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### THE SITUATION

O. R. & N. Complications From All Standpoints.

DANGER OF MONOPOLY

New Factor in the Field in the Great "Burlington" Road-Local Views.

It was learned yesterday in this city on what appears to be excellent authority that the Burlington has pos.tively taken a part in the reorganization scheme of the O. R. and N. Co., and that the Southern Pacific, in order to secure possession of the Oregon road, will have to fight this great corporation's influence. The Burlington does not seek to purchase the Oregon road, and, it is said, will not make an effort to control it; but in the reorganization it will play a strong hand, which will make its influence felt beyound the stion of doubt. In this case the South-Pacific may find itself checkmated, and Mr. Huntington may have to retire from the field and postpone his efforts to "bottle" Portland to some future time. President C. E. Perkins, of the Burlington system, and Chairman J. M. Forbus, of the executive board of the Burlington system, are heavy stockholders in the O. R. and N. Mr. Perkins is the largest inlividual holder of the O. R. and N. at ck, to it is reported and believed, and Mr.

Ecrbus is the next largest individua s cc holder. Mr. Perkins and Mr. Fo bus, to-gether, undoubtedly control enough stock to make their influence feit, and it is claimed that they have more power than any other faction among the stockholders. Their influence, too, with the bond holders, whose will is almost absolute in these panicky times, is direct and powe ful.
So it can easily be seen what influence
the Burlington will have in the reorganiation of the C. R. and N. Co.
The Burlington will not be known in the

O. R. and N. Co. matter as a corporation An Interesting Meeting He d lington officials, however, are expected to take part; headed by President Perkins. The Burlington as a corporation, cannot acquire property detached from the main system of its road. The corporation has an iron-clad law in its articles or incorporation to that officer So there is no roa. ration to that effect. So there is no pos-sibility of the O. R. and N. being merged into the Burlington system, because its farthest Eastern Terminal is several hundred miles from the farthest Burlington Western terminal. Hence, the Bu-lington will do all in its power to ma'ntain the independence of the Oregon road, and it is known that Mr. Perkins and Mr. Forbus have given notice to other roads to this

The Burlington system extends from Chicago to Denver, and from Chicago to Billings, Mont. At Denver it connects with the Union Pacific for Portiand business, which road transfers to the Oregon Short Line at Granger, the latter still being under lease to the Union Pacific, which in turn connects with the O R, and N, at Hunuarden. The Union Pacific special committee of one to report on the commercial prospects of the Yukon river. Alaska, with a view of special committee of one to report on the commercial prospects of the Yukon river. Alaska, with a view of special committee of one to report on the commercial prospects of the Yukon river. Alaska, with a view of special committee or one to report on the commercial prospects of the Yukon river. Alaska, with a view of special committee reports were presentwhich is turn connects with the O R, and N. at Huntington. The Union Pacific exacts unfair percentages, so it is contended, for all business passing through the "Ogden gateway," and, in consection of the entrance to the river, presented the quence, every road connecting with it for Western business has had an "ax" out for some time. The Burlington, of all other lines, would like to get a whack at the Union Pacific and force open the river in Alaska is the largest river in the Union Pacific and force open the river in Alaska is the largest river in the river in Alaska is the largest river in the river in Alaska is the largest river in the river in Alaska is the largest river in the river in Alaska is the largest river in the river in Alaska is the largest river in the river in Alaska is the largest river in the river in Alaska is the largest river in the river in Alaska is the largest river in the river in Alaska is the largest river in the river in the

ed that he may yet be successful, and that it will not be very long before the Oregon road is operated at San Francisco The Union Pacific is still in the fight for control of the O. R. and N., and this ter show than any other outside com-pany to get control of the O. R. and N.
"I know," he said, "for a dead cer-tainty that prominent Union Pacific offi-cials are figuring on the time wh n they

will be operating the O. R. and N. from this city."

