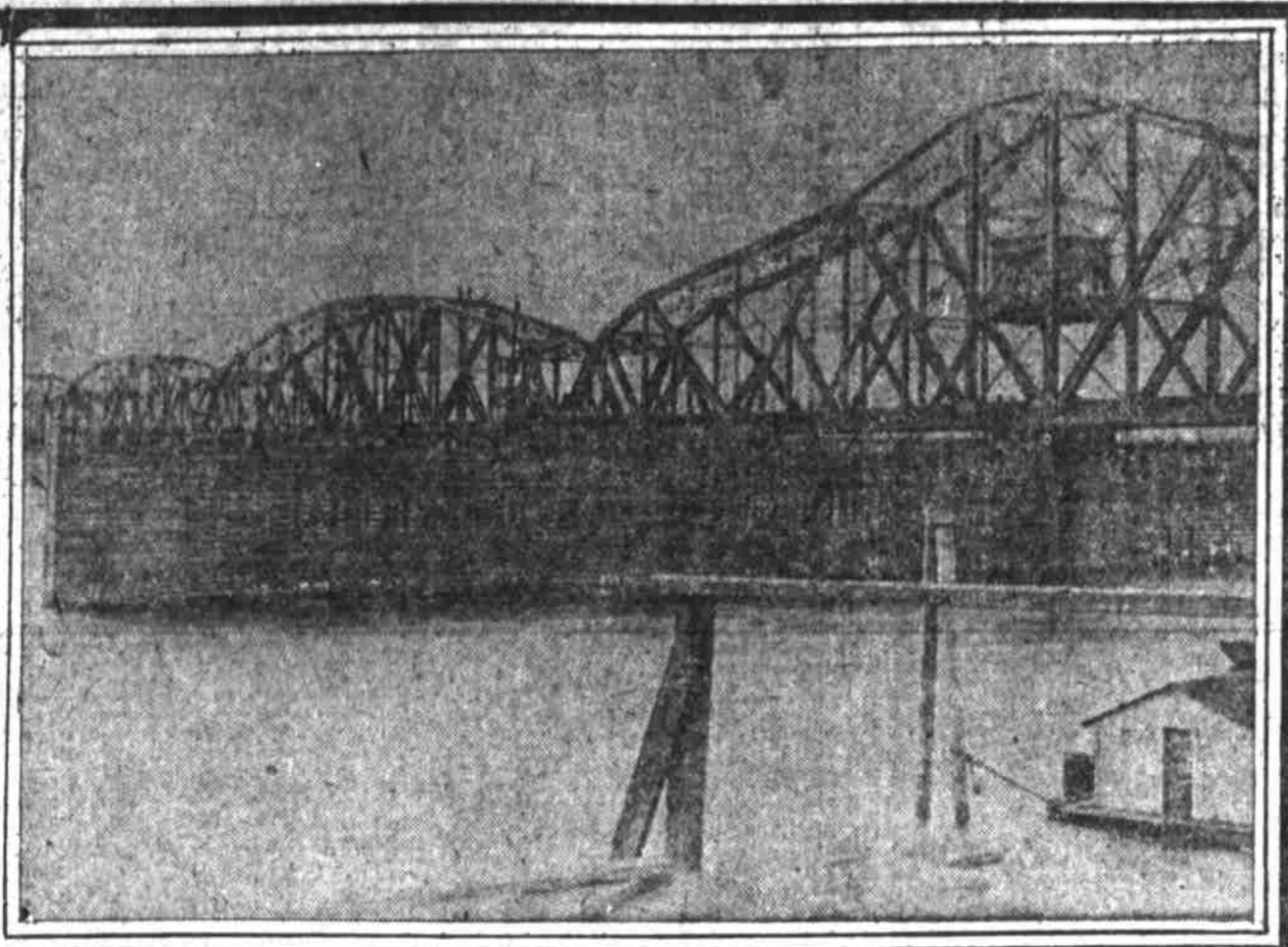
"New York is even full of fire-traps," he declared, "and it is a miracle that a fire has not wiped out a part of the business district."

Strict compliance with municipal laws, requiring fireproof buildings for schools and hospitals, is advocated.

### Origin of the Wedding Rice.

From the Lahore Tribune. The custom in certain parts of India for the bride and bridegroom to stand in a bamboo basket and throw rice at each other, being a symbolical of children, wealth and material prosperity to the man.

