

FIRST PASSENGER TRAIN HERALDED 39 YEARS AGO

Dream of Henry Villard Realized After Hard Struggle—Line is Built After Gould Refused Aid

Thirty-nine years ago today Portland was dressed in holiday attire and business was suspended in anticipation of the coming of the following day of the first through passenger train from the East.

Henry Villard, capitalist and originator of the plan to bring the first northern transcontinental line to Portland, was the hero of the day, for it was he who made the dream of a rail line to the coast come true through obtaining control of the Northern Pacific two years before and rushing that line to completion.

Today with three transcontinental lines routed through the Columbia River gorge, and the port and city growing rapidly as a result of the movement of the products of the inland Empire, through the easy grades of the Columbia gorge, it is hard to believe that all things should flow over the pathway of least resistance, has been vindicated.

The idea of a railroad down the Columbia river to Portland was first advanced by Colonel W. W. Chapman. He was compelled to abandon his ideas because of the intrigues of age. Villard visited Oregon in 1874, 1876 and 1878, and in 1879 purchased the property of the Oregon Steam Navigation company from Captain J. Ainsworth, president of the company.

GOULD REFUSES MONEY
The Chapman route from Portland to Salt Lake was the dream of Villard placed before Jay Gould and his associates, but after several months consideration Gould refused to finance the movement. Villard at once organized the Oregon Railway & Navigation company. This company was incorporated June 13, 1879.

Villard at once commenced the construction of a line up the Columbia river from Portland to Pendleton and then to Huntington, where it was met by the Oregon Short line.

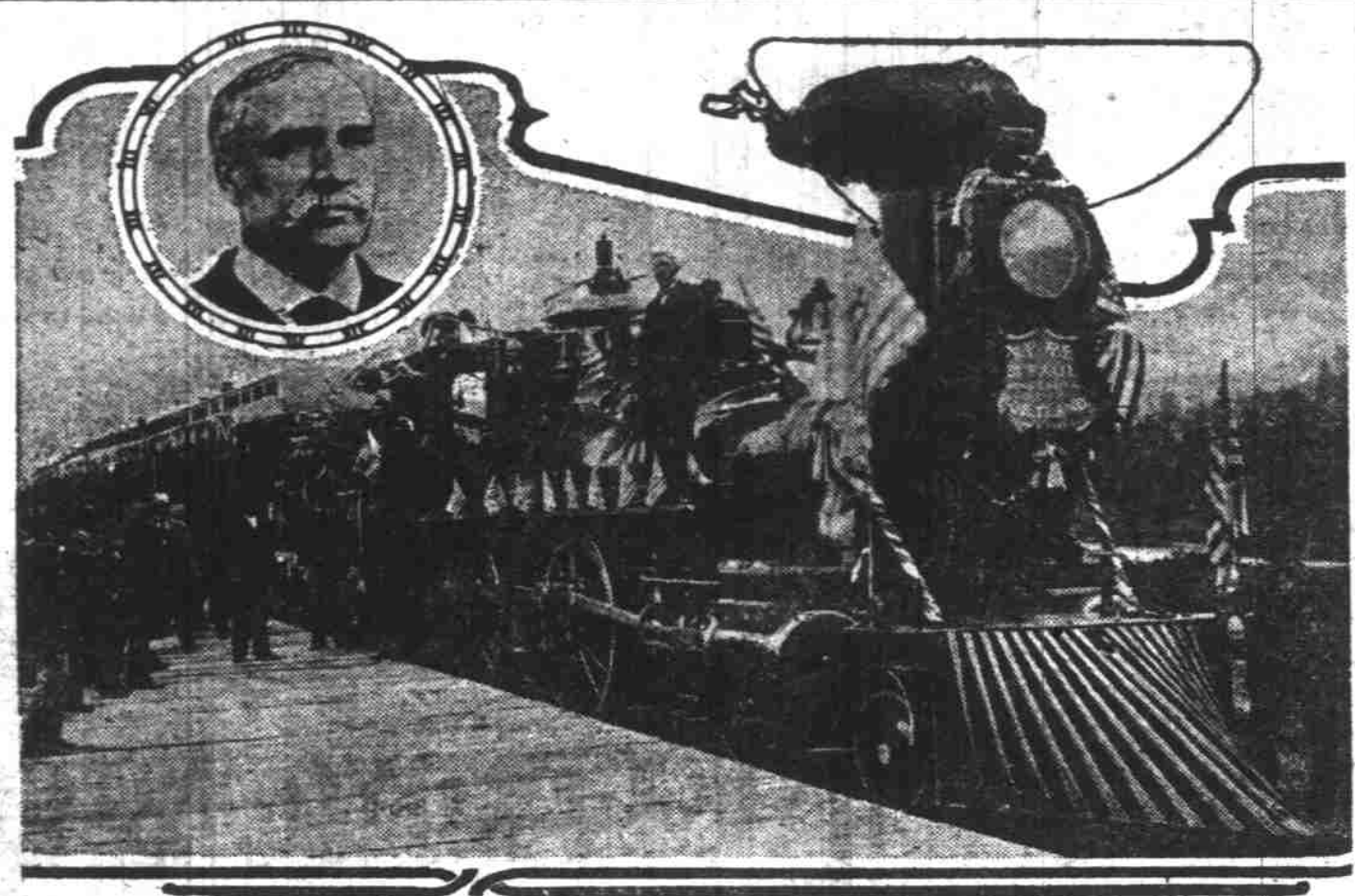
This move of Villard was met by the Union Pacific company with the organization of the Oregon Short Line company, which started the construction of a line to beat Villard into the Oregon country. Gould, Morgan and other powerful capitalists were behind this movement to defeat Villard.

