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CORPORATION FIGHT ON PORTAGE RAILWAY

Governor Chamberlain Takes a Stand Against the Scheme to Side-track the Portage--Oregonian Now Charges Tactics and Says They Only Want to Charge The Law a Little So They Can Buy the Right of Way.

Representative Ginn of Wasco County Makes An Unanswerable Argument Against Repealing Or Changing the State Portage Law--He Says If the Inland Empire Gets Any Relief During the Present Generation It Would Be By a State Portage

(The Dalles Daily Chronicle, Republican, November 25.)
The Salem Journal says that on pretense that the federal government will build a canal twelve miles long and costing \$4,500,000 and relieve the farmers of the great Columbia basin, the state is asked to abandon its portage railroad and leave the producers and shippers to the tender mercies of the Harriman syndicate until they get ready to complete the 12 mile rock canal. The people should fight this scheme because the pretense of saving money for the taxpayers is a fraud. The pretense that the farmers do not need the portage road because there will be a government canal built is a fraud. The business men and farmers of the Columbia basin should unite to fight the repeal of the portage road bill. Prepare to fight the men who will lobby the legislature to repeal the portage railroad appropriation.

Effort to Repeal Will Fall Through. (Roseburg Review, Democratic, November 25.)

The Salem Journal is opposing the repeal of the appropriation of \$165,000 for a portage railway, claiming the R. & N. Co. is backing the agita-

tion in opposition to building the proposed road. In support of its claim the facts are cited that the proposed government canal, to cost \$4,500,000, has been agitated for the past 15 years, and nothing more than surveys have yet been made. That at least

five years will be required in which to build that canal. That the portage railway built at the Cascades during the Pennoyer administration, at a cost of \$65,000, saved to the producers of Eastern Oregon the full amount of its cost the first year of its operation and hastened the construction of the canal and locks there by taking away the incentive for opposing legislation therefor and the bribing of contractors to delay the work. As the special session of the legislature is called only to remedy the defective tax law, all discussion of the portage railway matter, either pro or con, will likely prove fruitless.

Governor Chamberlain Opposes Repeal.

(Oregonian, November 27.)
Governor Chamberlain evidently does not believe that the state should

give up the portage project.

"The national government," said he last night, "has never done anything toward opening the Upper Columbia until his state made improvements unnecessary."

His Excellency explained by citing that the national government failed to open the Cascades until that obstruction was reduced by a portage railroad. He remarked that the national government would be just as slow about Collio Falls until that obstruction was likewise surmounted by a portage road, and added:

"It's easier for the railroads to defeat the improvement in congress than in the Oregon legislature. Repeal of the portage law would delay the improvement."

Only Want the Law Changed.

The scheme to get rid of the state portage railroad at The Dalles is not

now to repeal the bill passed by the last legislature creating the portage commission and appropriating \$165,000 to build the portage at once.

The cry is raised in the Oregonian, and it emanates from the engineering department at Washington, that the state appropriation shall be used to buy the federal government the right of way so that the government can build the canal.

If that scheme is carried through the Harriman syndicate will get the greater bulk of the \$165,000 and will still be in control of the situation and able to delay the building of the canal forever and a day.

Will any legislator be caught by that kind of badinage?

The Oregonian cunningly intimates that the Portland board of trade may advocate changing the law so as to allow the appropriation to be used to buy the right of way for Uncle

Sam. What would not the Portland graft get in clean cash if they could force the state to buy the O. R. & N. right of way and then beat the portage by land or water either? Fifty thousand a year to the gang would be cheap and easy for the double service to the corporation.

Can't Build Portage, Says Harvey Scott.

All the uncertainty which confronts the legislature comes from one single question: Will the national government continue construction without stop when it sets about the work? If so, the legislature will doubtless provide means for securing ground for the canal. Otherwise it will go ahead with the portage; at least any attempt to give up the portage will meet strong resistance. About \$214,000 is estimated to be required to build the canal.

