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#### THOUSANDS OF ACRES IN BAKER CO. INVOLVED

Million Dollar Salt Lake Corporation Said to Be Under Suspicion of Having Appropriated Claims.

DAVID C. ECCLES, THE SUGAR KING, UNDER FIRE

Names of Jurors Who Will Be Empaneled to Try Important Cases.

United States District Attorney John McCourt today made a special application for the calling of a federal grand jury to investigate the acquisition of more than 100,000 acres of Baker county timber land by the Oregon Lumber company. one of the largest logging and man-goo, oo laboring people would completely and the Sumpter Valley Railway company. Federal Judge P. S. Bean granted the order, and the in the injury of several rioters who to send the state militia into Philagrand jury was called to report stoned a car in West Philadelphia. The delphia March 1.

In an investigation which promises to rival in importance and sensational features the famous Oregon land fraud the section where most of the laboring cases, David C. Eccles, the Salt Lake, people live. (Utah) beet sugar king and multimillionaire lumberman, will, be put rounded by a detail of constabulary and under the microscope. More than a line of the state troops was thrown score of eastern Oregon Mormons, with along Kensington avenue to give pro-W. H. Eccles, president of the Hood tection to the cars of the company in River railway company, will figure in operation there today.

The massing of the constabulary in the investigation, which will affect all officers and stockholders of the two companies.

The massing of the constabulary in streets through which it passes a companies of the police authorities to distribute their 5500 men with better efserve at the police precincts serve at the police precincts.

today corroborated today reports from the transit company's demand for police. Baker City, Or., which told that subpoenaes were being served on all offi-cers of the two companies, and on many land agents. The application charges the violation of the timber and stone act, and asks that the jury be called immediately as the statute of limitations in the cases will soon expire.

According to Mr. McCourt, more than 100,000 acres of valuable timber land lying in Baker county is in the balance. Not only will David C. Eccles, the senior, be involved, but all officers of the two companies, as well as the local managers.

Eccles is President.

D. C. Eccles is named as president and general manager of the Oregon Lumber company, which owns and op-erates mills at the Oregon towns of Ingalls, Baker City, Hood River and Charles T. Early is given as headquarters in Baker City, and Joseph A. West is named as superintendent and general freight and passenger agent of the rallway company. The Eccles interests are supposed to own more than 2,000,000,000 feet of timber in the state

W. H. Eccles, son of D. C. Eccles, is president and general manager of the contemplation.

Officers of the Sumpter Valley Railway company, who will be brought before the grand jury, are David Eccles, Ogden, Utah, president and general man-ager: Charles W. Nibley, Sait Lake, (Continued on Page Eighteen.)

#### TAFT SLUMBERS; TRAFFIC CEASES

Extraordinary Consideration Is Shown by Washington Terminal Officials.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Feb. 24.—All traffic was tied up for an hour today at the big Union station because President Taft Union station because President Tark wished to sleep. When he retired in his private car "Owi" last night after his speach at Newark, he gave orders that he should not be disturbed until 8.30 today. The "Owl" special car reached the Union station at 7:30 The yardmaster gave orders that no whistles should be blown, no bells rung and no car couplings made in the yard until the hour appointed for the cessation of the presidential slum-

The request of the president had been by the protective tariff principle in the country and in Canada, declaring that the general merchandise store of transmitted to the terminal officials, coming elections, and, even if defeated, the cost was greater at Montreal than and after a burried conference early not to heed the cry of "high prices." in Washington.

York and Newark.

## GROOM'S BLACK HORSE CAVALRY IS IN CHARGE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Philadelphia, Feb. 24.-Leaders of the striking platform men of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company today admitted that the arrival of four companies of state constabulary and the possibility of the calling out of the state militia was a severe blow to their cause.

The leaders were in conference nearly all night, and today announcd that they, too, had been preparing "drastic" measures with which to meet the new turn of events in the industrial strife that has | 0. R. & N. WANTS rent the city since last Sunday, and in which several persons have lost their lives. They declared that the arrival of state constabulary was regarded by them as a drastic measure on the part of their opponents and that equally decisive action would be taken by the Judge O'Day Opposed Request unionists to win their fight. They refused, however, to reveal what action they would take or the nature of the measures under considration. The city is filled with wild rumors today that every union man and woman in the city would be ordered to leave workshop, store and factory before sundown. Both sides admitted that Philadelphia faced one of the greatest industrial crises in her history.

Already business in every direction is damaged by the car strike. Stores are suffering from lack of customers. Some schools have been closed because of danger in the streets to children who are compelled to walk through the disturbed section of the city.

Fear Great Strike.

