

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF LUMBER COMPANY IN BETTER SHAPE NOW

Receivers of North Pacific Will Consider Five Bids for Property This Week.

DEBTS MAY BE ALL PAID

With Improved Business Conditions Possibility Debtors May Get Full 100 Cents on Dollar.

Receivers of the North Pacific Lumber company will consider early this week five proposals for tentative and permanent adjustment of the company's affairs, a meeting being called for early this week.

Arthur C. Emmons, attorney for the receivers, said that in response to advertisements for final disposal of the properties, five sealed proposals have been received. The contents will not be known, he said, until the bids are opened by the receivers.

H. L. Bradley, one of the receivers, explained that the affairs of the straitened lumber company appear to be clearing up because of the rising tendency of the timber and lumber industry. Other receivers, H. A. Sargent and Russell Hawkins.

When the mill was closed, several months ago because of the company's financial difficulties under two mortgages, one held by the First National bank and one by outside creditors, a receiver was appointed, who was unsatisfactory to the outside men. A committee of three men was then named by the court who have acted as receivers. Under their administration, about 25 per cent has been secured for the creditors and hopes are now entertained that a full 100 per cent may be distributed.

One proposal, it is known, is for the lease of the property pending final settlement, the terms of the lease having been apparently satisfactory to the receivers. This would not hamper the sale itself, it was explained, but would allow the plant to earn something while negotiations are being carried on.

It is said that N. Edward Ayer, president of the St. Johns Lumber company, is making a strong bid on a leasing proposition.

RAILROAD MAN WAS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED



Arthur Jorgensen.

Arthur Jorgensen, who was accidentally killed at Baker, Or., on Monday, January 15, was well known in Portland, having made his home here previous to his going to Baker to take up railroad work. Prior to his departure for Baker he was employed at the John Walter Auto Supply company as a salesman. He was 21 years old.

It was through his personal friend, Jerry G. Kimmell, that he became interested in the new occupation that he was to take up, and during the first part of November he went to La Grande and on the seventeenth of the same month he passed examinations qualifying him for a position as a brakeman. He had been working on trains until the fatal night at Baker.

Snow which had piled up between the tracks making it difficult for anyone to mount a moving train is held responsible for the fatal accident.

The body was brought to Portland accompanied by his friend Kimmell and Mrs. Kimmell, who remained and attended the funeral. Many other friends of the deceased were in attendance. The interment was in Rose City cemetery.

RECENT STRIKE IS DISCUSSED BEFORE OREGON CIVIC LEAGUE

C. F. Swigert Is the Principal Speaker for Employers and E. E. Smith for the Men.

EACH ASSERTS RIGHTS

Portland Wages Are Declared to Be Higher Than Those Paid Elsewhere.

C. F. Swigert, of the Pacific Bridge company, and Eugene E. Smith, president of the Central Laborer's Council, debated the open and closed shop' issue before the Oregon Civic League, at the Multnomah hotel, Saturday, and A. G. Labbe, of the Willamette Iron & Steel company, gave a statement of the company's attitude toward the strike of its men engaged in shipbuilding.

Mr. Smith closed his address with this statement: "Listen, you employers of the open shop. Union labor is just getting into action. The workers are saying up I propose that in the near future your shops will be organized or operating under the 'closed shop,' as you please to term it, and that within a week or two your windows in your shops will have broken down the massive doors that guard your inner sanctums, and that the workers will be represented ably, amply and fully on the same terms as are such corporations as the good judgment of society permits to function as private institutions."

Mr. Swigert said that the employers read out of the recent labor troubles a studied determination on the part of the unions to make this a "closed shop" town.

Mr. Smith answered that the terms "closed shop" and "open shop" are misnomers, and did not figure in the recent strikes, but the sole purpose was to secure recognition of the workers' union.

Mr. Swigert stated that 90 per cent of the country's labor is organized, 85 per cent unorganized, and that for employers to yield to and consider only the demands of organized labor would be inequitable.

Mr. Smith answered that unorganized labor has been a beneficiary of the advanced wages and improved working conditions secured by organized labor.

Mr. Swigert produced statistics to show that, in spite of the widely heralded prosperity of the east, even in "closed shop" towns, the schedule of wages is materially beneath the rate paid in Portland.

Scale Declared Less. Mr. Smith said that the schedule of wages in Portland was found to be less than the Seattle scale in similar occupations.