# NORTHERN PACIFIC HUGE STEEL BRIDGES MASSIVE EXAMPLES OF UP-TO-DATE RAILROAD ENTERPRISE



## Crossings Over Columbia and Willamette Longest in United States and Will Cost, When Completed, Over Three Millions.

Rapid progress is now being made in the erection of the steel spans of the two enormous bridges over which trains of the Portland & Seattle railway will cross the Columbia and Willamette rivers to gain direct entrance into Portland. These bridges will be completed late in June or the first part of July, and will probably be the most remarkable steel structures in the world.

The two bridges will have cost, when finished, more than \$3,000,000, and their approaches, together with the great cut through which the railroad runs to complete the connection between them, will present distinctive features of the massiveness of modern railroad construction equaled at no other place on the Pacific coast. The Columbia river bridge alone will rank as one of the longest of the many remarkable bridges spanning the world's rivers. There are said to be longer bridge structures, but they are in the nature of trestle crossings, lakes or swamps. The Columbia river at the point where the Vancouver-Portland bridge crosses it attains great depth, especially at high water season. At times it is said to be nearly 100 feet deep in places. The Willamette river is more than 60 feet deep.

The cash which the Portland & Seattle railroad has cut through the peninsula is 90 feet deep at some points, and more than two miles in length. It was the cutting of this vast channel through the peninsula that held up the project of the Hill roads entering Portland for some weeks because of opposi-

tion of some of the peninsula residents to the idea of dividing the peninsula by an impassable gorge, nearly 200 feet wide at the surface.

The two bridges are double-track structures, designed by Ralph Modjeski, of Chicago. Their enormous spans, being open by electric power, permitting the passing of the largest ocean vessels with entire safety.

## ERECT RESIDENCE IN NOB HILL DISTRICT

W. J. Van Schuyler is preparing to build a handsome home in the Nob Hill district. The building will occupy a quarter block at Twenty-fifth and Marshall streets and will cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000. It will contain 12 rooms, have a full concrete basement and be of frame construction.

Architects Travis & Wilson have received a commission from Captain L. A. Bailey to prepare plans for a four-story flat to be erected at the corner of Clifton and Park streets at a cost of about \$10,000.

## New Treasurer in Malheur.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Vale, Or., March 7.—County Treasurer Elmer A. Clark, who was recently elected cashier of the Caldwell Banking & Trust company of Idaho, resigned Thursday and the county court, which is in session, immediately took up the appointment of his successor. Several applications were made by both Republicans and Democrats for the position, and although the board is Democratic, T. W. Hailday, a Republican, was appointed, receiving the votes of Commissioner Scott, Republican, and G. H. Glover, Democrat, while County Judge R. C. Richardson, Democrat, voted for C. O. Thomas, Democrat.

