

HOW COMES THE BIG TUG OF WAR.

Construction Foreman on Western Pacific Ordered to Cross The O. S. L. Tracks.

BRIDGE OVER JORDAN BUILT.

Harriman Blocking Gould Line at Two Points on the West Side of City.

With the foreman of construction of the Western Pacific under orders to construct a track across the Oregon Short Line right of way at two points in the vicinity of the Jordan river and First South some very interesting developments are looked for within the next 48 hours.

A visit to the scene discloses the fact that the Western Pacific has completed a seven-hundred pile bridge across Jordan river and has its grade constructed right up to the property claimed by the Harriman system.

Opposite the power plant of the Utah Light and Railway company the Oregon Short Line has constructed a "wired Y" which extends from the old narrow-gauge right-of-way of the Short Line for the distance of possibly 150 feet across the surveyed line of the Western Pacific.

As it is the Gould line has cleared away all obstructions in the form of houses, fences and buildings and has its grade completed up to this point. On the other side of the blinding track the grade extends to the river and bridges built to carry the construction trains over. On the west side of the river the grade is finished for possibly 1,000 feet and stops at the right-of-way fence of the Short Line leading out to the old Gould tracks.

On the other side of the track the grade starts again and swings out toward Garfield. General Manager W. H. Bancroft of the Short Line has already been served with a written notice to the effect that his road is purposely putting obstacles in the way of the building of the Western Pacific, but to date no permission has been granted for the construction of the Gould fence to cross the track of the Short Line.

Now that orders have been given to the foreman to go ahead and cross the tracks there could be some very interesting developments in the vicinity of the little patch of lucerne that is under controversy.

BURLINGTON PLANS.

What the Hill Road is Undertaking in Wyoming This Season.

The Burlington Railroad company yesterday announced the letting of the contract to build the Hill road for new yards in Lincoln, Neb., and the rebuilding and double tracking of the line between Lincoln and Milford. The yardage in Lincoln will be quadrupled. The contract calls for the expenditure of \$2,000,000.

In connection with the projects of the Burlington in the west it is on the cards that Wyoming will shortly be the center of a great railway war. Among the trackage under contemplation in Wyoming is said to be the following:

Table with 2 columns: Route, Miles. Denver, Colo., to The Siding, Wyo., 120. Cheyenne to The Siding, 40. The Siding to Cheyenne, 120. Cheyenne to Ferris, 120. Total miles, 480.

From what the Wyoming Leader terms "unimpeachably authoritative sources" the plans of the Burlington are a nutshell as follows: The construction of a trunk line to connect Denver, the terminus of its southern main line, with its northern main line at Helena, Mont., the extension of the Holdrege-Cheyenne branch line to a connection with the Denver-Solana line at a point a few miles south of Hermosa (The Siding), a station on the Union Pacific line, and the extension of the Cheyenne line, extended, as described, to be the main passenger and freight carrying line of the system for the central Rocky mountain region; the extension of the Denver-Tulsa line to a connection with the Denver-Tulsa line in northern Carbon county near the site of Ferris postoffice (also an eastern extension of this line from Bridgmont to Broken Bow on the main line between Lincoln and Billings, thereby giving a central connection between the northern main line and the north and south main lines); the construction of a Denver-Tulsa extension, now in construction, into a link of the Denver-Tulsa main line.

The Denver-Tulsa link is the only part of this comprehensive Colorado-Wyoming system now in course of construction. Preparing for this great system of extensions Burlington engineering parties have been in the field for months. A feasible route has been located through Cameron pass, the most difficult point of construction between Denver and the Wyoming line; the Cheyenne extension has been surveyed from the junction with the Denver-Tulsa extension to within a few miles of Cheyenne; a preliminary survey of the Hermosa extension has been made; the Helena-Cheyenne extension between Muskrat and Wray, including the grade through the canyon of the Big Horn river, has been laid down. At this time large parties of engineers are working between the North Platte canyon in northern Colorado county, and Muskrat, in eastern Fremont county. One party is working at the canyon which presents one of the most difficult points of construction of the extension system, and another is working southwesterly from Muskrat to the northern end of the canyon. The grade between the northern end of the canyon and Muskrat established the entire system will be practically laid down, as an easy country presenting no engineering problem of importance. The extension of the northern end of the canyon and the junction of the Denver Cheyenne extensions, and between Cameron pass and Denver.

