

J. BOWERMAN OUT TO BEAT SELLING IN SENATE FIGHT

Defeated gubernatorial Candidate in Portland to Pull Land in President's Chair in Senate.

HAS CHANCE, ALTHOUGH PORTLAND MAN LEADING

Speakership Fight in Doubt—New Candidates Bob Up Hopeful.

Senator Jay Bowerman is out to defeat Senator Ben Selling for president of the senate, and he is a more potent factor in the fight than Senator Selling's friends are willing to admit.

Senator Bowerman reached Portland last night from his home in Condon and is now at the Imperial, from which vantage ground he and ex-United States Senator C. W. Fulton and other old line friends are reaching out for votes.

Senator Selling believes that he has the presidency all tied up in a neat package ready for delivery. Some of his friends contend that he has 15 votes pledged to him or just one less than enough to elect him.

Every one admits that Selling is now in the leading place, but they also admit that Jay Bowerman is some wire puller when it comes to manipulating things and that he is able to block Selling's name between now and January 5.

It is a fact that many of the holdover senators do not like Senator Selling. He was too uncompromising during the last session.

Selling too business like. Selling would concede nothing and he kept insisting on an expeditious and a business session.

He kept insisting that appropriations should be cut down instead of being increased and he was not willing to raise anybody's salary unless it was clearly demonstrated that to do so would be for the public good.

Some of the old ones, therefore, remember Selling as an objector to things and they would rather see a more easy going man in the president's chair.

Senator Bowerman does not like Senator Selling, politically, and wants to beat him. Bowerman's friends are in the same boat.

Way down deep, perhaps, the influences that are back of Bowerman's activity are not so much for Bowerman as they are against Selling.

Bowerman's friends, when they check up the list of probable support, say they are going to get their votes from Senators Carson, Abraham, Norton, Chase, Hoskins, Wood, Lester, Merryman, Burgess, Parish, W. N. Barrett and Bowerman himself.

Dark Horse May Win. They believe that Senators Von der Hellen, Hawley, Nottingham and possibly Simont would come into the fold.

They also believe, and with reason, that (Continued on Page Eighteen.)

Man Charged With Barnhart Murders Withheld From County Authorities.

Little and Stead demanded that they be allowed to question the prisoner, and when this was refused announced they would bring proceedings to have him transferred to Johnson county.

The funerals of the four victims were held today. An immense crowd attended the services.

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CONTRACTS LET FOR HUGE POWER PLANT ON RIVER

Mount Hood Railway & Power Co. Buys Big Site on Willamette for Steam Auxiliary Generating Plant.

FOUR MONTHS IS TIME FOR COMPLETING WORK

Cars to Be Operated in Early Summer; Power Will Be for Sale.

The Mount Hood Railway & Power company has purchased from the Peninsular Lumber company a tract of land on the Willamette river for a site for its first auxiliary steam power plant.

The transaction means an outlay of several hundred thousand dollars and forms the first step towards furnishing electric power for the road now being built in an easterly direction from Portland to Mount Hood.

The auxiliary plant will generate 4000 horsepower and will furnish power for the electric cars that immediately upon completion of the line, will supplant the steam cars employed during the construction period.

Upon completion of the first unit of the hydraulic station at Bull Run the steam plant will continue in operation as an auxiliary so that it will be permanently established.

The site purchased. The site measures 300 by 975 feet and has water frontage between the oil wharves of the Standard Oil and Union Oil companies' tanks.

It is also near the lumber manufacturing plant of the Peninsular Lumber company and it is understood that arrangements have been made to utilize the waste of the mill in the big furnaces.

But the plant will also be equipped for oil fuel and it was with this object in view that a tract abutting on the river was secured.

By building a wharf it will be possible to bring oil barges direct to the power station at the very least expense.

The purchase of the auxiliary power plant and the letting of the contract for the erection of the plant and installation of the machinery was closed today by R. C. Gillis, chairman of the board of directors of the new road, who has been in Portland about a week attending to preliminary details in getting the road well under way.

