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HARRIMAN AND THE ALTON

More "Peculiar" Methods Unearthed at U. S. Government Inquiry.

New York, Feb. 27.—Counsel for the Government renewed their attacks on the financial methods of the Harriman group in the Chicago and Alton Railroad before the Interstate commerce commission this afternoon, when they called Charles W. Hilliard, controller of the road, as a witness.

Under examination Hilliard testified that he became controller in October when, under the joint arrangements for the management of the property, the Rock Island took its turn. Hilliard said that his first task was to find money to carry on the improvements that were under way. There was money in the treasury for current expenses, but not enough to carry on the improvements, which included a cut-off of 40½ miles of the road. There was not enough money to complete the building of this line, the witness said.

"I looked into the question of raising money by mortgages," he continued, "and I discovered that it had already been mortgaged."

"Do I understand that this road had been mortgaged before it was built?" asked Commissioner Lano.

"Yes, I was told that it was covered by the mortgage of 1890 and there was nothing that could be done, except put a second mortgage on it, which would have been poor security."

The commission wanted to know what the books showed was actually expended relative to the handling of the property, but while the witness was searching the records the session was adjourned until tomorrow.

Controller Hilliard will be recalled tomorrow morning, and it is expected the hearing of the commission will be concluded about midday.

Edward H. Harriman concluded his testimony at the morning session, but his examination brought forth nothing of special importance. He was succeeded on the stand by Otto H. Kahn, who is one of the leading members of Kahn, Loeb & Co., which has financed many of the important deals of the Harriman party. Mr. Kahn described the reorganization of the Union Pacific. The witness said the firm received a commission equal to 5 per cent on the purchase price of the Union Pacific, also a commission of 5 per cent, which was divided with other underwriters, on the issue of Union Pacific convertible bonds, which were taken at a reduction of 5 per cent.

The witness spiritedly defended the acts of his firm, citing instances where it sold stocks to the Union Pacific at a figure below the current market price. Mr. Kahn made a lengthy defense of the Alton transaction based on the methods of the time.

SOMETHING MORE THAN A PURGATIVE.—To purge is the only effect of many pills now on the market. Purgative pills are more than a purgative. They strengthen the stomach, where other pills weaken it. They cleanse the blood by regulating the liver and kidneys, and they stimulate where other pills depress. Nothing of so serious nature, used for merely purgative powers, enters into their composition.

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PAARDEBURG BALL HELD AT BARRACKS

Anniversary of Famous Battle Marked by Force of No. 10 Company, R. C. R.

The non-coms and men of Wolseley Barracks held a ball last night in commemoration of the battle of Paardeburg, fought seven years ago yesterday, and in which the Royal Canadian Regiment distinguished itself. The event, which was held in the mess room, was a splendid success, being attended by a very large number of friends of the members of the force. The committee in charge was composed as follows: Honorary president, Sgt.-Major Berland, W.O., R.C.R.; Sgt.-Major Shergold, W.V., R.C.E.; Sgt.-Major Ardie, P.A.M.C.; and Quartermaster-Sgt. Dunlop, P.A.M.C.; president, Corp. Pile; vice-president, Corp. Ryder; secretary-treasurer, Sgt.-Major Richardson; Corp. Raymond; Pte. McIsaac; Pte. Oakley; Pte. Walsh; Pte. W. Walsh; Pte. Cox; Pte. Walker; Pte. Campbell; Pte. Tucker and Pte. O'Neil.

The dance was held in the mess room in the basement, a commodious apartment, which, with its splendid decorations, made an excellent ballroom. The decorations were for the most part patriotic, consisting of flags, bunting and arms of every variety. Chinese lanterns were also used to good effect.

Two of the company rooms were also fitted up specially for the occasion. The banquet hall was decorated with flags, bunting and Chinese lanterns, while a heavy border of cedar boughs was arranged about the walls, several feet from the floor. Supper was served from 11.30 until 1 o'clock.

The other company room was the retiring room, and was very unique. A large marquee had been set up, covering almost the entire floor. In the tent, the floor of which was covered with Oriental rugs, settees, sofas and easy chairs were arranged about the walls, several feet from the floor. Supper was served from 11.30 until 1 o'clock.

Among the invited guests from out of town were: D. McKenzie, St. Thomas; Sgt.-Major Robertson, Hespeler; Sgt.-Major Peace, Fourth Field Battery, Hamilton; Sgt. Harvey, Hamilton; Sgt. Olson, R.N., W.M.P., of Ecclestone; F. Colver, color sergeant, Forty-eighth Highlanders, Toronto; Color-Sgt. Black, St. Thomas; A. N. Campbell, St. Thomas.

NEW HARDWARE STORE

Kilpatrick Bros. Start One in Cronyn Block, East London.

The importance of East London as a business district is becoming more and more recognized. The newest addition to its retail establishments is the hardware store of Kilpatrick Bros., in Cronyn block, corner of Dundas and Adelaide streets. This store will open on Saturday, March 2, and will carry first-class carpenters' tools, tinware, granite ware and general hardware. Mr. W. J. Kilpatrick is very well known in the hardware business, having had several years' experience, during which he has made a large number of friends, who will join in wishing him every success. Their telephone call is 2525 and they will have a delivery service which will supply goods to any part of the city.

