

RAILROAD'S FATE
MANAGES COMPANY

Punctuation Enters Into
Keene-Harriman
Struggle.

Differing Interpretations of
the Southern Pacific
By-Laws.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NEW YORK, March 16.—It may develop that the success or failure of the effort of T. J. Taylor & Co. to force the Harriman management of the Southern Pacific to change its policy of administration on the punctuation of a single sentence in the by-laws of the Southern Pacific Company.

Already an issue has been taken on the reading of a sentence in section 5 of the by-laws. On a contrary issue authorities say the fate of a railroad system more than nine thousand miles in length depends, providing that the Taylor-Keene party succeeds in its effort to prevent the Union Pacific voting its Southern Pacific stock at the coming annual meeting of the latter company.

According to the reading of section 5 of the by-laws by the Keene party a quorum is made by a majority of the capital stock present, in person or by proxy. In other words, if only 100 shares were represented, 50 shares would constitute a quorum. The Harriman party maintains, however, that a majority of the \$100,000,000 capital stock has to be present before a quorum is made.

Following the reading of section 5 of the by-laws made in the new company Southern Pacific book issued by T. J. Taylor & Co., which they say is a correct transcript from the charter as filed in the State of Kentucky:

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Here, however, is the way the Harriman party reads the same sentence:

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In the first instance the comma appears after the word "present," the sense being that a majority of the stock present shall constitute a quorum. In the second sentence the comma comes before the word "present," giving an entirely different meaning.

RECKLESS
OF BURDOCK

Hackman Tells of Man
Who Visited House
of Mystery.

Says Stranger's Clothing Was
Similar to That Worn
by Pennell.

Another Witness Will Give Testimony
Contradicting the Statements
of Mrs. Hull.

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BUFFALO, N. Y., March 16.—How a man whose identity is unknown hired a cab a few hours before the murder was committed and asked to be driven to Ashland avenue and Bryant street, not far from Edwin L. Burdick's house, was described by William V. Delahunt, a cab driver, at the Burdick inquest today. Delahunt said he was driving down Main street at about midnight when he was hailed by a man standing in front of the Tift house. Delahunt took the man to within a short distance of Burdick's house. After the murder, the driver explained, he had been taken to the District Attorney's office and there was confronted by Arthur Pennell. Beyond the fact that Pennell wore an overcoat and hat similar to those on his passenger, Delahunt would indicate no other points of resemblance. Pennell, he said, was a man of about 35 years of age, of medium build, with dark hair and eyes, and a mustache.

That Mrs. Hull, Burdick's mother-in-law, was in the cellar of the Burdick house in the company of a man on the morning of the discovery of Burdick's body, will be sworn to by Alfred Brookman.

This witness the police have been holding in reserve, protecting him with all possible secrecy. Brookman says he heard a woman in the cellar while he was cleaning up the house. He said he had taken voice as that of Mrs. Hull. A man with her heard a sound in the direction of the furnace and asked in startled tones: "Who is that?"

Mrs. Hull has denied repeatedly that she was in the cellar on the day the tragedy was discovered.

DR. MARCY QUESTIONED.

Dr. William H. Marcy, the Burdick family physician, was the first witness called to-day. Dr. Marcy said he had been the physician for the Burdicks for about seven years and also had treated Mrs. Hull professionally.

Dr. Marcy said he received a telephone message from the Murray girl, one of Mrs. Burdick's maids, at 8 o'clock on the morning after the murder. He was met at the door of the Burdick home by Mrs. Hull.

"What did she say to you?" asked District Attorney Coatesworth.

PROGRESSIVE
STONES SOLDIERS

Troops Open Fire on
Assailants and Kill
Eight Persons.

Serious Rioting at Coimbra
Follows Strike of Cobra
Holders.

MADRID, March 16.—During the rioting at Coimbra, Portugal, yesterday, caused by the refusal of the inhabitants to pay their taxes, a mob attacked the Courts of Justice, broke up the furniture and stoned the troops, who replied with a volley.

