

# STATE RAILWAYS PAY NEW ZEALAND PEOPLE

### William Reid, Well-Known Builder of Western Railroads, Tells What He Learned of Operation of Government-Owned Roads in Antipodes.

Portland, May 15.—The Editor of the Journal—I am gratified at your editorial of Monday on the successful results of state ownership of the Australian railways, and so far as New Zealand is concerned can speak personally of my examination of the latter country's railways.

I had no idea of examining New Zealand until the late Senator Mitchell suggested to Secretary of State John Hay that my training in Scotland of the system of railways there, combined with the construction and operation I subsequently made of 300 miles of railways in western Oregon, enabled me to judge whether state ownership of railways in the Australasian colonies was or was not a success.

As New Zealand had then a population similar to what Oregon now possesses, and the state government there operated about 2,000 miles of narrow gauge lines (increased in 1905 to 2,347 miles) and had a climate exactly the same as western Oregon, with a mountain range similar to the Cascades of Oregon, I was sent to New Zealand and afterward as an American citizen appointed United States consular agent at the capital of the state, Wellington. After traveling over all of the railways in New Zealand, which state is 800 miles in length by an average only of 80 to 95 miles in breadth, with a Pacific ocean seaboard surrounding that colony 1,800 miles, and investigating their cost of construction and operation by the state, I found that although 100 steamship companies did half of the entire transportation of the state and 13,700 steamers each year carried over 2,143,000 tons of freight and completed with the state government railways, yet the state's railways alone yielded a net revenue to the colonial government of \$3,400,000 per year on the capital invested therein, and the lowest net income in any one year from these railways was \$3,170 per mile or 87 per cent.

**State's Road Well Patronized.**

I found that the total miles traveled by trains in any year was 6,107,079, while the 2,374 miles of railways owned by the state carried 1,253,111 tons of freight and 8,206,383 passengers, consisting of 103,816 tons of wool, 609,112 tons of timber, 49,453 tons of grain, 122,064 horses and 3,328,656 sheep and cattle and all this was done by a limited population then of 84,000 persons. The gross revenue income from operation averaged \$4,090 per mile while the operating expenses were \$5,170 per mile or 87 per cent.

The railways built and operated cost the state about \$10,337,000, or something under 900 per mile (9 1/2 feet narrow gauge), which includes value of equipment, rolling stock, depot buildings, wharfs and shipping branches to steamers, etc., which are considerable—there being six large cities in the state with an average population of over 75,000 persons.

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# NO TRACE OF TRAIN ROBBERS

### Policemen and Detectives Run Down Clues but Fail to Find Men.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Seattle, May 15.—Although a score of Pinkerton detectives and police officers have been working incessantly upon every possible clue, the bandits who last Express Messenger Joseph E. Perrine into insensibility and looted the



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# THOMAS HAULS DOWN PENNANT

### Rear Admiral Sperry Takes Command of Battleship Fleet at Frisco.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
San Francisco, May 15.—Amid the booming of the after eight-inch guns on the flagship Connecticut, Rear Admiral Charles M. Thomas, who has been in virtual command of the Atlantic squadron since the ships reached Magdalena Bay, this morning at 10:30 o'clock, with his own hands hauled down his blue pennant from the signal peak, thus relinquishing command to Rear Admiral Charles E. Sperry, to whose hands will be intrusted the cruise of the fighting ships across the Pacific and through the waters of Asiatic and European powers on their return to the Atlantic seaboard.

Immediately after Admiral Thomas' pennant fluttered to the mast, the signal flag of Admiral Sperry was attached to the halyards, and as it blew aloft, from every battleship in the big squadron there echoed a welcome salute of 15 guns. Admiral Thomas thereupon went below, changed his uniform for ordinary civilian garb and after bidding the officers of his ship farewell, stepped into his launch, accompanied by his aide, Lieutenant Castleman, and hurried ashore.

The simple ceremony was over. With marines standing at attention of the after-deck, with the ship's band in readiness, and with the customary guard of four jacks at the companionway, the Connecticut this morning prepared to welcome the new commander. A little before 10:30 several white puffs of smoke were seen to issue from the sides of the Alabama, and the executive officer on the Connecticut announced that Admiral Sperry had hauled down his pennant from the flagship of the fourth division. A launch put out from the Alabama and headed for the Connecticut, and in a few minutes the new commanding admiral, accompanied by his staff, clambered up the gangway of the fleet flagship. Bugle calls and stirring music from the band greeted the boarding party. There was an exchange of greetings, after which the ceremony of changing flags was carried out with punctilious dispatch. The orders of the new commander were read to the men and were received with a cheer.

Admiral Sperry is highly regarded among the rank and file of the fleet.