But Villard pushed his line with such energy that he was able to meet his rivals at Huntington and effectively hold the field of his enterprise.

Meanwhile another idea was born in Villard's mind and he set about to do one of the most astonishing things the railroad and financial worlds have ever seen. The Northern Pacific line had been under construction at this time and work was being pushed slowly. The line from Portland to Tacoma had been built and the Eastern division of the road had been pushed to the crossing of the Missouri and some work had been done from the Columbia to Spokane. Villard, with the utmost secrecy set about to gain control of this system.

GETS MONEY ON WORD
Then Villard asked for the temporary loan from his friends of \$3,000,000 for a purpose named "and no questions asked." He assured his friends that he would account for the money entrusted him and return them a good rate of interest. The money was given him despite the fact that this was an

FIRST TRAIN FROM EAST 39 YEARS AGO



First through passenger train from the East to reach Portland. This is one of several special trains which arrived in Portland, September 11, 1883, upon the completion of the Northern Pacific railroad. The small picture is of Henry Villard, the railroad genius, whose work made this rail connection possible. (Photograph by courtesy of Oregon Historical Society.)

unheard of movement. Then came the formation of the "blind pool" which sought control of the Northern Pacific.

The railroad builder got control of the northern line in June 1881 and was elected president in September. An army of men was placed at work on the transcontinental line and on September 8, 1883, the line was completed across the continent and joined with the Oregon Railway & Navigation company to form "The Oregon Railway System."

Villard planned his road through the lines of least resistance and in harmony with the laws of nature to accomplish a thing which seemed impossible to the financiers and railroad builders of the age.

Later railroad history reveals that the owners of the Northern line spent millions of dollars and years of labor to reverse the plans of Villard and then finally reversed themselves through the expenditure of more millions to build a line down the North Bank of the Columbia river from Spokane.

Fisherman Manages To Land Two Bass

Woodfield, Ohio, Sept. 9.—(L. N. S.) John Byers, king of Monroe county fishermen, has pulled off the most spectacular stunt on record, may followers of Isaac Walton. Byers rigged up two lines on one pole, baited one hook with a softshell crab, the other with a minnow. No sooner did he cast than "bing"—two "heavies" of the game bass type nabbed the luncheon simultaneously and made away, hitting on all six. It was a chariot race, with Byers holding the reins. The strain lasted several minutes before the double prize was successfully landed. Byers is now wearing the sportsman's croix de guerre.

Mexico Desires to Have Part in Pan-American Session

Mexico, City, Mexico, Sept. 9.—(U. P.)—Mexico expects to take an active part in the next Pan-American congress.

Through the columns of the press, semi-official suggestions are being made to sister republics to bring about a strong position for Mexico at the congress.

It has been announced here that an invitation has already been extended to this country.

Mexico will be represented at Rio Janeiro during the coming celebration there by a brilliant embassy. This is headed by Jose Vasconcelos, minister of public instruction, and includes many prominent men of letters.

It is believed here that the probable presence of Secretary of State Hughes at the Brazilian celebration will present an opportunity to Minister Vasconcelos to bring about a clearer understanding between the two countries.

Island Salad Dressing—That's What's the Matter with the United States

W. B. Shearn went to the United States with a Rotarian delegation. He came back to England and announced the only fault he had to find with America was that "apple pie a la mode," "clam chowder" and "thousand Island salad dressing" figured in every menu. Shearn, who is a vegetarian specialist, couldn't find a vegetarian luncheon in all America.

Bathing Flappers Are Ordered Out

Webster, Mass., Sept. 9.—(L. N. S.) Flappers came to grief when they entered a dance hall at a local swimming resort clad in bathing suits. They were enjoying a fox trot with their partners when they were spied by the management. "Outside" was the order given. Other dancers present said the flappers appeared to be as much dressed as some who were on the floor in dancing costume.