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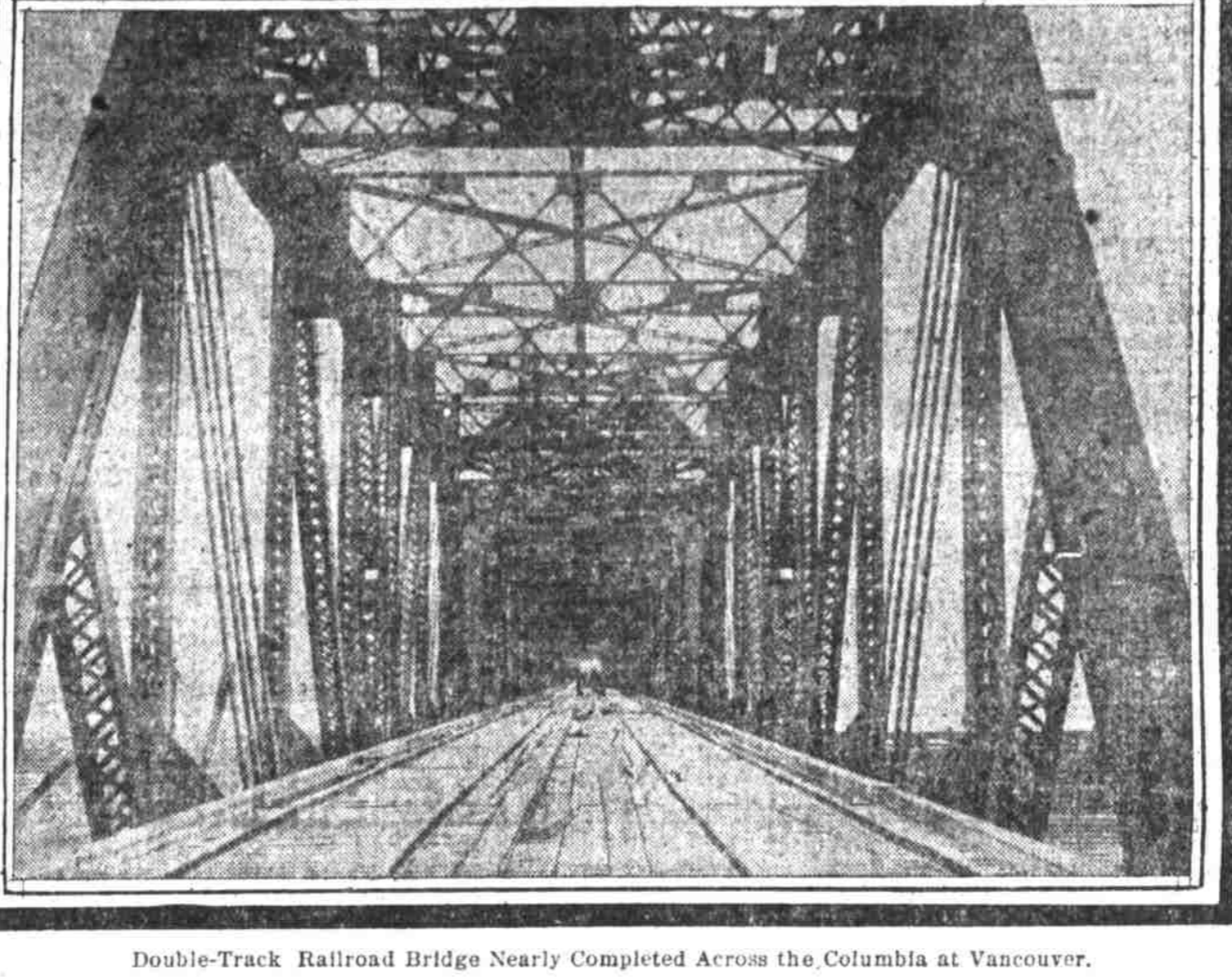
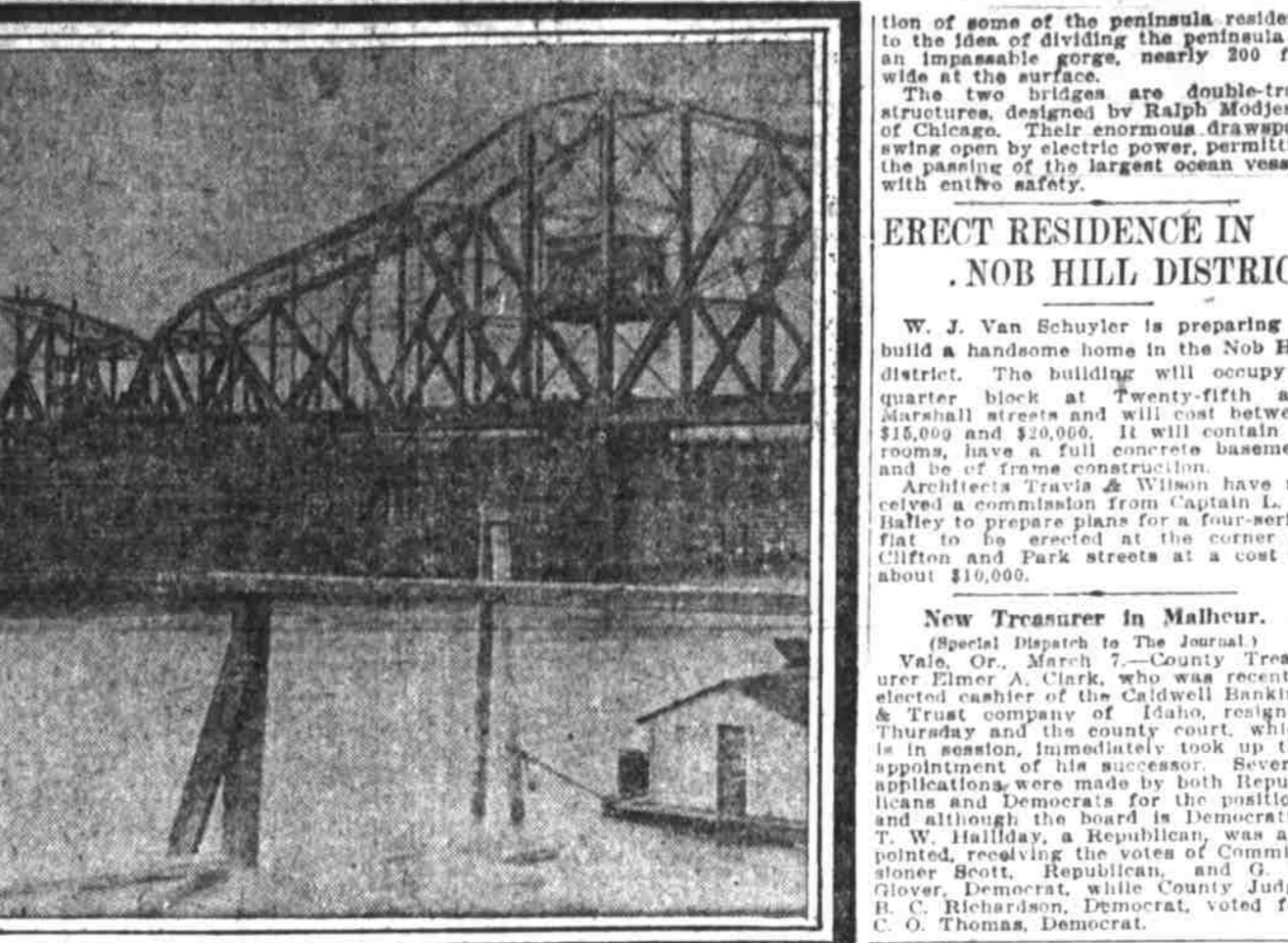
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