

# NEWS OF THE RAILWAY WORLD

## RAILWAY OFFICERS A NARROW ESCAPE MUST APPEAR FROM DEATH

SUBPOENAS ARE ISSUED FOR OFFICIALS IN THE FREIGHT RATE INQUIRY.

Guthrie, Okla., March 3.—Sixteen railroad officials, including several of the most prominent in the United States, will be served with subpoenas issued today by the corporation commission of Oklahoma, demanding their presence in Guthrie, March 15, as witnesses in the freight rate investigation now in progress here. The list includes George J. Gould, president of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern, New York; E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe, Chicago; H. C. Mudge, president of the Rock Island system, Chicago and E. L. Winchell, president of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, St. Louis. The presence of these officials is demanded in Oklahoma in an effort to get responsible officials on record as to the valuation of the various properties in Oklahoma which they represent. The state wants this investigation in perfecting its regulation of the finding forming the basis for the recent federal injunction issued by Judge Hook in St. Louis, restraining the Oklahoma corporation commission from enforcing the freight rates that have been established in Oklahoma during the last 22 months.

## MUCH DAMAGE DONE BY HIGH WATER

PUGET SOUND LINE SUFFERS FROM WASHOUTS AND CONTINUED HIGH WATER.

The Puget Sound track through the Bitter Root mountains is in better condition than it has been for several days. The track is clear at every point except Drexel, where the big slide still blocks traffic. The smaller slide which took place there day before yesterday has been removed and the large one will be cleared today. No washouts have been reported in the mountains. Serious trouble is being experienced east of Garrison, where conditions are in bad shape. About one-half a mile of track is washed out there and will take some time for repairs. Wire service is poor, Clinton being the farthest point east reached, and a good deal of trouble is being found on the west end. Yesterday's No. 2 was annulled and No. 1, which got as far as Superior on Wednesday, is being held at Alberton. The washout at Frenchtown was repaired yesterday afternoon and the track there is in good condition. The bridge at Kohrs is being threatened by an ice jam and it was assuming serious proportions yesterday afternoon. It was being dynamited then, but the shooting did little good, merely blowing holes in the ice. If the water goes over the gorge the bridge will probably go out. A washout was reported at Tarkio which will tie up traffic for a few days. The washout is about 100 feet deep and 160 feet long and will require about two days' work before it is gotten in condition.

## TO CARRY THE CASE TO SUPREME COURT

Detroit, March 3.—Dr. George A. Fritch, found guilty today of manslaughter in connection with the death, last summer, of Maybelle Millman of Ann Arbor, was locked up in the county jail pending efforts to obtain a stay of proceedings. The case will be taken to the supreme court. Dr. Fritch took the verdict of the jury calmly, but his wife fainted. She was in a semi-conscious condition for several hours. It took the jury 50 minutes to agree that Maybelle Millman met her death while Dr. Fritch was performing or attempting to perform a criminal operation upon her.

## BANISH CATARRH.

"Breathe Hyomei for Two Minutes and Stuffed Up Head Will Vanish." If you want to get relief from catarrh, cold in the head or from an irritating cough in the shortest time breathe Hyomei (pronounce it High-o-me). It will clean out your head in two minutes and allow you to breathe freely. Hyomei will cure a cold in one day, it will relieve you of disgusting sniffles, hawking, spitting and offensive breath in a week. Hyomei is made chiefly from eucalyptol, a soothing, healing, germ-killing antiseptic, that comes from the eucalyptus forests of inland Australia where catarrh, asthma and consumption were never known to exist. Hyomei is pleasant and easy to breathe. Just pour a few drops into the hard rubber inhaler, use as directed and cure is almost certain. A complete Hyomei outfit, including inhaler and one bottle of Hyomei, costs only \$1.00 at druggists everywhere and at George Frelsheimer's. If you are already own an inhaler you can get an extra bottle of Hyomei at druggists for only 50c.

RAILROAD LABORER MISTAKEN FOR BURGLAR AND IS FIRED AT WITH PISTOL.