The construction of this comprehensive system of extensions will be in line with the Burlington policy of thoroughly developing any section of country tributary to its lines—will be in fact, the extension of its Nebraska network to cover northeastern Colorado and the eastern half of Wyoming.

GEO. GEIGER PROMOTED.

Former Assistant Superintendent of R. G. W. Goes to Colorado & Southern.

George Geiger, who resigned from the assistant superintendency of the Rio Grande Western under Mr. Welby to go to the Kansas City Southern as superintendent of the southern division some time ago, has severed his

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connection with that road. He received a good offer from General Manager J. A. Young of the Colorado Southern and is now superintendent of the busiest division on that system with headquarters in Denver. It is predicted that Mr. Geiger will be heard from later, as it is hard to keep a good man down.

SHORT LINE FEEDER.

Engineers Instructed to Extend the Line to Lewiston, Idaho.

Baker City, Or., May 8.—According to the Democrat it is reported on good authority that actual construction work is in progress on the Snake river railroad between Huntington and Homestead where the Iron Horse line is located, and that the work is being done by the Oregon Short Line which has instructed its engineers to extend the line to Lewiston, Idaho. While the Iron Horse company is paying for the first section of the road, it is understood that it will eventually become a part of the Harriman system.

M. & M. EXCURSION.

Trip to Richfield May Now be Postponed Until Early Fall.

Following a meeting of the officials of the Manufacturers & Merchants' association with General Agent Benton Grande yesterday, it is on the cards that the projected excursions under the auspices of the association to Richfield and Sevier county points will be postponed until later in the season. The reason for this step is on account of the fact that Saturday excursion dates have been already filled by the Rio Grande for the next two months, and the regular summer attractions will handle the representative gathering of Salt Lake business men for the occasion, which is a difficult accomplishment for any other day save Saturday. The project, however, has not been abandoned by any manner of means, and if it is postponed until fall it will mean, when it is launched, that a banner and representative excursion will be the outcome.

HARRIMAN'S RECORD.

Some Statistics Concerning the Rapid Run Completed Last Night.

The record established by E. H. Harriman on a trip across the continent from Oakland, Mo., to New York, yesterday is the talk of local railroad circles, as it is the best time made to date on the Harriman line via Ogden. The actual time consumed on the run was 72 hours and 39 minutes. He left Oakland at 7:30 p. m. Saturday and arrived in New York at 10 o'clock last night. The distance covered was as follows: Oakland to Ogden, 736 miles; Ogden to Omaha, 1,090; Omaha to Chicago, 489; and Chicago to New York, 973 miles, making a total of 3,288 miles. Including stops, the time consumed would average 44.8 miles an hour, or in round figures, 45 miles an hour.

CHANGE EFFECTIVE MAY 15.

J. L. Moore, district freight and passenger agent for the Salt Lake Route, will leave in company with J. H. Burton for Riverside, Cal., on Friday night, where Mr. Moore will be introduced to the shippers and brought into touch with his new duties in that town. The actual change and transfer whereby Mr. Burton takes Mr. Moore's desk here will occur on Tuesday next.

DRAKE MAY GO TO DENVER.

Believed Here That He Will Succeed N. L. Drew, Resigned.

Word was received here this morning to the effect that N. L. Drew, general agent of the passenger department of the Rock Island at Denver had resigned, effective May 15. Mr. Drew, it will be recalled, was only recently appointed to this position which carries jurisdiction over this territory. It is not only a position which has been long and hotly anticipated on Railroad Row, but that when Mr. Drew's successor is named that it will be E. Drake, the district freight and passenger agent, who is thoroughly posted on this territory, but also is logically in line for promotion.