In a: interview with Mr. T. H. Cutis, president of the Northwest Construction Company, now building the Ast ria-Gobie road, and an accredited Huntington man, that gentieman said that he was satisfied Mr. Huntington did not want the O. R. and N., and could not get it if he did. "From what little I know about rases," he said, "and from what I see in the newspapers, Mr. Huntington is carrying on the present rate war with the O. R. and N. for a principle, like many another rate war before it. I understand the O. R. newspapers, Mr. Huntington is carrying on the present rate war with the O. R. and N. for a principle, like many another rate war before it. I understand the O. R. and N. made the first low rates and probably after both companies have lost many thousands of dollars they will p ten up the differences between them. I think officers of the resident and summer visually after both companies have lost to seasy, however, that it is not probable that Mr. Huntington wants the O. R. and N. property. There seems to be a desire on the part of others to get hold of it, and they may succeed, but I for an see no good reason why Major Mc. Neill should not be successful in reorganizing the property on an indep ment basis and maintaining it as an ind pendanteent line, open to all connections alike."

Another well posted railroad man in the city said yesterday concerning the same subject, that "it would be a sorry day for Oregon should the state fall into the hands of a single railroad company, but that he thought the entire scare was without foundation in fact, though the entire acare was without foundation in fact, though the companies, the Q. Union Pacific, or Great Mortiles.

Northern, sets the Q. Union Pacific, or Great Mortiles, or Great Mort

that Mr. Hammond has thirty per cent of the stock himself, and Russell Sage, Morgan and others, besides Huntington, in New York, are largely interested in

The development of affairs in the O. R. and N. will be watched by all with the greatest of interest all over the country, and no where with greater interest than here in Oregon. The prevailing opinion of Oregonians seems to be in favor of its independent existence.

ANOTHER FINANCIAL PLAN.

To the Editor of the New York Herald: You ask in you comments upon Cleve-lands message in relation to the financial questions for plans of somethnig better than he suggests. I will submit a few

Instead of retiring the greenbacks amend the law by making them a legal tender for all debts, public and private, and receive them for custom duties; coin gold, as we now, at its present world's value; pay all of the government's in-debtedness in the yellow metal, if de-sired, the government to secure the gold by the issue of legal tender greenbacks, and by so doing we shall divorce our local currency from our international ex-changes, and the outflow and inflow of the metal will not concern us any more

ther commodity. The fault in our present system is the promise to pay a paper dollar in a gold dollar. Practical redemption is the ex-change of currency for those things which we desire, and under such a system bankers and merchants would secure their gold in the open market and not by raids

upon the United States treasury.

Money should be issued in a receivable form, and should not be a promise to exchange, its stability alone depending upon the solvercy of the government issuing it. A guaran-tee of legal exchange by a government to its people of its currency carries with it all of the confidence, all the security which could attend a currency redemable in gold, since the ability to redeem in gold presupposes a solvent government, without which no currency is good.

W. M.

Last Evening.

M. J. Kinney on the Commercial Prospects of the Great Yukon River, Alaska.

The Chamber of Commerce held its regular meeting last evening, V.ce-President James W. Welch, chairman, E. C. Holden

the Union Pacific, and force open the barriers at Ogden. This, it is now said, will be done by the reorganizat on o' the O. R. and N. Co., with the Burlington at the helm of all deliberations. The Union waters, receiving their supplies fr. m its Pacific will thus be forced to make concessions.

Mr. Huntington, meantime, it is argued, is not going to sit idly by and let the Burlington aid in reorgan zation of the Oregon road. Mr. Huntington has started out to get his grip on the O. R. and N., and will not desist very tend by, even for so powerful an influence as the Burlington officials. Fears are entertained that he may yet be successful, and

Two steamboat lines send boats of sev-tral hundred tons each, one 1000 miles inland. In fact, it is reported steamers do rocced over 1500 miles without encounterfor control of the O. R. and N., and this fact must not be everlooked by these who are interested in the maintenance of the Oregon road's independence. A rail oad man in this city yesterday said that he had received information which made him believe that the Union Pacific stood a better show than any other outside company to get control of the O. R. and N. "I know" he said. "for a dead cerentrance is not generally known.

