



PORTER BROTHERS' HILL'S DESCHUTES PURCHASE

HARRIMAN'S OLD FOE ENTERS CANYON FIGHT

JOHN D. PORTER'S STATEMENT

"We sold the controlling interest in the Oregon Trunk Railway on Saturday to Mr. John F. Stevens for Mr. J. J. Hill, who will now take care of the litigation and furnish the necessary funds to build the road. In the future our part will be to construct the railroad in the interests of Mr. Hill as expeditiously and economically as can be done with modern equipment.

"I have had great faith from the first in the possibilities of the Central Oregon country, and Mr. Williamson and ourselves were prepared to build the line to Madras with our own funds, but we felt that it would be in the best interests of all concerned to accept the proposition made to us by Mr. Stevens."

OREGON TRUNK MAY BUILD TO FRISCO

John D. Porter, as is shown in the above statement, confirms the purchase of a controlling interest in the Oregon Trunk. Porter Brothers will turn over all litigation with Harriman to the Stevens interests.

"I don't go duck hunting with a brass band," said John F. Stevens this morning, as a partial explanation for a sudden announcement that with James J. Hill's personal financial backing he has purchased all the rights in the Oregon Trunk railroad.

Mr. Stevens said to The Journal among other things last Thursday: "I have no connection with Hill, Porter Bros., or any railroad construction scheme whatsoever. I represent eastern capitalists who contemplate investment in Oregon farming and timber lands. I've only got all the money I have in the world is tied up in similar investments. My trip through central Oregon was in this connection and no other."

"That is all true," said Mr. Stevens, when the reporter was read to him. "But I have changed my plans," he added.

"But did you not have the purchase of the railroad in mind when you came to Portland last week?" he was asked, bluntly.

"Of course I did," the engineer answered. "At that time, however, I did not know that the property could be secured. I knew Porter Bros. had money. I could not go in and take them by the throat and say, 'Here, let me have that railroad.' Now my permanent headquarters will remain as now, in Chicago."

"You may say," he continued, "that my tour of central Oregon with a view to investing funds in lands there, gave me confidence in the results of railroad construction. I believe in the project thoroughly. Why, out in central Oregon lies the greatest wheat country in the world. I am convinced that the road successful. Building the road will be a big thing for Portland, too. It will earn an immense amount of wealth in this direction."

Time for Announcement.

"Now as to my statement the other day, as I said, I don't believe in going duck hunting with a brass band. There



James J. Hill.

ASSEMBLE TO FIGHT BAD INSECTS

Farmers From All Parts of Country Get Together in This City to Devise Ways and Means for Crop Protection.

GIRL DROWNS IN MCKENZIE RIVER

Boat Capsizes in Whirlpool; Five People Aboard—All Saved but One.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., Aug. 16.—Rena Ireland, 19 years old, residing in McKenna valley, 30 miles east of Eugene, drowned in the river yesterday afternoon. She is company with her grandfather, E. F. Finn, her stepfather, A. J. Ward, her mother, sister, Mabel Ireland, and Norbert Aya, started from Ward's place in a big boat specially constructed to make an all water trip to the Seattle exposition. As they reached a bend in the river 12 miles east of Eugene, a whirlpool turned the boat around and sent it against a pile of driftwood, overturning it and precipitating the entire party into deep and swift water. Finn, who is 50 years old, saved Mrs. Ireland and Mabel by dragging them by the hair of the head, while the overturned boat, with Rena had sunk to the bottom. The body was recovered several hours later. Aya and Ward had difficulty in saving themselves, as they are poor swimmers. The party lost all of their baggage, bedding and provisions, besides \$150 in cash belonging to Finn, which was carried in a purse by Mrs. Ward and which she dropped.

SUMMARY OF HELENA MAN STEVENS' PLANS

Question Now Involved Is Where Will Road Terminate?—Huntington Appears as Possible Factor—Judge Carey's Views.

According to John F. Stevens, chief engineer for J. J. Hill, Mr. Stevens has secured control of the Oregon Trunk line's surveys through the Deschutes canyon and into central Oregon. Mr. Stevens says that he will build the railroad without delay and that Mr. Hill personally is his financial backer in the proposition.

Porter Brothers, who have been at work on the road as contractors as well as heavy stockholders, confirm Mr. Stevens' claim that he has secured control of it for Mr. Hill to say they will continue as contractors, at least upon that portion of the line wherein their present surveys run.

Line to San Francisco.