It is hoped to have it ready for traffic early next summer.

A large number of cars were purchased some time ago, both for freight and passenger, and trucking has been progressing beyond Molalla at a rapid rate and work trains have been running through the town of Gresham on the permanent track for some time.

A franchise for entrance for its passenger line into Portland by way of the Barr road will be presented to the city council in the near future, it is understood, including permission to dispose of surplus electric power, of which the company will have great quantities upon the completion of the project.

The hydraulic power plant near the Mount Hood end of the line.

Private Cars at Mercy of Roads as to Demurrage

Interstate Commission Says Hauling of Such Cars Is Favor to Owner, and Use of It Carries No Privileges.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The railroads have the right to impose such demurrage charges on private cars as they see fit, according to a decision rendered today by the interstate commerce commission.

The finding was given in a case brought by Proctor & Gamble, soap manufacturers, of Cincinnati, against the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad.

The charges to which the company objected were assessed against the company for not unloading its private cars standing on its private tracks, until the time limit fixed by the railroad before demurrage should be charged had expired.

The soap concern argued that to force the owners of cars to pay storage on goods held in their own property was unfair and beyond the powers of the railroad company.

The commission held that railroads are not forced to use private cars, and may therefore impose such conditions as they see fit when they handle them for the owners.

ARBITRATION ON APPROACHES FOR BRIDGE OPPOSED

Six City Councilmen Say They Favor Going Ahead With the Condemnation Proceedings on Broadway Site.

O. R. & N. IS SUSPECTED OF CONCEALED PURPOSE

Lombard Declares He Believes New Offer Is Another Plan to Delay Action.

Six city councilmen said today that tomorrow they will vote for the institution of condemnation proceedings to secure the right of way for the Broadway bridge. They will vote against further arbitration, they say, and against a trade or deal that includes the vacations of portions of east side streets.

They will vote affirmatively, they say, only on the proposition to let the courts adjudicate the whole controversy.

A proposal made yesterday by Secretary Southernland of J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the O. R. & N. company, suggesting the appointment of a board of arbitration of five members to fix cash values upon property desired by the city did not meet with approval from the six councilmen.

Councilmen Lombard and Kuhl made statements of disapproval. Councilman Lombard said: "See's Possible Loophole."

"The O. R. & N. Co. has decided that it cannot put through the unfair trade which it proposed with the city and is seeking this way out of the dilemma. To my mind the only point at issue is securing the approach to the Broadway bridge. The right of way for the sewer in Sullivan's gulch, and the park site in South Portland mentioned in Mr. Southernland's letter are extraneous. The appointment of a board of arbitration would complicate the matter in the future, as has the proceedings in the past."

"I doubt the legality of arbitration. The charter provides that the city may negotiate for property rights, and failing in this, to condemn property rights needed. The mayor has negotiated and the committee has negotiated and no conclusion has been reached. To my mind we are now no nearer a settlement than in the beginning. We will never reach a conclusion until the entire matter is put into the courts."

"I oppose the appointment of a board of arbitration at this late date because I unqualifiedly believe the city, in any case, would get the worst of it."

Scouts Hidden Purpose. "The actions of the O. R. & N. Co. point to one of two conclusions. By introducing long-contested issues with the Broadway bridge right-of-way transaction, the railroad either hopes to prevent the building of the bridge or the completion of the transaction, or it thinks to take advantage of the need of the bridge to obtain property rights that otherwise would be impossible. I have always thought the O. R. & N. Co. was back of the opposition to the Broadway bridge, although I have never obtained any evidence that my belief was correct. There has always been evidence that some powerful secret agency was behind the opposition to the Broadway bridge."