DISPATCHERS APPOINTED.

With the changes recently inaugurated in the office of the chief dispatcher of the Salt Lake Route, two new dispatchers have been given trials at headquarters. Both are former employees of the Oregon Short Line. The second trial has been given to O. M. Moody, formerly trainmaster at Pocatello, and the third to A. J. Mooney, a well known dispatcher.

SPIKE AND RAIL.

The cog road up Pike's peak commenced operations for the season yesterday.

H. F. Curtis, western freight agent at Omaha, has been notified by snapping up a few trailroads of wood.

J. A. Scott, city ticket agent for the Salt Lake Route, has gone to Chicago to meet his sister and escort her to Salt Lake.

The Rio Grande passenger department announces that special rates will prevail on the occasion of the annual

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Give instant relief in Sour Stomach, Heartburn, Nausea, all discomforts of indigestion and dyspepsia. Pleasant and economical. Medium size, 25c.; Large, \$1; Pocket, handsome aluminum bonbonniere, 10c. Druggists or mail.

C. I. HOOD CO., Lowell, Mass.

session of the Knights of Pythias at Murray, May 15.

L. L. Vondurant has been appointed night ticket agent for the Oregon Short Line here at the depot, succeeding Frank L. Lambourn, who has entered the service of the Pullman company.

W. B. Thorgmorton, traveling freight agent of the Colorado Midland, arrived from Iron Spur this morning where he has been loading wool. He came in response to an urgent call. Latest bulletin from Dr. Strick are to the effect that it is a boy.

ERLING BJORNSON COMING.

Arrangements Under Way for Him to Lecture Here.

Judge Nelson has received a letter from Erling Bjornson, son of the famous poet Bjornstjerne Bjornson, at St. Paul, Minn., stating that he will be in Salt Lake May 29, to remain until June 6, and arrangements are being made to secure the use of Assembly hall for the distinguished visitor to lecture there. After his stay in this city, Mr. Bjornson will lecture in the larger centers of the state.

AMUSEMENTS.

The dying theatrical season will go out in a blaze of glory with the production of the "Lion and the Mouse." Not since the Salt Lake Theater opened its doors in September last have we had a dramatic presentation of greater artistic merit, more healthful in motive and more strength in delineation. Mr. Charles Klein, who wrote the play, has been among the coming men for a long time past, and now he may be said to have arrived. Years ago he wrote "El Capitlan" for Sousa, and later furnished David Ward with the "Music Master," but neither of those productions can be compared to the "Lion and the Mouse," a play which ministers have proclaimed as the greatest sermon of the day on the money and trust evils, a play which is sound in motive, dealing with a live topic in American life and one that burns in its lesson as with a brand of iron.

Most admirably was it presented by Mr. Harris' group of actors. The cast contained three notable instances of how dramatic genius is transmitted. Arthur Byron, the leading man, is the son of Oliver Doud Byron, who thrilled the last generation of actors on the Continent; Gertrude Coghlan is the daughter of Charles Coghlan, and the niece of Rose Coghlan, while Grace Thorne is the daughter of one of the most accomplished actors this country has produced, Charles R. Thorne, Jr.

Mr. Byron in the part of the financial octopus, a character said to have been inspired both by Boss Tweed and by the late Morgan, gave a wonderfully tangible and masterly rendition of an exacting role. To those who remember him in such milder parts as the poor mendicant in the "Stabber" and "Gertrude" and the Little Minister in the New York production of Maude Adams play, his work last night was quite a revelation.

Mr. Coghlan in the part of the girl who braved the octopus to clear her father's name, made a tremendous hit with the audience and the charm of her work was absolute. She and Mr. Byron shared the ovations of the night. Mr. Parsons as the lover, Mr. Barton as Senator Roberts, Miss Thorne as the wife of the magnate, Miss Bowley as Kate Roberts, Mr. Lipman as the lawyer, and Mr. Kilgour as the English seaman, all fitted admirably into their several niches. The presentation entire was in fact, a master achievement.

