

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

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A PORTLAND VIEW OF IT.

According to the *Oregonian* the result of the big railroad fight last Monday in Portland was as much a victory for Villard's opponents as for himself. It says, yesterday:

The Union Pacific representatives, General Dodge and G. M. Lane did not know until they had conferred with Elijah Smith that Villard had control of the Oregon & Transcontinental company; at least they did not confess their defeat, and they held out with the hope that something would turn up that would shape matters in their favor. They came here in pursuance of an agreement with Villard, according to the terms of which the Oregon Railway & Navigation company was to have a compromise board of directors. Elijah Smith was dissatisfied with this arrangement because the directory contained neither the name of himself nor his brother, Prosper W. Smith. When the matter was finally adjusted, Prosper W.'s name was substituted on the proposed compromise board for the name of Frederick P. Olcott, of New York.

Saturday evening Villard sued out an injunction in Judge Stearns' court to compel Elijah Smith, as president of the O. R. & N. Co., to receive and count the shares of the O. R. & N. stock held by the Oregon & Transcontinental company, and to be voted by that company in the O. R. & N. election. Villard maintained that the holding of this stock by the Oregon & Transcontinental Co. was legal and that he had a right to vote. This action did not disturb Mr. Smith one bit. Instead of fleeing from the enemy he made preparations to stand him off. He got ready to file an answer to Villard's complaint, and he would have petitioned the court not only to disallow Mr. Villard's application for an injunction, but to restrain Villard from voting the O. & T. holdings of O. R. & N. stock, on the ground that the O. & T. is not a legitimate corporation. Railroad men say this scared Villard. He feared that a contest in the courts would have resulted disastrously to the O. & T., and a meeting of the parties at interest was proposed.

The meeting was held Sunday night and the city clock was tolling 1 yesterday morning when an agreement was reached. Those present were Henry Villard, of the Oregon & Transcontinental company; General G. M. Dodge and G. M. Lane, representing the Union Pacific, and Elijah Smith, representing the O. R. & N. Co. Mr. Smith, as has been stated, was firm in his demands, and Villard finally acceded to them. His concessions averted a long siege of litigation, for his application for an injunction would have been only the first move.

The result is very satisfactory to Portland and will be equally satisfactory to the general interests of the northwest. Villard agreed to sell the O. & T.'s holdings in the O. R. & N. Co. at the earliest possible date, the object being to disperse the stock as widely as possible.

Another portion of the agreement was this: The roads north of Snake river which have been among the chief objects of contention, are to be taken, when completed, into the O. R. & N. system and will be operated as part of it. This will give Portland a direct line to the rich Coeur d'Alene mines and another line to Spokane Falls. These agreements are based on the continuance of the lease of the O. R. N. lines to the Oregon Short Line and the Union Pacific, all the lines to be operated as one system. This maintains the independence of the O. R. & N. company and assures the best possible results to Portland and the northwest.

Superiority of Columbia River Lumber.

The *Northwestern Lumberman* of the 8th, has an interesting letter from its Tacoma correspondent, in which occurs the following:

The evidence taken here before the senatorial commission of relations with Canada, last week was somewhat contradictory. Mr. Ames, of the Port Gamble mill, said that British Columbia lumber was much more valuable than Puget sound lumber, and that the lumber from the Columbia river district, in the southern part of the territory, was worth \$1.50 a thousand less than Puget sound lumber. Later on, J. W. Rankin, timber inspector for the Northern Pacific railroad, stated that the best quality of fir was found on the Columbia river, and that Columbia river lumber brings higher prices than that found on the Sound. The explanation of these contradictory statements may possibly be found in the fact that Mr. Ames was trying to make the strongest possible argument in favor of protection of the lumber industries of Puget sound. The timber immediately on the shores of the Sound, and more especially on the islands in the Sound, is inferior and generally shabby, but that very few miles from the waters is sound and good, and in no way inferior to the British Columbia growth. Mr. Rankin has been through the whole district between Puget sound and the Columbia river, and is one of the best judges of standing timber in the country. Of course, representing the Northern Pacific railroad he will not be apt to speak ill of the lumber through that region where they have large limits for sale, but his judgment is good, and his statements may be accepted as reliable.

