

RAILROADS GO CHEAP

Rainier Avenue Line Sold for a Bagatelle.

REAL PURCHASER A MYSTERY.

Bought by E. P. Edsen for a Fraction of Its Debt—Investigating Receiver Backus' Accounts.

The involved litigation concerning the Rainier Avenue Electric Railway Company was ended yesterday by the sale under execution of all of the property of the corporation. The sale was conducted at the west front door of the courthouse, and the bidding was extremely quiet.

Only \$100 was the first bid, made by Thomas H. Shepard, of Burke, Stegman & Co. This offer was raised by a man named Williams, of Portland, and again by E. P. Edsen, of this city, the original offer being increased from \$100 to \$200 at a time.

Finally Mr. Edsen bid \$12,000, and the property was knocked down to him. The amount realized at the sale far surpassed the judgment, which, with interest, now aggregates close upon \$130,000.

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ATTACKING THE RECEIVER.

Serious Objections Made to Mr. Backus' Final Report.

Yesterday in the United States court was given over to a second day's hearing of the objections to the final report of Receiver M. F. Backus, in the case of A. P. Fuller vs. the Rainier Power & Railway Company.

The grounds of the objections are that the receiver was negligent and unfaithful in his management of the property, in that he sought and obtained the payment of preferred claims amounting to about \$100,000 due to certain loggers who sold logs to the Western Mill Company, and when the mill company was owing at the date of the appointment of the receiver.

It is claimed on the part of the objector that Mr. Backus made no effort to prevent the claims being paid, but that he actually sought to have them paid in full, because of his own interest in them.

The loggers took real estate mortgages for their claims, and it was alleged that Backus was director and cashier, took a second mortgage upon the same lands, and this second mortgage was taken on the same day the petition seeking to have the loggers' claims preferred and paid from the proceeds of the sale of the property.

An objection was also made to the allowance to Backus of \$200 a month salary as receiver, the evidence tending to show that Mr. Backus listed the property only four or five times during a period of sixteen months, Backus himself claiming that he visited it once a week. Evidence was given to show that the property of Mr. Backus' management was always operated at a heavy loss, and that since it was taken from the hands of the receiver it has shown large net earnings.

New Cars for Front Street. Receiver Calvin, of the Front street road, entertained a number of his friends by giving them a ride on the trial trip of the new open cars lately constructed by the company. The cars are well built for durability and comfort and present a fine appearance.

STRAWBERRIES FOR THE EAST. The surplus crop will now be shipped instead of rotting.

Paget sound strawberries seem destined to tickle the palates of lovers of luscious fruit in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The shipment of one car day before yesterday will be followed up by others, and it is thought that two cars may be sent this week.

Arrangements have been made to concentrate in this city the entire crop of Thurston and San Juan counties, and forward the berries East in refrigerated cars as soon as possible after they pass through the hands of the Seattle shippers.

Hudson Bay Company Paid Rent. In writing to Alonzo Hamblet from Metlakatla, Alaska, under date of June 1, Rev. William Dunan corrects an error which crept into his letter on the Alaska boundary, as published in the Post-Intelligencer and republished by the Victoria Times. He says:

"I see the letter I wrote to Mr. Metlakatla, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, had been printed in the Times newspaper, Victoria, B. C., and reads that the Indians paid the Russian government 1000 others a year, whereas I said that number of skins as a rent to trade."

Rev. Allen Whaley Resigned. This is to certify that Rev. Allen W. Whaley, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, has severed his connection with said church, and is not duly authorized to collect any more moneys from the public in the name of said church from date.

By order of trustee board, June 8, 1895. WILLIAM GROSE, ALLEN DEAN, M. ROY, L. A. RAY, Trustees.

The Raymond-Whitcomb Party. The City of Kingston yesterday carried to Victoria fifteen of the Raymond-Whitcomb party. They will take the Alaska steamer from that point on Wednesday. The remainder of the party are still in the city, and will leave here on the steamer Wednesday morning. A number of the best men from New York are among the party. They are all delighted with Puget sound scenery and climate.

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The road was built in 1870 by a company headed by J. K. Edson, and at that time ran from South Sixteenth street on Lake Washington, a distance of about seven miles. At that time there was very little population in the territory traversed and the principal business was hauling cord wood and garden truck. The construction of the road encouraged the establishment of the town of Columbia and of the lake side suburb of Brighton Beach, besides promoting the cultivation of the rich farming land in the valley. In 1882 the track was extended down Washington street to Railroad avenue, the heavy grade between Fifth and Eighth streets being cut down by a system of automatic balance weights, which was the first of the kind in the country, and was invented for the occasion by J. P. Kahlmann, and at the same time an effort was made to secure a franchise for a line from the water front along Waller street and down Rainier heights to the city limits. After a lively fight with the Yesler avenue company, the franchise was secured with some modifications, but was forfeited through the failure of Mr. Edson to build the road within the time required—in fact, he did not build under it. In the summer of 1883, during the height of the panic, the bondholders who were understood to be representatives of the General Electric Company, secured the appointment of W. J. Grambs, the local representative of that company, as receiver, and began the foreclosure proceedings which terminated yesterday in the sale of the road.

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