

RECKLESS RAILWAY

Portland City & Oregon Road Opposed to Unions.

"One of the worst accidents in the history of this city is liable to occur any day on the Portland City & Oregon electric railway," was the unreserved comment made today by a former skilled employe of that company.

Asked for a more explicit explanation of his meaning he continued:

"The management of the road is going from bad to worse as time progresses. All the old and competent employes are being supplanted as fast as possible with inexperienced and incompetent men, and the traveling public is simply taking its life into its hands in traveling over the road. The machine shops and the car barns at Milwaukie are not only filled with raw recruits, but nearly all the conductors, motormen and everyone else along the line, including Superintendent Tiffany, are as far removed from their proper sphere as a chinook salmon would be if placed in the Sahara desert. This is the reason so many accidents have already occurred on the road, but there are bound to be worse ones, because they are getting poorer men all the time."

"When the company gets good men, why does it not retain them?" was asked.

"Because Superintendent Tiffany and the management want cheap men," was the reply, "and the cheaper the better. About six months ago the employes organized a union and Tom Gault, the company's present foreman, was elected president and took an active part in effecting the organization. Shortly afterward Mr. Tiffany of Oakland, Cal., succeeded to the position of superintendent and at once took steps to crush out the union and make himself solid with the management. As a preliminary he persuaded Gault to renounce allegiance to the union and swear eternal loyalty to

Tiffany. This accomplished, he began to discharge indiscriminately the oldest and most trusted employes of the road, putting men in their places who were never in their places. The union had 125 members, but now hardly any of them are left."

Fred Rosinger was one of the men discharged. Mr. Rosinger had been in the employ of the company for 10 years as foreman of the car builders, but Amel Reinkey, an ordinary bridge builder, whose only recommendation was that he affiliated with no union, was given his position. But very few of the men in the company's employ know how to place trucks under a car, and for this reason an accident was narrowly averted a few days ago.

"The accident on March 3, when one of the company's cars ran into a passenger train near the Madison street bridge, was due to incompetency on the part of the motorman's helper. The car dispatcher was even relieved a few days ago, and superseded by a man whose knowledge of the business is so limited that he is unable to decipher the meaning at times of the simplest messages."

"Yes," repeated the end employe, and several of the other men present coincided with the view, "there is bound to be a dreadful accident on that road under such loose management, and people patronizing it are simply taking their lives into their own hands."

The managers of the road, especially Fred Tiffany, the principal stockholder, do not seem to care for the lives of passengers if the statements made are true, and he certainly does not favor union labor where skill is a requisite. There is a great contrast between the management of this road and those of the Portland Railway and the City & Suburban.

SWINDLER MISSING

Charles E. Doherty Was a Fake Palm Reader and Clairvoyant.

Several victims are looking for Comte de St. Charles, a smooth-tongued young man, who has been swindling men and women of Portland by advertising himself as the "great psychic palmist and clairvoyant."

His true name is Charles E. Doherty, and he is but an ordinary advertising solicitor. For quite a time he was employed on the Oregonian in that capacity. He came to this city from Seattle, where he earned a small salary on the Times.

Mr. Doherty thought he knew a thing or two about advertising, and as he had made money for others by it, he reasoned not unwisely that he could make money for himself. His thimble was full of bright ideas and his lungs full of "hot air." Here was a combination hard to beat.

Doherty engaged rooms at the Cosmos, 283 1/2 Morrison street, put up a sign and inserted the following advertisement in the morning paper by which he had been employed:

COMTE DE ST. CHARLES, the greatest psychic palmist and clairvoyant, reveals your entire life. He tells your name, the object of your visit and the month you were born, without asking a question. Fee, 50c, for a few days only. The Cosmos, 283 1/2 Morrison, Hours, 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. daily and Sunday. Palmistry taught. Mediums developed.

As the victims strolled in, Doherty grew fat. He found gullible people everywhere. In fact, he did such a business that he is not to be blamed for using the old sayings, "A fool is born every minute," and "A fool and his money are soon parted." He rather sneered at his acquaintances who obtained a living by honest endeavor.