Mr. Swigert said that at Yorktown 135 years ago the question of a man's right to work or not as he chose and of an employer's to settle the terms of employment had been forever settled.

Mr. Smith answered that conditions 135 years ago and today are radically different, and that organized labor seeks today, frankly, a better control of the jobs of workmen, reasonable wages and fair working conditions.

"The union does not exist to obtain the closed shop or to pay agitators," he said. "Strikes are not ordered by the union, but voted by the men frequently after months of deliberation and efforts to reach an understanding. We do reserve the right of making a collective bargain as to employment."

Mr. Swigert spoke favorably of the eight-hour day, and said it had been entirely too long in coming. "To circulate the impression that employers want to grind their men down to the last cent and have them work under the most unfavorable conditions, is not only untrue, but it is a credit to the intelligence of employers."

Says Leaders Called Strike. Mr. Labbe said that the Willamette Iron & Steel company is proceeding with its shipbuilding with a 90 per cent crew, and that the company's men employed before the strike, and 60 per cent of those taken on since.

We made no settlement with the union as of the kind made by the Northwest Steel company," he declared. "It has been said here that the men, and not the officers, declare a strike, and I wish to say that there are women and children in this city without food, fuel and light, due to these difficulties."

Mr. Swigert said that the Willamette Iron & Steel company had been paying above the union scale, that the men were satisfied, and that the wages were fixed by the law of supply and demand—the competition among employers at a time when labor is scarce.

HER CHIEF INTEREST IN HER OWN FAMILY



Mrs. Charlotte Stevens.

Mrs. Charlotte Stevens, mother of Fire Marshal Jay W. Stevens, was buried in her old home in Weston, Neb., Saturday, Mr. Stevens died Saturday, January 13, at her home 112 East Chicago street, St. Johns, and the body was taken east by her late husband and another son, J. C. Stevens, of Culver, Or.

Mrs. Stevens' greatest interest was the interest in her own family. She was never perfectly content unless all members of her family gathered around the dinner table at least once a week. She was 64 years old and had been a resident of Portland for 13 years.

Besides her husband, Henry C. Stevens, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Lily Henderson of Broken Bow, Neb.; Gilbert W. Stevens and Jay W. Stevens, both of Portland, and J. C. Stevens, of Culver, Or.

PHYSICIAN KILLS WIFE IN INSANE BELIEF HE COULD RESTORE LIFE

Prominent Montana Research Worker Sent to Asylum as Result of Deed.

MAN CRAZED BY DRUGS

Failure to Gain Recognition in Experiments in Attempting to Revive Life Caused Brooding.

Billings, Mont., Jan. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Crazed by drugs and believing he had discovered a method of restoring human life, Dr. J. C. Hunter, widely known physician and research worker, tried the experiment by killing his wife at their home in Hysham, Mont., several days ago. Her body was found yesterday, say advices received here today by Dr. Hunter, a post-graduate of Johns Hopkins and studied a year in Heidelberg, Germany. He was adjudged insane today and ordered sent to the asylum.

Both Dr. Hunter and his wife are said to have been addicted to the use of drugs for 15 years. The physician was 62 years old and his wife a few years his junior. She was a striking looking woman, a statuesque blonde, and looked at least 10 years younger than her husband.

Brooded Over Investigations. Several months ago, Hunter concluded to follow physics and discover life. He has experimented with small animals and succeeded, he declared, in reviving life. His next step, he declared, would be upon a human being. He said to have applied for permission to experiment upon several corpses, which was denied. Dr. Hunter brooded over failure to gain recognition in his work, and his friends say, and of late had kept close indoors.

When neighbors failed to see either the physician or his wife outside their cottage Tuesday, they thought it strange, but it was not until Wednesday that they grew apprehensive. Knocks at the doors brought no response and then someone said Dr. and Mrs. Hunter had been seen to drive away.

Woman Discovers Crime. That satisfied most of the community, but yesterday Mrs. J. H. Warren, who lives in the neighborhood, made a personal investigation. Gaining entrance by forcing the kitchen door, Mrs. Warren heard the voice of the doctor in low, endearing tones.

"Mary! Mary! Listen! I must prove my discovery to the world. Speak to me! Move your eyelids. I cannot have my discovery brought you back, my darling Mary."

Peering into the bedroom the startled woman says she saw the doctor kneeling beside the bed, upon which she still forms of his wife. Frightened, she hurried away without the doctor's knowledge of her visit. The authorities were notified. The woman says in one meal the doctor had five days or more. Poison is suspected.

