

VANDERBILT WOULD BUY C. & A.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The Tribune says: "All sorts of rumors regarding the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company are current in Wall street. There is a revival of the report that the Vanderbilts would buy the road, the Michigan Central being named as the specific purchaser. "Another alleged buyer was the Union Pacific, but few men in the financial district took that rumor with any seriousness. The indications still point to the Goulds, acting through the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, as the probable purchasers of the Alton road. Judge J. J. Mitchell, president of the Illinois Trust and Savings bank of Chicago, who is a large holder of Alton stock and is said to have been authorized by President Blackston of the Alton to act also in behalf of the minority stockholders of the railway corporation, had a conference with George J. Gould here on Wednesday. He is still in the city and spent all day Thursday in a series of further conferences, believed to have been taken with Mr. Gould and his associates and, according to the best information obtainable, the acquisition by the Missouri Pacific of the controlling interest in the Chicago and Alton will be announced in a few days. It is understood that the Vanderbilts would by no means be averse to such means of transfer."

NEWS FROM CHINA.

TACOMA, Dec. 16.—The steamer Empress of India brings news from Chung King, China, via Shanghai, that business is still paralyzed throughout the western Chinese province of Szechuen because of the depredations of Yunnanese and his band of 5,000 rebels, who are thoroughly disciplined, and wear a uniform having for its distinguishing feature the Chinese character meaning "avenge." They are determined to rid China of all foreigners and to stamp out the Christian religion. There are several missionaries in Chung King and the property destroyed by the rebels is estimated at 5,000,000 taels. During their rans they have rendered 20,000 people, mostly native Christians, homeless, and 60 lives have been taken, including several European missionaries. Yunnanese recently beheaded two Catholic missionaries which the city of Yunchuan gave up to him as hostages. He offered them their lives if they would renounce their religion. They refused. J. Fleming, an English missionary, has been killed by natives and soldiers at Lung Ping, 30 miles east of Kai Yang. The mission house was ransacked and burned down. There has been no attempt to punish the rebels at the hands of the Marikans. France demands 2,000,000 taels damages for the destruction of the French missionary property.

O. R. & N. CO. RUEL.

ST. JOHNS, Dec. 16.—Proceedings were instituted here today by the state of Washington to enforce against the O. R. & N. Co. the law passed at the last session of the legislature for the interchange of traffic between common carriers. On March 13, 1897, John H. Van Wazer delivered to the company's agent at Fairfield, in this county, a carload of wheat billed for delivery at Tacoma over the lines of the O. R. & N. and Northern Pacific and Great Northern. The company refused to make such delivery unless it was paid full through rate. Complaint was entered here today in the justice's court and a deputy sheriff has been sent to Fairfield to arrest John Service, the agent of the O. R. & N. who refused to accept the loaded car in question.

KILLED BY THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The bill to incorporate the International American bank was buried by an overwhelming adverse majority in the house today. The debate upon the measure, which opened yesterday, was concluded at 3 o'clock. The vote by which the bill was defeated stood 103 yeas to 415 nays. The bill to extend the customs and revenue laws of the United States over the Hawaiian Islands was passed without opposition. The bill, Dingley explained, carried with it civil service laws relating to appointments in the customs and revenue service in Hawaii.

BRYAN IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Colonel W. J. Bryan expressed himself today very emphatically to his democratic associates upon the duty of congress in regard to the Philippines. He believes the islands ought not to be held longer than is necessary for the United States to establish there a stable and independent government, such as was guaranteed to Cuba in the revolution which led to the declaration of war, and he believes it is the duty of congress to make a declaration of the intention of the United States at the earliest possible date.

O. R. & N. DIVIDEND.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The directors of the O. R. & N. Company have declared a 2 per cent dividend on preferred stock.

