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HARRIMAN'S SUCCESSOR

Life Story of Robert Scott Lovett, Acting Head of the Late Financier's Great Railroad Systems.

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ROBERT SCOTT LOVETT, the successor of Edward H. Harriman in the railroad world, has not been widely known to the public, although for some years he has been vice president and general counsel of the Harriman lines. He is forty-nine years old, began life as a Texas plowboy, became clerk in a store, next a station agent, then clerk in a freight office, studied law at night, admitted to the bar at the age of twenty-two, was a railroad attorney almost from the beginning and has gone up step by step until he is now one of the big figures in the railroad world. In appearance he is rather tall and large of frame, is brusque in manner, smooth shaven, with a typical southern face that is rather austere in its lines, but can break into a smile on occasion. His title of "Judge" is merely one of courtesy, as he never occupied the bench. His main characteristics are will power, tireless energy and ability as an organizer. He it was who handled the legal end of the Harriman consolidations. He has been credited with a most intimate knowledge of the dead railroad king's methods and purposes and was virtually chosen for the succession by Mr. Harriman himself. It was the running of a railroad through his father's farm that fired

Texas Plowboy Who Achieved Success by His Tireless Energy and Ability as an Organizer.

managed to study law and kept up his reading at Houston. In 1882 he was admitted to the bar and returned to his home county to practice. When the Houston East and West Texas railway went into the hands of a receiver he became an attorney of the road and later general counsel. From this time forward his advancement was rapid. In 1889 he was made assistant attorney of the Texas and Pacific and two years later became general counsel. He was soon known as one of the foremost railroad lawyers in Texas, joined the firm of Baker, Botts, Baker & Lovett and in time attracted the attention of Harriman through his connection with litigation of the Southern Pacific and his work in organizing the Houston and Texas Central. Of this road Harriman made Lovett president and in 1904 chose him general counsel of the Southern Pacific interests in the state.

Harriman's Right Hand.

One of the secrets of E. H. Harriman's power was his ability in picking lieutenants. He differed in methods from James J. Hill, who looks after every detail of his properties. The master of the Pacific lines left details to subordinates. He worked out a

spirit in control will be that of Harriman. His system survives him. The men he trained will follow his methods. For a little man he will cast a long shadow athwart the American railroad world.

As Harriman's most trusted lieutenant Judge Lovett will be the chief factor in continuing the dead financier's rule. Though so unlike physically the two men are similar in origin and in mental characteristics. Both started as poor boys, and both won through sheer will power, mental grasp and constructive ability. Both have been organizers and builders, and both are examples of the opportunity that America gives to those who work and who dare to dream and to do big things.

GUARANTEED BANK PAYS

Oklahoma Institution Settles With Depositors After Failure.

New York, Oct. 5.—The Oklahoma law guaranteeing bank depositors has been found to work satisfactorily in the instance of the Columbia Bank & Trust Company, which failed for more than \$3,000,000, according to a dispatch received from A. M. Young, the Oklahoma bank commissioner. Mr. Young said:

"The Oklahoma banking law is a complete success, even against the persistent opposition of a strong element of the other class of bankers. We adjust the affairs of embarrassed state banks with perfect ease in a very few days and with no public clamor whatever."

Kansas Condemns Beards.

Topeka.—If Dr. Crumline, of the Kansas State Board of Health, succeeds in his new reform of cutting off whiskers which have made a certain brand of politics famous in this state, thousands of people will rise up and call him blessed. Dr. Crumline in the interest of public health, declares that long, unkempt beards are nothing short of nesting and breeding places for germs.

No Perpetual Rights.

Goldfield, Nev., Oct. 3.—The American Mining Congress closed its 12th session after adopting a resolution calling upon the national government to legislate against perpetual franchises for water power or water rights in Western states, and urging that similar state legislation be passed without waiting for congressional action.

THREE MEN WILL SUCCEED HARRIMAN

Will Continue the Policies of Dead Magnate.

New York, Oct. 5.—Since the death of E. H. Harriman several conferences have been held in this city with a view to determining the future course to be pursued by the lines which constitute the Harriman system.

Although Robert S. Lovett stands in Harriman's shoes, it is evident that the two great forces on the lines, so far as doing things are con-



JOHN C. STUBBS.

cerned, are now Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation, and J. C. Stubbs, director of traffic. These two men are of greater authority than presidents of railroads, and together with Mr. Lovett will form a triumvirate that will be invincible, even against the directorates of the companies which will be guided by them.

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NEWS OF IDAHO STATED IN BRIEF

TELEGRAPHIC CHRONICLE OF STATE HAPPENINGS.

13-YEAR-OLD BOY FIREBUG

Albert Stoeker Confesses to Many Incendiaries and Implicates Relative.

Mostow.—At the hearing of Albert Stoeker, a 13-year-old boy, who has confessed to having burned the Maccafee's hall, Christian church, two schoolhouses and three head of horses in Viola and set his own father's cow shed and 25 tons of hay on fire one night and then next fired the implement building, Sheriff Robbins caused another thrill in the incendiary case. Robbins is a brother of ex-Deputy Sheriff Grant Robbins, who secured the confession, and said the boy told him, while repeating his confession, that his brother-in-law, a rural mail carrier out of Palouse, had promised to give Albert Stoeker \$25 if he would burn the Viola Buildings.