According to a dispatch to El Liberal from Coimbra, the Portuguese Government has prohibited the sending out of news regarding the rioting, but it is known that the tax collectors have fled and that a veritable revolution exists. El Liberal adds that a state of siege was proclaimed at Coimbra four days ago and that the disturbances continue. Eight inhabitants, if states were killed and a number of persons, including several soldiers, were wounded.

LISBON, March 16.—The troubles at Coimbra started on March 11 with a strike of stallholders in the market against an order to renew their licenses. Riots ensued, the whole working class and the students sympathizing with the stallholders in their protest against the arbitrary action of the authorities. The number of rioters amounted to 10,000. The police and the military were powerless to cope with the rioters and large forces of troops were summoned from neighboring towns. The Civil Governor, after receiving a deputation, which put the grievances of the stallholders before him, declared that the protests were justified and promised to intercede in their behalf. This, however, failed to pacify the malcontents. The censorship conceals what happened since. The corporation and citizens of Coimbra telegraphed appeals to the King for justice.

NEW ELECTRIC ROAD
FOR NORTHERN COUNTIES
Capitalists Said to Plan a Line From
Sacramento Into Placer
and Yuba.

SACRAMENTO, March 15.—It is expected that within a few days articles of incorporation for a great electric road enterprise will be filed. I. Myers of San Francisco, who is said to represent European and Eastern capitalists, has been in this city for some time past looking for rights of way for an electric road to run from Sacramento to the orchard districts along the Sacramento and American rivers, thence through Placer County to a point near Smartsville, in Yuba County, where some rich copper mines have been opened.

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Harris made this statement:

I wish to deny there is the slightest ground, so far as I can learn from the newspaper articles, for assuming that Kearney was murdered, and if there are any facts tending to show he was foully dealt with I fail to see why that newspaper's article is written in such a way as to cast suspicion upon myself as being implicated in the deed. Subsequent to the publication of the story of the suicide I was unaware of the existence of this man Kearney, and upon the day of his murder, January 23, the court records will show I appeared and tried a case in Judge Brown's court in Sacramento, and records will show I was here on preceding and succeeding days. It can also be shown by conclusive proof that I was in Sacramento during the entire month of January.

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Assembly bill 307, by Weger, providing for the protection of livery stable men and to prevent the overdriving or malicious abuse of horses.

Assembly bill 21, by Killingsworth, empowering Boards of Supervisors to maintain fire-alarms on taxable property.

Assembly bill 686, by Lewis, allowing Treasurers of counties of the twelfth class to appoint deputies.

Assembly bill 521, by Waste, relating to the transfer to the Regents of the State University of lands acquired by tax sales.

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A party of seventeen workmen arrived at Kewick Station on the delayed overland train at 2:30 o'clock this morning. The men sought employment at the smelter. The strikers were informed of their coming, and sixty, armed with pistols and clubs, massed at the station. They were determined that the workmen should not attempt to take care, or, at all events, should not be allowed to proceed to the smelter.

The Citizens' Protective Committee, knowing that the laborers would be down on the delayed train, and learning also that the strikers had assembled at the depot, prepared to offset the strikers' plans and to escort the newcomers to the smelter. There were about twenty of the committee, armed with clubs.

FIGHT WITH CLUBS.

As the train pulled into the station and the laborers alighted the strikers attempted to make a rush for them. They ran in a body toward the little group of men, who were considerably alarmed at the sight of the mob of strikers and violence and one of the strangers was assaulted and knocked down. This was a signal for the Citizens' Committee to take a hand and protect the newcomers.

At a word from the leader the members of the committee formed a semicircle around the small band of frightened laborers. The committee faced the strikers and there was a pitched battle. The strikers, though armed with revolvers, were afraid to use them, and depended upon their numbers and clubs to make a successful rush. The committee members stood firm and wielded clubs in such a manner that five strikers were placed hors de combat and the remaining assailants fled from the determined citizens.

The five men who were hurt by the citizens' club were taken to the hospital, "mulligan" and cared for. The committee members then escorted the strangers to the smelter and safely installed them at work.

MINERS AT WORK.

