

HARRIMAN HOLDS 50,000 MILES OF RAILROAD

The investigation of the Harriman merger, begun in Seattle recently by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane, and continued in Portland, has brought out some astonishing figures covering the railroad property represented by the Harriman ownership.

Harriman is in control of the Union Pacific, Oregon Short Line, Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co. and the Southern Pacific. These roads have a total mileage of 14,596.43, with a total capitalization of \$936,000,000.

In addition to the above roads Mr. Harriman either owns sufficient capital stock to control or has traffic arrangements with the fol-

lowing roads, so that they are closely allied with him: The Baltimore & Ohio, with a mileage of 4,523.04; Illinois Central, 4,374.04 miles; Chicago & Alton, 915.23 miles; St. Joseph & Grand Island, 251 miles; San Pedro & Los Angeles, 512.33 miles. These roads represent a total mileage of 10,575.63 miles.

Purchases of stock by either himself or his associates have given him influence in the following railroads: Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, with a mileage of 9,303.93; New York Central, 12,543.56 miles; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, 7,135.75, and the Northwestern, 7,408.13.

THE STREET CAR INSECT

The would-be Romeo, the street-car gallant, is a person well worth attention, if for no other reason than amusement, as his antics are certainly amusing at times.

He is the man who lives to have pretty girls occupy the same seat with him and makes every effort to entice them to do so. If perchance he enters a car carrying a number of female passengers, regardless of the number of vacant seats he will readily pick the seat next the prettiest girl on the car and slide into it with a sigh. He revels in the nearness of some fluffly bit of femininity. He thrills with the occasional contact of a dainty arm. When the car rounds a curve and the sweet thing beside him sways far over and bears her small weight on his manly shoulder—then is when the streetcar gallant draws a long, quivering sigh of utter bliss.

When the evening rush is on, the streetcar gallant may be found waiting on a downtown corner, generally at Riverside and Howard, if going east or north.

She plants her little feet on the rung of the seat ahead. Thither strays the vision of the gallant. He may see nothing but two tips of patent leather, or he may catch a glimpse of an adorable ankle. In either case the gallant considers himself well rewarded. Game has come to his net. He throbs with the keen exhilaration of a true sportsman.

It might be stated that the street car gallant has another object in attracting women to the seat beside him. This is to insure his seat to the end of his journey. With women occupying the aisle seat beside him, he does not feel constrained to give up his seat to less attractive women who may be standing.

These two things the streetcar gallant strives for: The thrills from the pretty creature at his side and the comfort of a seat the whole length of his ride.

SUES FOR \$19,000

A complaint alleging damages of \$19,000 was filed in the superior court this morning by the firm of Carney, Brande & Clark against H. Vogel & Co. On Feb. 15, 1906, alleges the complaint, Vogel contracted to deliver several carloads of telegraph, telephone and electric poles to the plaintiffs at Clarks Fork, Idaho, but violated the contract.

SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY BALL.

Bakers and Confectioners' union No. 74 has issued neat invitations to the organization's seventh anniversary ball to be given tomorrow evening at Masonic temple.

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LIVED HIGH AND CHARGED IT TO STATE

OLYMPIA, Jan. 25.—The progress of the legislative inquiry into the expense accounts of the state railroad commission is bringing that organization into the limelight as one of the costliest adjuncts of the administration.

As an instance, Commissioner McMillin lived at the Reliance club in Seattle at the expense of the state and it cost the people about \$1 every time McMillin wanted to travel he required the drawing room car. The bill was sent in and paid by the state.

Fairchild got the habit of charging everything up to the state also, as his hotel bills contracted while in Olympia, where he is supposed to have headquarters, show. A hotel bill of \$60 for eight days in Washington, D. C., was dug up against Commissioner Lawrence. The latter explained that he had innocently wandered into a high priced house and it took him more than a week to find it out.

The commission also had a taste for fine furniture as well as nice things to eat. It bought a sofa for \$95 and chairs at \$50 each. And it was a generous body to other state departments withal, for it used up \$1,000 worth of stamps, part of which were stuck on boom literature under the immigration commission sent out. The state paid the bills.

The railroad commission was also prolific of a few good jobs. Clyde Hadley, Supreme Court Judge Hadley's son, is drawing salary from the commission allowance and acting as administration publicity agent, whatever that is, in the governor's office. C. A. Snowden had some nice trips around the country as secretary to the commission. What work he did is not shown.

