

TESTIMONY BEING TAKEN.

SETTING OF THE CORONER'S JURY IN THE RAILWAY ACCIDENT. Motorman Boehm Describes Graphicly the Fatal Flight of Electric Car—He Says It Got Away From Him and the Fuse Burned Out.

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. TACOMA, July 11.—The inquest on the bodies of the victims of the Fourth of July street car accident began this afternoon at the courthouse, under the direction of Coroner Hoska. Several witnesses described the accident as seen by them. F. Boehm, the motorman on the car, was at the Fanny Paddock hospital, gave the clearest statement of the affair. The jury adjourned from the court room to the ward in the hospital where Boehm was lying with a badly sprained leg and some severe bruises, where his testimony, together with that of George C. Rott, proprietor of the Monogram, was taken. The motorman stated that he had run for three years on various lines in the particular grade, giving an account of the route with an experienced man, and even though the wheels slipped, he never let go of the brake and turned the reverse current, but the fuse burned out and left him helpless so far as the current was concerned. He believed he would be able to regain control of the car when it passed Tacoma avenue crossing, as the track was generally covered with sand and gravel at the crossing, and he thought the wheels would stick. He tried setting the brake and putting on the sand several times. Each time the wheels slipped, and he was almost blown away. When the sand slipped Tacoma avenue he still had hopes that the car would go around the curve all right, and when it ran about half way around he was hopeful; but when about two-thirds of the way around the curve he saw the wheels slip, and he would have felt the jar if he had, but the car never stopped. The wheels slipped, and the examination of Mr. Boehm was conducted by Judge McMurray, deputy prosecuting attorney, under the direction of Coroner Hoska. Mr. Blackman also asked a number of pertinent questions, as well as several of the jurors. In reply to a question by Mr. Atkin, the juror, the motorman said that even with an empty car he was uncertain whether it could have stopped on that track by the use of the brakes. "Then you mean to say," said Mr. Atkin, "that that track is dangerous, even for an empty car to run over."

"Well, of course there would be more than an empty car, but I think it would be a question. The wheels slid along the rails just like a sled." "Before it turned, you jumped off the car just before it turned, and you saw the car start around the curve, running on the right-hand side of the wheels on the right-hand side of the car up in the air, and an instant later the car turned over and went to the bridge, ten down." Charles Hersey, a laundryman, who was waiting at the other end of the track, came to the car, and he came down the grade at a terrific speed, not less than fifty miles an hour, and when he got to the left-hand side of the car he lifted clear from the rails, and the car went over the edge of the bridge, and he was hurled into the water. A large number of witnesses are subpoenaed, and public opinion is strongly against the railway management. The taking of the testimony will probably consume several days.

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Reception Has Been Arranged for Saturday Evening. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. TACOMA, July 11.—The programme is made up for the banquet to be given by the Pierce County Republican club Saturday evening to Senator Foster and Congressman Jones and Cushman and state leaders of the party. George W. H. Davis, president of the club, will make the welcoming address. Chas. Ruston will act as master of ceremonies. The following gentlemen will speak to toasts: Almas Murphy, Spokane; Carroll B. Graves, Ellensburg; N. B. Coffman, Chehalis; Will E. Humphrey, Seattle; Samuel R. Phipps, Seattle; F. S. Grosscup, A. H. Pukner, Olympia; Charles C. Dalton, B. W. J. S. McMillan, Roche Harbor. The banquet will be held from 7 to 9 o'clock, before the banquet.

QUEER POPULIST REASONING.

New States Fixed Up Every Day Only to Be Broken Down. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. TACOMA, July 11.—The friends of Populists are charging that there is a plot afoot by which ex-Mayor Fawcett is to be made so formidable a candidate before the state convention that he will down Rogers' chance for a reelection, and that then James Hamilton Lewis will be brought forward as the man upon whom all factions of the Populists unite. "We know that their play," said

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Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. OLYMPIA, July 11.—The state land commissioner has approved the sale of timber on 220 acres of school land on section 31, township 28, east, in Snohomish county, to the H. Ames and Sons Lumber & Logging Company. The consideration was \$1,168.18. The commission also approved the sale of timber on 160 acres of school land in section 36, town-

PERILS OF UNPAID BILLS.

Trouble in Store for the Unfortunate Bria Tanner. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. PORT TOWNSEND, July 11.—The unfortunate brig Tanner, which after an auspicious start for Cape Nome with a cargo of dressed lumber in both purposes, stranded on the beach a short distance below Point Wilson, is having a new kind of trouble. Saturday afternoon a heavy gale from the north struck the vessel and a little while later the foremast, announcing that a sail on the Bellingham bay, destroyed the mainmast, and a bill for about \$300.

MATE OF THE SEQUOIA MISSING.

He Has Disappeared and May Have Met With Foul Play. Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer. PORT TOWNSEND, July 11.—Up to date Capt. Burke, of the schooner Sequoia, has not heard of his mate, who was last seen at Whatcom recently, intending to return here later. The mate was a man of considerable money in his possession, and in the manner in which he has disappeared and entirely disappearing, it is believed that he was met with foul play at the hands of somebody who knew of his money. The Bellingham bay police are making stren-