

THE WORKING IN HARMONY.

CHANGES AMONG RAILROADS BY REORGANIZATION.

Northern Pacific, Great Northern and O. R. & N. All Controlled in Common—The G. N. and U. P. May Fight for the O. R. & N.

The process of liquidation and reorganization through which the railroads of the Pacific Northwest have been passing as a consequence of the prolonged period of depression which closed with the advent of the McKinley administration, is now almost completed and has brought about some of the most important changes in the relations of the several roads with one another.

One result of reorganization has been common to the Northern Pacific, Union Pacific, O. R. & N. Company and Oregon Short Line. The old stock has been liquidated and the new bond issues have been replaced by old ones, less in amount and at such reduced rates of interest as to place the fixed charges within the reasonable earning capacity of the roads and leave the stockholders some hope of dividends.

The most startling fact which has come to light in the course of the period of reorganization is the community of interest which exists among the owners of the majority of the stock and bonds of the three main Washington railroads—the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and O. R. & N.

The dissolution of the Union Pacific system by the appointment of a receiver for the main line and of distinct receivers for the several roads which had been controlled by it, has had equally far-reaching effects, having afforded the Great Northern an opportunity to secure a controlling influence in the management of the O. R. & N. Formerly the Union Pacific held the controlling interest in the Oregon Short Line, which it controlled through the O. R. & N. line, and thus they have been absorbed in the Union Pacific system.

Under the terms of the O. R. & N. reorganization, however, the preferred stock controls the operation of the company until dividends aggregating 20 per cent. have been paid to the preferred stockholders, the original position being to pay 4 per cent. per annum for five years. When such dividends have been paid the common stockholders are to have an equal voice in the management.

But, in view of the large interest held by the Great Northern and the common stockholders in that road, the Northern Pacific and the O. R. & N., it is reasonable to expect that the Union Pacific would meet strong competition from that quarter in using its voice in Oregon Short Line affairs to retain control of the O. R. & N. Since the reorganization of the Western connections from its system, the Union Pacific has had no more rights over them than any other connecting

line, and the Oregon gateway has been opened to Northern competitors. The Denver & Rio Grande and the Colorado & Midland, the Union Pacific would naturally make every effort to regain this outlet to the east and close it to its competitors.

An illustration of the prevailing harmony among the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and O. R. & N. managements is found in the recent arrangements for sending monthly steamers of the Northern Pacific Steamship Company and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha to Portland under traffic contracts with the O. R. & N. The latter line thus secures the traffic as far as Spokane, and there turns over that of the Pacific coast to the Northern Pacific railroad and that of the N. Y. K. to the Great Northern.

The general relief committee has changed the night meeting to the first and third Fridays of each month.

Steel Ranges ARE THE BEST. Z. C. Miles Co. 118 to 124 West Yeager way. A. L. PIPER, Receiver.

He Hopes to Defeat the Prediction by His Physicians That Cancer Would Kill Him in a Year—Contract With the Undertaker is Off.

Mr. Andrew H. Smith, the well-known Tacoma architect and building contractor, who appeared as the subject of an article in a recent issue of the Post-Intelligencer, has been declared off, and the contract which he had made with the undertaker for an addition to the residence of Undertaker C. L. Hoska, of Tacoma, in payment for a casket and expenses of interment.

Mr. Smith writes to say that the contract between himself and Mr. Hoska, while it was once actually entered into, has been declared off, and that he proposes to demonstrate the unreliability of the predictions that had been made of him that he could not survive more than six months.

Some may think it strange of a person to make a contract with a funeral home, and then to explain his motive as being with a thought of economy. I wish to add that a part of the reason was also to encourage my friend Hoska in his undertaking business, for I am well known fact that our Tacoma undertakers are always at the point of starvation—scarcely ever does he die here; a fact, by the way, which in part accounts for our rapid increase in population, and which should be attributed to our exceedingly invigorating atmosphere here in the foothills of Mount Tacoma, combined with a certain amount of sea breezes.

Order of the Golden West. Seattle Chapter, No. 1, transacted its routine business at the last regular meeting, the most notable feature of which was the increase in receipts over previous months. At its next meeting, November 22, the members will devote the time to social entertainment principally.