Under the Idaho statute, it is said, when a boy under 16 commits a misdemeanor the probate judge may send him to the state industrial school, but when the offense is a felony the offender must be prosecuted in the district court and may be sent to the state reform school at St. Anthony.

Shortage Found at Nampa Depot.

Nampa.—C. K. Reed, the Oregon Short Line ticket agent, who left mysteriously with a young telephone operator, has been checked up completely in the ticket office and it is alleged that he has taken two tickets for the runaway performance from a stock of about 10,000 reserve tickets in the office that he knew could not be checked over in less than four or five days.

Bliss Bad Man at Large.

Shoshone.—Charles Bray, who shot Deputy Sheriff Padgett at Bliss last week, while the latter was attempting to arrest him for endangering the lives of others by shooting his gun promiscuously while in a drunken frenzy, is still at large. Padgett is resting easy and may recover.

Wealthy Estate in Litigation.

Hailey.—Many prominent people of Idaho are in attendance upon the United States land office in this city, where a hearing is on to determine the character of 160 acres of land adjacent to the upper Salmon Falls. The property is estimated to be worth \$1,000,000.

Flemming Case Again in Court.

Boise.—A transcript has been filed in the supreme court in the appeal of the case of the State vs. John Flemming, convicted September 15, 1905, of murder in the first degree. Flemming was tried and convicted in the Lincoln county district court.

Many Acres Are Settled.

Lewiston.—During September local land officials accepted homestead filings on over 15,000 acres. While the major part of the filings were confined to the township near Dent, Idaho, filings on scattering claims exceeded similar filings for several years.

Idaho Livestock Exhibit at Seattle.

Weiser.—Idaho is represented at the Seattle stock show by two exhibitors, the Butterfield Livestock Company of Weiser, and J. A. Knoline of Soda Springs. This is the first time that Idaho has entered stock at one of the large shows.

Ex-Governor Gooding Assists Drys.

Shoshone.—Ex-Governor Gooding has accepted the presidency of the Lincoln County Temperance Association to lead the campaign for a dry county. The association has filed a petition for a special election to be held November 17.

File Local Option Petition.

Lewiston.—A petition has been filed with the clerk of the board of county commissioners asking that body to call a special election to vote on the question of shutting out the saloons from Nez Perce county.

Bass for Spirit Lake.

Spirit Lake.—Through the efforts of J. A. Borden, the United States bureau of fish and game has forwarded 2,000,000 bass and trout, which have been placed in Spirit Lake.

SHORT NEWS NOTES.

Rear-Admiral W. S. Schley, retired, has canceled all engagements for entertainments in New York and will seek seclusion.

The Lord Mayor of London has announced his intention of opening a Mansion House fund to assist Captain Robert F. Scott to raise money for his expedition to plant the Union Jack at the South Pole.

Orders for equipment and power have just been placed by Harriman lines which will bring the total expenditures for this purpose during the last six months up to fully \$17,000,000.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company pleaded guilty in the United States District Court in San Francisco to rebating and was fined \$1000. The maximum penalty is \$10,000.

A dispatch from Fez says inquiries show that El Roghl, the pretender to the throne of Morocco, who was executed at Fez in the middle of September, was put to death by Sultan Mulai Hafid himself under circumstances of revolting cruelty.

The trial of Patrick Calhoun on a charge of having offered a bribe to a San Francisco supervisor has been continued until November 15, at the request of the defense.

Submission of a law providing for state-wide prohibition will probably be an issue in the next session of the Virginia legislature.

Congressman W. S. Hammond, the only Democratic congressman from Minnesota, may become a candidate to succeed the late Governor John A. Johnson.

Governor Glascock of West Virginia has announced that he is in favor of an income tax amendment to the federal constitution, and will use his influence to have the next legislature ratify such an amendment. An extra session of the legislature will be called this fall.

Experiments with bog peat by experts of the United States geological survey are expected to produce from the marshes of the United States a new fuel to take the place of the rapidly disappearing coal supply.

A requisition was honored by the Governor of Washington for B. Feister, wanted in Marion county, Or., for breaking into a box car and stealing a \$25 oil lamp.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad has ordered 250 all steel passenger cars, of which 160 are for the western coast extension.

Representatives of 11 governments are attending the 18th annual meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons in the United States, now in session in Washington, D. C.

In view of the Polar controversy, the board of directors of the National Geographic Society at a special meeting to determine the attitude it should assume toward Dr. Cook on the occasion of his visit to Washington, D. C., to deliver a lecture on his Arctic experiments, decided not to recognize Dr. Cook in an official way.

Mrs. Charles T. Yerkes has finally arranged for a settlement of the fight over her husband's estate. It is said she will get virtually a third interest in the value of the estate.

Secretary Dickinson finds nothing to criticize in the action of General Grant in taking part in a temperance and law-enforcing parade in Chicago in his uniform as a Major-General of the United States army.