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CUBAN CUSTOMS TARIFF. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—President McKinley, before leaving for the south last Tuesday, signed an executive order establishing a customs tariff for the island of Cuba, to go into effect January 1 next. This tariff is based upon the report and recommendations made by Hon. Robert P. Porter, special commissioner of the United States who was sent to Cuba some months ago for the special purpose of making an investigation of the subjects of revenue and customs of the island.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—Joe Goddard and Kid Mc Coy were fixtures to-night at the Arena in a six-round bout, which came to an end in the fifth round by the referee disqualifying the barrier champion and giving the fight to McCoy. The referee said Goddard had attempted to throw McCoy to the floor while wrestling.

NEW OREGON. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The senate today confirmed R. J. Hendricks as appraiser of merchandise for the district of the Willamette; also the following collectors of customs: John Morgan, for the southern district of Oregon; C. B. Croson, for the district of Yaquina, Ore. Postmasters—Oregon—S. S. Train, of Albany; Washington—L. Duboise, of Vancouver.

THOUSANDS ARE STARVING. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—H. W. White, a missionary, who arrived from China today, brings news of a terrible condition of affairs existing in Chin Chow Pu province, a section 100 miles long and 70 miles wide, inhabited by over 4,000 people. Owing to two successive droughts the crops have been failures and people of the province are dying by thousands from starvation. The outlying provinces and the government are doing little to help the suffering.

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THE COUNTY COURT. Compiled by H. J. Wherity, County Clerk, by Order County Court (Official Report).

In the county court of the state of Oregon, in and for the county of Clatsop, Wednesday, December 16, 1898; first day of present term, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present Hon. J. H. D. Gray, Judge, Howell Lewis and C. Peterson, commissioners, H. J. Wherity, clerk and J. W. Williams, sheriff. Court met and was duly opened at 10 o'clock a. m.

In the matter of the petition of John Larson and others, to lay out a county road as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the quarter section corner on the south boundary of section 21, Twp. 5 N., R. 7 west, of Willamette meridian; thence southerly along the line to the foot hill near McClure's creek; thence by the most practicable route to and by a post marked "H," near the mouth of George's Creek; thence down and across the Nehalem river, to a post 64 feet east of the southwest corner of section 14, Tp. 4 N., R. 7 W., Willamette meridian; thence by the most practicable route to and by a post marked "H," near the mouth of George's Creek; thence down and across the Nehalem river, to a post 64 feet east of the southwest corner of section 14, Tp. 4 N., R. 7 W., Willamette meridian. Ordered that T. J. Brown, Charles H. Miller and Andrew Young be appointed viewers, and A. S. Tee, surveyor, and that they meet at the justice's office on Monday, the 19th day of January, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., to view and report on the above petition.

In the matter of the petition of J. R. Wherry and 18 others to relocate and lay out a county road 40 feet in width, as follows: Beginning at a stake in the center of the county road as recorded on page 14, Road Plat Book No. 2, of Clatsop county, Oregon, 1270 chains south and 238 chains west of the corner of sections 1, 2, 11 and 12, Tp. 5 N. of range 7 west of the Willamette meridian, in Clatsop county, Oregon; thence by the most practicable route down the Nehalem river, on the north side thereof, via Grand Rapids and Red Bluffs, to the northeast corner of lot No. 2, section 6, Tp. 4 north, range 7 west of the Willamette meridian. Ordered that T. J. Brown, Charles H. Miller and Andrew Young be appointed viewers, and A. S. Tee, surveyor, and that they meet at the justice's office on Monday, the 19th day of January, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., to view and report on the above petition.

In the matter of the petition of B. Gallagher and 11 others to lay out a county road as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stake in the center of the county road, running easterly 24 rods and 12 feet, from a point at the center of the west end of the east approach to the draw span of the Lewis and Clark river draw bridge, situated in section 7, township 7 north, range 9 west of the Willamette meridian; thence over the most practicable route via the north side of the Battle Creek school house, in section 19 of above township, to the S. E. corner of the S. W. 1/4 of section 22, township 7 north, range 9 west of the Willamette meridian, all in Clatsop county, Oregon. Ordered that A. H. McMillan, H. F. Nurnberg and John Fry be appointed viewers, and A. S. Tee, surveyor, and that they meet at the residence of W. J. Ingalls on Tuesday, December 15th, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., and duly qualify and enter upon the discharge of their duties in this behalf, according to law.