United Workmen. Thanksgiving night a joint entertainment will be given by Seattle Lodge, No. 66, of the United Workmen, and the department of the degree of honor throughout the state is increasing in membership and interest. During the past month over seventy members have been admitted to the lodge in this jurisdiction is Unity Lodge, No. 47, of Port Townsend.

Women of Woodcraft. Palm Court, No. 66, met in regular session Wednesday evening. Officers and members are all working diligently to make this circle one of the largest and most profitable on the Pacific coast.

The Eastern Star. Myrtle Chapter intends giving another of its charming socials next Monday evening at Elks' hall. In addition to the refreshments, a delightful program will be rendered.

PERSONAL. Mrs. J. J. Murphy, of Sultan, is a guest in the city. Lester W. David, of Blaine, is in town, a guest of the Butler. J. A. Coleman and W. Hawkes, of Everett, are in the city.

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Woodmen of the World. South Seattle and Howe camp gave a very enjoyable social entertainment on Monday evening last at the parlors of the latter camp, 815 First avenue. The program was as follows:

DIGESTION DELAYED BY COFFEE. Postum Aids It. Don't buy old nuts when you can get new ones at LOUGH, AUGUSTINE & CO. 815-817 FIRST AVE.

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WANTED... BUSINESS PROPERTY. We have orders for several more pieces of good business property, improved and unimproved, and for prospective business property. We can promise quick sales.

Parents have been written by "L. Purdy" and made payable to himself. What good it would have done Porter to indorse it has not been made clear, yet Porter lives on the east side of Lake Washington.

AMUSEMENTS. "Tennessee's Partner" Tonight. Tonight the romantic melodrama "Tennessee's Partner," presented by a capable company, will be put on at the Seattle theater. The central figure of the play is a sweet young girl, a part that will be played by Miss Jane Corcoran.

Crawford, Conover & Co. 202 and 203 New York Block.

rents and the police a lot of trouble yesterday and made his mother think he had fallen into the bay. He disappeared and did not come home again until last night. The last seen of him was when his mother sent him down to the shore of Lake Union to bring some wood, which had been piled



"TENNESSEE'S PARTNER."

there for winter use. When he did not return it was thought that he had been drowned. The boy's father is in Alaska.

While making the run to the Kerry fire Saturday morning one of the horses attached to No. 1 horse wagon broke through the planking on Commercial street.

A CHOICE stock of high-grade pianos and organs and everything in the music line at Sherman, Clay & Co.'s, 715 Second avenue.

LATEST songs at Sherman, Clay & Co.'s.

The "CREAMERY" INC. Oyster and Grill Room.

Stormer Bicycle Given Away. With our Teas, Coffees, Spices and Baking Powder. Bicycles and watches real easy to get. Come to our stores and let us tell you how to get them.

ALASKA HOTEL TRADE. Forty-five rooms, furnished, and bar fixtures in building especially located and adapted for Klondike trade. Lease of premises. This is an unequalled opportunity.

10% Profit. Building and lot for sale, \$11,000. Part payment, balance 1 per cent. Will pay 10 per cent. on investment.

THOMAS INVESTMENT CO., Smith Block.

PERFECTION IN LIGHTING. WELSBACH LAMP. A Light That Never Fails.

FREE TO ALL WOMEN. I wish all ladies to know that I am manager of a branch office for the sale of the famous Balm of Gilead, which will positively cure all forms of female weakness.

ZO-ZO. CURES IN 3 TO 7 DAYS. GLOSSON & KELLEY, SEATTLE.

The MacDougall & Southwick Co. Special Bargains for Today Only.

Shaker Flannel. We will place on special sale only 3,000 yards plain white Shaker Flannel, good quality, very soft and warm, the regular 6c flannel.

Brocaded Satin 95c. A new arrival of Brocaded Satin will be placed on special sale this morning at a price that should close the entire lot before the day is done.

Children's Winter Underwear. Underwear. We will place on special sale for today only a line of CHILDREN'S WHITE MERINO SHIRTS, sizes 36 and 34.

China. A handsome line of White China Egg Saucers, Tea Cups and Saucers will be on the bargain table for Monday only. They are the regular 42c dozen quality; we'll sell them today at 10c FOR CUP AND SAUCER.

Stamped Linens. Today is the day to buy Doilies and Table Covers. Here are three very attractive bargains for Monday only: Stamped Linen Doilies, regular price 4c, today 2c each.

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