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Oregon Men See Harriman.

New York, Dec. 11.—The Oregon delegation to the National Rivers and Harbors convention went down to this city to enlist President E. H. Harriman, the railroad magnate, in securing the annual appropriation of \$50,000,000 to improve the nation's waterways. We met the gentleman and got what we wanted.

The Union Pacific and Southern Pacific offices are on the fourth floor of the great structure opposite the Trinity building, corner Wall street and Broadway. We presented a letter from one of Mr. Harriman's chief counsel on the Pacific coast, which was presented to the Wizard of Wall Street by his major domo, Colonel Miller. In the meantime the Oregon delegation, consisting of Joseph Teal of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Dr. C. R. Ray, president of the Southern Oregon Development league; Peter Loggie of the Coos Bay Chamber of Commerce, J. T. Peters of the Dalles Commercial club, and myself as president of the Willamette Valley Development league, awaited Mr. Harriman's arrival in the directors' room.

A glance about the great room, with mahogany furniture, velvet plush carpets, and a map forty feet across, showing the Harriman system on a large scale, may be of interest. The new line to Coos bay was on the map, but not the line across the state from Natron to Ontario and Klamath Falls. In this room railroad history has been made. There the \$100,000,000 new S. P. stock was issued soon after Harriman got control. Here the vast cash surplus of the system is ordered disbursed in the purchase of new properties, the construction of new lines, the purchase of steamboat lines, and the rehabilitation of properties like the wornout Central Pacific, Southern Pacific, Chicago & Alton, or any other old road. In this room meet such giants as William G. Rockefeller, H. H. Rogers; H. C. Frick, and James Stillman, who, with Harriman, at present dominate the railroad situation, and beside whom all other multi-millionaires are pigmies. Realizing this, we westerners felt that we were like fliespecks on the wall. The Standard Oil crowd are IT in letters bigger than the columns that front

the approach to the national capitol at Washington, D. C. Soon we were beckoned in and met with a very cordial greeting from Mr. Harriman. I swiftly introduced the delegation representing the four great sections of Oregon. In opening and closing the interview we solicited his assistance in securing permanent appropriations from congress for our rivers and harbors. He jokingly informed us that with government ownership of railways that is what we'd have to do—go down on our knees to congress whenever we wanted any new railroads built. The car shortage was gone over briefly. He expected us to register a great big kick. We only answered questions and left him to register the kick. No crowd ever got a finer reception than did the Oregon delegation.

A glance at the man personally: He is the soul of concentrated business. Not a large man, he has a large, fine head, through which shines brains, energy and astuteness. His head is long both ways, up and down, front and back, has fine lines, keenness being the distinguishing trait, keenness and penetration—you face the edge of a human razor when you face Harriman. But the idea that he is a mere operator, a railroad wrecker and stock manipulator, which is the only picture presented by the yellow press, is untrue. Traveling man told me in crossing the continent that he has improved, modernized, brought up to date, every railroad property he has touched. This is true of his properties in Oregon, his roads clear across to Omaha, the Chicago & Alton and others.

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CARNIVAL CLOSED.

Was the Most Successful Ever Given by Students.

Wallace Trill, as manager of the Willamette university midwinter carnival, is to be congratulated for over-seeing and directing one of the most pleasant and profitable student enterprises which was ever undertaken in this city.

The many committees and departments, backed by a loyal student body, worked in perfect harmony and gave to the public an entertainment which will long be remembered for its life and cleverness.

The citizens responded to the spirit of the students and for two nights and a day hundreds participated in the festivities and for the time returned in spirit to the days when they too were students enjoying the happy associations of college life.

The tableau show, the menagerie, the tea garden, with its daintily gowned maids, and the other attractions too numerous to mention were all entertaining and attractive, and the chorus of young ladies as they sang, "If You Want a Kiss, Why Take It," were almost irresistible.

Mrs. Carlton Smith, Dr. Heritage and Charles Roth, each in turn Saturday evening rendered vocal solos, which were well received and enjoyed.