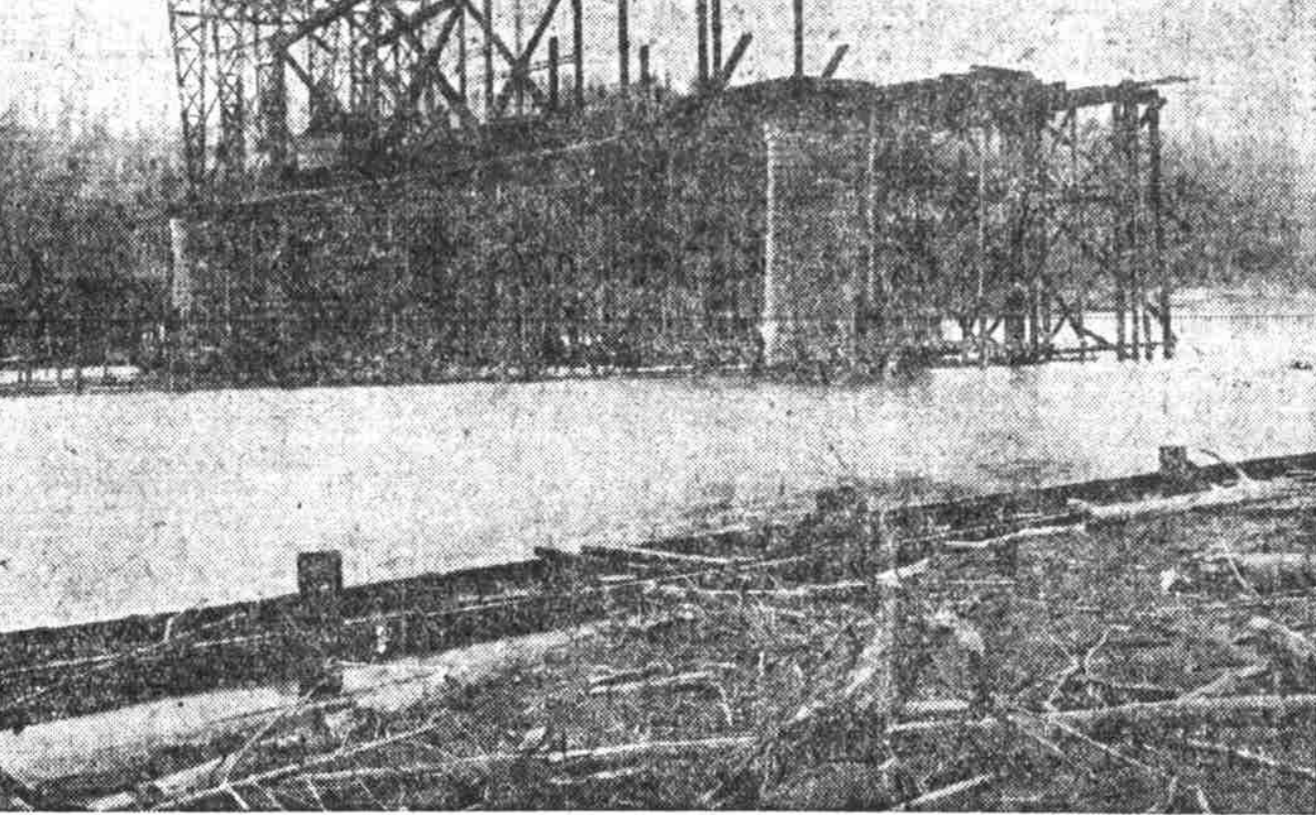
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Double-Track Railroad Bridge Nearly Completed Across the Columbia at Vancouver.



