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### HILL INVADING OREGON.

That James J. Hill is the controlling spirit behind the Oregon Trunk railway, which is to penetrate central eastern Oregon by way of the Deschutes valley, is the firm conviction of a number of Portland's leading bankers and capitalists, says the Oregon Journal. One of the most prominent men in the commercial life of the city, who is at the head of one of the largest exporting concerns on the coast, and who has been closely connected with the Hill interests since that system just invaded Portland territory, commented on the situation as follows:

"There is no doubt in my mind that the Oregon Trunk, or Deschutes Valley railroad was projected by the Hill system, and will become an Oregon feeder of the north bank line. I have known for some time that Mr. Hill was seriously considering invading Harriman's eastern Oregon preserves, and I believe that the organization of the Oregon Trunk railway is the first move by Hill in the Titanic struggle that is sure to ensue for a division of the eastern Oregon freight traffic. The enormous acreage of arid land soon to be brought under irrigation in eastern Oregon and in Washington, and the resulting increase in the volume of freight to be handled in that district is certain to stimulate activity in railroad building throughout the inland empire.

"It will be recalled that just three years ago James J. Hill was in Portland and made the first public announcement of his intention to build a road down the north bank of the Columbia. At that time Mr. Hill said that upon the completion of the north bank road he might turn his attention to the development of eastern Oregon by means of building feeders for his new Spokane-Portland line.

"The fact that N. W. Bethel, locating engineer for the Hill system, has recently been at the Dalles, the northern terminus of the Oregon Trunk road, and that a large surveying party is working through the Deschutes valley points strongly to the conclusion that the Hill people are making preparations to begin the actual construction of a railway through central Oregon."

### FORESTERS FIGHTING FIRE.

Reports from Lakeview state that two wagons, drawn by four horse teams, and loaded with men under the supervision of Supervisor Guy M. Ingram, of the Fremont National forest, left there to assist in subduing the flames that are eating up the timber in the Blue Mountain forest, near Paulina Lake, in Crook county. When word was received that the forest fire in that neighborhood had reached such dangerous proportions that serious damage was resulting and the force in the Blue Mountain reserve was unable to cope with the flames, Supervisor Ingram immediately secured men and equipment and began the long run of 200 miles overland to reach the burning district. With the help of the crew in command of Supervisor Ingram it is thought the destructive fires in the Paulina Mountains will be subdued. The fire in Fremont forest is now under control. As only fallen timber was destroyed the loss will be slight.

### DEFENSE FOR PHILIPPINES.

Five hundred huge submarine mines to be used in the defense of

the Philippine Islands were shipped on the steamer China, which sailed yesterday afternoon for the Orient. Gun carriages, a vast amount of ammunition and several submarine mines have been forwarded to the Philippines within the last few months, but this lot of half a thousand and heavy zinc mines, only one of which when loaded with customary charge of explosives is able to blow a battleship to atoms, is the first notable shipment of submarines forwarded to the archipelago.

Most of them are to be used in the defense of Manila harbor and Subic Bay, but there are apparently enough to provide for the protection of export of landing of any consequence in the Philippines. The mines resemble anchoring buoys, but are more substantially built and weigh nearly 200 pounds each without the charge of explosives.

### PROGRESS ON PANAMA CANAL.

That the Panama canal can be completed within five years and a much less cost to the government than has been generally supposed, is the information which Colonel Goethals, engineer in charge of the work is expected to bring Secretary of War Wright from the isthmus next month.

Colonel Goethals contemplates a trip to this country in September for the purpose of conferring with Secretary Wright on canal zone matters. One of the subjects for discussion will be the estimates for next year to be submitted to Congress at the coming session.

While here Colonel Goethals will make a trip to Oyster Bay to discuss the situation with the President. He will return to Panama before the various Congressional committees arrive there early in November to inspect the work. Colonel Goethals expects to make another trip to Washington during the Winter while Congress is in session.