Tammam Hall has accepted the candidature for Mayor of New York and has nominated Judge William J. Gaynor for Mayor.

Land Sold for Six Cents an Acre.

Coeur d'Alene.—During the quarter ending September 30, 1909, the government disposed of 45,279 acres of land in this land district, located in Bonner, Kootenai and Shoshone counties, for which it received less than six cents per acre.

Large Gun to Be Given Trial.

Washington, Oct. 5.—Advices have been received in Washington to the effect that the giant 14-inch breech-loading gun being built at the works of the Midvale Steel Company, of Philadelphia, for the navy department, and which when completed will be the largest and most powerful naval weapon in the world is nearing completion. If the delivery is prompt its official tests may be conducted at the naval proving grounds at Indian Head, Md., in October or November.

MANY KILLED IN MINE DISASTER

FIRE FOLLOWS GAS EXPLOSION AT ROSLYN, WASH.

SHAFT IS FURNACE BLAST

Destruction of the Shaft Will Materially Affect the Coal Supply of the State.

Roslyn, Wash., Oct. 4.—Fifteen men are believed to have been killed or fatally injured in an explosion of gas in the shaft of Mine No. 4, of the Northwestern Improvement Co., Sunday afternoon.

The mine in the neighborhood of the shaft is burning fiercely, flames rushing through the shaft with an awful roar. The electric pumps are cut off and the water supply in the city is very low. It is thought the fire in the shaft will not affect the other mines, but it may be six months before the shaft can be put in working condition again.

The cause of the explosion is unknown. The fire bosses had just left the mine and had reported all well. Had the accident occurred on a working day, loss of life, it is feared, would have been appalling.

The mines of the Northwestern Improvement Company are the largest in the state and have a producing capacity of 8000 tons a day and employ 2500 men. The loss of the shaft will materially affect the coal supply of the state.

The calamity is the worst that that has befallen the city of Roslyn since the big explosion on May 10, 1892, when 50 lives were lost. The loss to the mine and buildings is estimated and \$80,000.

QUICK COAST MAIL SERVICE

Great Northern to Run St. Paul to Seattle in 47 1-2 Hours.

Seattle, Oct. 5.—Arrangements have been completed by the postmaster general to take advantage of the fast train put on recently by the Great Northern for the transportation of mails between St. Paul and Seattle. Service from all principal Eastern points will be linked with this new service. The running time of this new train from St. Paul to Seattle is 47 1-2 hours.

The Great Northern fast mail train has a schedule similar to that of the new fast mail train announced by the Harriman lines. The latter train will have a running time between Chicago and Portland of 60 hours.



ROUTE TAKEN BY COOK.

The most interesting and important problem that has confronted geographers in many years is the comparison of the routes taken by Cook and Peary. The Cook route lies to the westward of that taken by Commander Peary.

American Farmers Flock to Canada.

Winnipeg, Oct. 6.—American farmers by the tens of thousands are now pouring over the boundary into the Canadian west. According to a statement made by the deputy minister of the Interior at Ottawa, the invasion of Americans into Canada will total over 70,000 for the present year.

May Buy Out Hudson Bay Co.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 5.—It is rumored here that Harrod's London department stores are considering the purchase of the wholesale and retail mercantile business of the Hudson Bay Company and all its branches, extending nearly across the continent.



SNAPSHOT OF JUDGE ROBERT SCOTT LOVETT AND HIS NIECE, MISS FINCH, ON THE STREET.

young Lovett's imagination. When the first construction train pulled in the boy saw it from over a hill and could scarcely wait to unhitch his team from the plow in his haste to examine the engine. The story is told that he then and there vowed to be the boss of that railroad, an ambition that he lived to realize.

I suppose similar tales have been told of millions of other American boys, but the distinctive thing about this lad's boast was that he made good. It was not an easy task, as his first connection with that particular road was as a teamster, pulling out old stumps, handling a scraper and drawing ties and dirt—not a very promising start, but the ability to climb is more important than the material composing the first rung of the ladder.

system and carefully picked his men to work under the system. From his first contact with Lovett he reposed confidence in the six foot southern lawyer, took him to New York, made him general counsel of all the Harriman roads and chose him as vice president and acting president. Wall street soon knew Lovett as Harriman's right hand. He it was who stood between his master and the interstate commerce commission when the onslaught was made on Harriman during the Roosevelt administration. He it was who took charge when the railroad king went to Europe in search of health. And when Harriman returned to America to die it was Judge Lovett who was ever closest to him, who was called to Arden in consultation and who was designated to take charge of the greatest transportation system probably ever assembled in private hands.

Judge Lovett is not an operating man and hence will probably have little to do with that end of the Harriman properties. But even though he is not the technical head in an operating sense he will be the legal and financial head. This is assured by his election as chairman of the executive committee of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific. In addition he is an official of several transportation lines.

It is probable that Judge Lovett will be chosen to succeed Mr. Harriman in the management or directorate of other properties, including the Pacific steamship lines. Whoever is the nominal head of these properties, however, the