The calling out of from 150,000 to quota of cars. that break out spasmodically. The first disturbance today resulted

police charged the mob and dispersed it, arresting a ringleader. The four companies of constabulary

were ordered to northeast Philadelphia, The Frankfort car barn was sur

Although Mr. McCourt's application feet in other sections.

for the immediate calling of the federal grand jury gives only a hint of its addition of the constabulary indicates

primary purpose, the district attorney that the authorities have responded to

protection to enable it to run its full

Mayor Reyburn has announced that ufacturing corporations in the state, stagnate the commercial life of the city the company will be given adequate and the Sumpter Valley Railway and would add fuel to the fires of riot protection and that if the forces now on hand are unable to control the situation he will call upon the governor

More Cars Bunning.

More cars were running today than at any time since the strike began. The however, was nowhere near the normal, according to strike leaders. In most cases the cars were manned by strikebreakers while a few were operated by powerhouse employes. The operation of the cars was perfunctory, however. So great has been the danger that few have dared to board them and risk death at the hands of a mob. Every car corries a police detail, while the streets through which it passes are pa-

Large bodies of men are held in reserve at the police precincts stations to respond to riot calls. "Groom's black horse cavalry,

state constabulary is called, is feared (Continued on Page Eighteen.)

#### TACOMA & EASTERN ROAD TO ENTER PORTLAND EAST SIDE OF MT. ST. HELENS

the acting manager of the company, with of Mount St. Helens instead of to the get to the Pacific coast, it is said by westward, as predicted by many, is the opinion of men, who, during the past few months, have been watching surveying parties active in the isolated dis-trict back of the old snow-capped sen-

tinel of Skamania county. May Cross Cowlitz.

Hood River Railway company, which be built from the headwaters of the logger's axe because of its inaccessibil-was built for the primary purpose of Cowlitz river across a narrow strip of ity, but conditions in the lumber market hauling logs to the Hood River mill land to the headwaters of the north fork are now becoming such that it could be of the Oregon Lumber company, the of the Lewis river and then follow that handled to good advantage if within parent corporation. The road is 30 miles stream to the Columbia for a water level reach of a railroad. in length, and at the present time an route into Portland as the final link of extension into central Oregon is under the Chicago, Milkaukee & Puget Sound, which has been reaching out for this in the hands of large syndicates holding city for some time and for the accom- it for the opening up of the country plishment of which it took over the Adjoining these large private tracts is l'acoma & Eastern property.

bends. It is also said that a pass has been found through which it is an easy matter to cross from the headwaters of very close proximity to the promising

Would Tap Fir.

That the Tacoma & Eastern will head object, and an important one, of the for Portland over a route to the east Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound to those closely in touch with the situa-

better prospects for such traffic be found than in that district, to the east of Mount St. Helens. This vast belt of These men believe that the road will timber has not been touched by the

Syndicates Have Timber.

The bulk of the timber is said to be the large Rainler Forest reserve which in the wages of the men on city work It has been surmised that the route would give considerable tonnage to the of the road would follow the course of railroad since it is customary for the the Cowlitz to the Columbia, but while government to dispose of its merchantthis would be feasible, it is said the able timber from time to time, so long Lewis river route would be far prefer- as it does not interfere with the plans able because of its easy grades and few of conservation or the protection of

the Cowlitz to those of the Lewis river and already well developed mines in on the east slope of the mountain, ber of prominent Portland people are Another reason why it is believed the interested. These mines would have oad will choose the Lewis river route been sending out valuable ore long ago s that it would tap what is perhaps the but for the fact that they are too far inest body of fir now standing. One from the railroads now in operation.

## GUNSEKVATIVE INSUKGENT URGES G. O. P. TO STAND

(United Press Leased Wire.) known as a "conservative insurgent." the same in both countries. today urged all Republicans to stand

The "Owl" was put upon a slding in the accused the Democrats of incontraction of the yard, and the president was not disturbed in the rest charged the hard times to low prices, which he desired after his trip to New and now they blame high prices and the ton than at any other port visited in He accused the Democrats of Incon-sistency, saying that in 1896 they He showed that 12 of the 16 articles tariff for the present difficulties.

Gardner showed charts of prices in Washington, Feb. 24.—Representative America and in England and declared Gardner of Massachusetts, who is that the fluctuations in prices had been He quoted the prices of meats in this

this morning it was decided that Taft's Gardner undertook to prove to the As one of his strongest points Gardwish should be carefully respected, at house that the tariff had nothing to do ner gave the prices of 16 articles of food used by the training ship Massa-with the high cost of livings. the circumnavigation of the globe,

### HARRIMAN AGENT **USES ORATORY TO** VACATE STREETS

Attorney Zera Snow Makes stricken over the said Plea Before City Council for Vacation of Parts of Oregon and Adams.

