

IN THE RAILWAY WORLD

"GOLDEN SPIKE" DATE NOT FIXED

PUGET SOUND OFFICIALS SAY THEY CANNOT SET TIME FOR FINISHING WORK.

"It is to laugh," said a local Puget Sound railroad official yesterday, when confronted with the report, supposed to have emanated from Seattle, naming a date for the driving of the golden spike on the new line. "I think," he continued, "that the Seattle office is able to figure out the exact date when the track will be laid, and to fix an hour for its celebration, is the wildest sort of imagining. We have 60 miles of track to lay between Missoula and Garrison and our force last night had only reached Gold Creek, a distance of about nine miles from the starting point."

The official made the statement that progress had been slow during the past week owing to the recent organization of the working forces. He gave it as his opinion that the movement on this time on would be more rapid, however, but said that he could not confirm the Seattle report relating to a positive date for the finishing of steel laying.

"It is probable," said the Puget Sound man, "that the track will be completed some time between the 1st and 10th of April, but I personally am of the opinion that the event will be nearer the latter than that suggested by the western rumors."

Concluding his remarks, the official stated that the local office would probably be considered in the fixing of a date on which to celebrate the closing of the last gap in the construction of the Puget Sound line.

The track-laying outfit started stringing steel more than a week ago out of Garrison, but, owing to difficulties encountered in perfecting a working organization, only a mile a day had been covered. Out of Missoula steel has been laid about two and one-half miles up the canyon.

INVENTS UNWEARABLE BOLTLESS RAIL JOINT

Willis T. Williams of Kirkland, Ariz., has invented a two-piece boltless rail joint, which, after 11 months' service on the Santa Fe railroad, showed neither signs of corrosion or bright spots indicating wear. Some of these new joints have been in service on the Fort Wayne division of the Pennsylvania railroad for a period of nine months, and others have been in use for several months on the Chicago & Northwestern. It is said that none of these joints show signs of wear.

The joints are made of malleable iron and have on the bottom a series of transverse ribs for strength, the outer ones of which come against the tie and prevent longitudinal movement. To prevent rail creeping there is a round hole through the joint midway of the outer ribs, in which a one-inch round bolt is inserted, the rail flange being cut away at the adjacent corners the slight amount necessary to permit the insertion of the bolt. The joints are 26 inches long and are constructed to weigh the same as a rail of steel to which they are applied; the joint for an 80-pound rail, for example, would weigh 80 pounds.

RAILROAD BREVITIES

Passenger train No. 1 was delayed 1 hour and 15 minutes here on Thursday morning on account of a hot "hub" on one of the sleeping coaches.

Conductor and Mrs. W. J. Griffin returned yesterday from a visit with relatives in Saux Center, S. D.

Brakeman M. Judge, who has been on leave of absence for the past week, reported for work yesterday.

H. A. Bradt of Butte spent yesterday on business in this city. He is traveling freight and passenger agent of the Burlington road.

James Hyland, manager of the Northern Pacific eating establishment at Trout Creek, was in town yesterday conferring with the local officials.

DROWNS SELF IN CHLOROFORM.

Salt Lake, Utah, Feb. 25.—Clarence E. Baker was found in his room today with his face buried in a basin of chloroform. Baker was dressed in evening clothes and on a table in the room was a loaded revolver and a phial of white powder, marked poison, indicating that he was determined to take his own life. His wife had recently separated from him.

RITTER IS RELEASED.

New York, Feb. 25.—Louis Ritter of the Brooklyn National league team was released today, and the old-time catcher will pass to the minors, going to the Denver Western league team.

FLOOD STAGE EXPECTED.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 25.—With the rise in the Mississippi becoming more rapid with each hour, a flood stage of 33 feet is anticipated at this point by Sunday next. While the lowlands on the western bank of the river would be inundated should the anticipated stage be reached, a serious overflow is not expected.