The Peerless orchestra, assisted by Mr. Harry Beard of Corvallis, in the evenings' program dispersed harmony that would have been a credit to the sweet-voiced sirens.

All who attended were well pleased and it seems to be the unanimous wish that the affair will be repeated next year.

MISSION UNKNOWN.

It is Believed John Barrett Will Look Into Japanese Incident.

Portland, Dec. 17.—That John Barrett, United States minister to Colombia, who arrived at the Portland hotel last night, is on the Pacific coast in connection with the Japanese incident is the belief of business men and politicians of this city. When he was asked by a reporter whether his mission to the Pacific coast was in reference to the trouble between Uncle Sam and the mikado, he replied by saying that it was a question he could not answer.

The situation between the United States and Japan, said Mr. Barrett, is not serious, but could become so. He does not believe that Japan is preparing for war, nor does he believe that the mikado is trying to buy an island in the Hawaiian group for a coaling station.

Mr. Barrett will speak at a dinner in his honor at the Commercial club this evening and will probably touch on the new phases of Asiatic trade relations of the United States and also on present political relations with Japan. It is believed that because of his close relations with President Roosevelt and Secretary Root he will voice their sentiments on the question that is so important to the Pacific coast.



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CLARK COMING TO COOS

Utah and Nevada to Be Built Through Klamath to Coast

(From Portland Journal.)

Washington, Dec. 17.—Colonel Hofer, representing the Willamette valley interests; Peter Loggie of Coos bay, and Senator Fulton of Oregon have had an extended conference with Senator W. A. Clark of Montana, whom the Oregon men wish to have extend his railway system into Oregon.

A branch of Clark's Utah and Nevada system of railroads is now completed to within a comparatively short distance of Goldfield, Nev., and it was represented to Clark that this branch could be extended into Oregon to reach Klamath Falls and the center of the proposed Klamath irrigation district by a practicable route of about 100 miles in length, and an additional 100 miles of construction would take the road to Coos bay.

The Oregon men showed Senator Clark maps and furnished him with statements of the products of the country which the desired extensions would reach, and which the senator said were surprising and gratifying. He was particularly interested in statistics of the timber resources of the region proposed to be tapped by the extension, the demand for this product in Nevada mines being at the present time enormous.

Senator Clark promised he would have experts examine the country and the routes suggested, and received an urgent invitation to visit Oregon personally to look into the situation. Clark was interested in the route from Yaquina bay to the Mount Jefferson country through Santiam pass, operated by the Hammond railway line, which is now for sale, and asked many questions concerning it.

A Western Wonder.

There's a Hill at Bowie, Tex., that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is W. L. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to over 180. He says: "I have suffered with a terrible cough, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Now, after taking 12 bottles, I have more than doubled in weight, and am completely cured." Only sure Cough and Cold cure. Guaranteed by J. C. Perry, druggist; 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

State News

Moro wants a good shoemaker. Petty thefts are prevalent at Athena, Or.

The Aurora band is planning to give a big ball New Year's night.

Grover Kestley of Springfield has been elected manager of the U. of O. football team for the coming year.

The Methodist church of Vale, Or., is holding a doll bazaar, the proceeds to go toward buying a new bell.

Umatilla has formed an athletic club of twenty-two members. Two basket ball teams have been formed.

Mark Boyd, a well known printer of Baker City, and a son of a pioneer family of that place, died Friday.

The new gas plant which is being installed in Pendleton will be ready for operation by the first of the new year.

The Jefferson bridge is now completed except the decking, and there will be no more trouble from high water.

The city of Athena has been awarded the water rights of Green springs on the Umatilla Indian reservation.

The weather in Malheur county is getting very cold and the cattlemen are busy getting their cattle in off the range.

Forest Grove has formed a young men's club, and the citizens will raise enough money to erect a gymnasium.

The Umatilla Social club is arranging to form a stock company and erect a \$1000 hall at once. Two hundred shares will be issued at par value of \$5 each.

The public school building at Jacksonville, which was erected two years ago at a cost of \$16,000, burned Thursday. There was an insurance of \$10,000 on it, but the school books and supplies were a total loss.