Last night's audience was big and brilliant, and will no doubt be duplicated many times during the coming week.

FEDERAL BUILDING CHANGES.

Senator Sutherland Adds an Amendment to Sundry Appropriation Bill.

Senator Sutherland has added an amendment to the Sundry appropriation bill in the senate calling for an appropriation of \$5,000 for necessary physical changes in the federal building. These changes are mostly in the main office, the committee office, the fact that owing to faulty designing at Washington the new postoffice apartment was so arranged that 20 to 40 per cent more labor has been required of the clerks to do the same amount of work as was done in the old office in the Dooly block.

Postmaster Thomas shows the postmaster general the necessity for making alterations in the building, and the architect is convinced that these are really needed, hence all obstacles are removed, and the much desired improvements will now be made.

PLAINTIFF GETS \$2,100.

Amount Awarded to Ole Nielson Against Union Lime & Stone Co.

The jury in the case of Ole Nielson against the Union Lime & Stone company, which was tried in Judge Ritchie's court, this morning returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, and the last two defendants named for the sum of \$2,100. The verdict was in favor of the lime company and against the other two defendants only. The action was brought to recover \$15,000 damages for personal injuries received by plaintiff while working in defendant's quarry.

COURT NOTES.

An action was filed in the district court today by Jack Leppala against the Sheriff Scientific school of Salt Lake, and the sheriff, for damages in the sum of \$5,315 for injuries received while in the employ of defendant at its coal mine at Clear Creek, Utah, on Jan. 8, 1906.

AFTERNOON ON EXCHANGE.

The sales of mining stocks during this afternoon's regular calls of the exchange were:

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name, Price. Albion, 39 1/2. Daily, 300. Lower Mammoth, 300 at 34 1/2. Upper Mammoth, 1,500 at 34. Victor, 100 at 41.00. Beech Tunnel, 500 at 1.15. Yarkie Con., 1,500 at 37. New York Bonanza, 1,000 at 2.50. 28 1/2; 300 at 28; 300 at 27 1/2; 100 at 27.

Bank Clearings—Today's local bank clearings amounted to \$726,111.88 as against \$611,135.81 for the same day last year.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The Conference Pamphlet, containing the full proceedings of the 76th Annual Session held at Salt Lake City, April 6, 7 and 8, is now ready. Every sermon and address is reported in full. This was an important and interesting conference. Only a limited edition is published. A good pamphlet to send to friends.

Postpaid to any address, 25c. DESERET NEWS BOOK STORE, Salt Lake City.

Z. C. M. L. Saitair, May 11. Dancing. Train 5 p. m.

LECTURE DEAL WITH THE OFFICERS

Involves 14,000 Head of Sheep And Six Ranches for \$100,000.

BOUGHT BY WOOD COMPANY.

Which Now Has Extensive Holdings in Utah, Idaho, Montana and Northern Mexico.

A live stock deal of some importance has just been consummated in the transfer from the Fryng Pan Sheep company of Beaverhead county, Mont., to the Wood Live Stock company of this city for \$100,000 of 14,000 head of sheep and six ranches, covering 6,000 acres. The purchasers have taken possession, and will continue the industry.

The Wood company is one of the best live stock companies in the west, and has now extensive holdings in northern Mexico, in Utah, Idaho and Montana.

LATE LOCALS.

Basketball Game—The denizens of the Bachelor quarters at the Y. M. C. A. building, and the association office men will play a match game of basketball in the gymnasium Saturday evening.

Pharmacy Board—The state board of pharmacy is in session today at the city and county building and five applicants are taking the examination for pharmaceutical certificates. The board will be in session tomorrow also.

Auditorium Completed—The new auditorium of the First Presbyterian church has been entirely completed and the last carpets are being laid today. The congregation will occupy it for the first time next Sunday morning, for which special services are being arranged.