In defense of their actions Commissioners Fairchild and Lawrence were before the committee yesterday. Lawrence argued that the commission had saved shippers of the state \$150,000 in rate reductions. Fairchild argued that all the expense had been incurred in ascertaining whether the roads were overcharging. This has not yet been discovered by the commission, as it will have to learn all the cost and incidentals of railroad construction before it can arrive at a conclusion.

The only state railroad commission investigation yet made productive of a report was the fuel famine inquiry at Tacoma. That resulted in a whitewash for the companies, although the fuel situation is still desperate on the Sound.

As a result of the discussion of the commission's extravagance Hutchinson, of Spokane, offered a resolution calling for a searching investigation. McMillin was the special object of his attack. Hutchinson declared this member had been paid \$6,000 for which the state had no return. He also showed that McMillin was a favored shipper while serving as commissioner. On motion the resolution was referred to the railroads committee.

FUNERAL TOMORROW

The remains of Mrs. Jennie Brundage, age 69, who died yesterday morning at 1612 College av., will be buried tomorrow afternoon from the undertaking parlors of Smith & Co., Dean Alfred Lockwood of All Saints officiating. Interment will be in Fairmount cemetery.

Deceased was the widow of Byron Brundage, who died in 1895. At one time they were among the heaviest taxpayers in the city. They built the Brundage block on Post st., near Riverside av. Mrs. Brundage is survived by four daughters, two of them married.

AIMS BLOW AT CUPID

OLYMPIA, Jan. 25.—Howard A. Hansen, of King county, has introduced an anti-elopement bill in the house that will put a damper on the wooing of girls under 18. It makes it a crime with a fine of from \$50 to \$100 for any man to entice a female under 18 from her home for any purpose.

A youth could not even take his girl sweetheart to church or stroll along the flowery paths of public parks. He would have to confine his love making to casting sheep's eyes at the girl at long range.

It is intimated that the whole affair is a scheme put up by the old maids to eliminate competition on the part of the younger and more sprightly damsels.

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"SHIRT SLEEVES" MAN TO BUILD THE CANAL



A young man, a southern man, a man who "does things," is likely to build the Panama canal. W. J. Oliver, of Knoxville, who with Anson M. Bangs made the low on the work under the contract plan, says it is his ambition to build the canal, even if he loses a fortune on it. If no technicalities prevent it he will get the work.

Bangs has one-third share in the contract, so Oliver is "it."

Oliver was born in Massachusetts, but lived since youth in the south. He began in a small way as a gypsum miner in South Carolina. Then he went in as a contractor, beginning with small awards, until now he is doing several million dollars' worth of railroad work. His biggest task at this time is driving

SO GENEROUS HE HAD TO BORROW TO REACH HOME

"Mike Kelly was one of the most generous and tender hearted men who ever played professional ball," said an old time player during a



recent fanning bee. "One night during the last winter Kelly spent in Chicago I happened to meet him at the corner of Madison and Dearborn sts. It was zero weather and Mike was complaining of a forlorn looking chap, with a four day growth of beard on his face, turned the corner. He had no overcoat and his face was blue with the cold. Suddenly Kelly halted the man and insisted on shaking hands with him. "Blamed if I have laid eyes on

you since we played that exhibition game in Peoria two seasons ago!" exclaimed Kelly. "How is the world using you?"

"Pretty tough," muttered the disconsolate minor leaguer. "I'm cold as a frozen river."

"Come with me, cull," said Kelly, leading the man into a neighboring cafe. "I'm burning up with the heat and I want to have a talk with you, old pal."

"Half an hour later Kelly and the stranger parted company. The shabby stranger had on Mike's big ulster, and, what's more, had money in his pockets. After he disappeared, Kelly turned to me and said:

"Stake me to cab hire. I've got to get back home and get my other quilt or I'll freeze stiff."

"I never asked Kel for the details of that little sample of practical charity, but I do know that he had given up his ulster and all his money to a ball player he had not met in years, and one he only knew in a casual way at that."

JUNK MAN ACQUITTED

A verdict was read by the jury in Judge Poindexter's court this morning in which James Sullivan, junk dealer, was found not guilty of the charge of receiving stolen property. Detective McDermott, of the Inland Empire Electric railroad, worked up the case but yesterday his witnesses were not found. McDermott charged Sullivan with buying brass and copper which boys stole from his company.

