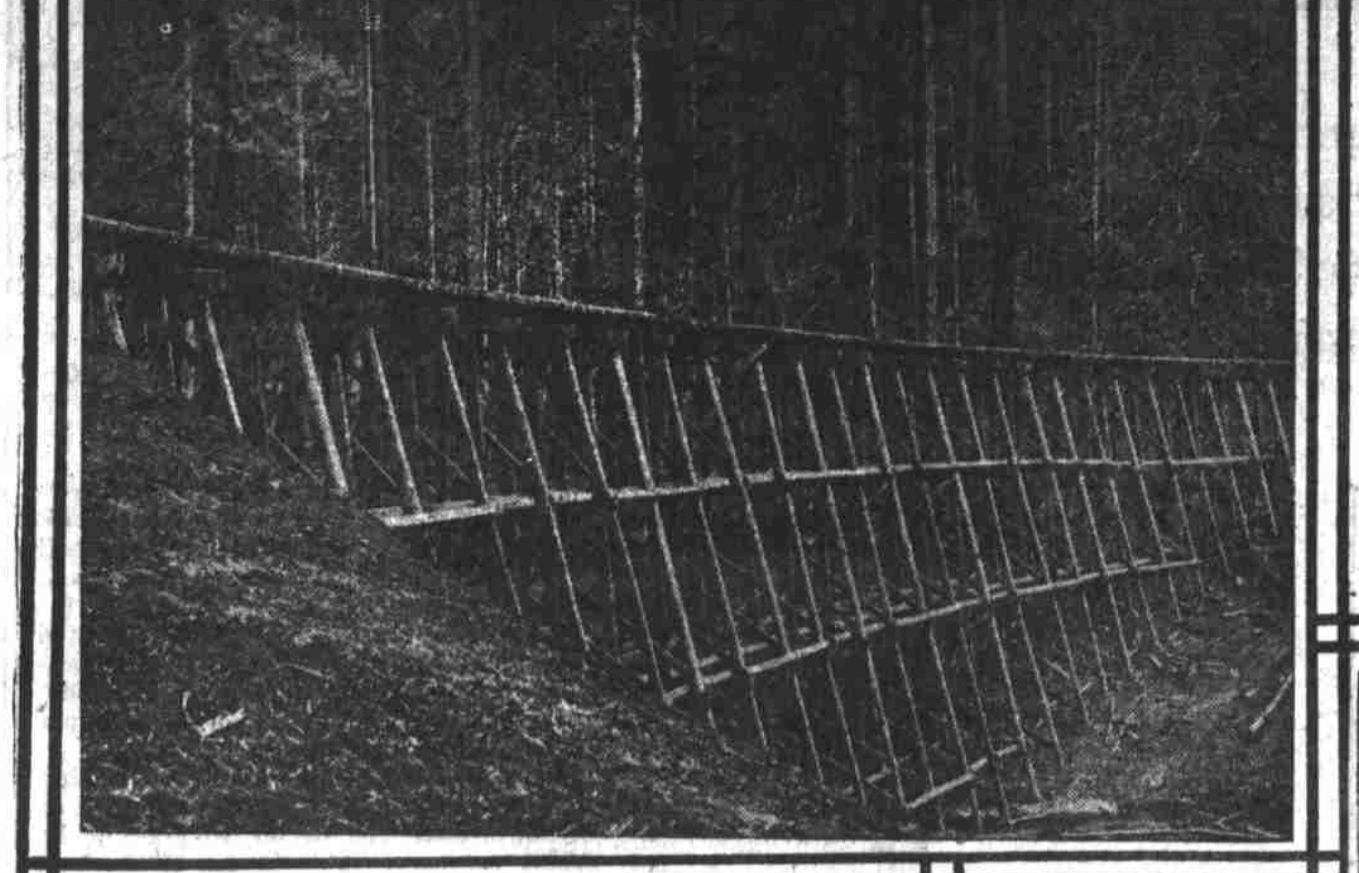


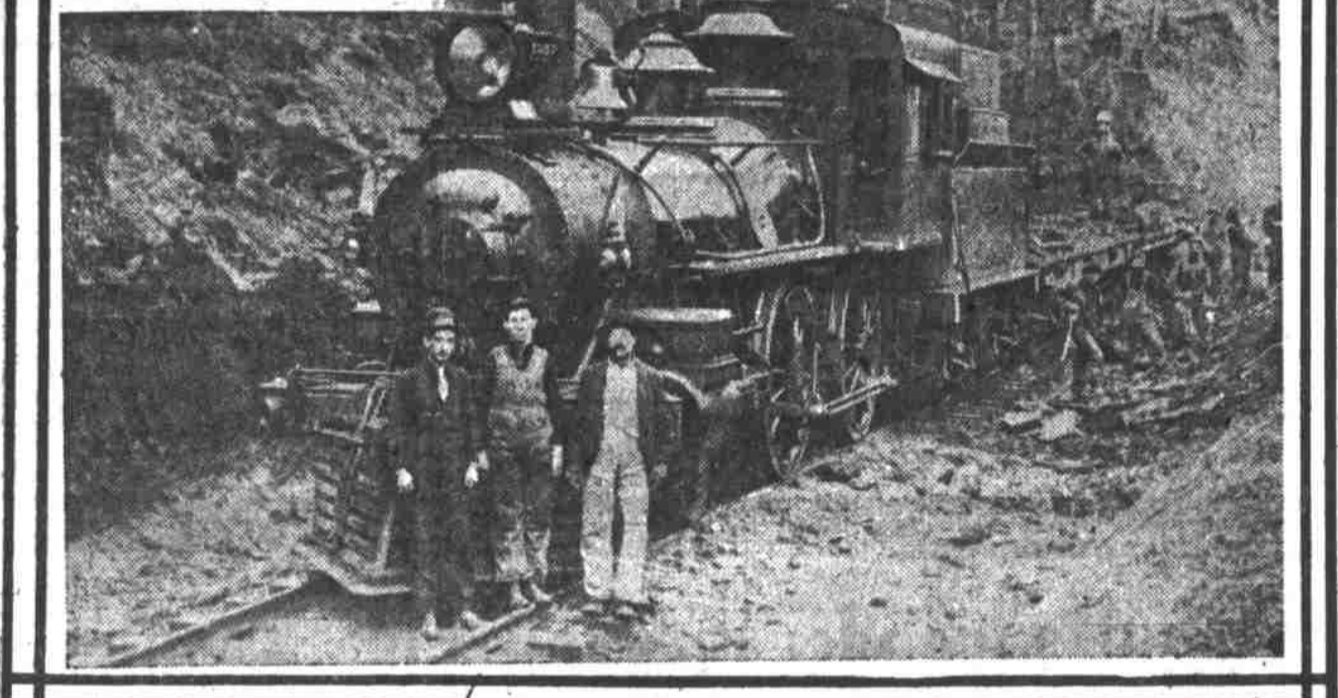
Contractors Encounter Many Engineering Difficulties on the New Hillsboro Railroad



Completed Bridge on Hillsboro End of the Lytle Road, 450 Feet Long, 67 Feet High.

Statements as to the material used on the new Lytle railroad between Hillsboro and Tillamook, just rendered by President E. E. Lytle, show that the new road is one of the hardest to construct ever built in the state and has encountered as many engineering difficulties as any in the country. The contractors, unable to secure timbers and lumber at the Tillamook end of the line, have just completed a new sawmill of 25,000 feet daily capacity with which to saw their own timbers for the big tunnel at the 24 mile post. A large load of piling bound for the new line, left the Columbia river Friday and will be used in bridge work which has been held up for lack of piling and labor.

will give the Hillsboro end of the line 20 1/2 miles of track by Christmas. The large tunnel is complete, but for the timbering, and the completion of the new sawmill will enable the contractor to go to work on this at once. According to Mr. Lytle the track will be laid to the 27 mile post on the western side of the tunnel by March 1. On the Tillamook end a lack of labor and building material has prevented as rapid work as has been done on the Hillsboro end. The line has crossed the Miami river to where the Hillsboro line branches off from the coast line. Following a recapitulation of the work on the first 10 miles of the Tillamook end: 2,455,544 feet lumber, board measure on bridges and culverts, 231,375 feet of piling; 264,978 cubic yards of excavation; 148,219 cubic yards embankment; 13,000 pounds of iron has been used in the bridges and there have been 300 linear feet of tunneling through solid rock, with 60 linear feet of steel spans across Wilson, Kelsey's and Miami rivers.