RAIDER LEADS CRUISER MERRY CHASE AT SEA

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that rate when she showed off Rio Grande de Norte. The British steamer Radnorshire, also landed at Pernambuco from the Hudson Maru, has cleared up some of the stories of mistreatment of prisoners first attributed to him. He made it clear that the German commander of the raider had insisted that his prisoners "make themselves as comfortable as possible" about the raider; had explained that he had no intention of "killing women and children," and had only quartered the prisoners below decks when a new victim was sighted.

Food Quarters on Prison Ship. It was evident the story of overcrowded quarters, poor food and lack of ventilation applied to the brief trip which the prisoners made on the "prison ship" Hudson Maru. It was to this Japanese prize that the Germans transferred most of the prisoners from the raider.

It was the Radnorshire's captain who also emphasized the constant presence with the raider of a vessel which was apparently the sea terror's auxiliary, a German auxiliary transport merchant ship armed by the original raider. That the commerce destroyer was well provisioned and was jammed to the hatches with ammunition was also asserted from Rio de Janeiro dispatches tonight.

Stokers Have Hard Work. The only fault which neutrals could find tonight with the raider was the action of the German command. Judging from the story of the Radnorshire's captain, in detaining Hindoo sailors and stokers aboard his vessel and forcing them to work in the engine room, it was also rumormongered that the stokers for the German suffered great hardships and were driven to their task of forcing the vessel at top speed during the cruise by German officers, who adopted slave-driving tactics and demanded that the engine room crew put forth their greatest efforts.

For the most of the daytime all survivors agreed that the raider churned the seas at a maximum speed of 22 knots ceaselessly searching for her prey. But at night she slowed down, and below deck the engine room crew was held ready for cramming on all possible speed.

Testimony Is Given After Jury Departs. San Angelo, Texas, Jan. 20.—(U. P.)—Testimony was introduced at the murder trial of Harry J. Spannell late today to the effect that Spannell shot shortly after he shot his wife and Major M. D. Buehler last July that he "didn't know why he shot them."

This testimony, on objection of the defense, however, was produced only after the jury had been taken from the room and was not allowed on the record.

Salt Lake City Convention. Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 20.—(U. P.)—The American Livestock association named Salt Lake as the convention city for 1918. The convention closed today.

Shasta Rate Fund Is Now Half Raised

Committee of Hotel Men Secure \$1000 of \$2000 as Portland's Share of Money to Carry on Fight.

One thousand dollars has been raised by the committee of hotel men toward the \$2000 fund to constitute Portland's share of the \$5000 needed to carry on the fight against the Shasta differential passenger rate.

Erle V. Hauser, chairman of the committee, said Saturday that the remainder of the fund would be recruited from general business, which would benefit by a larger volume of tourist travel.

The committee is now convinced, Mr. Hauser said, that the sum will be raised without difficulty and the hotel men have actually pledged that Portland's portion will be obtained. The general campaign will begin Monday.

PORTLAND CATERERS ENTERTAIN VISITOR AT BANQUET BOARD

John E. Souers of New York, Editor of Class Journal, Is Their Principal Guest.

Restaurateurs, hotelmen, caterers and luncheon owners, composing the Portland Caterers' club, held a banquet Friday night, at which John E. Souers of New York, representing The Steward Magazine of New York and Western Hotel and Travel of San Francisco, was the principal guest.

The Portland Caterers' club is a social and cooperative purchasing organization, its membership representing a purchasing power of approximately \$1,000,000 a year.

Present at the dinner were: H. J. Brandes, Brandes lunch; A. T. Johnston, Light's lunch; Charles F. Ernst, Cozy Dairy lunch; first vice president of the Portland Caterers' club; B. H. Moore, Moore's cafeteria; Eugene Cohn, Rosarum cafeteria; J. H. Cliver, "Ladies" club; J. Demant, manager Y. M. C. A. cafeteria; Edgar E. Piper, Henry W. Kent, secretary-treasurer and purchasing agent, Portland Caterers' club; F. W. Beach, editor, "Northwest" club; R. W. Childs, manager Hotel Portland; John E. Souers, The Steward Magazine and Western Hotel and Travel; H. C. Boyer, florist and decorator; Otto Kline, editor of "Blazer"; "L" cafeteria, second vice president Portland Caterers' club; J. T. Finn, Royal Palm lunch; I. H. Beam, Beam's Dairy lunch; E. A. Parker, steward Multnomah hotel; E. P. Brownlow, Chief lunch; Joel H. Coe, St. Nicholas cafeteria; John Lynn, Lynn's restaurant; E. E. Lumadue, Buffalo lunch; A. L. Isman, superintendent of service, Portland hotel; Albert E. Coe, St. Nicholas cafeteria; and J. E. Elazier, Millionaires' club.