BRAWNY SCOTS CELEBRATE

The British Benevolent society held a smoker and entertainment at Masonic temple last night in honor of Robert Burns, the Scottish poet. More than 300 people bought tickets at \$1 apiece. All nationalities participated in the hilarity, but Scots were in the majority. The program included addresses, Scottish songs, sword dances and highland flings.

DIAMOND SAVES HER LIFE

Special Correspondence to The Press
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—Crushed between two car seats in a wrecked car on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Terra Cotta on Dec. 30, Mrs. Charles A. Proctor was saved from death by the glint of light falling from a lantern upon two diamond rings that she wore upon her hand. Mrs. Proctor and her husband were the only persons on the car who escaped death. Proctor received severe injuries that will make him a cripple for life, while his wife sustained less severe internal injuries. Both are in the hospital here.

"I probably owe my life to two diamond rings," said Mrs. Proctor. "A searcher came down the tracks with a lantern. The rays from this shone against my jewels and by this



method I was released. On regaining consciousness my first thoughts were of Mr. Proctor.

"When at last I found him he was lying in a ditch by the roadside, almost submerged by water and literally covered with wreckage. I tried so hard to drag him out, but it was an unequal task. Then I took off my coat and furs. These I forced beneath him in an effort to protect him from the water. It was three hours before he was extricated, a bleeding mass. Then, and then only, did I realize that I had been injured."

COAL HOLDUP REVEALED

Now that the fuel situation is somewhat relieved it is beginning to leak out how the railroads arbitrarily refused to "spot" cars of coal for local dealers. An incident that is receiving particular attention is one in which the Great Northern railroad could not find time to bring in town nine cars of coal which the Northwestern Fuel Co. had on a sidetrack near Fort Wright. The railroad refused to haul this coal when the fuel famine was at its height.

The Northern Pacific railroad, during that same period, had a carload of coal sealed in the yards of this fuel company marked "Northern Pacific employees only." The car was not used for three weeks, and then the fuel company appropriated it.

HE TOOK THE MONEY
Theodore Thompson, a saloon porter, was bound over to the superior court under a \$500 bond yesterday by Justice Hinkle for the alleged theft of \$100 from W. R. Tuttle, a butcher. Both men said they had been drinking in the Brunswick bar. The drinks caused Tuttle to become liberal and he gave Thompson \$100, which Thompson began to spend. When Tuttle recovered he approached Thompson and upbraided him for taking advantage of his drunken condition. Thompson denied at first that he had taken the money, but later admitted it and then passed over \$45, all that was left of the amount.

QUAKE IN ALASKA.
FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Jan. 25.—Earthquake shocks are reported at Little Delta today.

PLAN INCREASED EXPENSE IN FACE OF DEFICIT

OLYMPIA, Jan. 25.—The appropriations committee of the senate is wrestling with the certain prospect of a deficit this year unless ways and means are found of increasing revenue.

Exclusive of the \$500,000 demanded for the Seattle exposition the drain on the treasury will amount to \$4,000,000 in the next two years, and there is but \$3,000,000 coming in. If the Seattle appropriation is put through the expense for the coming period will amount to just double the state's income.

In spite of this, however, the judiciary committee voted in favor of the bill increasing the salary of supreme court judges to \$6,000 per year; superior judges in counties of the first class to \$4,500, and other counties \$4,000.

In the face of the certain deficit on account of a general increase in expenses, Rosenhaupt, of Spokane, and Paulhamus, of Pierce, argued that the taxation committee should devote its attention to schemes for increasing the state's income.

FAT JOB FOR OERTER

The Bartenders' union inaugurated a movement to increase the salary of the secretary and business agent, H. N. Oerter, from \$35 per week to \$40 per week. At the time the present salary was adopted the union was not nearly as strong financially or in membership as at present. The union has a membership at present of about 370 and a bank account of \$4,400.

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—Miss Carroll McComas, widely known as "the most beautiful woman of California," has a new recipe for beauty.

Here is what she says:
"If you want to know the easiest way to become beautiful, I will tell you. Plough. Go into the country, get on some old clothes and follow the plough for an hour each morning."

Miss McComas practices what she preaches. Every year she quits Los Angeles for a few months, and enters into the fullest enjoyment of farm life on the ranch of her father, Deputy District Attorney C. C. McComas, at San Dimas, Cal.

Miss McComas has a wide reputation as a whistler and vocalist.