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## EAST TO WEST OREGON LINE IS PLAN

### HILL PROMISES TO BUILD RAILROAD ACROSS OREGON

#### P. & E. CERTAIN TO BE PART OF GREAT SYSTEM

Will Give Medford Direct Line East—Is Logical Route for East and West Road and It is Only Logical That Burlington Is Extended.

BURNS, Or., May 12.—Louis W. Hill, head of the Great Northern railroad, made the positive statement today that the proposed east to west railway across the state of Oregon would be built. He intimated that the main construction work would be started soon.

The Hill party started for the "F" ranch, 65 miles south of Burns, this forenoon in automobiles.

#### PACIFIC & EASTERN IS LOGICAL WESTERN END OF EAST AND WEST LINE

If the Hill line is extended across Oregon from east to west, the route to be followed will be from Ontario down the Malheur canyon, where the right of way has been secured, west to a connection with the Oregon Trunk and Pacific & Eastern. The Burlington has a line projected through Idaho to Ontario, and the completion of these links will make Medford a Burlington terminal, giving it a direct line east.

Of course, this is mere conjecture. Hill himself recently stated that the time was not ripe for announcements concerning the east and west route. Yet it is the logical route for an east and west road, and it is only logical that the Burlington be extended west.

#### BLUE LEDGE ROAD NOT YET SETTLED UPON SAYS THE P. & E. PRESIDENT

John R. Allen, president of the Pacific & Eastern, returned from a business trip to Portland Thursday and states that the announcement that the Blue Ledge railroad had been determined upon was news to him. He admitted seeing John F. Stevens, but stated that it was in connection with the proposed Rogue River Interurban electric line.

The Blue Ledge line is still in the promotion stage, according to Mr. Allen, and until rights of way have been secured the project will not be in shape to interest capital.

### 137 MINERS ARE TRAPPED BY TERRIFIC MINE EXPLOSION

WHITEHAVEN, England, May 12.—All hope of rescuing the 137 miners caught in Wellington coal mine has been abandoned. Fire which followed the explosion is raging in the depths of the mine and rescuers, after many efforts to enter the mine, were forced to abandon the attempt. It is believed that every man in the mine has perished. It will probably be some days before the fire can be extinguished and the work of recovering the bodies begun.

Scores of miners were imprisoned and probably many killed today following a terrific explosion in the Wellington coal mine. Fire started after the explosion and it was estimated that 137 miners were caught alive in the burning pits.

#### CELESTIAL HOBO IS VIEWED BY LOCAL PEOPLE

Many Report Seeing Comet, Which Was of Unusual Brilliance This Morning—Will Be Great Sight for Next Few Days.

In answer to your query, let me murmur to you dearie, ere you spring it, as I've murmured to a hundred folk or more; "No, I haven't seen the comet with my naked eye, far from it. And I haven't risen early just to scan the sky line o'er."

Let me shout it, for I mean it. No, my friend, I haven't seen it. Let me yell it from the housetops. Let me make one final call. Let me silence now the query. For of it I've grown weary. "I've not seen the blamed old comet," That should serve for one and all.

But many people in Medford have reported viewing the celestial hobo and this morning it was of far greater brilliance than at any time heretofore.

The gyrations, rotations, revolutions and other astronomic acrobatics of Halley's comet from now until it reaches perihelion on May 18 are causing a vast amount of mental disturbance in the universities of the world, as well as among Medfordites. So cheer up!

The recent feat of the astrologicians is the announcement of a time table with which the veriest tyro may be able to flag the comet. The comet is strictly an "overland limited" and no "stop-overs" are allowed. Those desiring to get a bird's-eye view of the visitor must get up early or stay up late, some clear calm night.

In northern California, it shows at 2:36 a. m. and peeks over the rim in Washington and Oregon at 2:20 a. m. The comet is of the progressive inorganic type and never does the same thing twice. On the following day, May 14, patterning after the unwritten law of the railroads, it changes its time-table.

Washington and Oregon early birds get a peek at the sky hobo at 2:34 a. m., northern California at 2:40 a. m., central California at 2:41 a. m., southern California at 2:56 a. m.

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### TAFT TO AID INSURGENTS

Latest Situation in Congress Develops Sensations—New Lineup Came When Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill Was Brought Up for Debate in Congress.

#### REGULARS TURN ON THE CLAUSE BACKED BY TAFT

Payne Believes Plan is Nothing Less Than Beveridge's Old Tariff Commission Idea, Which Regulars Have Fought for Some Time.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—Taft and the insurgents will fight the Republican regulars. That is the latest situation in a congress that has developed some other sensations. The new lineup came today when the sundry civil appropriation bill was brought up for debate in the house and the fight will be over the clause providing for an appropriation of \$250,000 to enable the new tariff board to ascertain the difference in the cost of production at home and abroad.

Regulars like Payne, Dalzell and Fordney, who have stood with the "organization" through everything are now against the clause that has the backing of the president and the insurgents. It is expected that a spectacular clash will follow.

