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GREAT SUM FOR BETTERMENT OF O. R. & N. LINES

DOUBLE TRACK O. R. & N. TO DESCHUTES

This Project Is One of the Biggest of Its Kind Ever Undertaken in Railroad Circles in This Part of the Country.

Twohy Bros., contractors, are putting an army of 700 men to work on the trackage of the O. R. & N. Co. between The Dalles and Deschutes for the purpose of removing curves and reducing the grade to a maximum of 15 per cent. The contract was signed, it was ascertained today, just prior to Vice President J. P. O'Brien's departure for New York a few days ago.

The project is one of the largest put under way for a long time, outside of new construction, and will involve the expenditure of at least $600,000.

While not admitted by the railroad officials at this time, it is understood that the work means the preliminary and essential step towards double tracking the company's line from this city to Deschutes, which distance will be subjected to unusually heavy traffic with the completion of a branch into central Oregon by way of the Deschutes canyon.

Has Heavy Grades.

"The line from The Dalles to Deschutes has some very heavy grades in places," said one of the men interested in the reconstruction of the road, this morning, "and according to the plans the new track will in no places have anything more serious than a 15 per cent grade, whereas the maximum on the old route is 75. Nor will it be necessary to deviate very far from the old track. The new grade will be constructed so that it can easily be double tracked to conform with demands of traffic that are bound to result sooner or later."

The contract is expected to be completed by April 1 and every spell of fine weather will therefore be used to the best possible advantage. At least 700 laborers will be put to work at once and this number may be augmented if the men can be obtained.

JOHNSON SENT TO ROCK PILE TO WORK

After Repeatedly Violating Liquor Law in Seventh Street Restaurant He Has Finally Been Heavily Sentenced—$100 Fine, Too.

Edward Johnson, proprietor of the Delmonico cafe, 149 Seventh street, a drinking and eating place was found guilty yesterday in municipal court of violating the liquor law. Judge Frank Bennett this morning sentenced him to 30 days on the rockpile and imposed a fine of $100. An appeal was taken, and the bail fixed at $750.

The charge against Johnson was selling liquor without a city license. He has a government license. The Delmonico has been a place that has catered to the theatre crowds and late diners and where the police have had considerable trouble. Most of the patrons have been women, and part of the cafe has been curtained off for the accommodation of this class.

Settlement Not Allowed.

Yesterday morning C. M. Idleman, attorney for Johnson, offered to pay a fine of $50 if the city attorney would allow him to plead guilty, but this was refused. He later raised this to $150, but Judge Bennett declined to allow a settlement.

Johnson has been convicted four times during the past year for this offense, and has the reputation among the police as being one of the most persistent and boldest violators in the city. Two suits are now pending against him in the circuit court.

Johnson's place was watched November 19 by Police Sergeant Kienlin and Patrolmen Raney and Burstow. They found the door locked until 4:15 o'clock in the morning, when a woman familiarly known about the buffets, came out. The policemen then gained entrance and found three women and three men in the curtained boxes drinking. Several bottles of beer and glasses of cocktails were found before them.

Promised to Be Good.

At the time of the arrest, Sergeant Kienlin testified that Johnson made the proposition that if he would let him go he would not violate the law again. The most damaging testimony yesterday to Johnson was that of Louis Trummer, agent for a St. Louis beer. He testified that some months he delivered to Johnson as many as 1000 bottles of beer. Trummer was an unwilling witness, and was subpoenaed to bring his books into court. He explained that he held a mortgage on the Delmonico, but it had

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Senator Money

United States Senator Money of Mississippi, who was chosen minority leader to succeed Senator Culberson, who resigned.

NOT GUILTY, IS BANKERS' PLEA

Two Other Officials of the Defunct Bank Not in Court.

Pleas of not guilty were made today by W. H. Moore, Henry A. Moore and E. E. Lytle, three of the officials of the defunct Oregon Trust & Savings bank. W. Cooper Morris and Leo Friede were not present, but they will enter their pleas Monday, at which time the date of the trials of the men will be set.

John H. Hall, attorney for Lytle, stated that he would demand a separate trial for his client. Attorney Fulton said he would also probably demand the same for his clients. If separate trials are granted on each count there will be about 50 cases in all.

HITS HARD AT ALLEGED TRUST

Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska Starts Fight for Investigation of Ballinger and Guggenheims — Sensation at Washington.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Dec. 16.—Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska today sensationally arraigned Secretary of the Interior Ballinger in the house, and demanded a thorough investigation of the interior department and the general land office. He eulogized L. R. Glavis, former chief of the field division of the land office, who brought charges against Ballinger.

He almost exhausted the supply of invectives in describing the Guggenheims and their alleged attempts to control the Alaskan mineral fields. He declared Glavis was discharged because he zealously protected the government against frauds.