Willamette River Bridge of the Portland & Seattle Railway, Showing Completed Spans and the Faise Work of an Unfinished Span on the Peninsula Side of the River. View is Taken From the St. Johns' Side.

# MOTHER SAVES TWO CHILDREN FROM FIRE

## Carries Her Half-Smothered Babies From Smoke-Filled Room.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Philadelphia, March 5.—There was an excited flutter about the three story brick Italian tenement house at 643 Washington avenue yesterday morning, when a fire started in the rear room of the second floor and a spire of black smoke wound out of one of the back windows. The 20 tenants thought they were doomed.

Screaming at the top of her voice, Mrs. Annetta Marucci ran up the front stairway and threw her weight against the door of the room adjoining the one that was ablaze. She is a small woman, and the barrier would not give way easily. Finally the door swung open and she saw her two children, Amelia, 3 years old, and James, 2 years old, huddled, limp and unconscious, in a corner.

The room was filled with smoke, and Mrs. Marucci staggered as she carried the two little ones out into the narrow hallway and down to the street. An ambulance had been summoned, and the half-smothered children were hustled away to the Pennsylvania hospital. James will recover, but Amelia is in a critical condition.

Meantime the fire companies had stopped the blaze and had saved the line of stuffy tenement houses that face the avenue. The loss was slight.

# VOCAL CHORDS AND THROAT CUT; HE TALKS

## Man Who Slashed Windpipe in Suicide Attempt Startles His Surgeon.

Lancaster, Pa., March 5.—That a man's power of speech is not gone, even if his windpipe and vocal chords are completely severed, has been demonstrated in the case of Falton Mohn, at St. Joseph's hospital.

In a fit of despondency Mohn slashed his throat today with a pocketknife, and when he was taken to the hospital the physicians found that both his windpipe and his vocal chords were severed.

It looked like a hopeless case, but the surgeon drew the portions together, and after three hours' insensibility Mohn surprised them by remarking: "What do you want?"

The surgeon believed his power of speech was gone forever. Mohn may recover.

## Cracks in Mahogany.

From the Scientific American.

To remove cracks in mahogany the following process is recommended: A contracted solution of gum arabic and English red, both thoroughly mixed, is pressed into the cracks with a spatula; a slight addition of dragon's blood dissolved in alcohol imparts to the polish of the mahogany a brilliant, beautiful tone.

# WILLOW BIRD CAGES.

## Made in Quaint Old Styles or to Order—Used for Various Birds.

From the New York Sun.

The great majority of all the bird cages sold nowadays are made of wire, but there are still sold to bird owners, and want something odd and different and picturesque willow bird cages such as one were commonly used, if they are not still in Europe, these willow cages being made for parakeets and thrushes and canaries and in fact for any sort of bird.

A familiar sort of willow bird cage has a round body and a cone-shaped top, with a willow stem there by which to suspend it. This made of straight willow rods, is the sort of bird cage one might see hanging outside the door of a house in some of the continental countries or which one might see pictured in paintings or prints.

Another style of willow cage is square cornered and oval in shape and with sides and ends flaring upward and having a top might be seen in an Irish cottage.

Willow bird cages may be found, in stock or they are made to order in any shape or size or kind of weave that may be desired. Some are finished in the natural wood, some are stained to match their surroundings.

Willow bird cages are used in both city and country, and in winter as well as in summer. They are not expensive, costing \$4 or \$5 each, according to size and the work required upon them.

# TRUTHFUL TOMMY.

From the Skelton.

Auntie—Now, Tommy, take my bonnet upstairs for me, there's a good boy.