FREIGHT VOLUME IS HEAVY

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION CONTINUES TO HANDLE A BIG BUSINESS.

Freight traffic over the Rocky Mountain division of the Northern Pacific continues to move in good volume, with the business fairly well balanced east and west. For the past 24 days a daily average of 223 loads has been delivered by the Idaho division at Trout Creek, and about 175 loads delivered at Helena by the Montana division. Moving east out of Helena the division handles at least 50 loads per day, with about 350 cars going westward from here. On the Coeur d'Alene line business continues good, though the volume of loads originating on that branch is not quite as large as it was a month ago. The company is moving one train of ore west over the cut-off daily now and expects to send more that way later on. Most of this stuff is freight which heretofore has gone west over the tracks of the O. R. & N. from Wallace, but which is now being shipped direct to western points over the line on which it originates. Some lumber, too, is being moved over the new line for delivery to points west of Spokane.

FAVORS EXCLUSION OF ALL ASIATICS

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 25.—A resolution declaring the upper branch of the legislature to be in favor of an act of congress excluding all Asiatics from this country, as well as the Chinese, was passed, 28 to 7, today. Senator Roseberry said the resolution was entirely unnecessary and uncalled for, as everybody understood that the federal authorities were looking out for the interests of California in the matter of immigration. Senator Stetson said he had believed that all such agitation had been disposed of several weeks ago. Senator Miller and Burnett argued that no possible harm could be done by the measure and that the people of the state had a right to express their opinion in this form upon any subject they chose.

MANY ARE INJURED IN SEVERE TORNADO

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 25.—With practically every section in eastern Arkansas swept by the tornado of Tuesday having reported, the number of dead is placed at four, the seriously injured at 25 and those less seriously hurt at two score or more. Two of the fatalities occurred at Fisher and the others at Carlisle.

JASPARE PASS.
WILLIAM FREER.
MRS. WILLIAM STONE of Fisher.
MRS. LESLIE DAVIS of Carlisle.

MUST BE EXAMINED TO DETERMINE INJURY

Seattle, Feb. 25.—A ruling that it is expected will prove far-reaching in personal injury damage suits has been made by superior Judge Wilson R. Gay to the effect that, upon the application of a defendant in such cases, the plaintiff must submit to an examination by a physician to be suggested by the defendant, or, upon the refusal of the plaintiff to undergo such examination, he or she shall be barred from testifying personally as to injuries received.

"BOXING CONTEST" STOPPED BY SHERIFF

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 25.—After it had gone for four rounds the scheduled 20-round bout between Tommy Devlin of Philadelphia and Eddie Kinney of Chicago was stopped tonight by the sheriff and the decision awarded to Devlin by the referee. The bout was considered to have passed the "boxing contest" stage, the recent orders of Governor Donaghy being that no more prize fights should be permitted here. Mayor Jodd ordered the principals arrested in order that a test case may be brought.

COLLISION TO OCCUR THEN LIFE WILL END

Boston, Feb. 25.—"A collision of an unknown dark planet with the sun will terminate life on the earth," said Professor Percival Lowell, director of the Lowell observatory at Flagstaff, Ariz., in a lecture tonight at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

ADOPT ORGEON PLAN.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 25.—By a vote of 130 to 20 the state senate passed the bill providing for the election of United States senators on the Oregon plan. The measure has already passed the house and the governor will approve it.

NAVAL COMMISSION SPERRY MAY RETIRE FROM COMMAND

PRESIDENT TRANSMITS ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO HOUSES OF CONGRESS.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The president today submitted to congress a message transmitting two preliminary reports of the commission he appointed to consider the needs of the navy. The commission recommends an advisory body for the secretary, declaring that what the secretary needs above all is a clear understanding and firm grasp of military conditions.