STREETS FROM PEOPLE

of Railroad Company in Behalf of People.

"Gentlemen, the trouble with Oregon, and Portland in particular, is that i has too many people who mask as public benefactors to promote private interests, too much initiative, too much ref erendum, too much U'Ren and too much O'Day."—Conclusion of speech made by Attorney Zera Snow before the city council this morning in argument for the passage of an ordinance vacating to the O. R. & N. portions of Oregon and Adams streets.

Defeated at every turn when it came to real arguments, attorneys for the Harriman interests this morning re-sorted to oratory, a sample of which is quoted above. The city council, after listening to the arguments of the railroad attorneys and a number of rep resentatives of the people, adjourned out of respect to Chief of Police Cox, whose wife died this morning. Will Visit Site.

councilmen will visit the proposed site of the west side approach of the new steel bridge in a body next Saturday afternoon and the petition of the railway company will be acted upon at the next regular session of the city egislators.

A large delegation of business men representing the East Side Business Men's club filled the council chambers when the special session was convened Judge O'Day, attorney for the business men who are protesting against the passage of the ordinance granting conces sions to the railroad without compensa tion for such concessions, was accordethe privilege of the floor, and in a plain (Continued on Page Four.)

### LABORERS' WAGES AT SPOKANE ARE **INCREASED TO \$3**

tion, is to get a share of the lumber traffic that will be offered through the development of the country.

It is pointed out that nowhere could the lumber traffic that will be offered through the development of the country.

Which His Enemies in the City Council Sought to Inject Politics.

> Spokane, Wash., Feb. 24.—On the strength of Mayor Pratt's showing of Unknown Steamer Is Breaking he facts concerning the city laborers onditions, the city council last night immediately directed that an ordinance be drafted allowing a 25 cent increase The counter petition filed against the remenstrance of the chamber of commerce and manufacturers by 300 busi-ness men and firms was not read, the council baving learned of the overwhelming support the laborers had se-

the council had twice favored and twice upon the sands during the night withdrawn its support from the proposed increased wage measure. Pratt is declared to have beaten the councilmen at their own game by immediately starting a systematic investigation among the laborers' homes and by filing his sensational report.

A peculiar feature of the fight was

he fact that after the chamber of commerce and manufacturers had filed a remonstrance against the adoption of an increased wage scale, several of the largest business firms of the city turned champions of the workingmen and circulated a counter petition in their behalf.

The new scale will give common

#### MYRTLE CREEK SAFE YIELDS ROBBERS \$100 CASH, \$7000 IN NOTES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Myrtle Creek, Or., Feb. 24.— At an early hour this morning and the safe blown. All of the contents were taken. The robhers secured about \$100 in money and \$7000 in notes. There is no The sam was drilled in clue. three places. Black powder and nitroglycerine were used.

#### Sad Aftermath of Deep Sea Mystery

Chicago, Feb. 24.—All hope has been given up by the family of Commander Croghan, of the navy tug Nina, of ever again seeing him alive. The case of this dashing young commander is most unfortunate for he leaves a young wife and a 16-months-old babe to mourn his loss. A cousin of his, J. A. Hawkins, living at 7125 Perry avenue, voiced the sentiments of his parents and two brothers and sisters, all of whom are grief stricken over the apparent fate of their

"I received a letter from Mrs. Croghan, inclosed in which was a picture of her little son. Alvin, aged 15 months. She spoke of being happy, because this was practically the last sea trip that 'Johnnie,' her husband, would have to make for a year, as he was to be trans-ferred to shore duty at the Brooklyn havy yards and he would be able to be at home so much hereafter and play with baby. She told of receiving a leter from her husband Just before his de parture from Norfolk, where the Nina had towed two boats from the Broowlyn navy yard. The missive said that the



Chief Boatswain John S. Croghan, who is in command of the missing naval tug Nina, diagram of the search being made for her; Joseph Carrington and Ferdinand Drace of the crew (the former shown next to Croghan), and the missing boat. The Nina left Norfolk for Boston, and has never been heard from.

Maiden, Mass., in two days. As the let- is certainly brought to a sudden and the boats tied up for a day or two at ter was written a week ago last Sunday sad termination. When the two met, Memphis, Tenn., an informal reception night his wife expected him the follow- it was a case of love at first sight. Crog- was held for the benefit of the citizens. g Tuesday night.

"If her husband has been drowned, as Wasp, which boat was in the fleet which He Thompson and before gnother month we fear he has, Mrs. Croghan's romance steamed up the Mississippi river. When had clapsed married her.