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TRAIN ROBBER REWARD

Is Claimed By a Portland Warrant Broker

Should go to the Express Messenger Whose Good Marksmanship Brought the Man to Ground

Albert Salmon yesterday filed in the office of the secretary of state a claim for \$300, "for the arrest and capture of Hay Harshman (alias Jack Williams) for attempting to hold up the O. R. & N. train at Corbett station." This reward is claimed under the statute providing for "a standing reward of \$300 for the arrest of each person who shall place or attempt to place any obstruction on any railroad track, or who shall misplace any switch on any such road, whereby the life of any person passing over said road may be endangered, and for the arrest of each such person engaged in the robbing or attempting to rob

any person upon or having in charge, in whole or in part, any stage coach, wagon, railroad train, or other conveyance, engaged in carrying passengers, or any private conveyance within the state; their reward to be paid to the person making such arrest immediately upon the conviction of the person so arrested; but no reward shall be paid except after such conviction."

Salmon is said to be a warrant broker, making his headquarters in and about the court house in Multnomah county. It does not appear whether he captured the robber himself, or whether he claims the reward for himself or for some one else. This is the robber who was shot at the recent hold-up on the O. R. & N., and it seems if any one is entitled to the reward it would be the messenger who fired the shot that laid the fellow low, and enabled the officers to secure him.

Two Federal Appointments

Washington, Nov. 28.—E. Lawrence, of Vermont, has been appointed to succeed Assistant Attorney Christy, resigned, and R. W. Webster, of Kentucky, to succeed Daniel Miller, recently tried for postal fraud.

Advices are to the effect that everything is quiet at San Domingo.

LEONARD WOOD'S ADVANCE

Depends on Testimony of a Newspaper Syndicate Rustler

The Accused Official Explains How He Incurred Large Expenditures in Cuba

Washington, Nov. 28.—Ray Standard Baker, who procured the publication of the Runcie article in the North American Review, denouncing General Brooke, will be summoned by the senate committee on military affairs. On his testimony will largely hang the decision as to Woods' eligibility for higher office.

Col Wood's answer to Rathbone's charges was made public today. It contains 65 closely type-written pages, each of which bears Wood's signature. He denies all charges of unfairness, also denies positively that he influenced the article against Brooke. Referring to expenses, he says every cent is accounted for by vouchers, which the committee are at liberty to examine. He says expenses were necessarily high, on account of his position, which compelled him, as American representative, to entertain foreign representatives. He could have charged the expenses to his own salary account, as he was perfectly entitled to do, thus increasing his salary, but preferred the government should know exactly how he expended it. He says the employment of newspaper men on various work was necessary and that many articles were published which were for the benefit of Cuba.

It is reported that Roosevelt has assured Hanna that he would withdraw the Woods nomination, if it could be proved that he was responsible for the attack on Brooke in the magazine. Runcie, although retired, can be court-martialed.

SEVERAL CRANKS AT LARGE.

One Insane Man at St. Paul, Who Has Escaped.

St. Paul, Nov. 28.—Peter Elliott, insane, who attempted to assault President Roosevelt a month ago, escaped from the state insane asylum yesterday. The police believe he is in Minneapolis.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Rev. Father Walters, claiming to be assistant pastor of St. John's Cathedral at Altoona, Penn., was arrested this morning by detectives, and taken to a hospital. The priest announced that he came to meet President Roosevelt, because

the latter promised to give him three million dollars, which he had collected for charity.

EMPEROR OF GERMANY.

Offers a Cup in a Race, in Which it is Hoped He May Participate.

New York, Nov. 28.—A Berlin dispatch today says, because of ill-health, the Kaiser has withdrawn the offer of a cup in the trans-Atlantic yacht race of 1904. Instead he substituted an offer of a cup to be raced for in 1905.

The dispatch caused general regret among yachtsmen.

Holding Train Men Responsible.

Indianapolis, Nov. 28.—Conductor Hastings of the Big Four work train, which collided with a freight, killing 15 and injuring 14 others, was arrested at his home here this morning, and taken to Pekin, Illinois. Dispatches say the engineer will also be arrested, and both tried for responsibility for the wreck.

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