

STEVENS IS PRESIDENT OF P. & E.

Allen Retires as Chief to Devote His Energies to Interurban Trolley Line—Stevens Present at Meeting—Gerig Vice-President and General Manager; Lawlor, Secretary.

John F. Stevens, president of the Oregon Trunk, the Oregon Electric and the United Railroads, chief of the Hill interests in Oregon, today added another presidency to his list when at the annual meeting of directors he was elected president of the Pacific & Eastern railroad, now being constructed from Medford east across the Cascades to a junction with the Oregon Trunk.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Stevens, who arrived from Portland for the purpose, and by C. E. S. Wood, legal representative for the Hill system. Other officers elected were: William Gerig, vice-president and general manager; J. W. Lawlor, secretary and acting auditor, and H. Withington, assistant secretary.

The resignation of John R. Allen, presented some time since, was accepted, Mr. Allen wishing to be relieved in order to devote his time to the proposed interurban electric line. He remains a director of the road.

The following directors were chosen: J. F. Stevens, John R. Allen, C. E. S. Wood, S. B. Linthicum and Wm. Gerig.

PINCHOT STILL AGAINST BILL

Land Withdrawal Measure Declared to Be in Interest of Water Power Trust and Against Welfare of the People.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8.—Believing that the administration land withdrawal bill, if passed in its present form, would operate directly for water power interests and against the interests of the people, Gifford Pinchot said today he will continue to oppose it. In speaking of the measure, Pinchot said:

"The bill empowers the president to protect enormously valuable power sites on public lands by means of withdrawal. This is well. It also provides that if minerals are found on these sites they can be taken away. Should false mineral claims be made, the burden of proof would rest on the government.

"The Alaska coal lands should not be disposed of unless the temporary leases are now withdrawn. But even so, the withdrawals would expire upon the adjournment of congress. It is important that a bill containing further withdrawals should be passed immediately. If properly amended, this bill should pass."

LORIMER IS ACCUSED IN FEDERAL SENATE

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8.—Formal charges against Senator William Lorimer of Illinois are pending before the United States senate today awaiting consideration. They were laid before the senate by Senator Cullom and were in the form of a memorial presented by Clifford W. Barnes of Chicago, president of the Illinois Legislative Voters' league.

The memorial embodied the confessions of White and Holsdew that they were bribed to vote for Lorimer in the Illinois legislature. It was referred to the committee on privileges and elections without comment.

LIFE LOSS BY QUAKE PUT AT 75

Southern Italy Is Scene of Sorrow and Suffering—Great Number of Wounded Gave Rise to Alarming Reports—Hospitals Filled With Injured—Situation Grave.

ROME, Italy, June 8.—Southern Italy today is a scene of sorrow and suffering, following the short but violent earthquake felt in Campania, Basilicata and Calabria yesterday.

The dead at Calatrina, San Sossio and San Sole number 50.

Other towns have one or more dead, while the number of injured is enormous. The great number of wounded men, women and children gave rise to alarming reports that hundreds had been killed, but it is believed now that the loss will not exceed 75.

The hospitals in the stricken territory are filled with injured. Improvised shelters are overcrowded with persons seeking medical treatment. Many of the injured fear to enter the larger buildings because of the possibility of a second visitation by earthquake.

Reports indicate that a hurricane which followed the temblor caused great damage in the earthquake zone. The storm is reported to have killed six persons and wounded many others in the island of Sardinia.

TODAY'S STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, June 8.—Leading issues today were irregular with a firm undertone. In spite of occasional weak spells, the market got good support, although the active list opened at declines. Weakness continued until nearly noon, when a rising market was recorded. American Woolen lost 2, Reading 1 3/4, St. Paul 1 1/2, Union Pacific 1 5/8 and United Steel 1 1/4. Great Northern Ore certificates lost 1 and Colorado Fuel 3/4. Later St. Paul dropped 3, Union Pacific 2, Atchison 1 5/8, Southern Pacific 1 3/4, Consolidated Gas and Northern Pacific 1 1/2, Rock Island and Canadian Pacific 1 3/8 and Pennsylvania 1 1/4. These losses, however, were partially made up before noon.

Bonds were irregular.

TRAIN COLLIDES WITH WAGON

R. R. V. R. R. Limited Hits Delivery Wagon of Tea and Coffee House and Puts It Out of Business—Driver Has Narrow Escape.

The 10:15 o'clock train of the Rogue River Valley railway Wednesday struck the delivery wagon of the Southern Oregon Tea & Coffee house at the crossing on Eighth street, between Fir and Grape streets, demolishing the wagon and bruising the driver, Roy Gray, severely.

