

## BOTH LINES ARE FREE

Vanderbilts Not in Control of Either.

OGDEN GATE WILL REMAIN OPEN

Northern Lines Not Likely to Interfere With the Independence of the Columbia River Road.

New York, Jan. 15.—The Financial Chronicle says:

Regarding the reported control of the Oregon Short Line and the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company by the Union Pacific, through purchase of a majority of the stock of the Oregon Short Line, we are authoritatively informed that there has been no change in the situation regarding the Oregon Short Line Stocks since the Union Pacific reorganization, some weeks ago, the block of stocks amounting to \$8,460,000 from the trustees of the collateral trust mortgage of 1891, securing the Union Pacific gold notes, 6s. While this block of stock gives the Union Pacific a preponderating holding of the Short Line's stock, of which the total is \$4,778,600, it does not, we are informed, give the company a majority interest, nor is there any intention to disturb the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company voting trust, which runs until 1906.

"The importance of preserving the independence of the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company as a terminal in the interest of three companies, the Union Pacific, Great Northern and Northern Pacific, is thought to warrant the belief that no one of these companies will attempt an independent control."

### Work on the Warships.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The report made monthly to Chief Constructor Hichborn, showing the progress of the work on the warships now building, indicates that the big battle-ships Kearsarge and Kentucky, at Newport News, are more than half finished, the exact figures being 53 per cent. The battleship Illinois, at the same place, is 39 per cent advanced toward completion, while the Alabama, at Cramps', is 36 per cent, and the Wisconsin, at the Union Iron Works, is 32 per cent along. Only one gunboat is in the builder's hands, the Princeton, which is said to be 92 per cent advanced toward completion.

### Civil Service Reform.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The canvass of the Republican members of the house on the question of changing the civil service laws, which has been conducted by the Republican steering committee, is about completed. Of 202 Republican members of the house the canvass is said to show that a majority varying from 18 to 40 is found favorable to the change in the law according to the degree of the change proposed. This last factor leads to some difference of opinion as to the result of the canvass.

### The Coming Woman

Who goes to the club while her husband tends the baby, as well as the good old-fashioned woman who looks after her home, will both at times get run down in health. They will be troubled with loss of appetite, headaches, sleeplessness, fainting or dizzy spells. The most wonderful remedy for these women is Electric Bitters. Thousands of sufferers from Lame Back and Weak Kidneys rise up and call it blessed. It is the medicine for women. Female complaints and nervous troubles of all kinds are soon relieved by the use of Electric

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### Coal Trust Indicted.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 15.—The grand jury of the Sangamon county circuit court today indicted ten of the companies forming the alleged Springfield coal trust. They are charged with conspiring to defraud. The companies formed the Springfield Coal Association and advanced the price of coal 50 cents per ton, claiming they were compelled to advance the price to consumers because they had advanced the wages of their employees. The advance in wages to their employees, was 7 1/2 cents per ton.

### How's This?

We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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### Attendance Will be Large.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 15.—At noon today, 241 delegates had been chosen to attend the monetary conference, which will begin here January 25th, and over 100 more acceptances have been received, but all the delegates are not yet selected. There will be probably 350 delegates in the convention, as against 290 delegates at the first convention.

### Free of Charge to Sufferers.

Cut this out and take it to your druggist and get a sample bottle free of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. They do not ask you to buy before trying. This will show you the great merits of this truly wonderful remedy, and show you what can be accomplished by the regular size bottle. This is no experiment, and would be disastrous to the proprietors, did they not know it would invariably cure. Many of the best physicians are now using it in their practice with great results and are relying on it in the most severe cases. It is guaranteed. Trial bottles free at Blakeley & Houghton's. 1

### Foul Play Suspected.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 15.—The local authorities are carefully investigating the death of Joseph Raeside, the trainer, whose mangled corpse was found alongside the railroad track at Shell Mound yesterday, there being a strong suspicion that he was murdered and his body placed upon the track for the purpose of destroying traces of the crime.

### Buckley's Arzica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Blakeley and Houghton, druggists.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if they fail to cure. 25c.

### WHAT A BILLION MEANS.

It Would Take Nearly Ten Thousand Years to Count It.