In the matter of the petition of J. M. Gillette, for a liquor license to sell wine, malt and spirituous liquors in less quantity than one gallon at Seattle, Clatsop county, Oregon, for a period of three months. And it appearing to the court that no remonstrance of any kind has been filed against the granting of said petition, and that a good and sufficient bond has been filed; it is ordered that said petition be granted.

In the matter of the petition of O. J. Thomas and others for a draw bridge across John Days river. Ordered that the notice published by the county judge, calling for plans, specifications and bids, for a balance draw bridge across John Days river, be and the same is hereby approved.

In the matter of the petition of D. J. Ingalls and 48 others, requesting the county court to offer a liberal reward for cougar and panther scalps. Ordered that the clerk communicate with the clerks of Columbia and Tillamook counties, and ascertain if those counties are offering rewards for cougar and panther scalps, and if not, they lay the matter before the county court of those counties with a view to co-operation with this county in offering a reward of \$2.00 or \$10.00 for such scalps.

Ordered that the court do now adjourn until tomorrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

Thursday, December 16th, 1898, second day of term, same present as yesterday. Court met and was duly opened at 10 o'clock a. m.

Now at this time comes C. W. Carnahan and presents his bond as county assessor, in the sum of \$5,000.00, with F. A. Fisher and E. A. Taylor sureties thereon. Ordered that same be approved.

Communication read from H. E. Nelson, auditor and police judge, informing the court that the common council had instructed the committee on streets and public works to confer with the county court in relation to the improvement of such streets, roads or crossings as may be necessary to form a connection with the bridge now building across Young's Bay. Also was read at the same time a resolution from said council, informing the court that the city attorney was instructed to arrange the matter of tax titles with said court, as may best satisfy the interests of the city. Ordered that the same be placed on file.

Bills on general fund examined and the following were allowed: Mrs. Baker, \$10.00, care of Sorland; Mrs. T. O'Brien, \$10.00, care of Oshorn; Mrs. Shrader, \$5.00; Mrs. Sandy, \$5.00; Mrs. Pise, \$5.00; Mrs. M. Johnson, \$5.00; Mrs. Nordlund, \$4.00; Mrs. Osvick, \$5.00, allowances for Nov.; Herald Pub. Co., \$5.25, publishing proceedings for Nov.; J. S. Dellinger, \$20.00, supplies for court house; F. W. Ferguson, \$10.00, blanks for court house; Griffin & Reed, \$2.50, stationery; Glass & Prudhomme, \$2.00, mortgage record for recorder; O. T. & T. Co., \$3.00, telephone for Dec.; R. L. Jeffery, \$5.00, meals for jury, etc.; Albert Fountain, \$4.00, witness fees circuit court; S. A. Wherity, \$11.00, serving papers Geddes case, justice court; costs, justice court, state vs. Johnson, \$15.25; vs. John Adams, \$12.50; vs. A. Munson, \$12.50; vs. Trullinger, \$11.50; vs. McCabe, \$22.50; vs. O'Neill, \$27.50; Astoria Gas Light Co., \$12.50, gas for Nov.; Andrew Anderson, \$2.00, repairs for court house; H. Bell, \$3.00, recording plat recorder's office; T. Lee, \$12.00; A. L. Clark, \$12.00; Mrs. C. A. Gearhart, \$12.00, services teachers' examinations; J. W. Williams, \$67.00, board of prisoners for Nov.; Geo. Brown, \$20.00, services copying assessment roll and deputy assessor; J. E. Young, \$5.00, examination of children of L. Irish; Mrs. Warnstaff, \$10.00, care of Addie, Mrs. T. O'Brien, \$10.00, care of Sapet, Estes-Conn Drug Co., \$1.00, medicine for J. F. Adams; West Shore Mills Co., \$2.50, wood for Mrs. Salka; Ross, Higgins & Co., \$25.00, provisions for Mrs. Sakri, Hendrickson, Wilson and Turner; J. V. Martin & Co., \$11.00, provisions for Hannah and Robinson; A. V. Allen, \$1.00, provisions for Mrs. Sakke, Oct and Nov.; Miller and Carl, \$2.25, building bridge in road district No. 12; A. S. Tee, \$22.00; H. Bell, \$12.00, supplies for building Young's Bay bridge; J. C. Lidwell, \$10.00, loss Young's Bay bridge; F. Olson, \$4.25, nails for bridge road district No. 7; N. E. Fos-