Glendive, Mont., March 3.—(Special.)—With a .45-caliber revolver aimed directly at his breast and fired at him, point blank, less than two feet away, Charles Anderson owes his life to one of the rarest elements of chance known in police annals. It was not the usual "one chance in a thousand" but rather one chance in a million that operated in his behalf. Anderson is a member of an extra Northern Pacific gang that has been building snow fences in North Dakota during the winter, and has of late been unloading gravel at Allard, a few miles east of Glendive. In company with some of his fellow workmen, Anderson came to Glendive and proceeded to get "full." Near midnight he wandered to the home of Arthur Helland and broke in the kitchen door of the house, probably being too inebriated to know what he was doing. The door was without a lock and was fastened by a screwdriver stuck into the casing. Mrs. Helland heard the noise and aroused her husband, telling him that someone had broken into the kitchen. He arose and started to investigate the trouble downstairs, and, being cautioned by his wife, armed himself with his gun and slipped cartridges into the chambers. As Mr. Helland entered the kitchen, he saw an intruder standing in the doorway. He fired at the man and then turned back to the stairs, calling to his brother and telling them he had just killed a man down in the kitchen. His nerves were naturally considerably shaken by the experience. The brothers immediately responded to the call and made an investigation. They were surprised not to find a dead man on the floor, for in the meantime Anderson had walked out around the house. At that moment he returned to the door, and Mr. Helland said to him: "Get out of here and go on up town." Anderson said, "All right," and disappeared. The police were notified and were told that they would probably find the man lying dead somewhere, for Mr. Helland could not think but that he had mortally wounded him. One additional fact was communicated to the officers, namely, that when the fellow disappeared, his clothing was afire. With this latter statement to guide him, Chief of Police Kinney next morning arrested Charles Anderson, the side of whose coat was burned away, and his trousers had been burned clear through to his underwear. The chief then investigated the matter, in order to discover how it happened that Anderson (who was not charged directly with housebreaking, but was simply fined for being drunk) had escaped scathless from Mr. Helland's shot, and he found the following to be true: In his haste and confusion on being awakened, Mr. Helland had slipped cartridges of .32-caliber into a .45-caliber revolver. The expansion of the shell when exploded, not being closely chambered, failed to give the bullet any great force, so that it simply fell out of the gun upon the kitchen floor, where it was later found. But, under these conditions, an unusual amount of powder was emitted from the gun, and this set fire to the man's clothing. Anderson paid his police court fine and returned to his work at Allard.

## MINORITY REPORT OPPOSED TO COURT

Washington, March 3.—Declaring the administration railroad bill would impair the efficiency of the existing statutes and that the creation of a court of commerce, which the measure involves, would mean an expenditure "wholly unnecessary," Senators Cummins and Clapp today submitted the minority report of the senate interstate commerce commission. The report holds that the creation of a court, work of which would be to try railroad cases, would be fundamentally wrong, and reminds the senate of the "tremendous influences which will inevitably surround the selection of such a tribunal." In the last three and one-half years, the minority report asserts, there have been just 26 cases in which such a court would have had jurisdiction. In pointing out some things the senators think make the bill ineffective, they declare it should include all corporation common carriers and that there is nothing to prevent a holding corporation from issuing all the stocks and bonds it may please.

## NEW CONSERVATION LEAGUE ORGANIZES

Spokane, Wash., March 3.—Western Conservation league has been organized in Spokane, with J. J. Browne, of this city, head of a chain of banks in Washington and Idaho, as president. The first session will take place in this city early in April to interest people of the western states in the work of conserving the resources of the country. State control will be favored. Among the speakers will be Governor Hay of Washington, former Governor Gooding of Idaho, Senator Chamberlain of Oregon and the chief executives of other western states. L. K. Armstrong, secretary of the organization, says that the present methods of the application of national conservation principles are inadequate, in that they lead to absorption of the states' wealth by the government. He intimated that the league will support Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, in his views on the various questions of conservation, which are diametrically opposed to those expressed by Theodore Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot, and there is every indication that a lively battle will follow at the first convention.