The South Portland park proposition is merely a sop to South Portland people. The railroad believes that if the city immediately believe the city, and fail to take advantage of the need of the bridge to obtain property rights that otherwise would be impossible. I have always thought the O. R. & N. Co. was back of the opposition to the Broadway bridge, although I have never obtained any evidence that my belief was correct. There has always been evidence that some powerful secret agency was behind the opposition to the Broadway bridge."

If the South Portland park site is approved the park board has power to obtain it. The city has the same authority to condemn the bridge approach rights of way. We have no more excuse for arbitrating with the O. R. & N. company than with Alberts Bros. We condemned the Alberts Bros. property and obtained it at a reasonable price. Now, I say that if Alberts Bros. property was worth but \$7,000 approximately, the O. R. & N. right of way on the opposite side of the river is worth more than half as much. The proposal was intended to confuse the issue, to confuse the people and to get something for nothing."

Mr. Lombard pointed out that the cash value of which Mr. Southernland speaks was fixed to the satisfaction of the railroad by C. K. Henry some time ago, and also that C. K. Henry's reputed ownership of the west halves of blocks U and Y, which the city attorney is investigating, has never been cleared up. He declared there had been no request for arbitration until every other means which the railroad could exert had been tried.

Councilman Kuhl made a statement similar to that of Councilman Lombard. He said that six councilmen at least will oppose anything but condemnation.

Judge Mundy of the Northeast Side Improvement association said this morning that he and those who represent would consent to arbitration, provided the arbitration extended to setting a price on the property values desired by the O. R. & N.

CHILD IN ASYLUM BURNED TO DEATH

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 13.—In a fire that destroyed the Children's Home early today Ralph Barker, 7 years old, was burned to death. The child was in the sick ward and in the excitement attending the rescue of the children in the dormitories he was forgotten. His charred body was found in the ruins of the building. Several children are suffering from effects of smoke.