Rain Is Probable—Two large low barometric areas are approaching, one from the northwest and one from the southwest. The chances are that there will be cooler weather and rains in two or three days, while for tomorrow the outlook is favorable for fine weather.

Mrs. Donnelly's Funeral—The funeral of Mrs. Sarah A. Donnelly was held this morning from St. Mary's cathedral on Second East street, where requiem mass was celebrated at 10 o'clock, with interment at Calvary cemetery. The attendance of friends was large, and there were many flowers.

Trout Fry—The state hatchery has been cleaned out of fry, and Fish Commissioner Sharp will begin the monthly sale of 400,000 trout eggs from mostly Utah sources for restocking the hatchery. Up to this year, most of the eggs have been secured from eastern sources, but the chances are that there will be cooler weather and rains in two or three days, while for tomorrow the outlook is favorable for fine weather.

To Read Missionary Letters—There will be special services in Sugar House ward meeting-room next Sunday at 6:30 p. m., when 10 letters from missionaries sent from the west of the globe will be read. These letters are in response to a circular letter sent out by the bishopric of the ward asking for a recital of individual experiences. There will be special music suitable to the occasion.

Mrs. Cuder Receives Thanks—Mrs. Gov. John C. Cuder today received a communication from the secretary of the National Mothers' and Daughters' of the San Francisco Orphans' relief fund committee of New York thanking her for becoming a patroness of the affair. Mrs. Cuder has been the recipient of the governor's office so that any who desire to donate may have the opportunity of doing so.

Wilson Back to Work—As the Commercial National bank of this city is receiving correspondence from the American National Bank of San Francisco, dated San Francisco, and on the usual bank letter heads, the inference is that E. W. Wilson has moved back to the city from Oakland, and that his bank is once more in the hands of the American National Bank of San Francisco, which was not affected by the earthquake, and only partly burned. Smoke did the most damage.

Breeding Mosquitoes—Attention is called by parties on the west side of the town to the fact that the sloughs scattered over the streets of the city are now full of water, and also of the larvae of mosquitoes. These larvae can now be killed by covering the water of the sloughs with petroleum oil, and this shut off the usual supply of insect pests that the spring season usually generates for the summer annoyance of people in the western sections of the city.

Taking Horses East—Monroe Salisbury was in town for a few hours yesterday afternoon, long enough to "show" to his friends, and then valuable race horses east from California to take part in eastern circuits, as in view of the condition of things on the Pacific coast there is not much show for horse racing in that part of the country for some time to come. Mr. Salisbury is in good health, and his friends were glad to see him. The horses were unloaded at Ogden for half a day's rest in transit.

Fire Photograph—A fine full photographic view of the last football game between Yale and Princeton, on the Yale field, three feet long has been presented to the University club of this city, by G. S. Holmes, Jr., a student in the Sheffield Scientific school of Yale university, and an enthusiastic Yale man. The view was taken from the rear row of seats on the south end of the field looking toward East Rock and covers an acreage of 23,000 people. The two teams are in full action, and the spectators appear to be all worked up over what is going on down in the field.

Sentenced to 90 Days—Roy Holtzer, a member of the Utah National Guard, today pleaded guilty to petty larceny, and was sentenced by Judge C. B. Diehl to serve 90 days in the county jail. A charge of burglary in the second degree had been preferred against Holtzer, it being alleged that the accused broke into the armory on April 22, and took therefrom some blankets and other articles. Holtzer claimed that he was entitled to the things taken, and when convinced that he was not, he expressed a willingness to return all the stolen property. This was done, the complaint was changed so as to charge petty larceny, to which Holtzer pleaded guilty, as stated, and he was sent to jail for three months.

STUDENT BODY TO ELECT OFFICERS

Spirited Contest Held Today at The University of Utah.

BALLOT BOX SYSTEM USED.

Positions of President and Editor of The Chronicle Seem to be Center of Interest in the Contest.