Young Gray says he was hurrying down Eighth with a quick-order delivery and heard neither whistle nor bell. The rig is a solid-covered one, from which the driver can only see straight ahead. As he made the crossing the train struck the wagon, overturning it, and tearing off both hind wheels. Gray was caught underneath the top, and close to the heels of the horse drawing the rig. The animal did not attempt to run, fortunately for the lad.

The crossing where the accident occurred is a dangerous one and several serious accidents have been avoided there more by luck than good management. The incoming train, however, has a full view of the crossing from Oakdale, and the expenditure of a little steam in a warning whistle this morning might have prevented the accident.

REPUBLICAN INSURGENTS WIN SWEEPING VICTORY IN IOWA

PROTECT CITY FROM FLOOD WITH SEWER

Council Will Ask People to Vote Bonds for Twenty Thousand for Storm Sewer to Drain the Western Part of City in Case of Deluge.

At the council meeting Tuesday night a resolution was passed ordering an election for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of \$20,000 in bonds for the construction of a series of storm sewers to carry off surplus waters from the western part of the city.

One of these sewers will have its head at the junction of Laurel and Main and three catch basins will be placed along the northward route of the sewer until it starts east along Sixth toward its terminus in Bear creek. This sewer will be 24 inches in diameter and is expected to carry the surplus flood waters in that section of the city.

Another 24-inch sewer is to be laid on Ninth street from its juncture with Oakdale, and is also to be provided with catch basins to accommodate the waters from south and west of Oakdale.

A 16-inch storm sewer has been laid on Jackson street, which is expected to carry the flood waters there for some time to come.

INSURGENTS WIN IN SOUTH DAKOTA ALSO

PIERRE, S. D., June 8.—Mesger returns today indicate that Robert S. Vessey, progressive, is the successful Republican nominee for governor. Eagan, independent Republican, ran strong and claims the nomination.

Representatives Martin and Burke, stalwarts, probably will be renominated for congress. The progressives claim control of the legislature.

PROGRESSIVES VICTORS ALL BUT THREE CONGRESSMEN

Carroll Nominated for Governor by Five Thousand Majority—Legislature Controlled by the Insurgents.

DES MOINES, Ia., June 7.—The progressive republicans of Iowa have won their first victory over the stand-patters, according to primary returns today. The progressives were successful in all but three districts.

Returns from 46 counties show that Warren Garst, progressive, is gaining upon B. F. Carroll, his stand-patter opponent in the race for the republican gubernatorial nomination at the rate of 280 votes to each county. If Garst continues at that ratio he will receive the republican nomination by approximately 4000 majority. His total gain, as indicated by the returns now, is 13,000 votes. This shows an average gain in counties where returns have been received of 30 votes more than the necessary gain to insure his nomination.

Interest centered in the fight between Judge S. E. Prouty, progressive, and Congressman J. T. Hull for the republican congressional nomination. Judge Prouty won the nomination by a majority of 2000. Congressman Hull did not carry a single county.

Congressman Smith's majority over Ayers, progressive, was about 1000 in the Ninth district. The nomination of Judge Towner in the Eighth district and C. A. Kennedy in the First were the only other stand-patter victories.

The progressives probably will control the legislature and the state convention, meaning that the acts of Senators Cummins and Dolliver will be endorsed.

The democratic vote was light. Claud R. Porter is conceded to be the successful nominee for governor.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 8.—Gallagher, missing former supervisor of San Francisco, was interviewed by J. D. Williams of the World staff at North Vancouver today, where he intends to stay indefinitely. Gallagher had his wife and children with him.

\$1833 PAID AN ACRE FOR FRUIT LAND

Twelve Acres of North Half of Famous Norcross Grove Near Central Point Sold Twenty-two Thousand—South Half Sold for the Same

The north half of the famous Norcross orchard, near Central Point, was sold yesterday to George A. Butz of New York City. The orchard comprises 12 acres and sold for \$22,000, or \$1833 an acre, the same price at which the south half of the orchard was sold last week to S. Vilas Beckwith, an attorney from New York.

The orchard is considered one of the best producers in the valley and has a great record for fancy prices and big yields.

The sale was made through Huntley-Kremer company.

TAFT REFUSES MOVE NEGROES

Executive Will Not Order Colored Regiment From Fort Lawton and Disregards Request of Mass Meeting.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8.—President Taft today refused to order the removal of the Twenty-fifth (colored) infantry from Fort Lawton, following the alleged attack by a negro trooper on a woman living near the fort.

The president's action followed the presentation by Senator Jones of Washington of a demand for the regiment's removal following a mass meeting to bring about the transfer of the troops.

CONFESSION OF ASSAULT BY SOLDIER

Colored Infantryman Breaks Down and Admits That He Attacked White Woman at Fort Lawton—Serious Disorders Threatened Following Refusal to Order Removal.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 8.—Nathaniel Bledser, private in the Twenty-fifth (colored) infantry, after repeatedly denying his guilt, finally broke down under cross-examination today and county officials allege confessed his attack on Mrs. J. W. Redding at her home near Fort Lawton last Saturday night.