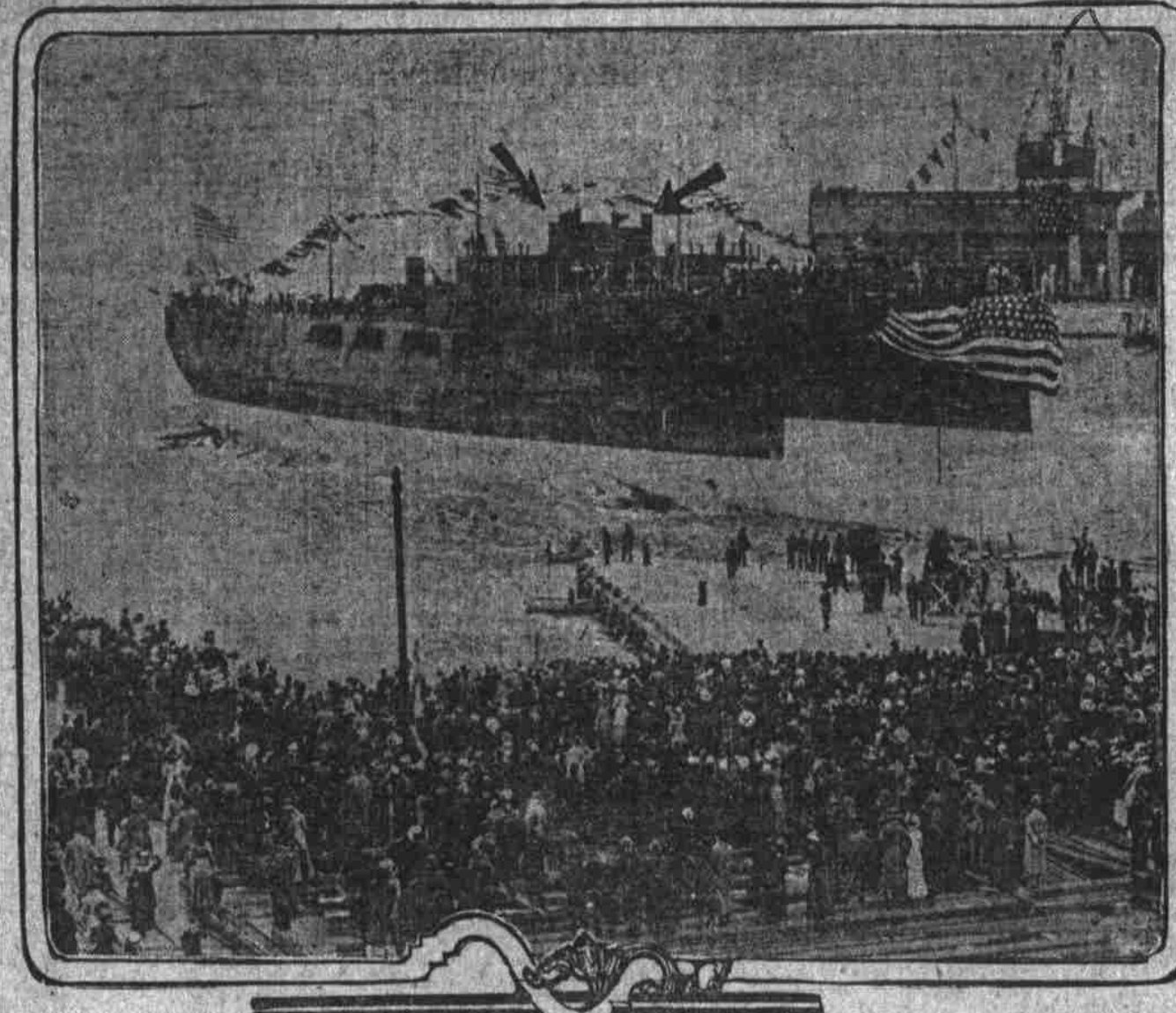
ELLENSBURG, 4209; WENATCHEE, 4050, SAYS CENSUS BUREAU

Washington, Dec. 13.—The census bureau today announced that the population of Ellensburg, Wash., as 4209; Wenatchee, Wash., as 4050.

JOHN SPEAR, CALIFORNIA PIONEER DEAD; AGE 81

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—John L. Spear, 81 years of age, for many years secretary of the Society of Pioneers of California, is dead at his home here. Spear was a prominent banker in his early days in San Francisco and was a member of the banking firm of Hancock & Spear. Spear came to California in 1849 via Cape Horn.

AMERICAN FLEET IN ENGLISH WATERS



First picture of the American fleet in English waters. The battleship in the foreground is the Nebraska, and astern is seen the Rhode Island. The Atlantic fleet in British waters under Rear Admiral Schroeder is the most powerful the United States have ever assembled, and probably the most powerful fleet that has ever crossed the Atlantic. The substitution of the new type of "dreadnaught" battleship causes a displacement 30,000 tons heavier than the fleet which Rear Admirals Evans and Sperry took round the world three years ago, and, like its predecessor, consists of sixteen battleships. Visits such as this which the United States ships are making to French as well as English ports have in the past been rare. On only one other occasion indeed in the last quarter of a century has an American squadron visited English ports.

CONVENTION ENDS, SURE OF SUCCESS FOR GOOD ROADS

Bills Providing \$2,000,000 for Better Highways Approved and Adoption by Legislature Confidently Expected.

Unanimously determined to proceed energetically in a practical campaign for good roads, the Oregon Good Roads convention came to a close last night. With slight modifications five bills, providing a total of nearly \$2,000,000 for good roads construction were approved by the convention for submission to the legislature at its next session.

As a large proportion of the delegates to the convention were legislators-elect adoption of the bills and their enactment into law is confidently expected.

The state aid bill was changed to provide for an appropriation of \$550,000 instead of the originally planned \$340,000. This amount will be apportioned among the counties that avail themselves of the law in sums of \$10,000 for 1911 and \$10,000 for 1912. To take advantage of the preferred aid each county must appropriate \$20,000 to balance each \$10,000 given by the state. This makes the total of appropriation for any one county during two years \$60,000, instead of \$80,000, as was originally planned.

