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The Times-Mountaineer of April 14th said: "Speaking of passes to delegates to state conventions, it may be well to state that the faction was the only one that offered them."

Now we know to a certainty what our evening contemporary means by the "faction." Now we know who they are that have "cursed the town with their presence for the past twenty years." Now we know who the "Silurians" and "mossbacks" are. They are the owners of the new line of boats who simply did, what everyone must have regarded as a wise and handsome act in offering passes to the men who were delegated to nominate the men who might be called upon in the next legislature to legislate for another portage railroad. The "faction" gave the delegates passes. So we are told. Now the passes were given by the boat company. Therefore, it follows, that the boat company is the "faction." The CHRONICLE thought so all along but never saw the Mountaineer put it so plainly before. So it is this faction that has been "downed, horse and dragoons," and the enemies of this faction are on top. Be it so. Then the CHRONICLE is the superintendent would read some down on the men who downed the eternally; unless, per chance God may convert them, which he never willdown on them, not from the most infinitesimal feeling of personal dislike to the men themselves, but solely and only because they are enemies of the people, the enemies of an open river, and the Times-Mountaineer is their apologist and prophet.

The Dalles, Portland and Astoria Navigation company offered passes to all the derrick and a few spare car trucks convention. The courtesy was so far appreciated that all availed themselves their appreciation by passing a vote of freight from rain and snow. pany and having it The tool car is last, and published in the CHRONICLE. The company have also issued passes to the delegates to the democratic state convention and we are assured they also highly appreciate the courtesy. The boat company could only have one object in issuing these passes, namely, to offer to the delegates who were charged with the responsibility of naming our future lawmakers in the state legislature an ocular demonstration of the benefit the people have received by the Cascade portage so that they might become stimulated to do all in their power to secure another at the dalles. It remained for the Times Mountaineer to hold up this well meant courtesy to scorn and, as if booming its friend and patron the Union Pacific, announce in the same article that "the railroad company, gave a reduction to those attending this convention when accompanied by a certificate of elecnounce in the same article that "the tion." The Mountaineer has never allowed an opportunity to pass of showing its contempt for the new line of boats up their money to build them.

A WRECKING TRAIN. HOW RAILROADS OPEN THE LINE

AFTER AN ACCIDENT.

The Train Is Made Up of a Locomotive a Derrick Car, a Box Car with Heavy Appliances, and a Tool Car-These Cars Contain Everything Needful.

"Accident to train No. 16, engine 46, Engineer A. Jones, Conductor L. Wat-

It is a dispach like the above that the superintendent of a railroad dreads most. He may have provided a most careful system of signals, may have perfectly trustworthy trainmen and competent switchmen; yet, despite all this, smash-ups will occur, trains will collide, tracks will be blocked and traffic stopped sometimes for hours over his busiest line.

It is to prevent the stoppage of busi-ness that every railroad keeps on hand several wrecking trains which are ready uch at a moment's notice to go to any part of the system, clear away wrecks, temens caid nett porarily repair tracks and to put engines and cars in sufficient good order to reach lley hell the repair shops.

The moment a wreck occurs the telegraph operator at the nearest station sends a dispatch like the one above, followed by numbered answers to the following questions, which are copied on a blank at the superintendent's office:

Place of accident? What caused it?

- What caused it?
 Were any persons injured? If so, what persons and to what extent?
 Is main track obstructed?
 Is the track or roadbed much damaged?
 Is a side track near the obstruction which can be used to pass trains around?
 Will section force be sufficient to clear obstruction? If not, how much greater force is wanted?

wanted? 8. How long will it take to clear the track so

trains can pass? 9. Is engine off the track or damaged? What position is engine in? 10. How many cars are broken or off the

track? 11. How many cars are wanted, and what kind, to transfer freight in? 12. How many car trucks are needed? 13. Remarks of any nature concerning the