### RAISING VETCH.

Fifteen carloads of vetch have been contracted for by a Los Angeles seed firm from the Linn County Grange Association. Four carloads were shipped this week and the remaining cars will follow as fast as it can be loaded. The price paid by the Southern firm for the product was three cents per pound. The raising of vetch in Linn county is becoming a profitable industry and it is said the crop in Linn county this year will bring the farmers approximately \$80,000.

A published report that President Roosevelt had offered to take the stump for 1912 this fall has been denied by Rudolph Forester, the President's assistant secretary. He said no such offer had been made and reiterated the statement that the President would make no campaign speeches.

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### FOUND ITS SOUL.

The Story of a Violin That Was Wrecked in a Fire.

After the Lucky Baldwin theater and hotel fire in San Francisco years ago there were nine feet of water in the basement, where the instruments of the orchestra were stored. When a little of it had been pumped out, August Hinrichs, leader of the orchestra, hired a man to swim in and get out his famous Amati violin.

It was wrecked—water soaked, warped, twisted and broken up into sixty-eight pieces. The hot water had soaked out all the old glue, and every piece had fallen away from its neighbor, besides a good many patches of wood put in when repairs had been done. To all appearance the thing was smashed beyond repair.

Nevertheless Herman Muller, a local violin repairer, who knew and loved the old fiddle, took it in hand. Twice he carefully joined the time darkened pieces of wood. Twice he decided that the Amati would not do.

So once more he soaked the sixty-eight bits of wood apart. Then he carefully modeled out of clay an arch such as he remembered that of the old Amati to have had and for nine weeks kept the bits of wood bound to it until they had gained the proper shape.

Once more he put the bits of wood together. Then for five weeks more he patiently varnished and polished the more than 200-year old fiddle until it shone. Then Hinrichs once more drew his bow across the vibrating strings, and the violin spoke. It sang, wept, bubbled with life and joy.

The Amati had found its soul—San Francisco Examiner

### JOHN AND HIS IDOLS.

The Chinaman Is Utterly Devoid of Reverence in His Religion.

How the Chinaman regards his idol is told by the Rev. John MacGowan. "The Chinese is a person utterly devoid of reverence, sentiment or devotion in his religion. With him it is a matter either of fear or of business, but mainly the latter. A house is plagued with sickness, which is put down not to bad sanitation or other natural causes, but to the presence of evil spirits. This leads to a visit to the nearest temple to get the idols to drive them away. A new business is going to be commenced, but before doing so it is deemed essential to get the support of the idols. If one idol says it will not succeed another is appealed to for its opinion, and if it is favorable it is at once accepted as the correct one.

"Should the venture turn out a failure no reproach of any kind is uttered against the god whose prediction has been falsified. The man takes the blame upon himself. His character has not been pure, he says, or he was born under an evil star, or he was naturally unlucky and so was bound to fail in anything that he undertook.

"Men never dream of thinking about their idols as we do about God. No attention is shown for them. It is most amusing to watch the faces of the Chinese when you ask them if the idols love them. The eyes gleam, the face broadens into a wide grin, and soon hearty laughter is heard at this most facetious and side-splitting joke." Chicago News

### A Remarkable Church.

At Strickland, near Coventry, England, there is a unique piece of worship. In 1810 John Green, a stone mason of a strongly religious turn of mind, laid the first stone of the edifice and seven years later he completed the building. In all that time he had as distance from no one, doing all the work with his own hands until the church was ready for its interior fittings. Wooden and even brick buildings erected by one or two men are not uncommon, but this is the only structure in England and probably in the world of which every stone was laid by one man. The building accommodates quite a large congregation, and the church derives a considerable revenue from the contributions of sightseers who are drawn to the place through curiosity.

### The Equinox Storm Fable.

The United States weather bureau has denied that the coming of the equinox brings with it a storm. The belief, it says, that the old-fashioned people put in this theory is all misplaced. Any big storm that happens to occur within a week or two of the time that the sun is crossing the line, say the weather men, is dignified by the name of "equinoctial storm," when, as a matter of fact, there is generally some atmospheric disturbance every week or two, and those that occur about the time of the equinox are just taking their turn and are not the result of the crossing of the sun.

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