The commission is unable to report on the subject of navy yards required; strategic consideration in war time and for maintaining a fleet in constant readiness for war during peace owing to the limited time it has available. He recommends that the subject be referred to a joint army and navy commission, and accordingly the president has appointed Rear Admiral Mahan, Sperry, Wainwright, and Captain Winslow of the navy and General Bell and Brigadier General Witherspoon and Marshall of the army to report on the subject.

As regards individual responsibility for advice, it is suggested that the secretary of the navy nominate to the president the officers he deems best fitted to command the great fleet in case of war, and that this officer, in respect of his seniority, should be at the head of the advisory board.

There should be no check or change of method in expanding from a state of peace to a state of war, concludes the commission. This is no militarism; it is a simple business principle based on the fact that success in war is the only return the people and the nation can get from the investment of many millions in a great navy.

The commission will submit a final report to supplement and define the general principles laid down. This the president will probably submit to congress.

VIRTUAL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED

Washington, Feb. 25.—A virtual agreement has been reached by the houses of the senate and senate on the penal code bill. The senate conferees have accepted the house amendment incorporating into the code the "Knox bill for the regulation of the interstate shipments of intoxicating liquors."

The Knox bill is to be amended, however, by a provision that a shipper commits an offense only when he "knowingly" ships intoxicating liquors which have not been properly marked.

The so-called "Kuklux" legislation is stricken from the code, according to the agreement.

TWO REPORTS READY ON MERGER MATTER

Washington, Feb. 25.—Two reports will be before the senate committee on Judiciary on Monday when it meets to vote on the investigation of the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company by the United States Steel corporation. Since the publication of the majority report of the subcommittee declaring the merger violating the Sherman law and rebuking the president, the minority, Mr. Clark of Wyoming and Mr. Dillingham, have put their dissent in the form of a report. All day there was much wire pulling in the senate preparatory to the vote.

FORMER MILLIONAIRE DIES IN LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Feb. 25.—Portius B. Weare, at one time a power in the business world of Chicago and later a factor in business in Seattle and the northwest, is dead here. At the time of his death he was virtually penniless. His widow, who lives here, is possessed of some means and he has lived on her bounty for a year or more in this city. At one time he controlled the Globe Grant elevators in Chicago and throughout the northwest. Later he started the North American Transportation and Trading company. He was forced into bankruptcy in Seattle.

SIGNED WRONG NAMES.

Salt Lake, Feb. 25.—Allen Farr, an actor, was arrested at Laramie, Wyo., today on a telegraph warrant from Sheriff Sharp. Farr was recently employed at a local theater and he is accused of signing other names than his own to checks.

Although Italy has had much success with some forms of boats made of reinforced concrete, its lighters constructed of that material have failed because of their liability to cracking in the rough service to which they are subjected.

Request Granted
Council Chambers, City of Missoula, Montana, September 13, 1907.
Mentrum-Briggs Co., City: Gentlemen—September 16th, the City Council granted your request for exclusive permission to use a facsimile of the Corporate Seal of the City of Missoula on a brand of cigars to be called the "SEAL OF MISSOULA," with the understanding, however, that the "SEAL OF MISSOULA" is to be a strictly first-class Union-made cigar.
J. S. KEMP, City Clerk.

The above is the authority for the birth of the "Seal of Missoula" high-grade Union-made cigar. Ask your dealer for one and get full value for your money.

INDICATIONS ARE THAT ADMIRAL WILL NOT WAIT FOR EXPIRATION OF TIME.

Fort Monroe, Va., Feb. 25.—Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry left tonight for Washington, and the ship's carpenter on board the flagship Connecticut began to box up the admiral's belongings. The impression grows that Admiral Sperry soon will haul down his flag. It is common gossip in the fleet that President Roosevelt intends to name the next commander-in-chief before he retires from office next Thursday.

Admiral Sperry retires in September, so there is little in the program of the next few months that would cause him to wish to remain.

The storms which met the fleet at the Virginia capes with almost un hospitable welcome home seem to night to have abated.