Bonding Act Amended. The bonding act was amended so as to provide that bonds shall not draw greater interest than 5 per cent, that bonds must be sold at not less than par and in any denomination desired by the purchaser. This makes it possible for every county to buy its own good roads bonds, or for the people to buy them, if it is so desired.

The bill providing for the creation of the state highway board of three members with a state highway commissioner as its executive officer, was left unchanged. An effort to increase the number of the members of the board to five and to provide they be paid each an annual salary of \$2000 was defeated.

One message stated that the insurgents providing for the utilization of penitentiary prisoners on roads, and the other for working city and county prisoners in the same way, were left unchanged.

To the mind of Dr. Andrew C. Smith, president of the Oregon Good Roads association, and Judge Lionel R. Webster, chairman of the executive committee of the association, the convention and the nature of its representation point to the fact that the need of a systematic road building plan in Oregon is generally recognized.

"Not only that," said Judge Webster this morning, "but the representative citizens of this state are together in hearty support of the road building plan that was approved yesterday."

Scientific Roads Desired. "Practical road making is to be Oregon's greatest development factor during the coming year."

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GOLD OF TANANA PECULIAR; HENCE CLUE TO THIEVES

Secret Service Men Hope to Locate Culprits by Means of Filings, Which Cannot Ordinarily Be Identified.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 13.—With several suspects under arrest in connection with the robbery of \$57,000 in gold bullion from the steamer Humboldt, secret service agents today bent their energies toward identifying the gold filings alleged to have been sold by the men under arrest and an endeavor to trace the supposed ringleaders of the gang.

The gold seized in the deposit vault of the suspected men was filed into small pieces for easy disposal. These filings went among assayers and gold brokers and ordinarily could not be identified as part of the stolen bullion. The bullion was Tanana gold and the detectives assert that it can be traced because it is not like the product of any other region.

The local police hold E. L. Smith, Mrs. E. L. Smith and two other suspects. The authorities are in possession of five bars of the bullion and assert that they have a clue that will lead to the unearthing of the remainder at Seattle, where, they claim, the arrest of the ringleader of the gang is imminent.

LONG BATTLE IN CHIHUAHUA STATE

Conflict Between Troops and Rebels That Began Sunday Still in Progress.

(United Press Leased Wire.) El Paso, Texas, Dec. 13.—A battle between federal troops and insurgents 30 miles from Piedras Blancas, in the state of Chihuahua, which began Sunday, is reported to have resulted in great loss of life. Dispatches today indicate that the fight is still in progress, but do not say which side has the advantage.

One message stated that the insurgents seized two machine guns at San Andres.

Trains are moving northward on the Mexico Northwestern railroad filled with women and children, refugees from the fighting zone.

LU ETIA SMITH AGAIN ON STAND

Great Crowd Attends Cross-Examination; Important Witnesses to Follow.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Santa Rosa, Cal., Dec. 13.—Lu Etia Smith was again the center of attraction at the trial of Dr. Willard F. Burke today. Although the woman has told many times her story of the events leading up to Dr. Burke's arrest on the charge of attempting to kill her with dynamite, the crowd of spectators was as large today as on any other day of the trial and the announcement that Miss Smith would be recalled to the stand for cross-examination drew the largest crowd that has yet assembled.

Important witnesses for the prosecution were scheduled to follow Miss Smith on the stand. Dr. Addison W. Hitt, formerly a practicing surgeon at Dr. Burke's sanitarium here, was expected to give the most startling information. Dr. Hitt is supposed to have ridden with Dr. Burke in a buggy from Fulton to the sanitarium at the time Dr. Burke is alleged to have brought the dynamite with which the Smiths' tent was blown up.