# GOODWIN SANDS

Up-Efforts to Save Crew May Not Avail.

(United Press Lensed Wire.) Dover, Del., Feb. 24.- Five tugs and three lifeboats are struggling desperately to rescue the crew of an unidenti fied steamer that is being broken to It is popularly believed that Pratt's pieces on Goodwin Sands. The sea is nemics in the city and in the city running high and it appears improbable ouncil sought to throw him into an that the lifesavers will be able to reach heavy wind has been blowing and the tugs and lifeboats are driven back every time they approach the wreck. On account of the mist and the high seas which are washing her the name of the steamer has not been learned

#### PINE CREEK PLACERS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Baker City, Or., Feb. 24. Final negotiations are being made by Scattle cap-Italists, represented by V. O. lianna, for the purchase of the famous Pine Creek Business Men's club Insist that the aborers \$3 per day and team owners \$6, placers on Burnt river. The deal involves a vast area of rich placer gold. claims, and with the coming of spring negotiations now pending, will install a huge dredge with a capacity of 4800 cubic yards of dirt a day. immense gasoline pumping plant

Notarial Commissions.

Salem, Or., Feb. 24 - Notarial commisions have been issued to J. W. Maxwell, Haines; R. W. Masters, Roseburg loy McNelll, Ashland; Emil L. Tschie gi. Brogan: Ralph A. Holte, Stanffeld; Weston; W. J. Moore, Lakeview, and A. . E. Morten, Marshfield.

#### PEOPLE MUST PAY FOR UPPER DECK OF STEEL BRIDGE Leonard Palm, 62, Shoots Ma-

Compelled to Shoulder This Burden Because of Liberal Terms of Franchise Granted to O. R. & N. Co.

East side business men find further mbarrassing position by dropping the those on board the wrecked vessel. The justification for the demands which they whole controversy into his hands after steamer is supposed to have been driven are making at this time on the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, in the very liberal provisions of the franchise years. granted to the company by the Port of encounter Monday afternoon in which Portland in August, 1909.

It is pointed out that under the terms of this franchise the people of Portland will in reality pay ultimately all close to the Tiliamook county line. the cost of the upper deck of the new steel bridge and the approaches there. Agnes Knoble, Monday afternoon,

Say Terms Generous.

proaches

terms granted to the railroad company Port of Portland were so gener-The company now owns a large tract of our that it is incombent upon the comrich land adjoining the Pine ('rock pany to show equal liberality in the Under the franchise granted by the

Port of Portland last August the railroad company is required to construct has been purchased and is now on the an upper deck with suitable approachground and will be used to pump the es for the use of the general public, waters of Burnt river to the higher and while the initial cost is to be borne level, where the rich gravel is located, by the railroad company, it is to be amply reimbursed eventually. The city or county must, in the first place, pay o the railroad 5 per cent upon the total additional investment occasioned by the construction of the upper deck and approaches.

In determining the amount of this additional investment the company is

ermitted to include each year "all ex-(Continued on Page Eighteen.)

# IN FATAL FIGHT

thias Zettle, 50, When the Latter Tramples Him.

(Special Disputch to The Journal.) McMinnville, Or., Feb. 24 .- Leanord Palm, 62 years old, was this morning bound over to await the action of the Yambill county grand Jury for the shooting Monday of Mathias Zettle, 50 cars old. Zettle is carrying two bullets, one in the side and one in the breast. His death is expected momen tarily. Neither man will reveal the real cause of the fight, but it is known that they had been bitter enemies for The shooting followed a fistio

The aged feudists reside in the vicinity of Bear Camp, on the Siletz road, TO BE PURCHASED to, and in addition, they must pay in perpetuity an annual rental of five per ward his daughter's house when he cent on the entire cost of the upper saw Zettle approaching. Palm was unportion of the bridge and the approaches armed and ran into the house, where he secured a revolver. He then walked back and met Zettle, and the two fought

Representatives of the East Side fiercely for several minutes.

[usiness Men's club insist that the Palm says he would not have used] is fevolver had not Zettle got him down on the ground and commenced to trample him. He says Zettle gave no heed to his entreaties to desist. Palm is convinced that Zettle would have killed him had he not used the

> Paim and Zettle are well-to-do farms Ralm this morning waived examinaion before Justice Hopfield.

223 Acres Bring \$31,500.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hood River, Or., Feb. 24.-E. of Portland has closed a deal through B. E. Duncan & Co. of Hood River for 222 seres of fine orchard land two miles cast of Mosler. The price table was \$31,500. One hundred sures are in proved. The tract formerly belonged to George Sellingen