Reports of disaster to parties on board the little boats were received today, but all were unfounded.

Coaling operations on the ships of the fleet are all but completed and the sailors will have their first period of comparative idleness since leaving Gibraltar on Feb. 5. General shore leave is withheld until Admiral Sperry's return.

It is the intention of the department to increase the size of the fleet with the completion of the new vessels, for first-class battleships of a design as homogeneous as these are considered the ideal fighting unit.

Finally it would be possible to keep two "battleship fleets" of 16 ships each in commission, and then it is believed one of the fleets may be transferred to the Pacific.

DEER FEED ON CLIFFS.

Pueblo, Colo., Feb. 25.—Driven by the deep snow along the bare ridge to the southern exposures on the brakes of Beaver creek, 100 deer were today seen feeding on the grass above the cliffs. The herd was seen about four miles below Gunnison. The snow here is not crusted or more than two feet deep on the level and the deer seem to be getting along comfortably.

VETOES THE MEASURE.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 25.—Governor Chamberlain vetoed today senate bill No. 68, which provides for the compulsory sterilization of confirmed criminals, insane persons, idiots, rapists and imbeciles for the prevention of procreation.

ADVOCATES A CHECK ON THE OPIUM HABIT

Shanghai, Feb. 25.—The international opium commission has practically concluded its work here by the adoption of nine resolutions suggesting means of fighting the opium traffic. The commission declared unrestricted morphine traffic constitutes a grave danger and that the morphine habit shows signs of spreading, and urges upon all governments the importance of drastic measures to control the manufacture, sale and distribution of morphine and other noxious derivatives of opium.

It was decided also that all countries should adopt reasonable measures to prevent the shipment of opium of its derivatives to any country which prohibits their entry.

MINISTER OUTLINES A PEACEFUL POLICY

Belgrade, Feb. 25.—The declaration of policy made by the new premier, M. Novakovic, to parliament today was more peaceful than had been expected. While breathing a spirit of intense loyalty it does not mention directly either Austria-Hungary or the subject of annexation. It emphasizes the national character of the new ministry, which represents all parties, and calls for the support of the people in defense of Serbian nationality. M. Milovanovic, who remains as foreign minister, also expressed peaceful sentiments. He declared Serbia could be forced into war only if attacked.

GRAND JURY PROBING ALLEGED GRAFT PLOT

Chicago, Feb. 25.—An alleged grafting plot, said to involve Chicago politicians of state-wide influence, was responsible for the appearance of nearly 100 saloon keepers before the grand jury today. They were faced with the alternative of indictment for maintaining gambling devices or revealing the identity of those to whom they are alleged to have paid tribute.

The clique to which tribute is said to have been paid is alleged to have divided \$60,000 within a year through farming out of unlawful privileges.

SAYS DAM WILL OPEN AND DESTROY CANAL

Boston, Feb. 25.—"The Gatun dam will give away and destroy the Panama canal in 15 minutes. It will prove one of the most dramatic catastrophes in the history of public works."

This, amidst a charge of the old French canal in an address here tonight, he declared, "for it is not only probable, but almost certain."

He insisted the only system was a sea level canal 500 feet wide and 45 deep, to be dug by dredges.

SHRUBB EASILY BEATS DOBMAN

ENGLISHMAN SHOWS SUPERIORITY OVER ITALIAN RUNNER. RECORDS SMASHED.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Albert Shrubbs easily defeated Dorando Pietri in a 15-mile race tonight. His time was 1 hour, 24 minutes, 6.4-5 seconds.

Tom Longboat was to have run against Shrubbs, but failed to appear. Shrubbs was disappointed, but the fear that he would not get a contest of any kind was dissipated when Pietri arrived ready for a race and glad to get on with Shrubbs under any conditions. Shrubbs ruled a 7 to 1 favorite.

The runners were sent away to a good start at 9:11 p. m. There was a hot contest in the first lap for leadership, the Italian leading in the second lap, passing by two yards leading in the third lap by two yards. He remained in the lead throughout the remainder of the race.