lor, \$5.00; Joe Foster, \$10.00, supplies for bridge; H. E. Bell, \$2.50, jury fees circuit court. Bills on special fund examined, and the following were allowed: C. E. Linton, \$4.00, keeper of bridge; D. S. Warren, \$24.00, supplies road district No. 1; Schollfeld & Hauke, \$2.00, supplies road district No. 2; Wm. Larson, \$5.00; L. Anderson, \$12.50; D. H. Hovatter, \$12.75, labor road district No. 5; N. Doolan, \$24.00; J. Bowler, \$2.25; B. Thornelson, \$1.00, labor road district No. 6; G. A. Ross, \$4.00; P. C. Havird, \$1.00; A. Carlson, \$1.00, labor road district No. 3; Miller and Carl, \$10.00; C. G. Anderson, \$12.75, labor road district No. 12; W. J. Denyer, \$1.00; R. Gaston, \$1.00, labor road district No. 15.

Ordered that the court do now adjourn until tomorrow at 10 o'clock a. m. Friday, December 16th, 1898; third day of term, same present as yesterday. Court met and was duly opened at 10 o'clock a. m.

In the matter of the petition of O. J. Thomas and others for a draw bridge across John Days river. This being the time set by the court for the opening of bids for a balance draw bridge across John Days river, only two bidders appearing—J. E. Ferguson and N. Clinton, whose bids are as follows: J. E. Ferguson—Draw bridge complete, according to plans and specifications furnished by himself, \$45,000.00. N. Clinton—Plan furnished and driven per lineal foot, etc.; approaches without piles, per lineal foot, \$1.05; draw complete, \$10.00; guy bracing where needed, per M. foot, \$11.00.

And it appearing to the court that the bridge for the above bridge, according to the plans and specifications furnished by N. Clinton for the sum of \$45,000 or less, it is therefore ordered that the contract for the construction of the balance draw bridge across John Days river be awarded to N. J. Clinton, upon his signing a contract approved by the county judge, and filing a good and sufficient bond in the sum of \$50,000, with one or more sureties, providing that he will construct said bridge in accordance with the plans and specifications furnished by him. Commissioner Lewis being one of the petitioners for the above bridge, did not consider it right to sit as a member of the court during the pendency of the above matter, which action was approved by Judge Gray and Commissioner Peterson. Ordered that the court do now adjourn until tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of attending the road convention and visiting the bridge across Adair's slough in graduation of the bridge by N. Clinton for the sum of \$45,000 or less, it is therefore ordered that the contract for the construction of the balance draw bridge across John Days river be awarded to N. J. Clinton, upon his signing a contract approved by the county judge, and filing a good and sufficient bond in the sum of \$50,000, with one or more sureties, providing that he will construct said bridge in accordance with the plans and specifications furnished by him. Commissioner Lewis being one of the petitioners for the above bridge, did not consider it right to sit as a member of the court during the pendency of the above matter, which action was approved by Judge Gray and Commissioner Peterson. 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