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At present the city is paying a large rental for the building used as the Golden Gate Park station. The Commissioners figure that money can be saved by the construction of a new building with public funds and recommend that a station be placed in the park near the new hospital. They also will recommend that the Harbor station, which was recently occupied by the department, be purchased at a cost of \$34,000. The Board of Supervisors may not hesitate to endorse the most reasonable recommendation as the city has an option on the property and has paid \$100 for the privilege of purchasing. The building is in a good location for harbor police and commercial district purposes. All plans will be fully discussed at tonight's meeting, and the petition will soon be forwarded to the Supervisors.

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CENTRAL PACIFIC BOND
ISSUE IS ATTACKED

Minority Stockholders Ask Federal
Court to Declare It Null
and Void.

NEW YORK, March 16.—United States Circuit Court was asked to-day by Walter Shoreland and G. E. Emily Arnold, minority stockholders of the Central Pacific Railroad, a California corporation, to declare null and void and fraudulent the \$120,000,000 of bonds issued by the Southern Pacific Company and the Central Pacific Railroad Company.

The complaint states that the Central Pacific Railroad Company is the owner of railroads in the State of California and that the laws of that State do not permit a railway corporation to issue bonds in excess of its capital stock. In 1888, the complainants, the defendants organized under the laws of Utah, the Central Pacific Railway Company and the Central Pacific Railroad Company was induced to transfer all of its properties, rights and franchises to the Utah corporation. The latter, the complainants charged, possessed no property, was entirely without financial responsibility and the transfer was made without consideration, was void, fraudulent and illegal.

COLONIST TRAFFIC
STILL INCREASING

Encouraging Statement of West-
bound Travel Made by the South-
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LAND LOCATORS
SINK IN SNOW

Travelers Have Almost
Fatal Experience
in Modoc.

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The party had started out on snowshoes to investigate some timber land locations that had recently been made by W. B. Walker, who is taking up much land in the county. The party, which consisted of ex-County Clerk Marion Hughes, Thompson, Attorney Henderson and J. Jackson, had a most difficult trip and encountered a terrific blizzard. The men were most of the time waist-deep in the snow and the wind was blowing in faces to bear up, and the wind was blowing a gale. Thompson at one time nearly lost his life. He disappeared beneath the snow and it was with considerable difficulty that his companions dug him out. The men finally arrived at Ballard's Mill, more dead than alive from exhaustion.

The storm that is in progress in Modoc is one of almost unprecedented severity. It began snowing early in the morning Saturday and twelve inches of snow has fallen since. The temperature has fallen below zero. This has occurred but once in twenty years, the last being on March 4, 1890, when the mercury fell to 15 degrees below zero.

STEAMER ALAMEDA MAKES
EXCEPTIONALLY FAST RUN
Averages About Fifteen Knots Dur-
ing Her Last Trip From This
Port to Honolulu.

CORPSE MAKES
DOCTORS MARVEL

Medical Men Try to Re-
store the Life of
a Youth.

TACOMA, March 16.—Efforts are still being made to bring life back into the body of Thomas Guslander, a young man who is said to have died last Tuesday at Tumwater of inflammatory rheumatism. Opinions differ as to whether life is entirely extinct. The physicians and undertaker, though mystified at first, now agree that the young man is dead. His mother refuses to give him up and will not consent to his burial. Rigor mortis, the stiffening which invariably sets in after death, has not made its appearance in this case, the body being as limp to-day as it was a week ago before the man's supposed sudden death. No signs of mortification have appeared. His mother thinks there is still warmth in his hands, but a pink tinge is observable on the finger tips and on one ear.

Undertaker Whiteside asserts that in some instances bodies remain perfectly limp after death, as with Guslander. Saturday the young man's body was submitted to electrical treatment at the request of the mother in the hope of producing some signs of life. The electrical battery was used vigorously with the result of bringing something like life into the hands. There is no respiration and the physicians agree that there is no circulation.

SENSATIONAL SUICIDE
OF AN IOWA LABORER

IOWA CITY, Iowa, March 16.—Jacob Brum, a workman, ended his life to-day in a sensational manner. He loaded a gun with a broken-cornered file, and the trigger being broken, he placed the butt of the gun in his stomach and the muzzle against his breast and waited for the heat to fire the weapon. The file went through his heart.

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