E. C. Armstrong, county fruit inspector of Marion county, has issued a letter in which he states he will enforce the horticultural law to its full extent, viz., that all diseased or infected trees will be cut down.

The East Oregonian issued a special edition Saturday, which was the first special edition issued since January 1, 1906. It contains thirty-six pages and is printed on excellent book paper, and is a very creditable edition.

Mrs. Bessie Burkhart Daring died Saturday at her home on the Siletz of peritonitis. Mrs. Daring was a native of Linn county and was a graduate of the Willamette university and well known in the Willamette valley.

The first annual exhibition of the Lane County Poultry association came to a close last evening. Elmer Dixon of Oregon City was the judge, and a large number of premiums

were awarded. The affair was very successful.

W. T. Fogle, of Portland, formerly of Prineville, purchased the Forest Grove Times Friday of Walter Hoge and will hereafter run the paper.

Two hundred residents of South Portland, many of them women, appeared before the Portland council Friday and protested against allowing the Portland Rock company to open its quarry on the ground near their property. The council will investigate.

An employe of the Willamette Paper company at Oregon City had a narrow escape from death Saturday afternoon. He caught his coat sleeve in the shaft of the machinery and but for his presence of mind would have been ground to pieces. He caught hold of a side of the wall and held fast, the machinery tearing his coat off.

The wheel which Senator E. W. Haines has been putting in his water plant, twelve miles west of Forest Grove, which was to furnish power to operate the electric light and water system for that city, has proven unsuccessful, and it will be some time before a different one can be installed. The town will be in darkness until it is done.

Moseley Pleased With America.

Southampton, Eng., Dec. 17.—Sir Alfred Moseley, the distinguished philanthropist, and author of the plan for sending over five hundred school teachers to American and Canada to study the method of teaching in those countries, arrived here today from New York. He expressed himself highly pleased with the cordial reception accorded him in every city in the states which he visited and spoke of the American as a genial and hospitable people.

Florida Preparing for Potato Crop.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 17.—All preparations are almost complete for the planting of the Irish potato crop. All the growers have their fields well broken up and in most cases ready for the seed and fertilizer. The acreage this year will be far greater than that of any previous season, several new farmers having started operations since last spring, while a large number of the old settlers have increased their fields materially. Though all is ready, the planting season will not commence until four or five days more and will last until the middle of January.

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The Bane of Virtuosity.

Rosenthal is one of the three most complete masters of technique of the piano now in the world. His command of the mechanism of his instrument is uncanny, accurate, almost incredible; the mere human fingers and wrists accomplishing what they seem to be accomplishing. Mr. Rosenthal is most as infallible, as sure and as imperturbable and unerring as one of those marvelous piano-machines that amaze the world. This is not to say he has not much besides; for he commands, at times, a lovely quality of tone color, and he plays often with tenderness, dignity and grace though not with impeccable technique. But Mr. Rosenthal is capable of this illustrates the point that would make—of butchering charming and inoffensive little Chopin's (the one in D flat) is played daily by several school girls throughout the world) to make a pianistic He has accomplished this notable by tricking out the gracious and pretentious little melody with a variety of vulgar pianistic ornaments that his ingenuity could suggest.

The result is, of course, Chopin is quite buried out of the smothered in cheap embroidery made unlovely by rough patchouli. It is an artistic achievement—an achievement causes many persons who know better to sit up very in their seats and applaud loudly when it is done; but from point of view of any who own most rudimentary sense of prettitude the thing is atrocious betrays an insurable flaw in the tistic constitution of its performer. It is an unmistakable index of quality of mind and taste which is possible its accomplishment. pretensions which its author to make on the score of manner and appreciation. It cannot be positively asserted nor too reiterated that no sincere and scrupulous artist could possibly be guilty of exploiting barbarism, much less of being responsible for its existence. Rosenthal has played the piece for as long as he finds it profitable and will doubtless continue to do so as long as he finds it profitable there is a certain consolation in the fact that he is probably the pianist in the world who can form it as to make its vulgarly completely appropriate. Lawrence Gilman, in Harper's Weekly.

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