II is not known whether there is a channel sufficient for sea-going vessels. Some navigators claim there is a good south channel; and others claim there is

### SENATE ORGANIZES

All of the Principal Committees Are Named.

COMMITTEES NOT

Fixed, But Will be Controlled by the Democrats-Mitchell Gets Privileges and Elections.

Washington, Dec. 15.—There was a con-ference of the Republican and Democrat-c leaders in the speaker's room the af-ernoon to discuss the Republican plan for increasing the number of committees and o deal with election co

o deal with election contests. Reed invited Dingley, Daniels, Henderson, Cannon, Payne, and Dalzell, of the Republicans, and Crisp, McMillan and Balley, of the Democrats to a discussion. The plan outlined by the Republicans was for three committees of nine members, six Republicans and three Dem-ocrats, each committee to be divided into three sub-committees of two Republicans explained that the division was rendered necessary by the scheme for sub-co-mitnecessary by the scheme for sub-co-mit-tees. With nine sub-committees, each one would have three contests to cors der, as out of the 38 contests four have been practically abandoned by the failure of the contestants to give evidence, and McGann, of Chicaro, has conceded bis seat to the Republican c'aimant, Belkrap. Reed said the Republican intention was to settle the case strictly man better. to settle the cases strictly upon legal evi-dence and in a judicial spirit.

A difference of opinion was developed among the Democrats. Crisp and Mc-millan declined to assent to the prop-osition and are understood to have held that the proper plan if a committee of the usual size could not hear all the evidence would be to increase the number of the

of their opponents that the m'ncrity would be fairly treated, and was dis-posed to accede to the plan. Other Dem-ocrats were inclined to the opinion that the scheme was one to puse the Democrais with greater facility.

No understanding was reached and it was by courtesy that the Democrais were consulted, as the Republicans intend to carry out their plan.

TENNESSEE'S CENTENNIAL.

Nashville, Tenn., is making big prepara-tions for the centennial exposition which will be open during the fall of next year. Tennessee will be 100 years old on June 1, 896, and it is in honor of that event that the fair will be held, beginning September and continuing one hundred days. The city of Nashville, in addition to other stands to be used in the construction of the exposition, has given \$300,000 and pro-tided a park of 200 acres lying in the sub-urbs and entered by the three double-

track electric rallways.

The actual work of construction was begun three months ago. The heavy grading has been finished. The administration building is ready for occupancy and the toundation of the film arts build-ing, which is to be a reproduction in stant of the famous Parethnon, and wholly fire proof, has been completed. The designs for the commerce, machinery, transportation and electricity building have oven accepted and the sites prepared. These building will be erected during the win-

The plans of the management call for twenty buildings altogether of from 75,000 to 125,000 square feet area each, and to cost from \$15,000 to \$40,100 coch. All build-ings will be of white staff, in either Greek or Colonial style of architecture. The walks will be constructed of asphalt, and in all parts of the grounds there will be statuary and fountains. Two lakes have been constructed, one of some fifteen acres extent, and one of two, while a water wheel and cataract at its outlet. Things rare and novel are especially sought, and a surprise in the way of a complete, com-pact, beautiful exposition is promised by the management, which is composed of the leading business and artistic men of

STATE NEWS.

Interesting Items Culled From Oregon's Leading Newspapers. Salem went, Republican last Monday Only a light vote polled.

w offered and refused. The calmon hatchery on the Clackamas has been closed down for the season.

The telephone line between Union, El-gin and La Grande will soon be finished.

Whether it remains independenct, so long whether it remains independenct, so long as we get our road to Coble. As to that line there need be no fear of Huntington-Fayetteville by a mob and hanged.