The climax of his speech came when he declared that confidential letters and copies of secret papers had been freely given to fraudulent claimants on Alaskan coal lands.

Referring to Glavis, Hitchcock said: "I pity the helpless subordinate, forced to choose between holding his position in silence, and endangering it by protesting against frauds entrenched in power and backed by influence."

He severely condemned the rules committee of the house for failure to take definite action. He said:

"It has been known for years that gross frauds have been perpetrated in the public domain and that millions of acres of public land have been grabbed by the corporations. This year we appropriated $1,000,000 to prevent the frauds. It is rumored that a considerable portion of this sum has already been spent to buy elegant furniture. Eighty clerks have been added to the payroll and one or more subordinates are receiving more salary than the law allows their superiors."

Hitchcock declared that Ballinger "openly and brazenly" violated the law in appearing as a lawyer in the Cunningham case shortly after he resigned as commissioner of the land office. In this connection he said:

"What business had the commissioner to inform claimants to keep quiet until they knew what evidence the government had? The record shows whether the land office, when presided over by Ballinger, with Dennett as assistant, or later by Dennett as commissioner, with Ballinger as an outside attorney for claimants, or later still with Ballingen returned as secretary of the interior, was manipulated to assist land thieves.

"The Guggenheims appear to have had access to everything. The question is, can this house get the same free access for an investigation? The time has come for an investigation, but I suppose that if the speaker of the house does not want one, and 90 per cent of the members do want one, we cannot get it."

LIFE INSURANCE POLICY MAY HAVE CAUSED MURDER

Miss Virginia Wardlaw, the aunt of the victim of the New Jersey bath tub mystery. She was in jail under suspicion of being connected with the woman's death. She will now probably be released as Mrs. Martin has been charged with the crime. When Albert C. Snead, a Virginia farmer and brother of the missing husband, heard she was being detained in jail he said she ought to be freed as she was one of the most lovable and self-sacrificing of women and never had anything to do with Ocey Snead's death.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, mother of Mrs. Ocey Snead, the woman who was found dead in a bathtub in the "house of mysteries" in East Orange, N. J., declared today that her daughter killed herself, but declined to state Mrs. Snead's motive.

Mrs. Martin has been under arrest in connection with the death of her daughter. She broke a long silence today with the announcement of the suicide.

Body in Bathtub.

On November 29, the day that the body of Mrs. Snead was found in a bathtub in the East Orange house, Mrs. Martin disappeared. An aged aunt, Miss Virginia Wardlaw, was arrested and charged with the murder of her niece.

More than a week later Mrs. Martin was found. Her attorney explained that she had stayed out of sight because it was deemed best for the interests of Miss Wardlaw to have Mrs. Martin evade arrest.

The lawyer also gave it out that Mrs. Snead had committed suicide because of a disease that was slowly killing her. He stated further that Fletcher W. Snead, the husband, though long missing and thought to be dead, was alive and in hiding to save himself from testifying in a bankruptcy case involving a former employer.

Heavy Life Insurance.

It was known that Mrs. Snead carried $24,700 insurance on her life and this fact was at once connected by the police with her death.

Mrs. Mary Snead, another aunt, arrested with her sister, Miss Virginia Wardlaw, explained the nature of the policies with the statement that they were of the endowment kind and would not mature until Mrs. Ocey Snead had reached her fortieth year.

"Ocey had been devoted to her husband," said Mrs. Mary Snead. "When he disappeared and failed to return, she believed him dead, became melancholy and while in this condition killed herself."

The funeral of the dead woman was halted and an autopsy is said to have revealed the presence of opium.

Mrs. Martin declares she does not know where Fletcher Snead is hiding.

Charged With Murder.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

New York, Dec. 16.—Charged with having murdered her daughter, Mrs. Caroline W. Martin was arrested yesterday. The warrant was issued by New Jersey authorities, the crime having been committed in East Orange. Ocey Snead was found dead in a bathtub and theories of murder and suicide were advanced.

Mrs. Martin is 64 years of age and in very frail health. She came to New York Tuesday. In the bathroom of Mrs. Martin's room at the hotel were found three notes apparently written by the same hand and containing substantially the same statements as the note found near the body of the dead girl in East Orange. The notes say:

"Last year my little daughter died.

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GAS COMPANY HAS NEW OWNERS

New York Corporation Acquires Control of Local Lighting Plant, Absorbs 90 Per Cent of Capital Stock.

Late developments in the reported purchase of the Portland Gas company by the Electric Bond & Share company of New York remove all doubt as to the ultimate transfer of the control of the plant to the New York corporation, the only procedure now necessary to consummate the deal being a meeting of the stockholders of the gas company to ratify the sale, which has already been agreed to by holders of more than 90 per cent of the shares.