Every American indoor record in such races was smashed. The time for the 15 miles was: 4:40 2-5, 10:05 4-5, 15:47 1-5, 21:17 1-5, 26:43, 32:17 2-5, 37:58 3-5, 43:36 2-5, 49:09 2-5, 54:50 2-5, 1:00:37 2-5, 1:06:28 2-5, 1:12:21 2-5, 1:18:18, 1:24:06 3-5.

Shrubbs' lead at the finish was two and three-quarters laps.

MONTANA TOWNS WANT STATE BASEBALL LEAGUE

There appears to be little chance that the proposed intermountain league will be able to get started this year on account of opposition from some of the towns in Montana which were depended upon to fill out the circuit. It has been said by the promoters that Helena was a fixture for the intermountain, but capitalists and fans of that city now assert that if they put a professional team in the field, it will be a member of a state organization. Butte, while tacitly in favor of the Lucas league, gives out the impression that a Montana league would be preferable. Missoula, which is anxious to get into a league circuit, would prefer a state association rather than one which would involve trips to Salt Lake. The baseball meeting held in Livingston will probably end in the utter defeat of the Lucas-Grim organization and the formation of another league, the circuit of which will be made up of Montana towns. A meeting of Missoula fans will probably be called for tonight to discuss plans for a local team.

KELLY DEFEATS THOMAS.

New York, Feb. 25.—Hugo Kelly of Chicago defeated Joe Thomas of San Francisco in five rounds before the Fairmount Athletic club tonight. The police stopped the fight when Thomas was helpless. The winner is expected to meet Stanley Ketchel, the middle-weight champion.

Kelly forced the fighting from start to finish. In the fourth round he knocked Thomas down three times and the bell saved Thomas from being counted out.

MOWATT KNOCKED OUT.

Kansas City, Feb. 25.—Tommy Mowatt of Chicago was knocked out by Phil Knight of Leavenworth, Kan., in the third round of what was to have been a 10-round go here tonight. From the start it was Knight's fight.

LONG SHOT WINS.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 25.—Silver Knight, a 200 to 1 shot, furnished a sensation at the Emeryville track today by winning the fifth race.

SPORTING NOTES.

Fleider A. Jones, who has led the baseball hosts of Charlie Comiskey for a number of years, makes a positive assertion that the diamond will see him no more. Jones says he is done with the game and will devote his personal attention to the development of his timber and lumber interests in Oregon. From this it would appear that the "Old Roman" must choose another manager to lead his 1909 team.

Jim Driscoll's win over Abe Attell last week seems to have been popular with the eastern fight writers. With out exception, the followers of the game concede that the little Englishman had it over the shifty Jew, who was unable to make the showing against the clever Britisher that he has against a number of clever bigger men. Attell has made no statement regarding his defeat, and Driscoll has said for the other side and will probably not return to these shores for some weeks. When he does return it is probable that another match will be made with Attell.

"Indian" Bender, the big pitcher who has been with Connie Mack's team since the inception of the American league, has quit the game. Bender says he will devote his time to match shooting, in which he has been very successful during the past winter.

Comiskey says he is figuring on Harry Sutor, the western pitcher, making good on the White Sox team this year.

Outfielder Flannagan, who was bought by the owner of the Chicago White Sox from Aberdeen, is slated for a regular berth in Comiskey's outfield. Flannagan was the King pin hitter of the Northwest league last year, and is rated as good enough to hit over 300 in the American league.

CASE GOES TO JURY.

New York, Feb. 25.—The case of Mrs. Ben Teal, wife of a theatrical manager, charged with attempted subornation of perjury in connection with Mrs. Frank Gould's suit for divorce, went to the jury late this afternoon. The jury was considering the evidence at midnight.