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George Stearns, of Oakland, Ore., took
3,500 turkeys down to San Francisco, which
were sold in advance to dealors for
Thanksgiving. He says that section is
the best on the coast for turkeys, and
next year he will take down 5,000.

Postoffice.

Next Tuesday evening Hon, R. G. Smith of Grant's Pass and Representative Jef-trey of Medford will meet in political decate at the courthouse in Jacksonville on the subject of "The Populist Platform on the Financial Question," under the auspices of the Jacksonville Republication

The Newburg Independent has enumerated the inhabitants of its town and finds 984 souls within the corporate limits and 189 just beyond the coroporate limits, but so closely identified with the town that they are claimed, making the popu-lation 1,123. Of these 541 are males and

The Arlington Record says Paul Mohr is buying out right-of-way for his portage around Tumwater and Celifo. He is repeating the much-worn story that the portage will be completed in time to haul the next crop. This much is extrain, he has been having the right of way and has been buying the right-of-way and

ABOUT RAIN. particles of the vapor of the atmosphere into drops. These drops, first small of line, attract others of their kind and beinto drops. come drops of such magnitude that they fall to the earth because of their weight. There is a limit to the quantity of water which the air is capable of absorbing and retaining as invisible vapor. Warm air is able to hold more than cold air. Hence, when the air which is saturated ith moisture becomes cold for any reason whatever, it can no longer retain its noisture. A portion must, under such condition, accumulate into drops. These fall to the earth in the shape of rain.

Palley took the stand that the Demo- Republicans invite Democrats to a Discussion.

> Plan for Committees on Contested Seats Declined by Democrats-

> > But Will be Carried Out.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Republican caucus committee of the senate completed its work of assigning the majority of the senate committee today and will be prepared to report to the Republican caucus

follows: Agricultural, Procto.; ap ro ria-tions, Allison; auditing contingent expenses, Jones (Nev.); census, Chandler; civil service, Pritchard; claims, Telier; coast defenses, Squire; commerce, Frye; District of Columbia, McMillan; education and labor. Shoup; enrolled bills, Sewell; examination of branches of civil service, Peffer; finance, Morrill; fisheries, Perkins; (oreign relations, Sherman; immigration, Lodge; improvement of the Mississippi river, Neison; Indian affairs, Pettly ew; ndian depredations, Wilson; interstate commerce, Cullom; irrigation, Warren; ju-liciary, Hoar; library, Hansbrough; man-ufdctures, Wetmore; military affairs, Hawley; mines and mining. Stewart; na-Hawley; mines and mining, Stewart; naval affairs, Cameron; organization of the executive departments, Butler; Pacific railroads, Gear; patents, Platt; pensions, Gallinger; postoffice, Walcott; printing, Hale; privileges and elections, Mitchen (Or.); public buildings, Quay; public lands Dubois; railroads, Clark, relations with Canada, Carter; revisions of the laws, Burrows; rules, Aldrich; territories, Davis; transportation routes to seaboard, vis; transportation routes to sea' oard, McBride; University of the United B'afes, 'Cy'e; intermational excessions, Thurston:

Tyle; International exceptions, Thurston; to investigate geological survey. Ekins; national banking, Mantle; forest reservations, Allen; trespasses upon Indian lands. Baker: Pord theatre disaster, to be filled when the Utah senators come in.

This disposes of all but eleven committees. The committees undisposed of are known as minority committees. The Republicans now control them and they will fall to the Democrats under the new orsanization. The caucus committee has made provision for the Populist senators as the Democrats did in the last congress, and have given each of them a chairmanship, giving each the same position held under the Democrats, except Senator Kyle, who is promoted from the chairmanship of the committee on education and labor to that of the University of the United States.

The committee will recommend the enteresticate of all larger committees. The

'argement of all larger committees. The incentive to this change is found in the difficulty of harmonizing all the elements in the party, but it is justified by the growth of the senate as a body.