Tommy—Good-bye, I don't want to Auntie—Indeed, and why not, pray?

Tommy—Cause mother-told me you'd got a bee in it.

# EVELYN NESBIT THAW IS SICK

## Wife of Stanford White's Slayer Says She Is Tired of Notoriety.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

New York, March 7.—Mrs. Florence Evelyn Nesbit Thaw is seriously ill in her home, 446 Park avenue, the result of a general nervous breakdown, and inquirers at the house tonight were informed that her condition was such as to cause grave concern.

Mrs. Thaw has been in poor health ever since the beginning of the last trial of her husband.

The worry over the events which have followed her husband's detention in Mattewan proved too much for her and her nerves went to pieces. To a friend who saw her the day before the collapse she said, with a wan smile: "I wonder if I have got to stand all this publicity for the rest of my life?"

While my husband's life was at stake, I did not mind it. In fact, I did not notice it at all, for I had more important things to think about. Now that the trial is over, however, this constant notoriety is beginning to get on my nerves. I can't stand it much longer. For, after all, though I have been looked upon as a sort of freak, I am human, you know."

Tonight the physician said that Mrs. Thaw's condition was by no means critical, but that she was a very sick woman.

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"That's an 'awful' fine plant that fellow has," commented one of the drummers.

"Yes, sirree! That firm turns out an 'awful' lot of stuff every month."

Just then the train came to a stop at Springfield, and one of the traveling men got up.

"Well, Jim, good-by," he said, "whenever you get down my way, drop in. I'll be 'awful' glad to see you."

"Thank you, I'm 'awful' busy just now, but—"

The other man was gone and the second traveling man began to read his paper.

# TWENTY PERSONS HURT IN WRECK

## Burlington Passenger Train Derailed at Kearney, Mo. by Spreading Rails.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Kansas City, March 7.—Twenty people were injured, four seriously, when the Burlington passenger train, No. 4, which left Kansas City at 7:30 this morning for Chicago, was derailed at Kearney, Missouri, 25 miles from here.

Two day coaches and the baggage car went down the embankment. The wrecked train was an accommodation, which makes all stops between here and Chicago.

It was not traveling at fast speed, which probably prevented more serious results. Spreading rails, due to the recent wet weather, are supposed to have been the cause of the wreck.

The injured were cared for and taken to hospitals, where they received the care of physicians, after which they were sent to their destinations.

# NO FAVORS FOR BACK DOOR MEN

## Governor Hughes Says Government Must Be Run for Benefit of People.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., March 7.—Governor Hughes was tonight a guest of the county Republican club, which recently endorsed his candidacy for president. Mr. Hughes said in part: "One great thing we have got to do is to understand that when it comes to running this government for the benefit of the people, things must not go by favor or back door influences."

# THE ART OF GARGLING

## Not the Same Thing as the Process Usually Followed.

The proper method of gargling is thus described by a writer in the Medical Record.

"The patient (at first under the guidance of the physician) should sit well back in a chair, take a swallow of water in the mouth and bend the head as far back as possible.

"Now he must protrude the tongue from the mouth (the tip of the tongue may be grasped with the index-finger) and in this posture with protruding tongue he must try to swallow the water. The physician should control the patient's vain efforts—for it is impossible to swallow under such circumstances.

"The patient has the sensation as if he actually had swallowed the water. Now he must start to gargle, to exhale air slowly. One can see plainly the bubbling of the fluid in the wide open pharynx.

"After gargling thus for a while the patient is ordered to close the mouth and quickly throw head and body forward. Thereby all the fluid is forced through the choanae and nostrils, washing the throat and nose from behind and expelling all the accumulations that had been present, with great force.

"This should be repeated several times, as far back as possible.

"When properly executed the sensation, as the patient will assure you, is that of great relief not had by any other method. It will be wise for the practitioner to try the method first on himself. Even small children who are at all clever learn the method readily and rather enjoy it.

"The method is not by any means a new one, but as it seems, quite forgotten. Some 20 years ago Professor Hagen of Leipzig taught it to his students. It is well worth reviving."

# OVERWORK CAUSED RASH DEED.



John E. Randolph, one time secretary to Thomas A. Edison and officer in a number of the Edison companies, recently committed suicide. It is thought that overwork which brought on nervous prostration was the cause of the tragic act. The accompanying picture is from a photograph of Randolph, and in the panel below is a picture of his house in Orange, New Jersey.