Two interesting and important features of the road—how it is to get into Portland and where it is headed for—were explained by the alleged purchaser. "If Hill really has bought it, however, there can be little doubt that he plans to run down through southern Oregon and California and into San Francisco. Three ways of securing an entrance into Portland and connection with the Spokane, Portland & Seattle have been discussed by Mr. Stevens and the Porter Brothers. One is by bridging the Columbia near the mouth of the Deschutes, another is by paralleling the O. T. N. along the south bank of the Columbia, and a third is by purchasing the Mount Hood railroad, which has been partially constructed from Portland toward and around the base of Mount Hood."

Huntington Named.

The latter plan has been seriously considered and it is said that the presence of J. Ross Clark, who with H. E. Huntington, owns the Mount Hood road, in Portland last week was caused by this deal. The objection to it apparently is that it would involve the expenditure of from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 in electrical equipment, as that part of the road is to be operated electrically. There is an enormous water power on the line but it is said it would prove too costly to equip. It is also supposed that Huntington's connection with Harriman is such that he has been tied up too much to allow of setting the Mount Hood road to Hill interests.

South Bank Examined.

The Porter Brothers have examined the south bank of the Columbia between The Dalles and Portland and state that it would be feasible to parallel the O. T. N.'s tracks although this would be an expensive proposition, as well as one likely to involve Hill in many and interminable lawsuits with Harriman.

It would seem that the cheapest and easiest way of connection would be the

TWO PERISH ON MOUNT TACOMA?

T. F. Callaghan of Seattle and J. W. Stevens Believed to Have Met Death.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 16.—A telephone message received from Ashford this morning states that T. F. Callaghan, of West Seattle and Joseph W. Stevens of Trenton, N. J., who started Saturday on an ascent of Mount Tacoma without a guide, are probably frozen to death or have fallen into a crevasse. Nothing has been heard of them since they were last seen at Gibraltar rock by J. P. Striley, who was a member of their party, but refused to go further when a storm, which culminated in a severe blizzard Saturday night, commenced to gather. The others were determined to proceed and did so, despite Striley's advice.

Striley reached Longmire late Saturday night with both hands frozen. He would have been stuck there, but ventured out in the storm then raging, but at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, Jose Stampfer, a veteran guide, started out with three others in search of the men, carrying provisions for several days. The searchers searched the side of the mountain all day without success. At 2 o'clock they signalled their failure, but continued the search into the night. This morning they returned worn out with their long climb.

E. I. Phillips and A. H. Swartz, who were with the party, reported the calling of a place on the edge of a large crevasse where it is believed the men slipped in.

Jules Stampfer and a party of five took up the search this morning. Word has just been received that the Alperstocks and packs of the lost men have been found only 10 feet from the crater. There is no trace of the men, however.

Heavy Rain at Coast Resorts.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seaside, Or., Aug. 16.—A drenching rain fell here Saturday night, causing the streets to be flooded. The water to the hundreds of people who are spending brief periods here. A rain at this season is unusual, and in many years past has occurred but once or twice.

SKIDOO NUMBER FALLS TO PORTLANDER—JOHN E. ANDREWS OF VANCOUVER, WASH., GETS NO. 4-50 HOMESTEADS.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 16.—John E. Andrews, 20 years of age, who won No. 4 in the Spokane land drawings, is might manager at the Seattle, Portland & Spokane railroad roundhouse here. He has charge of the repairing of the engines. He has been in Vancouver four months, coming here from Seattle, where his wife now is. He left Vancouver for Spokane August 4, so was one of the last to register. He registered in all three drawings.

Andrews is sleeping and will not be informed of his good luck until he gets up tonight.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Aug. 16.—John E. Andrews' chance (No. 4) in the Spokane Indian reservation lands is estimated to be worth \$10,000. He will have the right to buy 50 acres of land in the Pacific northwest. While some of the 50 homesteads which the government has reserved for the Indians are undesirable, there are about 15 homesteads that equal in agricultural resource and climatic conditions any in the Coeur d'Alene or Flathead reservations.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Aug. 16.—Following are Oregonians whose names were drawn at the Spokane Indian reservation lands this morning:

23—William H. Dougherty, Portland.
42—William C. Kruger, Coldbrook, Or.
53—D. B. Forting, Portland.
110—Frank B. Stearns, Ontario.
144—Arthur J. Hatton, Pendleton.
144—Kate L. Newton, Oregon City.
144—J. D. Ingram, Portland.
149—W. S. Gilbert, Astoria.
162—William B. Moore Jr., Portland.
187—John S. Brilyn, The Dalles.
220—George B. Shipley, Portland.
241—James M. Reispas, Portland.