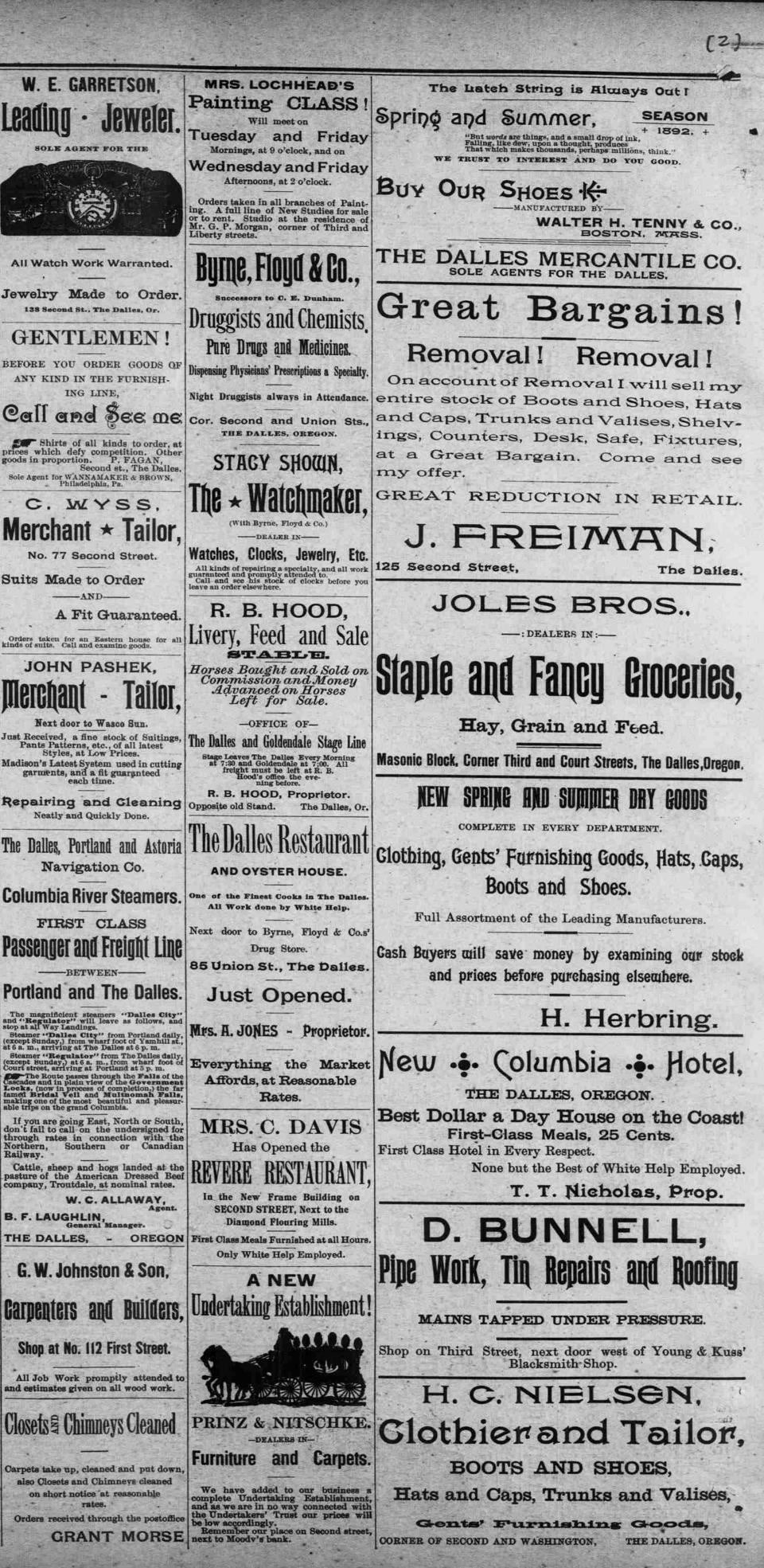
accident. This is made out in full and signed by the conductor.

HOW AN ACCIDENT IS REPORTED. Supposing it was a freight train that was wrecked. It is bound west, and on account of a broken rail the train was thrown from the track, and several box cars and "flats" were piled up on both tracks. The conductor would fill out the blank, and when received by thing like the following: Engine 46-En-"faction", down on them, first, last, and gineer, Jones; conductor, Watson; 1, near Brownville; 2, broken rail; 3, none; 4, yes; 5, yes; 6, no; 7, wrecking train; 8, five or six hours; 9, yes, slightly; 10, seven; 11, five; 12, four; 18, approach on southbound track.

As soon as this dispatch arrives at the office a spare engine is attached to the wrecking train, a gang of men are hastily put aboard, the conductor gives the signal and the train speeds away to the scene of the disaster.

The train is made up of three cars, the first a flat car with a small and powerful delegates to the late republican state Next behind comes a box car well loaded with blocking, which is of value as temporary foundation for cars whose trucks have been smashed or torn from under of it, save two, who may have found it them. In the same car is an ample supmore convenient to travel by rail. On ply of large and small hawsers, chains the return trip the delegates showed and canvas covers to protect perishable





Talk about farmers sticking together for anything ! They wont do it. They will growl, though, because the city people capture the lucrative offices and the country folks are left out in the cold ; yet these things happen generally, as in this county where the country vote is the majority, because the country delegates to the county conventions will have it

The nominations for county officers have now been made by both parties. The candidates, as a whole, are good

is a most interesting one. Some are divided into two or three rooms by partitions running from side to side at different points in the interior. In the center compartment of a three room tool car, where the wreckers remain when in transit, is a cooking stove and all utensils connected with a range, and hard by is a small pantry in which is stored a big supply of canned meats, coffee and utensils to prepare a hearty meal. Ad-joining is the foreman's room with desk and all material for writing and the keeping of reports, telegraph machines, batteries and electrical supplies.

The latter supply comes in handy at the wreck. Wires are carried up from the car top to one of the railroad wires. connected, and the force is in communication with the whole railroad system.

A COMPLETE EQUIPMENT.

sides are a score or more "jacks," some of them so powerful that a single man can lift to a height of several inches anything weighing from 1,000 pounds to and its hatred of the "faction" who put twenty tons; there are also wrenches, rope, lanterns, axes, saws, hammers, light and heavy; crowbars, torches, drills, hatchets and numerous other ap-pliances. Some new appliance is being added every time the train goes out, and all new things introduced in the work

are added as soon as they are out. It is very seldom that any tool is called for during the work upon a smashup that is not to be found in the resources of the car, all of which are accounted for by a man who keeps a record of every piece taken out and returned.

Upon the arrival of the train at the wreck the men are put to work in charge of an experienced mechanic and fore-man. With startling rapidity the wreck is straightened out. The locomotive attached to the train is available to fur-

competent men. Now let us have a decent, fair and square, honorable campaign, and may the best man win. Assotin Sentinel. The following novel plan of ridding farms of squirrels is being tried in Asotin county. Several rows are plowed in the field nearest where the squirrels are thickest, and at a distance of about every thirty feet holes to a depth of twenty inches are sunk, with a post hole digger. The quirrels take possession of the furrows sunk, with a post hole digger. The squirrels take possession of the furrows wrecked coaches and freight cars can be as a play ground and while running af-ter one another, will tumble into these holes from which they cannot again emerge, but die. Several farmers who have tried it, say it works admirably.