Portion of New Track Showing Character of Side-Hill Cuts, 14 Miles West of Hillsboro.

OPEN CUT OFF THIS WEEK MARRIED HIS FATHER'S WIFE

Northern Pacific to Operate Portland-Seattle Trains Via Vancouver.

This Strange Thing Walter Soldan Did Ignorantly—What Came of It.

For the first time in the history of the Northern Pacific through trains will be operated between Seattle and Portland this week, without the necessity of being ferried across the Columbia river. The new Vancouver-Kalama line of the Northern Pacific has completed and will be thrown open to freight traffic within two or three days. Although the passenger service by way of Vancouver will not begin for some weeks it has been decided to save the long trip by way of Kalama to freight trains and all through trains to and from the sound will use the North Bank bridges and the new Kalama cut-off this week. One track on the Kalama-Vancouver line has been completed and the grading for the second track is done. All heavy grades and sharp curves on the new line have been removed and the roadbed is said to be in excellent condition. It is expected that the running time

(Heart News by Longest Leased Wire.) Milwaukee, Dec. 12.—When Walter Soldan visited his father, whom he did not know to be his father until eight years ago, he courted his stepmother and advised her to secure a divorce that they might wed. The stepmother, in love with her stepson, agreed to the separation and subsequent marriage. After marriage came complications, matrimonial and legal. First, Soldan's stepmother became his wife, while his true father was living. Then his brother became his stepson. This strange puzzle of relationship and how to address his family mystified Soldan. Something in the household where the majority were brother and son at the same time, bothered him, for he refused to support his wife, once his mother. Not only did Soldan refuse to support her, but he took her clothing. Mrs. Soldan

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STRUGGLE FOR GOLD NEAR FINISH

Constable Plays Leading Role in Drama at Star Theatre and Attaches Box Office Receipts—Actors Stranded and "Broke."

Lou Wagner, constable, played the leading role in "A Struggle for Gold" at the Star theatre last night. It has been a struggle for the company started over several months ago. And the finish—well, it will be decided before Justice of the Peace Oisen Monday morning. While Constable Wagner didn't appear before the footlights he ran the show last night from beginning to end. It all started over an attachment against the receipts gotten out by Miss Clara Del Mar, who plays an Irish character part in the show. Miss Del Mar asserts that she has \$47.70 due in wages. The manager, R. Carlisle, couldn't pay. Hence the attachment. All the other members of the company say they have money due them, but the idea of issuing an attachment never entered their minds, they say. Consequently, when Lou Wagner appeared last evening and had his little consternation followed all over the house. That is, in the box office and back on the stage in the dressing rooms.

done, it was the manager of the house, the manager of the company and all the players besides, against the one little woman. But the little woman—and Lou Wagner—held the fort, nevertheless. All the players threatened to quit on the spot. Miss Del Mar was also strong on giving up and walking what she could get. Manager Carlisle, who has the lead part, having written the show himself, didn't know what to do. But his wife, Virginia Jayne (stage name) offered her assistance and consulted other members of the company.

Called Her "That Woman." Just at that moment, while the stage hands were setting the act for the bar-room scene at Pooker Flat, Cal., not knowing what else to do, the actors and actresses and super were holding a conference. It was Del Mar that and Del Mar this. No one called her Miss. They didn't even call her Clara. "That Del Mar woman," said one of the expression. And then each one had his say about what he thought of her as what he was going to do. Carlisle, who plays Dick Laurence, alias, Budd Bunkum, the hero, was much worried, naturally. He fumbled his gun and he smoked short clear and he talked to his wife and he was humble and embarrassed generally. All this, down in the basement in the aisle where the dressing rooms are located, understood.

Miss Del Mar was for breaking up the show and then there. And just as she was about to win her point the constable, who had been busy skipping for one day, came to the rescue and appeared behind the scenes. He talked with Miss Del Mar, conferred with the other members of the company and decided that all of them would do their respective parts and let the show go on.