SENATOR ELKINS AT DEATH'S DOOR FROM STARVATION

Digestive Organs Inert and Wealthy Statesman Lies in Critical Condition; Malady of Months' Standing.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 13.—Surrounded by luxury, yet starting to death because of inability to assimilate food, United States Senator Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia is near death, according to a report current here today.

It is said that the senator's chief trouble is inability to digest food and that as a result his blood has become impoverished. It is asserted that he has lost considerable weight and that his friends would not know him, so greatly has he changed. No one is permitted to see the senator, although it was announced at the Elkins residence last night that his condition was good and that there was no cause for alarm.

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NATHAN B. HYDE VICTIM OF FOUL DEED IN CHICAGO

Detectives Seek Emil Mathias, for Whom, They Believe, Hyde Was Writing Letter When He Was Murdered.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Dec. 13.—In a blood stained, ink blotted letter that was being written by Nathan B. Hyde, formerly United States commissioner in southern Oregon, as he was struck and killed, the police today believe they hold a clue to the murderer.

Detectives are seeking Emil Mathias in connection with the crime, believing that Hyde was writing the letter for Mathias. Hyde's body was discovered when his blood ran through the floor and dripped from the ceiling of the room below. This room was occupied by Mathias but the police have learned that he was with Hyde shortly before the latter was killed.

The murdered man was struck on the head with a crowbar. On a table before him was the following note: "Mr. E. F. Scott. I am a corrupt player seeking employment. I played with Sousa's band in New York. I can also play."

Here a large ink blot, ended the sentence in connection with the word "presidency." Hyde more than a year ago, in return to his own country, reports have, coming from reliable sources are that President Dyer had summoned him back and had decided to make him his undersecretary for the presidency.

REYES CALLED BACK BY DIAZ, IS REPORT

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CHICAGO COMPANY CANCELS ORDER FOR BRIDGE BONDS

Acting on Opinion of Their Attorney That Bonds Not Legally Safeguarded, Rollins & Sons Want Check Back.

HAD PUT IN BID FOR BLOCK OF \$500,000

Pointed Out That Congress Must Consent to Building of Broadway Span.

Evidence of the continued efforts of obstructionists to block the proposed Broadway bridge was received by City Auditor Barbur this morning when a letter arrived from E. H. Rollins & Sons, bond buyers, of Chicago, declining to accept a \$500,000 block of bridge bonds recently awarded to the firm at \$6.81. They declare that the opinion of their attorney holds that the bonds are not legally safeguarded and that therefore they cannot accept them.

The letter was also received from Charles B. Wood, attorney for the firm, in which he states facts indicating that information had been furnished to him by Portland people who did not wish him to take in favor of the bonds.

Wood cites three supposed reasons why the bonds are not acceptable. He says first that proper notice of the election covering the bond issue was not given to the electors, and that therefore it is not in favor of the bonds.

In connection with this point that he had been sent a copy of the petition and a record of the proceedings in the suit of Kieran vs. the city of Portland over the bridge and that this point is not touched in the suit.

The second reason cited by Wood is based upon section 9 of the rivers and harbors bill, which provides that the consent of congress must be secured before a bridge can be constructed across a navigable river and that the state legislature must also lend its approval. He declares that neither of these two conditions has been complied with. Wood declares that he is aware that the supreme court of Oregon has passed upon the matter, but that he cannot accept the decision of the state court as against an act of congress.

A third reason named by Wood is that the suit has been appealed and is now pending in the United States circuit court of appeals. He says that this would be good and sufficient reason for refusing to accept the bonds, if there were no other reasons.

In their letter to the auditor Rollins & Sons ask for the return of the \$35,000 check deposited with him as a guarantee of their bid. They call attention to the clause in their contract with the city which provides that the bonds are not to be accepted if their attorney does not regard them favorably.

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Miss Abbie L. Smith, formerly head nurse at the sanitarium, and Miss Sadie Dixon, a magazine writer, who wrote several articles for a periodical published by Dr. Burke, were among the other witnesses announced that have not hitherto figured in the case.