## ANXIOUS TO MASTER BUSINESS METHODS

Spokane, Wash., March 3.—W. H. Baron Thos Schwartzberg, a direct descendant of the House of Schwartzberg of Holland, son of Baron Ernest Lewis Schwartzberg, born in Wittenburg castle in the southern part of Bohemia, has entered the employ of a local stock broker as bookkeeper to master American business methods. He left Holland in 1898 and engaged in the nitrate business in South America, afterward traveling all over Europe. Since coming to this country he has visited 40 states and four provinces in Canada, and frankly confesses he did not locate in Spokane to marry an heiress, though he will make investments in real estate for himself and associates in Holland. The baron is highly educated and speaks nine languages, writing six of them. Among his relatives in Germany are several counts, and although he speaks of them with a slight evidence of pride, he does not assume any higher place in life than the man who has the everyday title of "mister."

## UNTAPPED SECTION PENETRATED

GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD OPENS UP NEW TERRITORY BY BRANCH LINE.

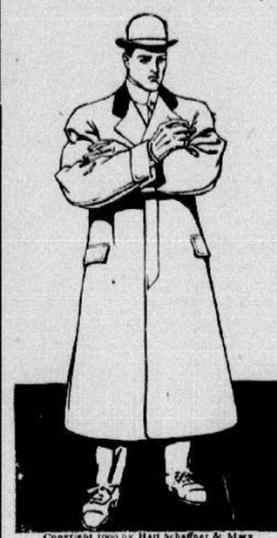
Before the present year is over the tremendous wealth of the hitherto untapped central Oregon is to be opened to the world. News that 109 miles of the Great Northern's newly constructed Oregon Trunk line between Celilo and Madras, Ore., have been completed reached this city today—with the additional information that the last spike will be driven in this memorable enterprise before the end of 1910. The heart of millions of acres of yellow pine—a tract bigger than an ordinary state—is the goal of the railroad construction on which the Great Northern officials are today working 4,500 men. The board of directors of the Great Northern railroad, through the foresight of Chairman James J. Hill, has authorized the initial appropriation to carry on the first steps of the project. The statement made by James J. Hill in San Francisco recently that the Great Northern railroad's extension may be aimed at Mexico City has caused a tremendous furor on the Pacific coast. By the initiative of the Great Northern railroad, American homeseekers will be given access to 1,500,000 acres of free government land in central Oregon, which the United States has offered to settlers in the territory that the new Hill lines will penetrate. Today central Oregon is the heart of the largest territory of the United States without a railroad. Present and prospective owners of the panned up wealth of central Oregon are receiving the news of the progress of the Hill expansion with tremendous enthusiasm. A line is actually demanded to the east because of the tremendous lumber tonnage from interior Oregon. Unlimited quantities of yellow and sugar pine exist on the east slope of the Cascades and these varieties are particularly adapted for competition with the southern and northern pine and the markets of the middle west. It is about 25 per cent lighter than fir and in hauling it to the east a waterway hauling will not so seriously affect rate making. Timber holders of central Oregon demand that their market is in the east and not in the west, which is already supplied with its own fir forests. When the traveler journeying to central Oregon over the Oregon Trunk line leaves the Columbia river and enters the mouth of the Des Chutes he will be in bare and unproductive canyons while the train speeds over 100 miles of track. He will gain no inkling of the extent of the rolling fields of grain that lie on the plains of Sherman and Wasco counties 2,000 feet above him. The train will emerge from Willow Creek canyon with startling suddenness through a gap in a wall of rimrock that forms the western edge of the saucer-like basin in which Madras is situated. The train will come from a wild and rocky canyon as if from a tunnel, onto the cultivated fields of central Oregon. From there southward the Oregon Trunk line travels through grain fields, irrigated lands or timber, all of which will contribute to its tonnage. It has been a big undertaking alone to get the construction work of the Oregon Trunk line under way. Construction equipment must be taken into the canyon, either over roads that wind down the sides of the canyon or via the mouth, and thence up a wagon road constructed by the railroad for 10 miles along the shore of the river. Distributing depots have been established at Dufur, on the Great Southern railway, at The Dalles and at Shaniko. The construction camps are reached from The Dalles via the free bridge wagon road to Hill's ranch, where the railroad has constructed a new road into the canyon, the distance is 17 miles. From Shaniko the haul to the camps varies from 20 to 45 miles. Much of the energy of the contractors during the first few months after work started was in the construction of wagon roads. Railway construction work progressed, however, in the meantime, and the entire work of Madras is now under contract, subcontract or let to station men. Miles of grade have been completed, interspersed with uncompleted links where the construction work will be slow and tedious or by tunnels where the men are now doing drilling and blasting. It is promised that Oregon Trunk line trains will be running into central Oregon before the close of 1910.