# ASHLAND STUDENT BODY'S OFFICERS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Ashland, Or., May 15.—The most important political event of the year at the state normal took place Wednesday when the annual election for officers of the student body organization was held. Keen excitement prevailed over the choice of the president, class spirit playing an important part, as the junior and sophomore classes were both represented on the ticket. The division of the votes between Robert Wilcox and Stanley Wood, members of the junior class, resulted in the election of the sophomore candidate, Robert Bagley. Most of the freshmen lined up with the sophomore class, while the seniors favored the election of a junior. Local patriotism also favored Bagley, as he is an Oregon boy, while Wood is from California and Wilcox from Colorado.

The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Robert Bagley of Josephine county; vice-president, Miss Minnie Lewis of Astoria, junior; treasurer, Edward Vincent of Jackson county, junior.

# FATHER THREATENS TO KILL PRISONER

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Santa Cruz, Cal., May 15.—"Judge, let me have five minutes with that fellow and then you'll not have to hold court in this case," shouted the father of Florence Lator, 11 years old, today, when Joseph Ralston was arraigned for preliminary examination on the charge of assaulting the girl. Little progress was made in the case during the morning, and the hearing was continued to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Ralston is a former California mine-owner.

# PREACHER HUMORIST CONVULSES BANKERS

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Pasadena, Cal., May 15.—Robert J. Burdette, the preacher humorist, convulsed the staid bankers of the state at the second day's session of their fourth annual convention today.

"Money is conservative," he said. "It has changed its language less than any other creature endowed with vocal powers. The earliest money was carried and we connect bulls with wealth to the present day."

"A man ends himself in financial tribulation, with much to pay and nothing to pay with. He rustles out of his bed, drops into a chair, and says, 'I'm horn' and the world looks brighter to him. He takes another and there is a rift in the cloud; another and another and he owns the world. The language of money is unchanged."

"Money became burdensome to use for an exchange call, since things were used. Still it is thus, only we skin the man instead of the brute. But we still preserve the original custom of hanging the hide on the fence."

# CANDIDATES OBJECT

(Continued from Page One.)  
pockets or at least under their own control. Each candidate is conducting an independent campaign under the belief that unless he does he will be overlooked entirely by the county organizations. Some time ago a call for campaign contributions was made ranging from \$500 down to \$150, but the call was not heeded, many of the candidates saying openly that they needed all of their money for their own campaigns and had none for the election of Mr. Calk.

So it goes. Senator Fulton's friends are sore and disgruntled because they have been ridden over by the opposing faction in the committee just as they rode over the Bourne people in yesterday's convention. The candidates are sore because they believe Calk and his managers are hogging the organization and leaving the rest of the ticket out in the cold. As a result of it all the opposition thus engendered has decided to oust Major Kennedy and Chairman Kercham after the battle in June and take command of the ship themselves.

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### David Wells Given Sea-Sentence by Municipal Judge Cameron.

If David Wells ever attains the position of master of a ship he will have Judge Cameron to thank; for this morning the justice of the municipal court started young Wells on a sea-faring career.

Wells was arrested last night on a warrant sworn out by Judge Cameron yesterday at the instigation of Fred M. Simonton, manager of the Rose City Automobile garage, who complained that young Wells and Frank Snyder, a chauffeur, forced entry into his garage and took the automobile belonging to W. L. Morgan. While driving the machine at a reckless rate of speed the steering gear slipped and it sidled into telephone post with such force that it was wrecked. The two boys escaped, but young Wells was captured later and Snyder will be picked up today, it is thought.

The father of young Wells was in court this morning and told Judge Cameron that he was agreeable to any sentence the court might impose.

In view of the boy's tender years the judge was disposed to be lenient, especially as he had never before been up for sentence. He was given the option of reform school or the county jail, after thinking the matter over for an hour he chose the latter.

The father says the boy ran away from home some months ago, and up to that time he was a source of trouble. David said he intended to use the automobile to take some girls out riding.

# ROBBED POSTOFFICE FOR A FEW PENNIES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Clatskanie, Or., May 15.—The Quincy postoffice was broken into last night and robbed. About 80 or 90 pennies were all the plunder the robbers secured. The postmaster kept in the same building a stock of candy and cigars but nothing in these lines was touched. No trace has been found of the robbers.

# LAUNCH PERFORMS WELL

The new gasoline launch Imperial, built for Captain E. B. Kellogg of Kellogg's boat house, was given a trial trip in the harbor yesterday afternoon. The boat showed a speed of about nine knots and worked well.

Captain Kellogg will use the boat in connection with his boat house. She was named after the old Imperial that he sold last fall to a party on the upper Columbia. The new boat measures 28 feet in length, and has a beam of eight and one half feet. The hull was designed by F. D. Johnson.

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