The annual election for student-body officers of the University of Utah was held today, and a spirited contest resulted, coming after a climax of two weeks of hard campaigning. A fight for political prestige among the local fraternities of the college was the source of most of the electioneering, and it was carried on incessantly until the last votes were in.

The election was orderly, and was held on the ballot box system. The only vote contested was that of a freshman student body officer. The votes were in by 2:30 o'clock, but the count of ballots was not completed in time for the announcement of results. For student body president, Stayner Richards seemed to be ahead of Fred Bonnell, who met opposition on the grounds that his athletic position would prevent his giving proper attention to the office of president. For Chronicle editor, the contest was reported in favor of "Cuddy" Russell, who is well known as an athlete.

For secretary the candidates are Alice Farnsworth, Hazel Stevens, Alice Cox and Kate Gray, and for treasurer Richard Hart and Chris Jensen. For debating manager, Fred Goddard was elected, as he was run without opposition. The candidates for the athletic council were Fred Scranton, Dale Pitt, Tom Varley, Earl Bennion and Harold Stephens. Two are to be elected. Stephens and Scranton seem to be leading for the place, although the latter could may change their relative positions.

An effort was made to secure a voting machine for the election in order to test it, but as no regular tickets were in the field, this plan was abandoned.

BANKER-AUTHOR HERE.

Fred G. Mock, Western Writer and Financier in Salt Lake.

The Deseret News this afternoon received a pleasant call from Fred G. Mock, president of the Bank of Nampa, Nampa, Idaho. Mr. Mock is in the city for a few days on business and pleasure, particularly the latter. The gentleman has come in to public notice of late more as a writer than as a banker, though he is successful in the latter calling as well as the former.

Mr. Mock is now in the city on a story of the people of the plains, a review of some very favorable notices from the public press. It will be reviewed in due season by the Deseret News. In the meantime it has been purchased at the "New" book store.

Mr. Mock is an old newspaperman and has contributed considerably to current magazine literature.

PERSONALS.

Fred Hale, the architect, has gone to California, and is visiting Palo Alto, to see the ruins of Stanford university.

Edward J. Noble, a graduate of Yale in last year's academic class, and who has been made a member of the company of New York, is in the city on business, having come from San Francisco where he lost all his effects in the fire.

MONEY DESTROYED.

Thousands of Dollars Held by Police As Evidence in Criminal Cases.

San Francisco, May 9.—The discovery has been made that thousands of dollars held by the police as evidence in criminal cases has been destroyed. The vault in the property clerk's office at the hall of justice, instead of being improved as the building specifications required, was nothing more than a closet with formidable looking doors. Property Clerk Dinan refuses to accept the responsibility because the vault was not fireproof. He admits, however, that the metal must be somewhere inside the vault and that a further effort will be made to find it.

"The condition of the vault was frightful," said Chief of Police Dinan. "We had always understood that they were fireproof and there was no attempt at protection. With a window we cut a hole through the side wall large enough for three of us to enter. Besides the plaster nothing more solid was encountered than a wire mesh which was easily torn away. Inside the vault all the papers had been burned. Even the wooden stocks on the revolvers had been charred and the barrels warped. The treasure of the police department would have had a better chance of being left outside the vaults."

TRADERS' INS. CO.

Every Loss by Earthquake in San Francisco Will be Contested.

Chicago, May 9.—It was announced today by the attorneys of the receiver of the Traders' Insurance company which suspended a few days ago because of losses at San Francisco that every loss by the earthquake in San Francisco will be contested in the court. It is particularly desired to determine the amount of loss indicated by the earthquake and the damage done by fire.

The attorneys say that it is impossible at the present time to give an estimate of how large a percentage of the losses will be paid.

CONTROL OF CONGREGATIONALISM.

Chicago, May 9.—Control of Congregationalism in the west became a question of the adoption of a new constitution and bylaws for the Congregational Church Home Missionary society today. The eastern delegates contended the adoption of the new rules but the new constitution was adopted 3 to 1. Up to the present time the society has been governed by a self-perpetuating board of control, which was empowered to re-elect a member at the expiration of their terms. Under the new

constitution the election of a president and other officers will rest with each state society in the organization.