LOSING NO TIME.

The maid was making a fire in the kitchen stove. As she worked she mang:
"Girl wanted! Girl wanted!"
There was a loud explosion.
And the lady of the house went to the
front door and hung out the sign:

GIRL WANTED

FOR PULLMAN AND ARMOUR

Plot Revealed to Employes by Unknown man-The Great Leaders of Business in Danger.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—A conspiracy to assassinate George M. Pullman and Phillip D. Armour has just come to light and every effort is being made to apprehend the perpetrators of the plot.

This morning two packages were re-ceived at Station L. of which William H. Hanlon is superintendent, directed to P. D. Armour and George M. Pullman, respectively, and the packages were final-ly turned over to Postoffice Inspector Stuart for inspection. They proved to be infernal machines, which had they reach-ed their destination and here overed with mour through the mail. He ctaimed to have everheard an exposure of the conspiracy from two men talking in an alley. A similar visit was paid Pullman last night, presumably by the same parson, who took the trouble to inform Armour's people.

peeple.

The dangerous character of the packages has been established without a doubt. A trial test of their contents was made and this proved that the packages contained explosives in force akin to dynamite. The packages were about eight inches long with four inch ends. They were wooden boxes, each containing a were wooden boxes, each containing a matches were so arranged inside drawer. Matches were so ar as to be ignited by friction with sand paper, which was glued to the box above the drawer, when the latter was pulled

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Young Lady Attacked in the Darkness and Stabbed.

Albany, Ore., Dec. 16 .- A dispatch from Albany, Ore., Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Harrisburg says:

An unknown assassin attempted to murder Miss Ethe! Riddle here Saturday night. The girl is aged about 18, and lives with her uncley George Henderson. After supper she had washed the dishes and stepped out of the back door to throw out a panful of water, when she was selzed by a man in the darkness He stabled her in the neck and across the wrists. She broke away and ran screaming toward the house. Mrs. Henderson, hearing the screams, ran to the door, when the assailant fied.

The physician who was summoned

door, when the assailant fled.

The physician who was summoned found the girl's wounds not dangerous, the gash in her neck having missed the artery. Twice before, recently, Miss Riddle says she has been the victim of attempted assassination, having been fired upon in the darkness, but her relatives could not believe but that she was only frightened by some promiscious shooting. Her assailant was not recognised in the darkness and the only theory as to the cause of the attempted murder is that the deed was prompted by the jealousy of a rejected suitor. The young lady hears an excellent reputation.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—M. A. Gunet, better known over the country as "Moss" Gunst, has been confirmed in his position as police commissioner by the supreme court. Gunst was appointed police commissioner, life office, by Governor Markham, just before he retired from office. The appointment, although relating to San Francisco alone, created great sir all over California. Ministers and others objected to Gunst because of his reputation as a sporting man, although not a word could be said against his integrity. When Governor Budd came into office he promptly appointed Stewart Menzies, a highly respected citizen, to succeed Cunst. The latter refused to give up his office and the case was carried into the courts. Gunst won in the lower courts, and a full bench of the supreme court today sustained the decision of the lower court.

LONG RACE ON THE OCEAN.

A long sea ruce from Tacoma to Australia was started a few days ago between two clippers. The contestants are the Hawaiian bark Mauna Ala and the German bark Hertha. Both are bound for Adelaide with a cargo of lumber. The Mauna Ala went to sea a few days ago, but the Bertha was not expected to leave for several days after. The bet is to be decided on the actual time it takes each vessel to make port. The captain of the Mauna Ala laid a big bet that his boat will best the Bertha into Adelaids by five sailing days.

EVEN WITH HIM. (Oakland Times.)
Old Meaninsser-Me give you anything?
No. I won't; you're a fraud. You're not blind at all.
The Indignant One-If I wasn't blind do you think I'd ask such a miserable, mean-lookin' cove as you fer anything?