Payne is Against. Payne and the other regulars who fought hardest for the tariff bill are against the appropriation for the tariff board believing that it will result in a revision of the tariff within two years. Further, they believe the plan is nothing less than Senator Beveridge's old tariff commission idea which the regulars in the senate have fought persistently.

Part of the regulars in the house, headed by Tawney, are supporting the clause and will fight with the insurgents for the appropriations. The Democrats, it is expected will join Payne, Dalzell and his followers in the fight against the tariff board as a distinctly protective idea.

The idea of providing an appropriation for the tariff board is credited to the president. It was believed by the administration that the measure would serve to unite the party and that it would prove for good "campaign material" in the coming congressional elections.

### GREAT STORM SWEEPS SEA

KOBE, Japan, May 12.—A great typhoon swept the waters of the inland sea and the entire Kobe district today. Official reports here indicate that a heavy loss of life has been sustained. One steamer carrying fifty passengers and a large crew foundered in the storm and all were lost, according to unconfirmed reports. The vessel was bound from Osaka to Nagoya.

The reports say that shipping suffered heavily.

Quinn to Hang. WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 12.—Richard Quinn, who shot his wife to death at Everett, will be hanged here next Friday, May 13. He will be the thirteenth victim of the prison gallows. Governor Hay has refused to interfere with the carrying out of the death sentence.

### EXTRA!!

Startling Revelations Made By Greater Medford Club! Daily Life in Medford Laid Bare! Thrilling Accounts of All

### BRUTAL MURDERS!

Taking Place on Saturday Will Be Described in Detail by Fair Reporters—Ladies Will Edit One Day

The business and editorial staff of the woman's edition of the Medford Mail Tribune, which is to be issued on next Sunday by the Ladies of the Greater Medford club, held a very interesting session last evening from which "mere man" was practically eliminated, and from all reports they have outlined a campaign for news which will fairly wake the old town up.

They have work enough for 30 reporters, but they have 50 who are anxious for assignments. And if any clues get away from them they will indeed be elusive. Already it is reported that they have several startling announcements ready for Sunday.

The business staff is meeting with great success in soliciting business. Twenty-four pages will be issued and an edition of 5000 will be run off. Better place your order.

### MORRIS GUILTY

PORTLAND, Ore., May 12.—W. Cooper Morris was found guilty of embezzlement late this afternoon.

### HAS ANYBODY HERE SEEN KELLY SINGS SHERIFF

Has anybody here seen Kelly? William Kelly, aged about 35, 5 feet 10 inches in height, weight about 210. Sheriff Jones wants to see him.

Yesterday afternoon Kelly, who was held to appear before the grand jury for larceny, was taken out by John Duggan to carry wood from the county woodshed to the jail. The woodshed is some distance from the jail yard and Duggan allowed his charge to go into the shed alone, forgetting apparently that there were two windows opening upon an alley in the rear.

After a few minutes had elapsed he missed his charge, and he has been missing ever since. Kelly had crawled out through one of the rear windows of the woodshed and had hit the high places for the tall timber.

The sheriff offers a reward of \$50. So if anybody sees Kelly and can get him, there are fifty round simoleons to be gathered in.

### CIRCUS MAKES WORK FOR CITY

Councilmen Consider Matters in Connection With Advent of First Circus of Year—License Fixed for Automobiles Doing Livery Business and Charges Are Fixed.

#### LICENSE FOR PARADE IN CITY FIXED AT \$75

Circus Grounds Now Being Outside of Limits, City Dads Take Steps to Retain Customary Revenue to Medford.

The approach of the Sells-Floto aggregation of wonders was the cause of much business in city circles Wednesday evening, when the city council met in special session to consider protests against paying a license fee for a circus parade in the city was fixed at \$75, and an automobile license ordinance was passed fixing the charges for carrying passengers to any point within 500 feet outside of the city limits and fixing a yearly license at \$25 for each machine engaging in a livery business.

The circus this year was forced to seek show grounds within the limits of the city, all available sites inside of the limits heretofore used being built up. The coming attraction will show on the grounds of the Pacific & Eastern, near the junction. Owing to this fact no license could be charged a circus for showing to Medford people, so the city dads placed a license of \$75 upon circus parades.

In reply to a request of the automobile men in the city, the council fixed a license fee of \$25 a year on machines doing a livery business, and provided that the drivers should not charge more than 50 cents a passenger to any point in the city or a distance of 500 feet beyond.

Paving Protests. The council meeting was held to hear protests against paving certain of the street of the city. F. K. Deuel and W. S. Clay protested against paving Bartlett street from Main south to Eighth street, but the protests were tabled and the paving ordered.

The streets ordered improved by the council last evening were: Bartlett from East Main to Sixth; bridge to Ashland avenue; Tenth street, Oakdale to Hamilton, and Genesee from Main to north end.