SERIOUS WRECK ON THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

San Jose, Cal., May 9.—A serious wreck occurred at Edvale, seven miles south of this city, at 8:20 this morning, when the Southern Pacific overland limited due here at 8:30 was derailed, with the result that three Chinese fatally injured, 20 or 40 passengers more or less seriously injured, and the fireman, M. Stone, of this city, had his right leg amputated below the knee.

The accident was due to a truck under a car behind the baggage car jumping the track and striking the switch on the train, making a speed of 10 miles an hour. The train was on the west and most powerful on the road; the tender, the baggage and mail car and one Pullman were telescoped and piled in a heap, and the nine cars the last was derailed.

Engineer William Brown was hurled from the cab but he struck the earth in a mudhole and was uninjured. The car behind the tender contained 21 Chinese prisoners, under guard of United States Marshal B. J. Daniel and deputies, who were conveying them from Tucson for deportation. Nearly every one of them was seriously injured, and one fatally. A relief train conveyed the injured to this city.

TO SETTLE STRIKE.

Cleveland, May 9.—President Keefe, of the Longshoremen's association, is being reported in the newspapers that negotiations are under way looking to an early settlement of the strike.

FIRE INS. CO'S WILL TREAT POLICYHOLDERS FAIRLY.

San Francisco, May 9.—An understanding as to what the insurance companies propose to do has been obtained by the committee of forty sub-committee on insurance. It was secured at a meeting of this sub-committee, which is a committee from the fire underwriters' adjustment bureau. The statement there made was in brief that the insurance companies would treat policyholders fairly in the event of a general adjustment bureau. The statement made was in brief that the insurance companies would treat policyholders fairly in the event of a general adjustment bureau.

SOFT COAL OPERATORS CONVENTION.

Chicago, May 9.—A convention of more than 400 bituminous mine operators met today for the purpose of discussing a plan of action to be pursued in the present soft coal situation in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. It was the sense of the meeting that the western miners already enjoy all that the eastern miners asked for and that this fact, together with the low price of coal, precluded the possibility of agreeing to the demands of the miners in the west.

SLIGHT EARTHQUAKE SHOCK.

Indianapolis, May 9.—Certain sections of Bartholomew and Shelby counties felt a slight earthquake shock yesterday. No damage.

SUGAR REBATE CASE.

New York, May 9.—The defendants on the "sugar rebate" case, indicted for alleged violation of the Elkins law, today pleaded not guilty.

OLD MAN DIES OF EXPOSURE.

Butte, Mont., May 9.—Howell Reese, aged 70, of Seattle, en route to Leoti, Wichita county, Kansas, to reside, was found dead in a field near the depot there this morning, evidently of exposure. The old man had evidently feared he might go insane.

FITCHER THOMAS DROWNED.

Tacoma, Wash., May 9.—A message received by the secretary of the Elks reports that William Thomas, who was one of the best players of the southwest Northern Pacific train at Warm Springs last night and was found dead in a field near the depot there this morning, evidently of exposure. The old man had evidently feared he might go insane.

TO FIND ECONOMIC WAY.

Washington, May 9.—The house today empowered the committee on expenditures in the department of agriculture to conduct an examination of the agricultural department with a view to discovering ways of practicing economy if possible.

ARRESTED FOR SWINDLING.

Chicago, May 9.—Jackson M. Evans was arrested today in connection with the alleged swindling of Mrs. E. Moody of this city, of \$10,000. It is claimed by Mrs. Moody that she was induced to buy Virginia lands by fraudulent representations.

PITTSBURG BANK CLOSED.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 9.—The Columbia Savings & Trust Co. of this city, closed its doors today by order of the commissioner of banks. The bank had a capital of \$145,000; deposits, \$200,000; loans, \$200,000, and surplus, \$5,000.