The plan of the young man was to first interest a caller by telling his name by trick. The caller would seat himself facing

the faker, with a large, flat desk between them. A glance at the palm of the victim was made, then he would ask the name to be written on a small piece of paper and folded. Doherty, of course, could not see the name at this time. But he made a few more "psychic passes" and taking up an envelope from the desk—the white being sealed—there was a paper as one would a letter. But there was a slip on the back of the envelope, through which the paper was forced, unseen by the caller, and it would fall on Doherty's knee. While talking and fumbling the envelope, the "great palmist" would unfold the paper on his lap with a right hand and with a glance read the name. Then it was an easy matter to make up the life story of the victim. The mention of the name of the caller would invariably mystify, and then Doherty proceeded with his story of how an evil influence was present, how it was combating the successful ability and the happiness and pleasures of life. To remove this evil influence, Doherty would say it would require from 50 to 83 days, the cost to be from \$20 to \$50, according to how the faker would "size up" the victim. The 50-to-83-day proposition was a means to keep the victim interested and thus "bleed" him from time to time. One old lady, Mrs. Groves of St. Johns, was bled out of \$25 through Doherty's hypnotic fake. She is 81 years old, and the pleasant "fairy" tales of the young bill found queer responses in the ears of the trusting old woman. But she is now, on so repentant! And there are others.

Meanwhile, Doherty has gone to new pastures, and it is lucky for him that he has. He is said to be fleeing the gullible at Baker City, Pendleton and other Eastern Oregon towns. Later he will go to Boise, unless he is intercepted.

He died March 28, 1884. The Duchess is a daughter of the late Prince George of Waldeck. Princess Alice has the reputation of being a most sympathetic and sweet-natured girl and is a great favorite with her aunt, Queen Emma, of Holland.

SAME OLD JACK.

Two years ago "Jack" Matthews said: "Give me the Oregonian and I will elect any ticket I want to put up." Well, Jack Matthews has got the Oregonian now, bag and baggage. He has also got a ticket, the result of his individual handwork; now let him elect it. What the Oregonian has said in the past concerning this same "Jack" Matthews proves mighty interesting reading just now. The political freebooter of a few years ago, the leader of an organized mob at the primaries, is now a citizen of high degree and referred to in the Oregonian as Mr. W. F. Matthews. But he is the same old "Jack" Matthews, just the same.

COUNTESS SAILS

(Journal Special Service.) NEW YORK, May 6.—Among the passengers sailing for Europe today was the Countess Cassini, adopted daughter of the Russian Ambassador at Washington. The Countess will spend the early summer in Paris and will be joined by her father some time in July. The Countess leased a handsome apartment on Boulevard St. Germain, and the Countess spends at least three months each year at the French capital. With the Ambassador she will return to America in November.

CROWN PRINCE 20 YEARS OLD

Soon to Be Engaged to Princess Alice of Albany.

(Journal Special Service.) BERLIN, May 6.—There was a gala time at Potsdam today in celebration of the twentieth birthday of the Crown Prince of Germany, Frederick William. Congratulations were received at the palace from all parts of the Empire and from the various courts of Europe.

Geese says that an announcement may be expected soon of the engagement of the Crown Prince to Princess Alice of Albany.

The report probably owes its origin to the recent visit paid by Princess Alice to Potsdam.

It would cause no surprise, however, if the report proved true for Frederick William's fondness for the young English Princess has been a subject of remark ever since he paid his visit to England two years ago.

The two are about the same age, Princess Alice having celebrated her 19th birthday last month.

She is the daughter of the Duchess of Albany, widow of the Duke of Albany, son of the late Queen Victoria.

The FIELD OF SPORT

NEW YORK, May 6.—There is much speculation regarding the special meeting of the United States Golf Association at Delmonico's this evening. The stated object is to discuss the changes in the by-laws recently made by the "executive committee" and for ratifying, changing or amending the same, as the meeting may decide.

Many prominent players are opposed to all changes and think they ought to be voted down. The calling of the meeting has served to revive the old charges that the executive committee seeks to dominate the game.

The changes in the amateur championship and the pairing for the first match-play round on the score basis are the ruling to which the most objection is made.