WHEN FATHER CARVES THE DUCK.

We all look on with anxious eyes When father carves the duck, And mother almost always sighs When father carves the duck. Then all of us prepare to rise And hold our bibles before our eyes, And be prepared for some surprise When father carves the duck.

He braces up and grabs a fork When'er he carves a duck, And won't allow a soul to talk Until he's carved the duck. The fork is jabbed into the sides, Across the breast the knife he slides, And every careful person hides From flying chips of duck.

The platter always seems to slip When father carves a duck, And how it flakes the dishes skip, Potatoes fly amuck—The greens and cabbage leap in space, We get some gravy on our face, And father mutters Hindu grace When'er he carves a duck.

We thus have learned to walk around The dining-room, and pluck From off the window-sills and walls Our share of father's duck; While father growls and blows and jaws And swears the knife was full of saws, And mother jaws at him because He couldn't carve a duck.

—Cassell's Penny Magazine.

City Cannot Compel the Company to Give Light

John Wood Loses His Case Against London Electric Company.

The question as to whether the London Electric Company is compelled to supply the citizens of London with light upon demand came up at the meeting of No. 3 committee last night, and it was agreed that the city has no power in the matter, and it was dropped.

The row between Mr. John Wood, of Grey street, and the London Electric Company was brought to the notice of the committee by a communication from him which was read by Secretary Bell.

Mr. C. B. Hunt, president of the London Electric Company, was present to give his side of the case. No one appeared for Mr. Wood.

Mr. Wood's Case.

Mr. Wood wrote that the company had treated him in what he considered to be a shameful manner. He had asked the company to supply him with light, but the company had refused unless he pay for the cost of the poles and wires necessary to make the connection with his house.

He said he understands the London Electric has a contract with the city which amounts to \$27,000 a year for street lighting, and for which it pays nothing, and he thought the most the company could do would be to supply the citizens with light when they were ready to pay for it. If he did not get the light it would mean an expenditure of much money to him as he would have to pull his house to pieces to put in gas. As the company was not supplying the streets free of charge, Mr. Wood thought it is up to it to treat the citizens at least fairly.

City Engineer's Opinion.

City Engineer Graydon wrote Mr. Hunt the matter, and the letter was read. It showed that the engineer had talked pretty plainly to the company. Mr. Graydon stated that it would be advisable for the London Electric to supply Mr. Wood with light, as, if the matter came before the council it would not add luster to the company. The engineer also stated that several cases had been reported to him where

this year, as Mr. Graydon recommended.

Public Lavatories.

Mr. Garratt introduced the matter of providing public lavatories—one in the park, one on the market and another at the corner of Dundas and Wellington streets. He suggested that the sum of \$1,000 be placed in the estimates for the purpose of erecting a suitable lavatory on the market. The matter was left over until the next meeting.

Ald. Gerry stated that it has been under consideration for some time. When the new lavatory is built, it is the intention to remodel the weigh scales building. The engineer was instructed to prepare a plan of the proposed lavatory and to have the buildings and present it at the next meeting of the committee.

Paving the Market.

The paving of the market was next taken up. Mr. Garratt moving that the square be torn up, that broken stone be placed upon it and that it be rolled. Chairman Gillean said this would be a waste of money.

"Put it right or leave it alone," he said. "Last year we had figures from the engineer to show that the entire square could be paved for \$20,000. It would only cost about \$9,000 to pave the west half of the square this year. I believe we should do it."

Ald. Gerry agreed with Ald. Gillean, and it was agreed to allow the matter to rest for a while. City Engineer Graydon to produce his estimates of last year as to the cost of the paving at the next meeting of the committee.

Tenders for repairs to the water carts will be called for at once.

Draymen's Grievance.

The request of the draymen of London that market gardeners, plasterers and wheelwrights be allowed to do business at certain times be charged a double license fee, was referred to the police commissioners, who have power in the matter.

The communication from the fire underwriters in reply to the city's inquiry as to what will be done by them in case London's fire fighting powers are increased was filed. The particulars of the communication were given in The Advertiser some days ago. In brief, the communication promised consideration if the improvements mentioned are made.

The Seagrove Ladder Company will be asked to give a price for the remodeling of the city's aerial truck now in No. 1 fire station; also a price for a new truck complete, the company to take the old truck in part payment.

That there is reason to believe that an old age pension plan will be on the statute book within a few years and that the country will discuss the matter in a practical rather than as a theoretical one.

TO DISCERN and deal immediately with causes and overcome them, rather than to battle with effects after the disease has secured a lodgement, is the chief aim of the medicine man, and Nickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup is the best study along this particular line. At the first appearance of a cold the Syrup will be found a most efficient remedy, arresting development and speedily healing the affected parts, so that the ailment disappears.

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Silks—Main Floor.