Time was when the San Francisco lumber dealers succeeded in having a discrimination of \$1.50, but of late, in that and other markets the manufactured lumber from this region has ready sale at the same prices as the Puget sound lumber, and in some instances reported higher, thus recognizing its superiority.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

Specials to The Astorian.

PORTLAND, June 18.—The jury convicted R. M. Schneider, who had been indicted for criminal assault on the nine-year-old daughter of Rev. A. Dietrich in ten minutes.

Judge Shattuck to-day decided against the Presbyterian mission in the case against See Tong, whose child the mission wanted to take from him on the ground that it was living in an immoral house and was being ill treated.

At one o'clock p. m. The Oregon pioneer association met at the court house and formed in line for the annual procession. They were headed by the first regiment band and followed by a considerable delegation of Indian war veterans. The afternoon was pleasant which encouraged a considerable number of pioneer women to accompany the procession in carriages.

In the U. S. court this morning Judge Matthew P. Deady gave judgment to W. H. Watkins for \$400 and costs on verdict as rendered in his suit against the Southern Pacific R. Co. Watkins wanted something over \$10,000 for damages, and is altogether dissatisfied with his verdict.

DROWNING SWIMMERS.

What a Life-Saver Says to Them and What They Say to Him.

"Why do good swimmers drown in the sea?" was recently asked by a reporter of a man who has become somewhat famous along the coast for saving life.

"I will tell you," he answered. "The men who are good swimmers and who drown while in bathing here, are fresh water swimmers. They are good swimmers in smooth water, but when they tackle the sea they are no good. A good many, when in the water, go out too far to show off. Then when it comes to swimming back they give out and go down. These fresh water swimmers have an idea that they must get back on a straight line. They know nothing about tides or currents, and they strike out to get back to shore by the shortest route instead of finding out the current and swimming with it. The first thing they know they get into a wave that twists them all up. They don't know when to cut through it, and all of a sudden they lose their head, get out of wind, become scared and then comes the cry for help. A fresh water swimmer coming to any beach ought first to study the currents and tides before he ventures out. No one should venture out beyond the safety line unless he is thoroughly posted, no matter how good a swimmer he is in still water. If he knows the current and the tide thoroughly he will find it an easy matter to get back to shore in his own good time."

"What do you first say to a drowning man when you reach him?" "I sing out to him as loud as I can that I have him safe. If I am in a boat I first throw him a rope. When I go for a drowning man I always think of a life for a life. It is always best to keep a drowning man off from you until you have him quieted down. If an excited man gets the best of you in the water the chances are both of you will be lost."

"What is the first thing a saved man will generally say to you?" "After he gets out and gets his wits back again, the first thing a man generally does is to smile, shake his head, and say 'that was a narrow escape, sure.' Then he'll thank me over and over again, and if he owned the world he'd give three fourths of it to me. A good many I have saved rewarded me liberally, but I have helped out some men who promised me much, but never kept their promises."

Western Fir in Eastern Markets.

The days of big prices for bill stuff have gone by so long as the Washington territory manufacturers find it possible to lay timbers down in Chicago as large as 18x18, and up to 68 feet in length, for something under \$40, and pay a 60-cent rate. But that is what they are doing. A bill of something over 17,000 feet was bid upon by a number of the Washington manufacturers for a lot of timbers to be used in the construction of pile drivers. The timbers varied in length from 50 to 68 feet, and the tenders for the material laid down in Chicago were not far from \$40 per thousand. When the strength of the Oregon fir, as demonstrated in a series of tests, the result of which was printed in these columns last week, is taken into consideration, it is safe to say that fir timbers will come into pretty general use, even in the white pine district, whenever and wherever length, size and strength are desired. The fir is an easy winner wherever it has become known to the trade. Of course when bill stuff is wanted, and wanted in a hurry, the local mills will be called upon, but the mills are rare which can furnish timber much longer than forty feet.—*Mississippi Valley Lumberman*.

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"Were you in it?" "Yes, indeed, but my brother and me managed to escape. My clothing was nearly all torn off, which accounts for the ill fit of this calico dress. It was given to me by the relief corps."

"It must have been a terrible experience."

"It was terrible. Indeed, I cannot realize it. Just awhile ago I was thinking over it, and it seemed like a dream. To tell you the truth, I am not quite certain that I am awake, and I would not be greatly surprised to awake and find that I had been asleep."—*Pittsburg Commercial Gazette*.

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