Benny Yanger, the "Tipton Slasher," whose victory over Abe Attel at St. Louis the other night stamped him as a formidable rival for any one, has through his manager, John Hertz, issued a challenge to box any lad weighing from 122 to 124 pounds. There is some talk of Yanger meeting Terry McGovern before the Southern Athletic Club, Louisville, next month. Negotiations have already been made to bring the pair together. Yanger says he will meet a forfeit to box Terry and declares that he will sign articles of agreement for a match at any time. McGovern, in anticipation of the encounter being made, has already begun training.

There is one place on the diamond that the umpire shuns if possible, but it is the place in which he is practically forced by the rules of the game, and that is close behind the catcher, calling balls and strikes. The position that would be chosen by them if allowed would be on bases. The trouble with the position behind the catcher is the danger there is to the feet of the umpire. The rest of his body is fairly well protected with pads, but his insteps and ankles are without guards of any kind and a foul tip or a drop ball that gets by the backstop is almost sure to catch the umpire on the foot and serious injuries have thus frequently happened.

All that now remains to complete a match between Jack Root and George Gardner at Carson on July 4 is for the principals to sign their names to a set of articles. A couple of days ago Alec Greigains wired A. Livingston, who represents the Carson Club, that he would bring his baggage there to meet Walcott, or any other good man who could be secured. When Al Smith heard that the Carson Club was looking for a fight to a finish he wired Lou Houseman the terms which had been offered for a contest. Houseman sent a message this morning asking Smith to accept on behalf of Root. Immediately Smith wired Livingston Root's acceptance, and now if the Carson people mean business Root and Gardner will fight to a finish for a \$5,000 purse on July 4.—San Francisco Bulletin.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Institute Park, at Queen's, L. I., was the Mecca today for scores of prominent marksmen from various parts of the country. The occasion was the opening of the third annual Grand American Handicap.

The Portland Ministerial Association held its regular monthly meeting yesterday at the main auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. Guests of the association were Rev. Hamilton of the First Methodist Church of Lebanon, Rev. Freeland, acting pastor of the First Congregational Church, and Andrew Kan, a prominent Chinese merchant of the city.

The Progress Club met yesterday afternoon at the home of Miss Mueseroff, 114 East Second street North. A majority of the members were present, and a charming program was heard after the business session.

Watson's Restaurant, open nights to 1 a. m.

The Lions Fire Soldiers' Monument Association has been formed for the purpose of erecting a monument to the soldiers of the Civil, Mexican, Indian and Spanish wars. They have received from the Cemetery Association the title to a plot of land 50x50 feet, which will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on Memorial Day, May 30. They will attempt to raise \$10,000 for the monument fund.

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Congregational Pastor. Rev. Edward I. House of Providence, R. I., will be asked to become permanent pastor of the First Congregational Church. The committee composed of D. D. Clark, W. D. Scott, Mrs. I. W. Pratt, Mrs. Gray, Dr. Lyman and Stephen Smith, has decided upon Dr. House after several weeks spent in considering the matter of the applicants for the place, and believes it has made a selection that will please the congregation. The report will be made to the congregation at a special meeting to be held for that purpose next Thursday evening. Dr. House will be asked to occupy the pulpit for a few weeks before permanent decision is made. Rev. S. M. Freeland has been acting pastor since the resignation of Rev. Ackerman.

Tenors are Not Cheap. While traveling from Toulouse to Bordeaux the other day, an inspector of the railroad fell fast asleep and was not aroused until the conductor called out the name of a station. As he did not know the name very distinctly, he summoned the conductor and asked him what station it was.

"Castelarrain," was the reply, whereupon the inspector said, rather angrily: "Why didn't you call it out more distinctly?" No one could understand what you said.

"More distinctly," repeated the inspector in amazement, and then in a tragical voice he asked: "Do you think that you can hire tenors for 80 francs a month?"—New York Herald.

Must Be a Monkey Jacket. "I'm getting rich now," said the ladies' tailor. "I'm acquiring wealth of all sorts."

"What is your scheme?" "I've designed a ping-pong costume."—Judge.

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Green fruit—Lemons, 30c; oranges, 30c; pineapples, 1.00; apples, 1.00; pines, 1.00; apricots, 1.00; peaches, 1.00; plums, 1.00; cherries, 1.00; grapes, 1.00; figs, California blacks, 1.00; white, 1.00; plums, planted, 50c.

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PREVENTION OF SUICIDE.

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