A Few of the New Spring Suits

We have quite a nice range of new spring suit styles on exhibition on the second floor. While this is not by any means our complete spring display, still it will serve as an excellent preliminary showing from which to draw some idea as to the prevailing modes for spring, '07.

We have selected just three styles for a newspaper introduction today.

FIRST IS A DRESSY BLACK SUIT of Vicuna cloth. Has a jaunty Eton coat, which is collarless, but displays a vest effect. Prettily trimmed with braid. ¾ sleeves. Skirt has nine gores, with pleat. \$11.50

SECOND IS A TAILORED SUIT OF LIGHT GRAY TWEED. Eton coat, with vest effect, comes again into prominence. Wide and narrow braids, in addition to buttons, are smartly employed for trimmings. ¾ sleeve is tucked into cuff. Skirt, with girdle attached, is made with clusters of pleats separated by a single pleat. \$16.50

THIRD SUIT IS ANOTHER NATTY GRAY TWEED, silk lined. Fashionable coat style, with vest of wide braid trimmed with narrow braid and pearl buttons. Seams of coat are all strapped. Full length sleeve. Stylish, full skirt. \$26.00

Children's Ribbed Cashmere Hose 28 Dozen at 22c Pair

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A special lot our buyer luckily picked up at a saving while on his European tour. Small sizes, 5 to 6½. If there had been a complete range of sizes we couldn't have had them at such a low price. All are of pure wool, are stainless dyed, have hand-seamed feet and spliced heels and toes. Better get a half dozen or more pairs at this price. Merely, pair. 22c

Hosiery—Main Floor.

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PREFERRED LOVE TO ROYAL RANK

MEN WHO HAVE SACRIFICED STATION TO MARRY WOMEN OF LOW DEGREE.

Princes and Archdukes in the List—Some Very Notable Examples.

Is it true that women care more than men for rank and title? Or is it a coincidence merely that of those titled ones who have sacrificed their royal hopes at the call of love the men are greatly in the majority? At any rate, a long list of princes, archdukes, and "his imperial highnesses" have sacrificed their rights to reign and their royal rank in order to marry the women of low degree that they loved, while but few princesses have been willing to give up so much for the privilege of marrying untitled men.

In most of the royal houses of Central Europe a modern repetition of King Cophetua and the Beggar Maid is impossible, for the reason that the prince who marries beneath him must formally renounce his right of succession to the crown. The ill-fated Alexander of Serbia was one of the few monarchs who was enabled to make a queen of his unranked wife, but in the end this marriage contributed more than any other thing to the loss of his crown and his life. The Prince of Monaco was another ruler who was able to elevate his wife to his own rank. He married Miss Alice Heine, an American girl, but he had not the secret of making her happy, and she secured a divorce.

Prince Oscar of Sweden gave up his royal privileges and hopes for the sake of Miss Elba Monck, a charming commoner, whom he loved. It is almost certain that Oscar would have been king of Norway now if he had not sacrificed his position upon the altar of love. It is said, however, that Prince Oscar has been happier than any king in his married life and that he has no regrets.

The Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia was not so fortunate in his sacrifice for the sake of love. Because he fell in love with the daughter of Chief of Police Orenburg and married her, the late czar banished him to Turkestan. After the honeymoon was over the grand duke was a disappointed man. He tired of his wife and fretted for his

Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria, who married the Countess Chotek, was compelled to renounce not only for himself but for his children all rights to the throne. This was a real sacrifice, because Ferdinand had an excellent chance of one day seeing his heirs upon the throne if he had married to suit his royal family. It was all for love, however, and a throne well lost.

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Archduke John of the Imperial house of Austria had one of the most picturesque of royal romances. When he was hunting one day he met Milly Stubel, an opera dancer, but of unblemished reputation. So deeply did the duke fall in love with the charming dancer that he courted her under the name of Johann Orth and pretended to be an engineer. He pleaded in vain for permission to marry the girl he loved, and at last gave up all his royal rights and became in truth plain Johann Orth for the sake of marriage with the dancer.

Duke Constantine of Oldenburg married his cook, Archduke Constantine of Tuscany renounced all claim to his title and became untitled Leopold Wolfing for the sake of marrying Milly Adamovitch, an actress. He now lives in Zug and is a naturalized Swiss subject.

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MANFIELD HIT HER TOO HARD.

Miss Emma Dunn, leading woman for Richard Mansfield, so greatly objected to the blow which Mr. Mansfield is compelled to strike her in his role of Peer Gynt, that she has resigned her place and has been succeeded by Miss Clara Oswald.

Peer Gynt, to flush the scoundrels of Asa, picks her up, throws her to one side, and administers a sounding whack between her shoulders. Miss Dunn insisted on a change of the place on her spinal column where Mansfield landed. She even consulted a physician, who told her that her illness was due to the shock to her nervous system resulting from the blow which she received nightly.

Mansfield declared that the spot chosen by him was one that would not shock her nervous system, and that the manner in which he picked her up and threw her about is precisely the way mothers toss their infants, or nurses handle their patients.—Cleveland dispatch to the New York Sun.

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