One of the large shareholders in the local company said this morning that less than 10 per cent of the stock remained to be heard from, and that he regarded it as certain that every stockholder would accept the offer of $130 a share which had been made by the Electric Bond & Share company of New York.

Capital Stock.

The capital stock of the Portland Gas company is $3,000,000, of which $1,950,000 has been issued. In addition to this there are $750,000 in 5 per cent bonds outstanding and $500,000 in 7 per cent convertible notes. At $130 a share the cost of the plant to the New York purchasers will amount to $2,535,000. Over $1,000,000 of the purchase money will be paid to Portland shareholders, who control, all told, about 40 per cent of the outstanding stock.

The heaviest holders of shares in Portland are the Lewis, Failing and H. W. Corbett estates. The remaining shares are held by New York and Boston capitalists, Moffatt and White of New York being the heaviest holders.

Has Large Holdings.

The Electric Bond & Share company, which is taking over the plant, is believed to be a subsidiary corporation of the General Electric, which operates extensively in gas properties throughout the middle west and Pacific coast states. The Spokane Gas company recently passed under the control of a New York

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THIS WILL BE MOST PROSPEROUS MONTH IN OFFICE'S HISTORY

December promises to be the largest month, in the matter of receipts, in the history of the Portland postoffice.

Up to last night stamp sales, covering a period of two weeks, amounted to $5600 more than the aggregate sales for the first two weeks in December, 1908, which was the heaviest month in the history of the office.

With the stamp sales, which are the best indication of the growth of receipts, fast running over the record mark, Postmaster John C. Young believes the total receipts for the month will run far over those of any other like period in the past.

ANY OLD WAY TO GET MONEY

Stubley Wrote Home for Coin, but Not to His Own Home—Convicted.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Dec. 16.—Edward H. Stubley, faces a maximum sentence of six years in prison for having used the mails to defraud. He was found guilty on four counts in the federal court late yesterday, the penalty on each count being 18 months' imprisonment. Stubley, who is an Englishman with a police record in several coast cities, in both the United States and British Columbia, was convicted of having abstracted letters to guests in rooming houses and writing appeals in the name of the person addressed, to relatives and friends for money, claiming the person was ill and in a destitute condition. He would then obtain the letters containing the money or checks and keep the proceeds.

Miss Eva Mahoney of Toronto, Canada, testified yesterday that she received a letter purporting to have been written by a friend in behalf of her uncle, Frank Gaughn. She said she sent the money asked. Gaughn testified he was not responsible for the letter and received no money.

Several other young women, brought there from various parts of the country, testified to similar facts, all stating that they received appeals for funds purporting to be in the interest of relatives who were said to be ill and in financial straits.

On direct examination Stubley admitted that he had served a penitentiary sentence at Walla Walla and one jail sentence in British Columbia.

SAN FRANCISCO FIRM OPENS OFFICE HERE TO RUN STEAMERS

Rapid growth of their business here is the reason given by E. H. Dodge of the E. J. Dodge company of San Francisco, for opening offices in Portland. Temporary offices have been opened by Mr. Dodge in the Lumbermen's building until permanent quarters can be found, and he will remain here for the present as local manager.

Report has it that the Dodge company has established local offices here in order to compete with the Richardson Steamship company, which runs a line of steam schooners to Oak street dock and has a branch office here, and it is more or less borne out by Mr. Dodge himself.

"We are going to do a lumber and shipping business here," said Mr. Dodge, and our steamers will all run to Couch street dock. Our business has been increasing to such an extent that we have found it necessary to open up a local office to take care of it. For the present I shall remain here as manager, and in a very short time we expect to move from our temporary quarters into permanent ones in this building."

When asked if their steamers would run in connection with the Richardson line, Mr. Dodge said that they would not, but that they would run in connection with the steamers operated by Gray & Holt and those of the Pollard line, and that they would land at Couch street dock. This is considered as equivalent to saying that there will be a combine of these companies, and that they will operate in opposition to the Richardson line, which runs between this port and San Francisco.

The steam schooners owned by the Dodge company are the St. Helens and the Northland. The former was in port a short time ago, after being all summer on the Alaska run, and the latter makes this port regularly with freight and passengers, and the South Bay. Other steam schooners which will come up here are the Pollard, Fair Oaks, Talac and Rainier of the Pollard Steamship company, and the Nome City, a regular boat to Portland, the Dispatch and the Gualia of the Gray & Holt company.

WHILE WORKING MAN MEETS AWFUL DEATH BETWEEN BOX CARS

Thomas J. Murphy, switchman in the Albina yards for the O. R. & N., was instantly killed this morning while making a coupling. The man was standing between the tender and a car when the engine bumped into a cut of cars. He was mashed to a pulp.

Considerable question has arisen over the accident, and the fireman is accused of being asleep. The accident happened at 5:30, and no one saw it except the fireman and engineer.

