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## SALEM ALDERMEN HOLD CAUCUS AN INVESTIGATION OF HARRIMAN MERGER

### HARRIMAN MERGERS TESTED

#### A Great Investigation Has Been Started

#### To Inquire Into Consolidation of Three Billions of Capital

New York, Jan. 4.—Commissioners Knapp and Lane today began investigation of alleged violations of the interstate commerce law by the Harriman lines. The commissioners hesitate to let the Harriman interests know exactly what line they will pursue. The plans will probably not develop in full until the commission sits in Chicago January 8th, or perhaps later in San Francisco. Commission seeks to determine whether joint ownership of Southern Pacific and Union Pacific amounts to a conspiracy in restraint of trade in violation of the Sherman act.

(Special to The Capital Journal.)  
New York, Jan. 4.—The federal investigation of the Harriman system of railroads, which was postponed from December 28 to accommodate

Mr. Harriman, was opened here today. The proceedings will be of the greatest importance as the investigation is aimed to determine whether, broadly, a single railroad interest is likely to come into domination of the transportation system of the country in the near future, as it is now asserted that the rapid growth of the Harriman lines will cause inquiry as to whether the Standard Oil group, which is assumed to back Harriman, is in the way of securing control of the railway interests of the country. It is known to the members of the interstate commerce commission, who are conducting the investigation, and to Attorneys Kellogg and Severance, who will handle the points of law at issue, that the administration considers this the most important step it has as yet taken against any railroad combination.

The government was aroused by the wonderful strides of Harriman, and Attorney Kellogg today announced that every power will be exhausted to break the great Harriman merger and check its march towards centralization. Harriman, however, realizes that he has aroused the energies of the administration and is about to fight a political battle as well as a financial one.

Special Attorneys Kellogg and Severance have, it is stated, collected evidence to show that the Harriman mergers were combination formed to stifle competition, and it is also stated that Mr. Stuyvesant Fish, the deposed president of the Illinois Central road, control of which was purchased by the Harriman interests,

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### THE OWL TRAIN WRECKED

#### No One But Brake Beam Travellers Caught

Stockton, Cal., Jan. 4.—Southern Pacific northbound "Owl" was wrecked at Mantrea at 7 o'clock this morning. The engine, mail car, baggage and two sleepers and day coach went into the ditch and were badly wrecked. Only seriously injured was the tramp passenger. The sleepers were pinned under the wreckage. Residents of Mantrea chopped them out with axes and none were seriously injured. Passengers were taken to Lathrop on a special train.

#### Fell Seventy Feet.

Seattle, Jan. 4.—William Murray, steel worker on the new Melhorn building under course of construction on Second avenue, between Marlon and Columbia streets, fell from the fourth story to the basement at 11 o'clock, dropping a distance of 70 feet, and escaped injury except for a deep gash in his left hip. He will be out again in a few days, the attending surgeon said.

Murray owes his life to a pile of ashes on which he alighted. Murray was walking on one of the steel girders when his foot slipped and he dropped off. His body shot down feet first, missing the third and second story girders. The first story girder was directly in the downward path and Murray's left hip struck this. The thin edge of the girder ripped open the flesh. The sudden contact threw Murray's body out of the direct line of descent and he thereby missed another iron beam that had he struck it, would probably have killed him instantly.

Murray struck in a heap of ashes and to the astonishment of dozens of persons who stood with abated breath as the body shot through the air. Murray jumped up and walked away. It was a minute afterward that he discovered that he had been hurt. Workmen helped him into a carriage and he was sent to his home at 153 Sixteenth avenue.

#### To Succeed Williamson.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Englebright, California's new member of the house was named as member of the committee on mines and mining to succeed Williamson, of Oregon, who was announced by the speaker as "not attending this session." Williamson convicted connection of land frauds, in connection with Dr. Gesner, a brother of the Salem alderman.

#### Examined for a Year.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Bank Examiner Moxey spent the day before the federal grand jury explaining results of an examination extending over nearly a year of the Chicago National bank, which failed December, 1905, of which John R. Walsh was president.

#### Chicago Markets.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Cash wheat 75 1/2, corn 43 1/2 @ 43, oats 36 1/2 @ 36.

#### The Joy.

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### PAVING FORTY BLOCKS

#### Eugene City Council Takes Definite Action

Eugene, Jan. 4.—At a special meeting of the city council called by Mayor Wilkins for the purpose of discussing the street paving question, a resolution was adopted declaring it was the sense of the meeting that pavement should be laid on Willamette street to Thirteenth, Eleventh to University, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh, one block each way from Willamette; Eighth and Ninth, two blocks each way from Willamette.

Ork, from Seventh to Ninth. Olive, from Seventh to Ninth. The total number of blocks to be paved is 41.

City Attorney Bean was instructed to look up the law as to the property procedure in the matter and the street committee was instructed to communicate with the officials of the cities of Portland, Tacoma and Seattle in regard to the cost of pavements and as to the best material to be used. A report will be made at a called meeting of the council.

### FLOODS ON THE WABASH

Carmi, Ill., Jan. 4.—The Wabash river is rising four feet an hour. All the creeks are flooded and enormous damage is being done. A dozen families have been driven out this morning from East Carmi. The Wabash and Ohio rivers are rising. The weather is remarkably warm for the season, and heavy rains continue.

#### Railroads Facing Strikes.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Chiefs of the organized trainmen, officials of the railroads of the country have a decision regarding threatened breach and a strike exceeding that of 1894 faces the companies, unless they make substantial concessions. Leading trainmen at the conference this morning decided to press their demands. At the conference were present Grand Chief Kannahan, of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Engineers, Grand Chief Morrissey, of Railway Trainmen, Grand Chief Garretson, of the conductors, and representative of the switchmen and other organizations affiliated with large unions.