(By H. C. Shaver, Journal Staff Correspondent.) Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Aug. 16.—At 10 o'clock this morning Miss Harriet Post, daughter of Frank Post, of Spokane, picked the name of Allen Newton, Helena, Mont., in the drawing of No. 4 in the Spokane Indian reservation. Blindfolded, she extracted the envelope containing the lucky applicant's name from the 50,000 applications on the large drawing platform.

Two hundred and fifty names were drawn for the Spokane reservation, making a total of 950 names drawn for the three reservations. Of the homesteads in the Spokane reservation, Judge Witten estimates that 40 are of fairly good value. The lands lie along the Spokane river, where the temperature is mild, and are adapted to fruit culture. There are about 50 homesteads in the Spokane reservation.

Following is the full list of names drawn today:

1—Mabel McMichael, Chicago.
2—Ray J. Smoot, Miller, S. D.
3—John E. Andrews, Vancouver, Wash.
4—James Hickey Jr., Spokane, Wash.
5—Fred Black, Kallispell, Mont.
6—Charles M. McGrath, Greensburg, Ind.
7—Fred W. Olsen, Seattle, Wash.
8—A. J. Miller, Wallace, Idaho.
9—Frank Gray, Deep Creek, Wash.
10—L. L. Lewis, St. Louis, Mo.
11—Edward K. Byland, Spokane.
12—H. A. Treadwell, Mabton, Wash.

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LEAGUE WANTS WATER MAINS

Seventh Ward Sends Petition to City Water Board.

President Ben Riesland of the Seventh Ward league has addressed a letter to the city water board in which he strongly urges the board, on behalf of the people he represents, to take immediate steps for the relief of the large district between Mount Scott and Sellwood from the conditions brought about by the inadequate water service they receive.

The communication calls attention to the estimates of Engineer D. L. Clarke of the water department of the cost of installing mains in the different parts of the large territory in the interest of which the appeal is made. These estimates show that a system of water mains could be installed for \$89,000, and that a total of 10,000,000 gallons daily could be supplied therefrom to the rapidly growing districts known as Ivanhoe, Kaniwood, Woodstock, Midway, Westmoreland, Tremont, Mount Scott and Sellwood.

"Most of these localities have no service whatever, and that part of the seventh ward living south of Division street and east of Twenty-sixth is but partially supplied," says Mr. Riesland. "Woodstock, Ivanhoe and the Williams tract have been entitled to Bull Run water for the last 15 years, but have no supply except from local wells, which are utterly inadequate for the needs of the property owners."

"We wish to provide not only for the urgent present needs of this populous part of the city, but also to provide for future growth, by having the water mains laid at the same time that new streets are graded."

SHOOTS WIFE, SON AND SELF

Lack of Employment Drives Accountant to Commit Terrible Deed.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Aug. 16.—Driven insane because of his inability to secure employment, Gustave Herring, 54 years old, an expert accountant, early today murdered his wife, fatally shot his son Gustave, and blew out his brains after making ineffectual attempts to kill himself.

When the son rushed to the scene to protect his mother, Herring turned on the boy and shot through the head. After killing his wife, Herring went to his daughter's room, but found the door locked. After making several fruitless attempts to kill the girl through the transom, Herring blew out his brains.

HARRIMAN EXPECTED IN OREGON IN SEPT.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Klamath Falls, Or., Aug. 16.—Persistent reports are current that E. H. Harriman will be in Oregon in September for the purpose of getting in close touch with the railroad situation.

OREGON BOYS WHO HELD UP BANK



Here are the first pictures published in Oregon of the two lads who held up the Bank of Santa Clara, Cal., and were captured. On the left is Joseph Willets, and on the right Fred Carr. The San Francisco police think these names are fictitious.

T.-M. CONGRESS ADHORS TROUBLE

Will Keep Out of Ballinger-Pinchot Fight if It Can—Conservation for It.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Denver, Aug. 16.—Chief interest of the delegates to the Trans-Mississippi congress, which convened here today, centers in the various movements for the conservation of the public domain. Many of the delegates will go from here to Seattle next week to attend the conservation congress, that a strong effort will be made to prevent the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy from entering the deliberations of the congress. It appears there is little chance of excluding it.