"I was drunk and reckless I guess," was his only excuse. He said that, with another soldier, had decided to desert. With a corporal they went to a saloon about a mile from the fort, where Bledser drank four cans of beer. They went from there to a chicken ranch owned by a negro named Mason and there gave the corporal the "slip."

On their way to a street car they passed the Redding home and saw Mrs. Redding. The attack followed, according to the alleged confession. They afterwards boarded a street car and spent the remainder of the evening in the tenderloin district, returning to the fort about 11 o'clock.

Bledser's alleged confession was made to Captain of Detectives Tennant in the presence of other police officers and newspaper men.

Serious disorder is threatened in the vicinity of the fort following the refusal of President Taft to order the removal of the Twenty-fifth from Fort Lawton.

It is probable that the police force in the district will be increased in anticipation of trouble, although it is admitted that policing the district will not prove much of a preventative, owing to the fact that the country is heavily wooded and poorly lighted.

OPEN WARFARE ON LA FOLLETTE

Taft Republicans in Wisconsin Gather to Plan Campaign Against Little Bob—Vice-President Sherman to Address Regulars.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 8.—Taft republicans in Wisconsin have gathered today for a meeting expected to check "insurgency" in Wisconsin. The direct purpose of the gathering is to fight the re-nomination and election of La Follette to the United States senate.

It is generally believed here that the meeting is being engineered by Washington politicians and that it is the beginning of a determined fight against the spread of insurgent ideas.

La Follette will be attacked, it is understood, because he has opposed the Taft policies. The meeting is expected to result in a renewal of the old fight between the progressives and the stalwarts in which La Follette figured when he made his first race for governor and which has continued intermittently ever since.

Vice-President Sherman and former Congressman James E. Watson of Indiana, ex-whip of the house and a close friend of Speaker Cannon, will address the meeting.

Goldwin Smith Dead.

TORONTO, Ont., June 8.—Goldwin Smith, litterateur and historian, died here yesterday. Smith was born in 1823 and his writings made a name for him throughout the English-speaking world. He broke a thigh bone last winter in an accident and never regained his health.

HUNDRED MILLIONS BY PANIC

Fortunes Made on Wall Street as the Result of Market Manipulations Accompanying Government's Row With Railroads Over Advanced Rates—Professionals Suffer.

NEW YORK, June 8.—Something over a hundred million in "paper profits" is declared to have been made on Wall street as a result of the market manipulations accompanying the government's row with the railroads over advanced rates. The Wall street brokers and professional traders, it is declared, suffered the losses, the manipulation having come from outside sources.

A week ago stocks, and especially railroads, slumped suddenly. A semi-panic followed a mysterious Washington "tip" which caused heavy selling of railroad stocks just before the Hannibal injunction suit was filed. Before the brokers realized just what was happening, stocks had tumbled. Monday another mysterious tip went round, declaring that President Taft and the representatives of the western railroads had failed to reach an agreement. Railroads were again sold off and outsiders bought them at regular bargain-counter prices.

Tuesday the market steadied, railroads went up at a jump and professional traders bought back stocks they had thrown over on the slump. The prices at which they were rebought ranged from 3 to 8 points higher than the price at which they sold.

It is declared that the traders who manipulated the market on the Washington tip and sold with the slump a week ago, rebought on the second slump Monday, catching the professional traders both ways.

WELLS-FARGO BUILD HOME

The City Council Grants Permission to Express Company to Erect a Building North of Southern Pacific Depot—Will Be Fireproof.

At the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening permission was granted to the Wells-Fargo Express company to erect a building 40x20 feet in size and one story in height, between Fourth and Fifth streets, just north of the new passenger depot being constructed by the Southern Pacific Co.

The building will be of steel, lath and plaster, with cement floors, and the only wood about it will be the doors and windows, furniture and the fuel used in the heating plant.

It is estimated that the cost of the structure will be between \$2000 and \$3000.

SMITH AND BECKWITH FORM PARTNERSHIP

Robert G. Smith, one of the best-known attorneys of Southern Oregon, has formed a law partnership with S. Vilas Beckwith, a prominent New York City lawyer, who has recently come here. Offices will be opened in Medford, as well as in Grants Pass.

Mr. Smith has offices at Grants Pass, but enjoys a large practice in both Jackson and Douglas counties, as well as Josephine. Mr. Beckwith is one of the best-known corporation attorneys of New York, having had charge of important cases.

He recently purchased part of the famous Norcross orchard.

Scenes and Principals In the Passion Play at Oberammergau, to Be Revived After Lapse of Ten Years