#### Forty Towns Coalless.

Minneapolis, Jan. 4.—Forty stations along the Great Northern Railway in North Dakota are almost without coal. A great storm would cause untold suffering. Farmers are burning hay, straw and preparing to throw themselves upon the mercy of the towns which are unable to furnish fuel to their residents even now. The interstate commerce commission is considering sending an agent to secure relief.

#### Bridge Washed Out.

The bridge near Oak street on the little car line in Yew Park has been closed to traffic, owing to its being undermined by the high water. The north approach was washed out leaving a space of fully five feet to the bridge.

#### In Hands of Printer.

Superintendent Calbreath's official report for the past year has been received by the state asylum board and is in the hands of the printers.

Team for Sale—A good work team, weight 1250 each, with harness. A bargain. Call on F. A. Kurtz, 227 North Commercial street. 1-4-3t.

#### Floods in Northwest.

Portland, Jan. 4.—A heavy down-pour of rain and strong winds continue today and all rivers in western Oregon and Washington are brimful and out of their banks. The worst floods of the season are in prospect. The Willamette is at highest stage now and at the danger line. Traffic on Southern Pacific and O. R. & N. is completely blocked by slides and washouts. About 200 passengers marooned on the O. R. & N. at Boneville yesterday were brought to Portland this morning by steamer. Many sections report worst storm of season.

#### In Southern Oregon.

Roseburg, Or., Jan. 4.—The Umpqua river is 23 feet above low water and still rising. The railroad bridge at Riddle was carried out and traffic is tied up.

#### German Social News.

Charley Wolz, Wurst-Fabrikant zum Deutschen Kaiser, has begun the manufacture of his old-time delicious Wieners.

Gideon Stolz hat sich in the Stadt-Politik hineingelassen, but his factory turns out the same brand of Sauerkraut.

Die Ehefrau unseres Nachbarn Herr Krumstiefel, macht sich recht schoen und werden Zwillinge ausgegeben in dem Geburtregister.

Here is a pointer for some of the local politicians from the standpoint of Her Pastor Messerschleiger, and he means every word of it: "Je oberflaechlicher und aufgeblasener ein politiker ist desto grosser seine popularitaet unter dem undenkenden Theil der Bevoelkerung. Je gewissenloeser, vulgare, und burschkoepfiger ein Demagoge ist, desto sicherer ist sein augenblicklicher Erfolg."

#### Two Basketball Games.

Two basketball games will be played in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium Saturday night, both of which are going to be interesting. There will be a preliminary game between the teams of the high school and the Capital Business college of this city. Following this will be the game between the Salem and Portland Y. M. C. A. teams, one of the schedule interstate league contents. From the showing so far these two teams are about equal in strength and it will be a hard battle for supremacy tomorrow night when they get on the floor together.

#### Funeral Tomorrow.

The funeral of the late Forrest Presnall, who was killed yesterday will be held at the Friends church in North Salem Saturday January 5, at 1 o'clock p. m. The body will be buried in the City View cemetery.

#### How to Cure Chills.

"To enjoy freedom from chills," writes John Kemp, East Otisfield, Me., "I apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Have also used it for salt rheum with excellent results." Guaranteed to cure fever sores, indolent ulcers, piles, burns, wounds, frost bites and skin diseases; 25c at J. C. Perry's drug store.

### COUNCIL FORCED HARMONY

#### Chief Gibson Names His Own Men

#### Gesner-Croisan Combination Machine Was Knocked Out

**New City Officers.**  
Fire Chief—Mark O. Savage.  
Engineer—E. C. Churchill.  
Engine Driver—Peter Phillips.  
Hose Truck Driver—J. Townsend.  
Street Commissioner—James Martin.  
Police Officer—L. R. Murphy.  
Police Officer—J. A. Poland.  
City Attorney—A. O. Condit.  
Health Officer—Dr. W. C. Smith.  
Park Commissioner—Mrs. D. J. Fry.

The only contest of any significance which took place in the caucus of the new members of the city council, which was held in the police court room last evening, to decide upon nominees for the complement of city officers, was upon the choice of two police captains to succeed Officers Longcor and Busick, the result of which was a complete break of the Gesner-Croisan combination, and the selection of L. R. Murphy and J. A. Poland, both of which nominations are perfectly satisfactory to Chief D. W. Gibson.

#### Machine Slate Broken.

The Gesner combination, as lined up on the official nominations, was composed of Aldermen Gesner, Bayne (Dem.), Low, Haas and and Jacobs, who stood together practically throughout the voting, but when the choice of night policemen came up there were five nominees, and the combination broke upon the first ballot, Murphy having received the support of two of the five stalwarts, and only lacked three votes of being the unanimous choice, Gesner, Bayne and Haas having stood by their colors. Longcor and Poland were a tie for the second place on the ball t, and, after several ballots, the tie broke in favor of Poland, with the five members standing together for Longcor, and the balance, nine votes, going to Poland.

#### Gesner for Longcor.

Somewhat of a discussion upon the choice of night policemen was precipitated by Alderman Gesner, who advocated the retention of the present members of the force, Longcor and Busick, and contended that the council should not permit itself to be dictated to by the city marshal upon the question of who should

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..... 75c, 85c and 98c	Best Sans Silk, ball, .....
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85c Dress Goods, yard .....	10c Frilled Garter Elastic, yd. ....
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