

## SNOW BUCKING DAYS

### O. R. & N. ENGINE LODGED IN A RAIL FENCE.

#### Locomotive Runs Down the Mountain Side—Incident of Old Snow Bucking Period in Eastern Oregon.

The removal of the snow sheds from Hutchinson's point on the O. R. & N., near Union, recalls one of the most interesting and extraordinary accidents that ever occurred on that division of the road.

In the month of March, 1887, a very heavy snow storm blockaded the road in Pyle's canyon, and the "snow bucking" crew worked diligently night and day to clear the track.

The company paid \$3 per day for snow shovelers, and Union was almost depopulated for a few days, while the rush was going on.

Six small locomotives, coupled, were used for bucking snow out of the cuts. They would back up for a half mile away from the full cut, get up steam, and then make a run for the drift. If they did not get through the first time, they would shovel out the loose snow, back up a little farther and once more drive into the snow bank, higher in many places than the smoke stacks.

This process was very slow in many places, as the weight of the small engine in the lead was not sufficient to hold it on the rail and the consequence of the "run" was that one or two engines were "ditched" and had to be dug out of the snow and replaced on the track.

The track was cleared one evening in March and the snow bucking brigade turned around on the "wy" at Baker City and started back to La Grande.

During the night a light snow had fallen and drifted on the track in many places.

The engines, with a few box cars in which the snow shoveling crews rode, were swinging around the curves, about daylight in the morning. The engineers on the rear engine were taking a nap and everybody was worn out.

Suddenly the head engine left the rail on rounding the sharp curve at Hutchinson's point, broke loose from the others, and ran down the mountain side for 500 feet, upright, and erect on her wheels.

The tank broke loose and turned over on its side half way down the mountain. The second engine did not leave the rail. The ditched engine lodged in a rail fence and a snow drift near William Hutchinson's garden.

Tom Haslam, the engineer, was thrown from the cab and sustained broken ribs and other severe injuries. The fireman, George Sparks, rode the machine down the hill and was uninjured.

A grade about a half mile in length was built and the engine was dragged back to the main line, about a month after the accident.

Tom Haslam was afterwards killed, with engineer Ed Reese, near The Dalles.

### GROWTH OF UNIONISM.

Over 1000 Chartered in the Last Eleven Months.

Secretary Morrison's report at the recent convention of the American Federation of Labor covered the 11 months ending with September 30, last. It includes a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the federation for this time, showing the aggregate of the income to be \$144,495 and the expenditures \$119,086. Of the receipts \$20,423 consisted of contributions to the defense fund.

Mr. Morrison also stated that for the 11 months 1024 unions were chartered, a larger number than for any previous entire year. These additions increased the total number of unions to 3659. The average membership is shown by the per capita tax to be 1,825,390, a gain of four-fold in the past six years. Mr. Morrison said that the increase of the defense fund tax had resulted beneficially, and he advocated a still further increase of the per capita tax.

Reports from international and local unions show that there were 1558 strikes, in which 412,871 persons were

involved. Out of that number, 352,967 were benefited and 14,016 were not. The total cost of the strikes was \$2,729,604. In the federation there were 217 strikes, of which 181 won, 48 compromised and 27 lost. Ten were still pending when the report was prepared.

Two hundred and sixty-four trade and federal unions reported gains in wages, one union reporting a gain of \$1 per day and all the others less. One hundred and fifty unions reported a reduction of hours.

The report submitted by National Treasurer John B. Lennon showed the total receipts of the federation for the entire year to have been \$152,312 and the total expenditures \$120,096.

### Union Pacific to Pension its Men.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 31.—The Union Pacific system has completed arrangements for putting into operation with the new year the pension system devised for the benefit of its employees. To be eligible an employe must have been in the service of the company 10 years or longer. Then if he has reached the age of 70 he must be retired. But he may be retired at 65, either by the voluntary action of the company or upon his own application, which must be favorably acted upon by the board of pensions. The rate of pension amounts to one per cent of the average monthly pay which the applicant has received for the 10 years prior to his retirement, multiplied by the number of years he has been in the company's employ.

### Minnesota Educators.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 31.—Nearly one thousand delegates attended the opening session today of the annual convention of the Minnesota Educational Association. All the leading educators of the state are present, together with visitors of note from other states. President S. J. Rice presided over the initial session which was held this forenoon in the Central Presbyterian church. This afternoon the convention divided into sectional conferences for the discussion of the various branches of educational work. During the three days of the convention addresses will be delivered by President David Starr Jordan, of Leland Stanford, Jr. University; Prof. Richard T. Ely, of the University of Wisconsin and several other educators of national fame.

### Childhood Lovers to Wed.

Jackson, O., Dec. 31.—Lieutenant O. G. Murfin, U. S. N., who is at present attached to the receiving ship Minneapolis at the League Island navy yard, will be married here tomorrow to Miss Anna Williams. The wedding culminates a romance which had its beginning in childhood. Lieutenant Murfin served on the Texas during the Spanish war and was one of the first, if not the first, who saw the Spanish war vessels coming out of Santiago harbor on the morning of the battle.

### Archaeological Institute Meeting.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 31.—The general meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America began today at Princeton Inn and will continue in session until Saturday. President Wilson, of Princeton University, delivered the address of welcome at the opening session and this evening the visitors will be entertained at Prospect, President Wilson's home. The annual address before the institute will be delivered tomorrow by Prof. William W. Goodwin, of Harvard University.

### Gardner and Gans Ready.

New Britain, Conn., Dec. 31.—Joe Gans and Gus Gardner, who are to battle here tomorrow afternoon for the lightweight championship title held by Gans, have completed their work of preparation and are ready for the bout. Both appear to be in fine trim. They will weigh in at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at 126 pounds. A large crowd is expected to on hand to see the contest.

### Illinois Central's New Short Line.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31.—The management of the Illinois Central has determined to push to completion as rapidly as possible the extensions south of the Ohio river, which will give the company a new short through line between Chicago and Nashville. This new route is expected

to be of great value to the company and to the section through which it will pass. The route will lie through a section where were developed the first coal fields of the lower Ohio valley. The future of the extension of the Nashville line to the Northwest will include a connection with the Illinois Central's St. Louis line, affording a new line to the West as well as to the Great Lakes.

### School Needs Discussed.

Indianapolis, Dec. 30.—The needs of the public schools of Indiana was the general topic of discussion at the forenoon session today of the State Teachers' Association, and was considered from every possible point of view. This afternoon, at the general session, W. E. Henry discussed the relation of the library to the public schools, and Dr. Ernest H. Lindley, of Bloomington, spoke on "The Psycho-

logy for Schools." Much interest is manifested in the annual address to be delivered this evening by United States Senator Albert J. Beveridge.

"Remember," says the serious citizen, "that wealth has its responsibilities." "Yes," answered Mr. Cumrox. "So long as you are humble and obscure you can say 'I see it,' and 'I done it' and eat with your knife all you want to."—Washington Star.

Lawyer—I have arranged to secure your release in time for the Christmas holidays. Convict—Oh, say, couldn't you make it New Year instead? That will let me out of all this Christmas shopping.—Philadelphia Press.

Mrs. Kelly—Does your husband get good pay, Mrs. Rooney? Mrs. Rooney—Well, he would, Mrs. Kelly, if it wasn't for striking so often for better pay.—Puck.

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