HAY-GRAIN-FEED

Snaps for Ready Buyers

With more produce on hand and to arrive than we can take care of in our warehouses, we make these special prices for a limited time only:

- HAY, per hundred 60c
- STRAW, per bale 40c
- OATS, per hundred \$1.75
- WHEAT per hundred \$1.75
- WHOLE CORN per hundred \$1.65
- CRACKED CORN, per hundred \$1.75
- BRAN, per sack \$1.20
- BRAN, per ton \$24.00

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ADMITS MURDERING CLERK

BOY CONFESSES TO KILLING OF WELLS FARGO EXPRESS COMPANY'S EMPLOYEE.

Hutchinson, Kan., Feb. 25.—Orville Poland, aged 19, who was arrested yesterday, charged with the murder of Jesse Haymaker, Wells-Fargo express clerk found dead in the company's office at the depot last night, confessed to the police today.

Poland says he told the clerk, who was an intimate friend, that he desired to sleep in the office for the night. Haymaker gladly gave his consent. Poland says that Haymaker was asleep at the time he shot him.

"I may have been crazy, but I did it," declared Poland. "We both went to sleep. Later I awoke and Jesse was dead and I had a pistol in my hands. Then I went up to the town office of the company and robbed the cash drawer. I got \$7.25, but I don't know what I did with it."

MYSTERIOUSLY MURDERED.

Butte, Feb. 25.—Joe Collar, aged 35, unmarried, was murdered by unknown individuals last night near the Amazon mine, at which he was a watchman. Collar was beaten to death and left beside the street railway track to give the impression that he had been struck by a car.

NEW RECTOR INSTALLED.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Cardinal Gibbons presided today at the impressive ceremonies incident to the installation of Very Rev. Thomas Joseph Shanahan, the new rector of the Catholic University of America, succeeding Bishop O'Connell, who soon will leave for his new field in San Francisco.

MINSTREL WILL REST.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 25.—George Walker, the partner of Robert Williams, the negro who as Williams and Walker have long entertained the public left here today for his home in Lawrence, Kan., to rest and receive medical treatment. It is understood he is suffering from nervousness.

AMERICA'S CONTROLLING POWER.

(From the March Metropolitan Magazine.)

The part played by coal in the world's affairs can well be illustrated by assuming the available supply to be suddenly cut off. The huge railroad systems of America would stop at once. So, also, would the electric power and lighting in all cities and suburbs. Steamship service would cease everywhere. Transit facilities would be dead. Factories, manufacturing plants, and shops would close down. Vast industries like steel, iron, copper, etc., would cease. Armies of laborers would be thrown out of work. Mails, schools, the navy, newspapers, foreign and internal trade—all would cease to exist. The trilogy governing commercial advance, heat, light and power, except a negligible amount of water, oil, etc., would be annihilated. All this until some other form of power could be developed. The possibility of such a cataclysm is not imminent, for coal will reign for some time yet, and is destined to become a power whose capabilities have as yet been comparatively felt only more faintly than would a feather on the hide of an elephant.

THE GREAT FALLS REGION.

The geology and water resources of the Great Falls region, in north-central Montana, are described in the geological survey's water-supply paper 221, a report by C. A. Fisher, of the survey. The region described includes the lowlands lying between the Little Belt and the Highwood mountains and extends to the west and north with increasing width to a point about 10 miles north of Teton river, comprising about 3,000 square miles in Fergus, Chouteau, and Lewis and Clark counties.

The report includes brief descriptions of the geologic formations and their water capacities; an account of the surface waters and their present and proposed uses for irrigation, water power, and other purposes; and notes on the agriculture and climate of the region. Tables showing the flow of streams, the available horsepower at the Great Falls of the Missouri, logs of wells in the region, lists of springs, and analyses of waters are given. A geologic map and a map showing irrigation canals, irrigated and irrigable areas, and areas in which "dry farming" is practiced accompany the report, which may be obtained without charge from the director of the survey, at Washington, D. C.