The fireman, S. A. Pertl, who has been on the engine only two nights, said that Murphy gave him what is called a short signal. That is, he did not signal for the engine to stop or slow down far enough from the car upon which they were going to couple. The crash was terrific, breaking the drawbars, and allowing the tender and car to be jammed together. It was between these that the switchman was standing.

The fireman says he was not asleep, but saw everything, and gave the engineer the signal to stop as soon as the switchman gave it to him. The engineer was not looking back, and cannot say when the signal was given. General Yardmaster Harned is inclined to the opinion that the fireman failed to give the signal as soon as he received it, thereby allowing the crash. There was sufficient light to see that the two cars were approaching, and there was no reason for the switchman to give the short signal. He had time to jump, says the yardmaster, if he did give it.

Murphy roomed at the Terminus hotel, Delay and Knott streets. He is 25 years old, unmarried and came from Denver. Patrolman L. K. Evans was soon on the scene of the accident and had the body pulled out from between the jammed cars. An inquest will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

ROBBERS GET $7000 AND ESCAPE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 16.—Three daring cracksmen broke into the First National bank of Exeter in Tulare county early today, smashed the combination lock of the vault with a sledge hammer, gathered up $7000 in gold and made their escape.

Entrance to the bank was gained through a side window, which was pried open. The tools with which the work was done were stolen from the railroad shops.

The money was all in sacks, and consisted mostly of $5 and $10 gold pieces. There was a small quantity of silver in the vault, but this was untouched. In their haste the robbers left $660 in gold behind, which was found at the vault door. They had a delivery wagon waiting outside the bank. The gold was thrown into the conveyance, and it is thought the robbers drove to Visalia. They are still at large, and are thought to have headed for Fresno.

Nothing but the vault was disturbed in the bank.

The officers found besides the money at the vault door, a sledge hammer and two crowbars. These were the tools with which the robbers smashed the combination lock.

Sheriff Collins of Tulare county and his deputies, assisted by several constables, are scouring the country for the robbers. The wagon tracks were traced for several miles in the direction of Visalia, 14 miles distant, where they were finally lost. Sheriff Collins thinks the robbers headed either for Hanford or

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STRIKE NO LONGER TROUBLES, SAYS HILL, INSPECTING LINES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Dec. 16.—Before leaving for Portland this morning, James J. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern railroad, declared the strike of switchmen was over, so far as the Hill railroads were concerned.

"We are handling today more freight than we were previous to the strike," said Mr. Hill. "The strike situation is no longer troubling us. On the Northern Pacific more inconvenience has been experienced by reason of the strike than on the Great Northern, but it will be a matter of 10 days only before the Northern Pacific all along the line will be handling all the freight offered."

Discussing his mission to the coast at this time, Mr. Hill said:

"I a m just out here on a swing over the line before Christmas. We are going to Portland today, and from there in company with George P. French, the new president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle, we will return to Spokane over that road to inspect it."

Mr. Hill is accompanied in his special train by Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, and J. P. Graves, president of the Spokane & Inland railroad, of which Hill has just gained control.

Figurehead of Oregon at Capital.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Dec. 16.—The state of Oregon has received the figurehead from the battleship Oregon, which was presented to the state by the navy department. The figurehead consists of a pointed shield of heavy armor plate, about 5½ feet long and width in proportion. It is nearly four inches thick and weighs about 1800 pounds.

ONE MORE GRANGE IS OPPOSED TO ASSEMBLY

The following resolutions were passed by Lents Grange, P. of H., at their meeting of December 11, 1909:

Whereas, There is a disposition on the part of machine politicians of the state of Oregon to assail the initiative and referendum, together with that most vital part of all, Statement No. 1, whereby candidates are chosen by the people instead of a clique. Therefore be it

Resolved, By Lent's Grange, P. of H., No. 351, that in conformity with other granges of the state of Oregon, we go on record as against the assembly plan, and favor and give our allegiance to the direct primary law.

REACTIONARIES MOURN RAINES

Boss of New York State Senate Since 1903—Opponent of Hughes Policies.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 16.—In the death of State Senator Raines at his home in Canandaigua today the anti-Hughes faction of the Republican party in the state lost its most powerful representative and the old line Republican organization one of its most picturesque leaders.

Since 1881 Raines had been prominent in the Republican organization and since 1903 he had been president pro tem and Republican boss of the state senate.

He was the author of the famous Raines law and practically no important legislation had been enacted in the last decade which has not passed through his hands and been affected by his influence.

Raines was the most powerful opponent of the Hughes policies, as when the present governor entered upon his first term it was considered practically impossible to put any measure through the senate without Raines' consent.

Raines served in the Fifty-first and Fifty-second congresses, but returned to the state senate in 1892 and there, after held the balance of power in that body.

He was 69 years old, but his age did not lessen his activities in the legislature and at the last session he held his position as the leader of that body.