The following remarkable calculation on the length of time which it would take a person to count 1,000,000,000 recently appeared in an issue of an English periodical: What is a billion? The reply is very simple. In England a billion is a million times a million. (1,000,000,000,000). This is quickly written and quicker still pronounced. But no man is able to count it. You will count 100 or 170 a minute. But let us suppose that you go up as high as 200 a minute, hour after hour. At that rate you would count 12,000 an hour; 288,000 a day, or 105,120,000 in a year. Let us suppose now that Adam, at the beginning of his existence, had begun to count, and had continued to do so and was counting still. Had such a thing been possible, he would not yet have finished the task of counting a billion! To count a billion would require a person to count 200 a minute for a period of 9,512 years, 342 days, 5 hours and 20 minutes, providing he should count continuously. But suppose we allow the counter 12 hours daily for rest, eating and sleeping. Then he would need 18,025 years, 319 days, 10 hours and 45 minutes in order to complete the task!

### The Greedy Crocodile.

The moment that a young crocodile breaks its shell it is to all intents and purposes as active as it is at any time during its life. It will make straight for the water, even if it be out of sight and a good distance off, and it will pursue its prey with eagerness and agility during the first hour of its free existence.

### BENEATH THE EARTH'S CRUST.

Nevada's gold yield for the past year is estimated at \$1,220,700, and the silver yield at 967,500 ounces.

After drilling down 5,000 feet in search of water in New Haven, and not finding any, the job was given up.

Coal of excellent quality, and in apparently enormous quantities, has just been discovered in Arizona, in the Dos Cabezas district, only six miles from the railroad.

### Vice Regal Invitations.

An invitation from the lord lieutenant in Ireland is supposed to be, like one from the queen whom he represents, a command. Irish society, however, does not always treat it as such, but according to convenience, either honors it in the breach or the observance. A "society" person may throw over a previous engagement in favor of a vice regal invitation without being considered to have committed a breach of manners. He may also refuse the vice regal invitation if so minded. Irish society is not servile on this point, but exercises common sense and the liberty of choice in the matter of amusing itself.

### Will Represent Oakland.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 15.—Frank A. Leach, superintendent of the mint at San Francisco, has been elected by the Oakland board of trade as their delegate to the monetary conference to be held in Indianapolis, January 25th. Mr. Leach is now in Washington.

### Eliminated.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The subcommittee of the senate committee on appropriations, considering the urgent deficiency appropriation bill, decided today to eliminate the provision inserted by the house, requiring owners of bullion to pay transportation on it from the assay office to the mint.

### Next Year's Mining Scale.

COLUMBUS, Jan. 15.—The United Mine-workers of America decided today to ask for an advance of 10 cents per ton on next year's contracts for pick mining, and three-fifths of the pick-mining price for machine mining, in Ohio.

### Indianapolis Decided Upon.

COLUMBUS, Jan. 15.—The miners have decided upon Indianapolis as a headquarters for their union.

Mr. Elisha Berry, of this place says he never had anything do him so much good and give such quick relief from rheumatism as Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He was bothered greatly with shooting pains from hip to knee until he used this liniment, which affords prompt relief. B. F. Baker, druggist, St. Paris, Ohio. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

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### Sheriff's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an execution and order of sale, issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Wasco County, on the 14th day of December, 1897, upon a decree and judgment rendered therein on the first day of December, 1897, in a suit then and theretofore pending, wherein Northern Counties Investment Trust, Limited, a Corporation, was plaintiff, and Mary J. Smith, James M. Smith, Jr., Elum A. Smith and Clem Smith, were defendants, I did on the 14th day of December, 1897, duly levy upon, and will, on Wednesday, the 19th day of January, 1898, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the front door of the county court house in Dalles City, Wasco County, Oregon, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the following described real estate, to wit: Lots 5 and 6 in block 2, Laughlin's Addition to The Dalles City, and Lot 2 in block 2, in Trevitt's Addition to The Dalles City, all in Wasco County, Oregon, together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining, or so much thereof as shall be necessary to satisfy and pay the said several sums due to plaintiff mentioned in said writ, to wit: \$2,355.96, and interest thereon from the first day of December, 1897, at the rate of eight per cent per annum; the further sum of \$254.90 as a reasonable attorney's fee, and the costs and disbursements of said suit, taxed and allowed at \$29.00, together with accruing costs and expenses of such sale.

Dated at Dalles City, Oregon, this 15th day of December, 1897.  
T. J. DRIVER,  
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