Out in front at the audience, thinking that a great show "A Struggle for Gold" was the intricate situation the plot had reached and wondering how it would end, they decided that all right in the end, behind the scenes were the actors sitting on props and pacing the floor—also wondering. The candy boys sold their wares, and the happy throng in front—munched its bits of sweetened popcorn, talked and laughed and had a good time generally. Hence the attachment. There was a day of rest, and there was money in their pockets. Everything—the whole world—looked bright. And the orchestra! It played "It Looks Like a Big Night Tonight." The musicians smiled—they had received a tip. But Carlisle and his players heard not the music. It was a big night for them without the strains of an orchestra reeling up with the bunch. The call for the second act was sounded and all the parts took their respective cues. The show went on.

town now, so I think my wife and I will have to go to work in Portland."

Board Bills Done. There are 12 members in the company. All of them have been staying at the Calumet hotel. For board and room during the week the company owes more than \$100. This is due tonight. What is to be done about the board bill is not known. The actors claim they are all broke. "I have 35 cents in my pocket," one of the men said last night, "all I have in the world." Another member of the company, Miss Ethel Roberts, wife of one of the players, is sick in bed at the hotel. She was unable to appear to go on at last night's performance. She and her husband are from Massachusetts.

"It may sound funny to hear of a stranded theatrical troupe, but it's no joke," Miss Roberts' husband said. "Here's my wife sick in bed, me out of a job, three company broke, our trunks held for board and lodging, and 50 cents in my jeans. Whoever said I was an actor!" That seemed to be the favorite expression for awhile last night. "Whoever said I was an actor!" W. H. Walters, who plays Bruce Barrington, alias Manuel Lopez, in "A Struggle for Gold," is an old timer. He has played with many of the big companies and years ago was with William Gillette in "Secret Service."

TALK TO TACOMA. (Via Home-Phone.) Half min. 30c; min. 50c; add'l min. 25c. "Home-Phone-It."

WHY SCHMITZ' BOND COMES UP SLOWLY

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—The high premiums asked by the surety companies have prevented Eugene Schmitz from securing a company to take the place of William J. Dunge and Thomas H. Williams on Wagner according to a statement made by Schmitz today. Efforts are now being made to have the rate reduced through the New York office of one company, the name of which has not been given out. Schmitz said today that one company had demanded \$7500 a year for his \$100,000 ball bond, and collateral equal to the amount of the bond.

SOCIETY MAN DIES; AUTO ACCIDENT. Chicago, Dec. 12.—Phelps B. Hoyt, former western amateur golf champion, polo player and multi-millionaire society man, died at midnight tonight of injuries received in an automobile accident when his machine crashed into a coal wagon near Evanston early in the evening. John Borden, another millionaire, and E. C. Jenkins, Hoyt's chauffeur, Peter Kell and Julius Johns were all seriously but not fatally hurt.

TALK TO SEATTLE—40c. (Via Home-Phone.) Half min. 40c; min. 75c; add'l min. 25c. "Home-Phone-It."

CONCERT OF RONEY BOYS ENTERTAINING

The Roney Boys' Concert company gave a delightful entertainment yesterday afternoon at 2:30 in the Masonic Temple. Because of the fact that the company had been compelled to cancel its dates for evening concerts and had not had an opportunity to advertise yesterday's concert, the audience was small. Those who did attend, however, were fortunate, for the program given was a most excellent one and was vastly appreciated by the audience. Professor Roney and his boys are at the Hill and will be in Portland during this week. It is the intention of Professor Roney to give a free concert during the week, announcement of which will be made later.

WOODBURN AND NORMAL EACH ANNEX A GAME

Woodburn, Or., Dec. 12.—In a double header game of basket ball the Monmouth Normal school girls defeated the Woodburn high school girls by a score of 25 to 3. The Woodburn Athletic club defeated the Monmouth Normal school boys by a score of 27 to 15. Line up: Monmouth. Girls. Woodburn. Burt. Snow. Jewett. Mulkey. Donahue. Biltney. Kuykendall. Craven. Newman. Woodburn. Boys. Monmouth. Goulet. A. Sacre. Heimker. Work. Fisher. Springer. Schermer. Flinn. E. Sacre. Austin. Chute.

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