Biggest Ship is Columbus

Berlin, Sept. 9.—(L. N. S.)—The biggest liner of the new German mercantile fleet is the Columbus of the North German Lloyd line, which was recently launched at Danzig. This ship of about 23,000 register tons will be run by the North German Lloyd between Bremen and New York, beginning in October.

British Vegetarian Dislikes U. S. Food

(By International News Service) London, Sept. 9.—"Apple pie a la mode," "clam chowder" and "thousand

SCOUTS REPORT DELIGHTFUL TIME AT SUMMER CAMP

Boys Return for School Tasks With Keener Minds and Better Bodies; Knowledge Gained

It was a wistful group of boys that turned their backs on Wahtum lake, 12 1/2 miles up the Eagle creek trail, on August 30, and began the hike toward home—and another year of school. The contingent was the last of the Boy Scouts to depart from the training camp, and the event represented to them the closing of their delightful playground until one more summer rolls around.

Perhaps they had cause to be wistful. They were coming to the exacting and necessary tasks of school from a veritable fairyland where nature had opened her heart and taught them secrets about trees and flowers, fowls and fishes, winds and waterfalls and even the stars—secrets which are not known to the average city dweller, be he child or adult. Wistful perhaps they were to leave this wonderful land and all the adventures which yet it was sending them back to the rule and rote of books with harder bodies, quicker minds and keener sympathies, and knowledge which would supplement their book learning and doubly fortify them for the responsibilities of manhood.

Such is Purpose

Such is the purpose and intent of scout lore, the scout books say. A scout must be reverent, patriotic, truthful, honorable, courageous and useful. These boys had been taught these principles by competent instructors who are devoting their life to the promotion of the Boy Scout movement. A glance at one day's program at the scout training camp will reveal what is exacted of a scout: Reveille, 7:30 (daylight saving); roll call and wide awake exercises, 7:50; Woodcraft, 8:10; games or swimming, fishing and rafting, 8:45; cleaning up camp and tents, 8:45; dinner, 12:15; quiet hour for reading or writing home or scouting, 12:30; examination in scouting or hike in botany or woodcraft, 1:30; improvement of camp or swimming, fishing and rafting, 3:30; flag reading or scouting games, 4:15; supper, 6: canteen or shopping period, 7; street games or campfire program, 8; tattoo, 8:50; taps, 9.

GOOD THINGS TO EAT
Two competent chefs ministered to the appetites of the scouts, preparing for them foods which are palatable and scientifically wholesome. In addition, the boys caught many eastern and rainbow trout, which were always served at supper.

Tents, each housing four boys, made up the scout city at Wahtum lake. The boys were allowed to put signs up naming these tents, and many of the titles displayed versatility. Here are a few: "Don't Butt In," "Coal B'Inn," "Listen Inn," "Chip Inn," "Tote 'em Inn," "The Only One," "No Fool Inn," "Nobody Home," "No Spooft Inn," "Sel-

dom Inn," "Welcome Inn," "Turn Inn," "Drag 'Em Inn," "Mosquito Roost," "Step Inn," "No Park Inn." Woodcraft, rating, swimming and fishing, all under the eyes of supervisors, were the boys' chief delights. Some of their work in woodcraft, done with an ordinary jack knife, has been taken by James E. Brockway, scout executive, as an exhibit to the meeting of the national scout executives to be held at Blue Ridge, N. C., September 12-20, and will be used by Brockway to reinforce his invitation to the executives to hold their 1924 conference in Portland. Brockway declares these specimens to be among the best he has ever seen done by scouts. All sorts of fowls, fishes and animals are in the collection carved out of 40 different Oregon woods.

Besides Brockway, the boys at the camp were under the direction of J. C. Oakes, W. D. Janin, W. B. Morse, J. D. Wilson and P. C. Adams. More than 250 boys were registered at the camp during its eight weeks.

There are 2300 Boy Scouts, composed of 108 troops, in the Portland council. From now on they will turn their attention to winter activities. These will consist of weekly programs held under the direction of 150 scoutmasters and assistants.

APPLE THROWN; SHOT FIRED
West Plains, Mo., Sept. 9.—(L. N. S.) "If you throw that apple at me I'll shoot you!" William Brown, 14, threatened his brother, Harry, 16. Harry threw the apple. To date the doctor has recovered 72 shotgun shot out of Harry's body.