### FLAMES WIPE OUT TOWNS

DULUTH, Minn., May 12.—All small settlements on the shore of Lake Superior in the vicinity of Grand Marais are burning today or were destroyed by flames during the night.

Forest fires in the northeastern portion of Minnesota have renewed their ferocity and Grand Marais is reported to be in danger of annihilation.

The villages of Totto, Lutzen and Rosebury have been wiped out. Chippewa is half destroyed. The Silver Creek saw mills were burned to the ground today. Standing and cut timber to the value of several millions of dollars have been consumed.

If "the moving season" leaves you without a tenant, a little want advertising will prevent the lapse from becoming serious.

### CITY URGING TRIAL OF CONDEMNATION SUIT

#### STEAMER SINKS IN MISSISSIPPI 13 ARE DROWNED

Passengers Stampede When Steamer Strikes Rock in Mississippi 24 Miles Below St. Louis—Many Jump Overboard and Are Lost.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 12.—Thirteen persons were drowned when the river packet City of Saltillo sank in twenty feet of water off Glen Rock, 24 miles south of here in the Mississippi River. The accident occurred late last night. The number of dead was learned this morning when the survivors of the accident were counted. Only one body, that of Mrs. Isaac Reah, wife of the president of the Tennessee River packet company, owners of the vessel, has been recovered.

Carried Many People. The City of Saltillo left St. Louis at 7 o'clock last night bound for river ports on the Tennessee shore of the Mississippi. She carried twenty-seven passengers and a crew of twenty-three persons.

The packet was commanded by Captain Perry Crare. The river is very high, and great quantities of driftwood swept down stream by the swift current; made the trip a dangerous one.

Every precaution was taken, it is declared, to avoid danger, but in the darkness shortly before 10 o'clock last night the steamer struck a rock off the shore near Glen Rock.

When the packet struck the rock, the crew, realizing that the steamer was in great danger, attempted to run out the gang plank. They believed it would be possible to reach shore or at least get the passengers into shallow water out of the current where they could wade to land. Panic stricken passengers rushed on the gang plank before it could be swung its full length and many of those who went down were in this number.

Some of the passengers were sleeping when the accident occurred and it is believed they died in their state-rooms.

Others jumped overboard and most of these were rescued. In the darkness the accident created a panic and the officers and crew of the packet were unable to control the passengers. Efforts to lower boats to save those struggling

### PAYING BIG PRICES FOR SEATS FROM WHICH TO VIEW FUNERAL

LONDON, May 12.—Reviewing stands are being erected today between Westminster Hall and Paddington station, marking the route to be traversed by the funeral cortege of the late King Edward, which will pass through London's streets on Friday, May 20.

The cheapest seats in the stands are being sold for \$5. Other seats are selling for \$50, and it is believed that the price of choice seats will jump to \$75.

Householders along the line of march are renting windows convenient for holding eight persons for \$500. One balcony brought \$600. The high prices result in the fact that the funeral pageant will be the greatest array of royalty ever seen. The authorities are taking precau-

#### MANDATE OF SUPREME COURT IS RECEIVED

Reames Objects to Reopening of Case Once Gone to Judgment—Entire Matter Taken Under Advisement by Judge Calkins.

This morning the mandate of the supreme court in the suit of Hanley vs. the City of Medford was received by the clerk of the circuit court. The mandate or decree of the supreme court affirms the decree of Judge Hanna, and the findings of fact as to holding term by Judge Soke. The decree of the supreme court says explicitly that the finding of Judge Hanna that fraud was not used in procuring the governor to send Judge Coke the finding the city had purchased a right of way and water right for \$25,000 for the reason that the same were not necessary to the determination of the suit and were immaterial. This leaves the condemnation suit for trial here as though it had never been tried. This morning the city attorney went before Judge Calkins and moved the court to set aside the judgment given the city and called up the demurrer to the complaint interposed by Hanley and stating the city's condition asked for a ruling as early as possible. Judge Calkins announced he would take the matter under advisement until next Monday.

Mr. Reames objected strongly to the granting of this motion, contending that a case having once gone to judgment could not be re-opened on the original pleadings, although he had contended in his brief to the supreme court that the Coke judgment was no judgment, not having been rendered by a competent tribunal. Now he contends that the judgment he declared no judgment and which was reversed by Judge Warena, whose decision was upheld by the supreme court is a bar to the re-opening of the case.

In the water proved futile. The steamer filled rapidly and the rescuers had not time to save the passengers.

The current was swift and those who could not swim and who cast themselves into the water were carried down stream. Daring attempts at rescue were attempted by members of the crew and some of the passengers.

The newspapers of the capital favorably mention the appointment of Theodore Roosevelt as special commissioner from the United States. His place in the procession has not been designated. Probably he will follow the royal mourners with emissaries of other nations, not royally represented, such as France.

King Edward's body today was placed in its coffin and taken to the throne room at Windsor.