Business Men Visit Willamette Mills

The secrets of paper making and wool weaving were revealed to 130 members of the Progressive Business Men's club on a trip by special car to Oregon City Saturday afternoon. The party included two to two, one visiting the Crown Willamette paper mills on the west side of the Willamette and the other visiting the Hawley Pulp & Paper company plant on the east side of the Willamette. The Portland business men were received by members of the Oregon City Commercial club and Live Wires.

The extent and equipment of the industry at Oregon City was as much of an eye opener to us as the modern methods which are used," said D. C. Burtneger, who was chairman of the excursion.

Lines Are Preparing For Peace Business

Berlin, Jan. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Circulars announcing that the Hamburg American and North German Lloyd steamship lines are ready to book consignments of freight to be shipped on the conclusion of peace to ports reached by their vessels have been issued.

Freight rates are not quoted by either line, the announcement being that consignments will be booked at rates to be determined at the time of shipment.

Shipping brokers are advising their clients to accept these bookings, holding that the rates probably will approach those charged in 1917 by the Holland American line.

Auld Scotia to the Fore on January 25

Bobbie Burns' Anniversary Will Be Celebrated in Characteristic Scottish Style by His Kith.

Salters hornpipe, highland fling, sword dance, highland scottiche and host of other dances will be performed during a "Nicht wi' Bobbie Burns" next Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Temple, West Park and Yamhill streets, under the auspices of the Auld Scotia, Portland Scottish society, in celebration of the Scottish bard's anniversary.

Talented Misses Irene and Marie Watson, with Mrs. H. H. and Charles Thompson, will be the stellar group of the evening. Mrs. Jane Burns Albert, Mrs. Rita Lawson Corbett, E. M. Dawson, Evans and Harold Hurlbut have been selected to render a selection of Burns' songs and Scottish lays of his time.

Rolling songs of a humorous vein will be given by Lachlan McNeil, a comedian of popularity. Shril notes will issue from the bagpipe manipulated by Pipe Major J. H. Macdonald.

The first presentation will be made before the Chamber of Commerce special railway committee. This committee will be told exactly what Portland's share of the preliminary cost should be and of suggested ways and means for securing it.

Zapata Is Said to Work With Villa

Juarez, Jan. 20.—(U. P.)—Agents of the Mexican government state they have learned that a messenger from Zapata, commander of the revolutionary forces in Mexico, left El Paso yesterday to meet Villa near San Andres with details of an agreement between the two leaders for concerted action against the Mexican government.

The courier is said to have slipped across the line above El Paso and to be rushing overland toward Villa's headquarters in Mexico, where Carranzistas have been notified to be on the alert.

Kaiser Subscribes \$2500.

Berlin, Jan. 20.—(I. N. S.)—The Lokalanzeiger reports that Emperor William has donated \$2500 to the Children's Aid society with the stipulation that the donation is to be used for the benefit of illegitimate children or of soldiers who have been killed or are still in the field.

RAILROAD BUILDER TO EXPLAIN THE NEEDS OF CENTRAL OREGON

Robert E. Strahorn Will Tell the Chamber What He Believes Portland Should Do.

Robert E. Strahorn, railroad builder, will make a formal presentation this week of the needs of central Oregon in its struggle to get into railway connection with the outside world. He will explain in detail what has been accomplished in Bend, in Lakeview, in Burns and in Klamath Falls to bring transportation with Portland nearer and will outline what he believes Portland should do to match these accomplishments.

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Mr. Strahorn left for his home in Spokane Saturday, but will return with Mrs. Strahorn early this week. The conference with the committee will be held probably on Tuesday or Wednesday. The bankers and other men of affairs composing the committee will be told officially of Klamath Falls' exploit in voting the \$200,000 bond issue and securing free right of way through the city and terminal facilities for passengers and freight.

Portland is the goal of Klamath Falls in putting this big project through, and the city proposes to make Portland its trading center for the bulk of its \$3,000,000 annual purchases. The people there feel, Mr. Strahorn has said, that Portland should be willing to do its share to help get this business, regardless of the enormous effect of transportation on the development of the intermediate territory.