EDISON SAYS AVIATION IS FUTILE

Gave the Aeroplane Elaborate Trial 40 Years Ago, Then Abandoned Idea—Present Ambition Is Model Houses for Workmen.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Aug. 16.—In an interview published here today, Thomas A. Edison says he abandoned the idea of aviation 40 years ago, after devoting himself to matters more important to humanity. Regarding aviation, he said: "It came to me the conclusion that there was nothing practical in it. I was asked by one of our most widely known newspaper proprietors to make certain experiments in aviation. I built a model, with the best engine of the day—a non-combustion type. When the whole machine was finished, I put it on big scales, instead of going out in the open air, and set the engine going. Then the scales lightened, just so much as the weight of the engine lightened the weight. It was a novel way I know quite novel in that day—but it proved to me the impracticability of flying with the machine that we then had, which was the best of its kind. I made the engine myself, to be sure it was right."

The wizard said he was most interested now in his plan of model houses for working people. Expressing his present ambition, he said: "I'm going to depopulate the tenements of New York; going to drag the people from the tenements and put them in a home instead of a pippen."

YOUNG ROBBERS MAKE BABY PLEA

Willets and Carr Swear Under 18—Robbed Santa Clara Bank.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Santa Clara, Cal., Aug. 15.—Joseph Willets and Fred Carr, the two boys who robbed the Santa Clara Valley bank last Friday, swore in court today that neither was 18 years of age. Each swore that he was 17.

"When this contention was made it was impossible to proceed further, with their cases, and the two prisoners were remanded to the juvenile court. They will be given a hearing on Friday before Judge Gossbey, sitting as juvenile judge, to determine their age. If the court finds that they are 18 or over they will be sent back to the criminal courts. If they convince the court that they are not 18, they will be dealt with as juvenile prisoners and will get off with much lighter sentences. In case of conviction, then would be possible otherwise."

TRAIN STRIKES PICNIC PARTY

Five of the Children of A. P. Hyde Killed Near Monett, Mo.

(United Press Leased Wire.) St. Louis, Aug. 16.—While returning from a picnic at Monett, Barry county, Missouri, early today, a wagon containing a number of picnickers was struck by a train, instantly killing the five children of A. P. Hyde, a farmer, and badly injuring a number of others. The dead:

LEILLA HYDE, 23.
JUDA HYDE, 20.
CHARLES HYDE, 16.
JESSIE HYDE, 14.
SUSIE HYDE, 12.

UNION VOTES ON LIGHTING PLANT

Election Today Will Reveal Strength of Warring Factions—Recall.

Union, Or., Aug. 16.—Intense feeling marks the special election being held here today for the purpose of voting on the municipal lighting plant. Business is practically suspended, and both factions are working for votes. In the January election to amend the city charter for the purpose of installing a municipal lighting plant the vote was about four to one in favor of the improvement, but since that time a number of radical measures have been adopted by the city council whereby the body has lost many supporters.

The result of today's election will sound the outcome of the special election, which will no doubt be held within a short time. Through parties of divisions have not been posted and no resolutions made within the time allowed by law after the filing of the recall petition.

BEACH PATRONS ARE PLANNING TO LEAVE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seaside, Or., Aug. 16.—Some discontent has been expressed along North beach on account of the failure of the O. R. & N. company to give out the exact date of the summer trip of the vacationers.

HISTORIC PEN TURNED OVER TO A MUSEUM

(United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, Aug. 16.—The pen with which President McKinley and Ambassador Jules Cambon of France signed the peace protocol on behalf of the United States and Spain has been received here and was placed in the Museum of Foreign Affairs today. The famous pen was received by Secretary Triboiast of the French embassy from the hands of McKinley. After keeping it for some time he concluded the idea that it would be better in the museum than in private hands.

Triboiast turned the pen over to Minister Fleuret, who gave the relic a position of honor.

NEW ARC LIGHTS FOR NORTH POWDER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) North Powder, Or., Aug. 16.—The business men of this place, having taken the lighting of it in their own hands, have subscribed at the rate of \$5 per month, each, for four arc lights on Center street. No longer will North Powder be lighted by lanterns carried in the hands of its citizens. The lights were installed last evening.

TWO MEN KILLED IN GAS EXPLOSION

(United Press Leased Wire.) Cleveland, Aug. 16.—In a natural gas explosion here today which blew out the entire front of the four-story plant of the Wierick Storage company, J. W. Montgomery and Edward Dunn were fatally injured, and four others badly hurt. Following the explosion three wooden buildings adjoining the plant caught fire and were totally destroyed.