Pigeons Named on French Honor Roll

Paris, Sept. 9.—(L. N. S.)—A pigeons' honor roll has just been completed, bearing the names of all courageous carriers of dispatches during the Great war. Three grades of distinction correspond to the Legion of Honor, the

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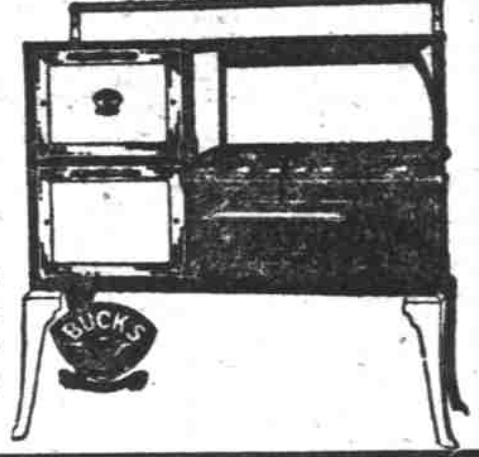


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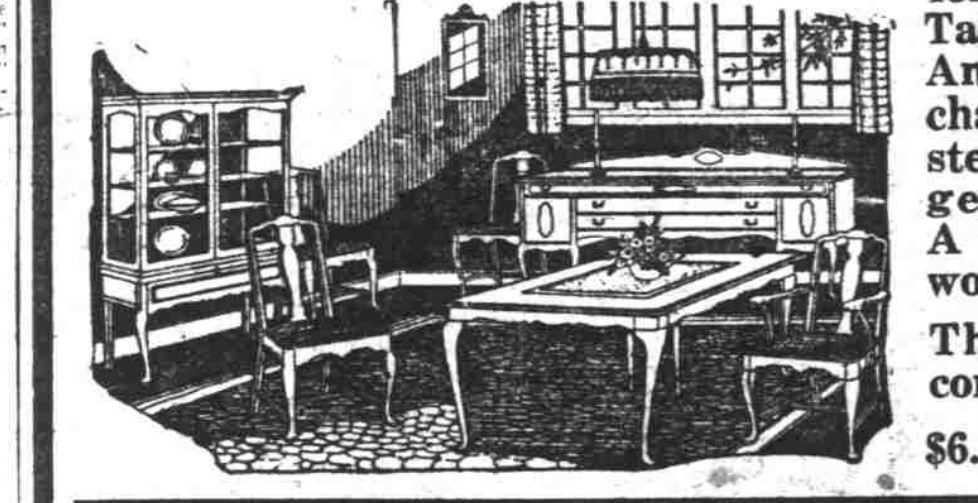
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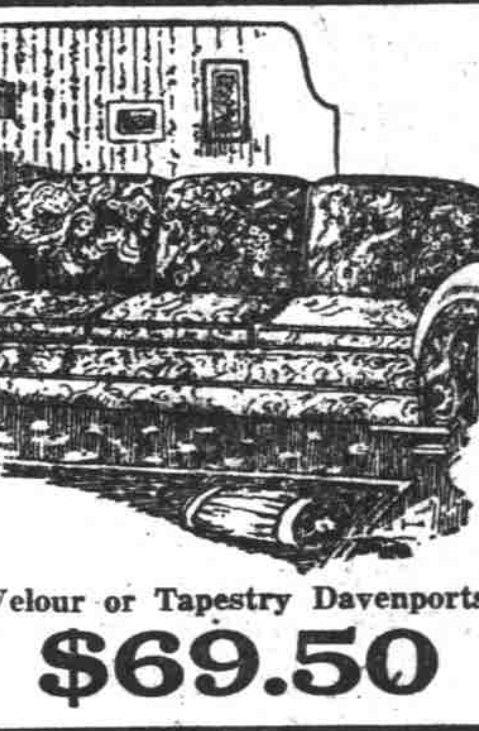
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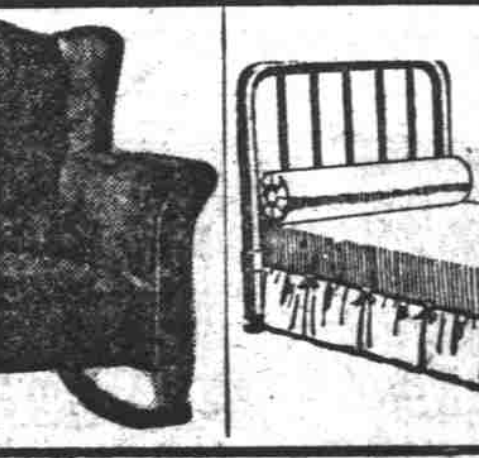
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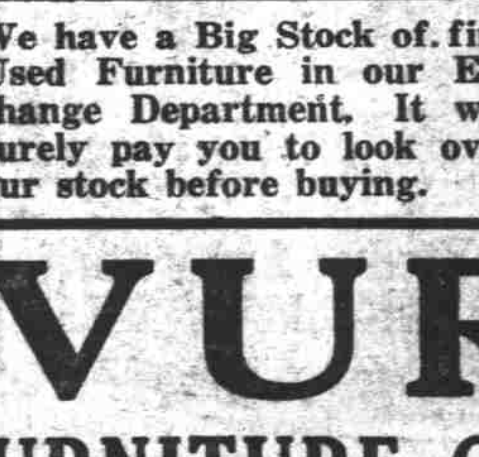
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