Mr. Strahorn has not said what he will ask of Portland, out of courtesy to the committee.

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Invites Friends to Be Present at Trial

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—(U. P.)—Embossed invitations were sent out by George L. Murdoch to a score of friends, inviting them to be present at his trial in police court today on charge of disturbing the peace. Murdoch is a stockholder in a mattress company and the manager of the company brought the charges saying Murdoch insists on returning the company's books every day or two.

The invitations which resembled wedding invitations, were sent to prominent mattress and furniture manufacturers.

Milwaukee's List to Seaward Increases

Eureka, Cal., Jan. 20.—(U. P.)—Although the stranded United States cruiser Milwaukee was listing to seaward in the waters of the British, 7 saw German soldiers driven out by shells from an out field which they were harvesting, near Le Transloy.

The same is true in the west in France. It has been seen German soldiers with artillery horses unhitched and attached to the peaceful plow, plowing in the fog of the early morning under the very guns of the British. 7 saw German soldiers driven out by shells from an out field which they were harvesting, near Le Transloy.

Hospitals Declare Case Is Exceptional

Greeley, Colo., Jan. 20.—(U. P.)—Twin daughters were born through a Caesarian operation in a local hospital today to Mrs. Henry Diez, wife of a rancher of this section. All are reported to be doing well. This is one of the first cases on record in which twins have been born in a Caesarian operation, hospitals report.

Bank Clearings Increase.

New York, Jan. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Bank clearings in New York today were \$26,322,973; last year, \$468,406,317, an increase of \$92,748,656.

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MAN WHO CREATED WHITE ELEPHANT FOR P. T. BARNUM IS DEAD

Charles Marchand, Who Discovered Peroxide of Hydrogen, Once Lived Here.

Another story of P. T. Barnum's white elephant which caused a sensation among the circus going public 15 years or more ago has come to light with the death of Charles Marchand, noted chemist, and originator of the process for the production of peroxide of hydrogen.

Professor Marchand died in New York, last Monday, according to information received by Dr. J. P. Tammie and Professor E. F. Fernot, city bacteriologist. Professor Marchand was a resident of Portland for about five years and here conducted experiments in utilizing the refuse from pulp and paper mills in the manufacture of by-products. While here he conducted his experiments in the Perot laboratories in the Medical building.

Professor Marchand, according to Dr. Tammie, had worked out a process to extract ethyl alcohol from the refuse of the paper mills at Oregon City, and left the city about a year for New York where he planned to secure financial aid to put his process on the market.

The first peroxide on the market was the origination of Professor Marchand, according to Dr. Tammie, and it was with the use of this peroxide of hydrogen that P. T. Barnum managed to exhibit the white elephant. Dr. Tammie says that Marchand often told the story of how he made a black

Grand Encampment In Special Session

High Degrees Are Conferred on Five Past Chief Patriarchs at Meeting Held in Portland Friday Night.

A special session of the Grand Encampment of the I. O. O. F. was held in Orient hall, East Sixth and East Alder streets, Friday night for the purpose of conferring grand exalted master degrees of nine past chief patriarchs, as follows: Maurice Spriggs, L. H. Feaster, A. H. Finnigan, E. A. Sharon, James Shannon, H. M. Earl, C. Zweifel, Charles Spinner and J. F. McGill.

Grand Encampment officers present were E. A. William, grand patriarch; S. S. Walker, grand high priest; E. E. Sharon, grand scribe; A. H. Knight, grand senior warden.

Following the Grand Encampment the officers of Elks Encampment and Golden Rule Encampment were installed by S. A. Starr, district deputy grand patriarch. A banquet followed the ceremonies.

elephant into a white elephant and thus fooled the Forepaugh. Barnum's rival in the circus business.

"Forepaugh was exhibiting a white elephant," said Dr. Tammie last night, telling of the story told by Professor Marchand, "and, of course, it attracted considerable attention. Barnum found that the animal had been painted white."

"Marchand was working on the peroxide of hydrogen and Barnum heard about him. He interested him in a plan to bleach the black skin of an elephant white. Marchand tried his peroxide on a baby elephant and it worked successfully. It was then applied to a larger animal and this animal was then exhibited as an eighth wonder of the world. Thousands of people saw this 'peroxide blonde' elephant."

Professor Marchand was about 68 years old and a graduate of a technical college of Paris. According to Dr. Tammie he had no relatives in this city.



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