## ROBERT ROHR DROWNED IN RIVER AT CLINTON

Robert Rohr, a man who was assisting in moving a log jam on the river near a bridge on the Henry Lehr ranch, near Clinton, was knocked into the raging stream yesterday afternoon and drowned, and at last accounts his body had not been recovered. The man was working with a pike pole and the pole was struck by a large cake of ice, the shock throwing him into the water. His body was seen but once, and that was about 50 yards below the point where he fell into the river. A number of watchmen have been placed at various points to look out for the body. Rohr was a resident of Belleville, Ill., and had been in this state but a short time. His parents in the Illinois town have been notified.

# Missoula Mercantile Co.

IT is a fact that this store is selling the best clothing in the country at the lowest prices ever known in town, and selling suits and overcoats at such a rate that you'll have to step lively if you want to share in the remarkable opportunities the Sale present---in fact, it now looks as if our clean-up of winter goods shall be accomplished much earlier than ever before. One thing about this Sale, and a mighty good thing for men who have not attended it earlier, is that every garment offered is a good style and the man who gets the last suit or overcoat will get as good value for his money as did anyone at any time during the Sale; of course, some sizes are missing even now, but you may be lucky enough to wear a size we still have---better step in and see.



For any Suit regularly priced at less than \$20.00. For any Suit regularly priced at \$20.00 or over.

**\$8.95** | **\$11.95**  
Any Overcoat in the Store 1/2 Price  
Any Fur or Fur-Lined Coat 25% Less

### Men's Furnishings

Wonderful savings on all articles of Men's Furnishings—shirts, neckwear, hosiery, underwear, fancy vests, hats, gloves, etc. If in need of any of these, it will pay you well to investigate our clearance prices.

### Boys' Clothing

Boys' Suits and Overcoats and all Children's Clothing, our regular lines, which have no comparison of value even at regular prices, now selling at HALF FORMER PRICES. Wonderful bargains, too, in Knee Pants and Boys' Furnishings.

## A Few Splendid Dinner Sets Marked at Half for Quick Selling

Look over your dinner service after you read this and see if it would not be economy to cast it aside for one of these sets, rather than replace the broken pieces. We have only a few of these sets left and to secure one means that quick action is necessary on your part.

47-Piece  
English Porcelain  
Dinner Set  
Regular Price \$12.25  
**\$6.15**



54-Piece  
Haviland China  
Dinner Set  
Regular Price \$35.75  
**\$17.90**

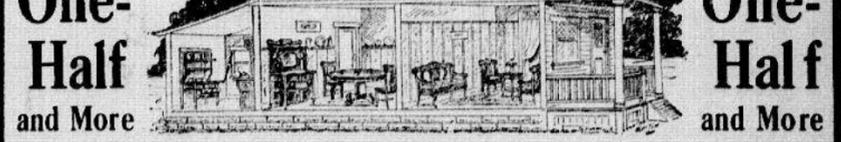
These Sets are of Johnson's English Semi-Porcelain and are strictly high-quality goods; the decoration is of a neat red rose design and each piece is gold trimmed. Each set includes:

- 6 Teacups and Saucers, 1 Bowl
- 6 Dinner Plates, 6 Pie Plates
- 6 Sauce Dishes, 6 Individual Butters
- 1 12-inch Platter, 1 14-inch Platter
- 1 Covered Vegetable Dish, 1 Open Vegetable Dish
- 1 Butter Dish, with covert Pickle Dish and strainer

Each of these Sets is composed of fifty-four pieces of the finest Haviland French China, tastefully decorated in a pink floral design, with a blue wreath and gold border; composed as follows:

- 6 Coffee Cups and Saucers, 6 Pie Plates
- 6 Dinner Plates, 6 Individual Butters
- 6 Sauce Dishes, 1 Vegetable Dish
- 6 Tea Plates, 1 Covered Butter
- 1 Covered Vegetable Dish, 1 Creamer
- 1 Sugar Bowl, 1 10-inch Platter
- 1 Pickle Dish, 1 14-inch Platter

## The Advantage of This Housecleaning in Our Furniture Store



If you are in need of a single item of furniture or expect to be, even if several months hence, here is your good opportunity. It is our housecleaning time, the time when we close out at almost any price the sample pieces of furniture that have been on our display floor for the last six months to be replaced with samples of new lines. In the aggregate there are hundreds of bargains on each of our four display floors, but just one of a kind of which the following are representative. As a rule, all these samples are in perfect condition, but in cases, here and there, a piece has been slightly damaged or scratched in handling, in such cases the reduction is more than offset these trivial blemishes.

CHAIRS	PEDESTALS
\$1.65 Golden Elm Dining Chairs	\$10.99 Mahogany Pedestal \$1.75
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\$3.50 Elm Finish Arm Chair	\$14.99 Mahogany Pedestal \$5.95
\$3.50 Golden Oak Dining Chairs	\$11.99 Golden Oak Pedestal \$6.45
\$3.99 Maple Bedroom Chair	
\$3.50 Mahogany Chair	<b>MUSIC AND PARLOR CABINETS</b>
\$3.50 Golden Oak Dining Chairs	\$25.00 Mahogany Music Cabinet \$10.85
\$6.00 Golden Oak Arm Chair	\$25.00 Mahogany Music Cabinet \$11.35
\$5.99 Golden Oak Chair	\$27.50 Mahogany Parlor Cabinet \$13.25
\$6.00 Mahogany Chair	\$30.00 Mahogany Combination Music Cabinet and Writing Desk \$15.95
\$6.50 Mahogany Chair	\$35.99 Combination Music and Parlor Cabinet \$16.75
\$6.50 Golden Oak Bedroom Chair	
\$6.50 Golden Oak Chair	<b>CENTER TABLES</b>
\$10.99 Mahogany Reception Chair	\$2.50 Birdseye Maple Center Table \$1.75
\$15.00 Mahogany Chair	\$4.99 Maple Center Table \$2.25
\$15.00 Early English Arm Chair	\$5.99 Oak Center Table \$2.65
\$15.00 Golden Oak Roman Chair	
\$16.75 Mahogany Arm Chair	<b>FIRELESS COOKERS</b>
\$18.00 Mahogany Easy Chair	\$8.00 Chatham Fireless Cooker \$4.35
\$20.00 Mahogany Parlor Chair	\$10.00 Chatham Fireless Cooker \$6.75
\$22.50 Solid Mahogany Parlor Chair	\$13.00 Chatham Fireless Cooker \$8.65
\$27.50 Solid Mahogany Parlor Chair	
	<b>IRON AND BRASS BEDS</b>
	\$8.00 Iron Bed, 3-6 size \$4.85
	\$9.50 Iron Bed, 4-6 size \$5.35
	\$12.00 Iron Bed, 4-6 size \$6.35
	\$14.00 Iron Bed, 4-6 size \$7.95
	\$15.00 Iron Bed, 4-6 size \$8.65
	\$16.00 Veritas Martin Bed, 4-6 size \$9.35
	\$22.00 Veritas Martin Bed, 4-6 size \$10.75
	\$25.00 Veritas Martin Bed, 4-6 size \$16.50
	<b>SLIPPER SEATS</b>
	\$30.00 Brass Slipper Seat \$14.85
	\$10.00 Brass Slipper Seat \$18.75
	<b>DRESSERS</b>
	\$8.00 Maple Commode \$4.65
	\$10.00 Maple Commode \$5.65
	\$15.50 Golden Oak Chiffonier \$11.85
	\$20.00 Mahogany Dresser \$17.65
	\$25.00 Birdseye Maple Dresser \$22.85
	\$45.00 Maple Dresser \$28.75