# DRILLING PLATES W. G. Rockefeller, Prospective Head of Standard Oil

OW that it is definitely established that the continued ill health of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has compelled him to abandon all business interests of whatever nature, interest centers in his cousin, William G., son of William Rockefeller, the "Brother William" of Standard Oil fame. "Young William," as he is known in Wall street, has been looked upon as the prospective head of the Rockefeller "system" for several years. Young John has never made any pretense to have inherited the business instinct of his remarkable father. On the contrary, he has been perfectly candid in his avowal that for him one hour in the presence of his Sunday school class was better than a whole day in Wall street.

So it is a voluntary and perfectly harmonious abdication, if it actually amounts to that. The veteran John D., who has built the family fortunes to a height never before attained by mortal man and who has probably lived his ideal life in so doing, seems inclined to relax, to anticipate the inevitable to a certain extent. His brother William, now at the head of all the diversified Rockefeller interests except the Standard Oil, has shown no sign of tire. He is now a director or officer in thirty-one different corporations, in each of which the Rockefeller interest is the controlling factor in the management. In recent years young John has been taken into the directorates of several companies in which his father owns large interests. His father has made a herculean effort to educate him in Standard Oil methods and, according to Thomas W. Lawson, he has been successful theoretically, but not prac-tically. The young man knows how to do it all, but for him there is no satisfaction in the doing. Even his membership on the board of the United States Steel corporation brings him no joy, and he is willing and even anxious to turn it over to his cousin and with it his directorship in the Standard OIL Thus it happens that William G.

Rockefeller is recognized in business circles as heir presumptive. If his cousin adheres to his determination not pilot the Rockefeller ship in quest of further golden argosles, it will be a source of great satisfaction for the family to know that there is some one who can and will. Young William has been heard to say that he can never rest until he is master of a billion.

In 1864 the Rockefeller brothers, John and William, who had been doing a very prosperous refining business in Cleveland, O., conceived the scheme of the Standard Oil company and William removed to New York to take charge of the enterprise there, John remaining in the Forest City. Shortly after the William Rockefellers settled in New York William G. was born. At this his father was already a rich man and the boy was sent to an expensive preparatory school and was subsequently graduated at Yale. He obtained high rank at college



seemed inclined to qualify for one of any other foreman on record. He adthe professions, but his father persuaded him to go into business.

Under his father's direction he proved to be an apt pupil and made rapid progress. He developed a keen business sagacity and when the Amalgamated Copper company was organized ne was elected secretary and treasurer. He filled these positions with satis-faction, even to Thomas W. Lawson, until last winter, when he resigned, disgusted, it is alleged, by Mr. Lawson's business methods.

He did not lapse into idleness. Every weekday at 9 o'clock in the morning he may be found at his desk at 26 Broadway. New York, the headquarters of the Rockefeiler interests, and he works as hard as any man in the building. He has been trained in the simple and severe business school of his father and his uncle, and he has no disposition to escape responsibility. If there is anything that needs doing he is always ready to take the initiative, and he never asks anybody to do anything he would not be willing to do.

William G. is a typical Rockefeller in appearance. In facial characterishe strongly resembles his uncle He is tall and spare, with sloping shoulders and with several bald spots on his cranium which suggest forcibly that in time he may be as hairless as the head of the Standard Oil company. He is a simple man in his habits and dress. He is clad far less ostentatiously and eats a plainer luncheon than most of the clerks in the building.

William G. and his younger brother, Percy, married sisters, the daughters of James Stillman, president of the National City bank. The elder brother's wedding was a notable social event and is still remembered for its lavish display. The William G. Rockefellers. however, have shown little inclination to remain prominent in society, preferring the less exacting duties of a quiet domesticity and avoiding publicity as much as possible. They spend their summers at Greenwich, Conn., where they have a beautiful place of many acres just outside the town. Mr. Rockefeller is very fond of dogs and maintains extensive kennels on his Greenwich estate. He is the proud owner of thirty-two beagles and has captured many prizes at the bench shows.

Mr. Rockefeller has always had a ively appreciation of his duties and privileges as an American citizen and never neglects an opportunity to vote even for minor officials. He does not, like so many rich men, shirk public duty and has made a record as a grand juryman. As a rule, members of the grand jury are lax in their attendance and inattentive to the business in hand. Not so with young William. As foreman of the grand jury of New York county he is not only punctual to the minute himself, but insists on the same rule for all the others. Once in the jury room he is all business. He pre-the living in fearful shape, and at the sides over all the deliberations of that same meal no one dare cut bread-it body, and he works twice as hard as | must always be broken.

ministers the oath to all the witnesses and does most of the questioning, fre-quently showing a capacity for man-aging an unwilling witness equal to that of an expert cross examiner. Dur-

ing his last service more than 200 witnesses were examined by him in a single week. The William G. Rockefellers are very

popular at Greenwich, especially with the boys of the town, whose champlons they have been in more than one instance when their influence was necessary to the happiness of the youngsters. Next to the Rockefeller deer park are several acres which have been used by the boys of the village for years as a baseball field. Some of the prominent members of the church patronized by the Rockefellers were scandalized to discover that Sunday games were played there and that a very considerable proportion of the working class of the population turned out to see the sport. Mr. Rockefeller was ad-vised to put a stop to the business.

He paid no attention to the advice and the Sunday games increased in popularity. The elders and deacons went to the Rockefeller mansion in a body and remonstrated with the easygoing proprietor. He laughed indulgently and made no promises. The distracting Sunday recreation was not interfered with. Finally, on a Sunday upon which a widely advertised match game was to be played, the climax came. When the clubs went to the field they were confronted by the following sign nailed to a post at third

base: "No Trespassing. Baseball For bidden. Order of William G. Rockefeller.

This seemed definite and final. The manager of the home club, however, resolved to take his orders only from they are in constant use. headquarters and presently, cap hand, he stood in the presence of the

mistress of the mansion. "Go right on with the game," she ad-vised. "Mr. Rockefeller is not at home but I know he did not authorize that notice. Only yesterday I heard him say that the boys might have his field for a playground on Sunday as long as golf is played on Sunday at the Fairfield County club grounds JULIAN FERRIS.

COSSACK CUSTOMS.

Many queer customs and usages are prevalent among the Cossacks of the Don. No man changes his clothing on a Monday. If he did it is believed that he would suffer from a severe skin disease. On Thursday no fat or flesh must be pickled or corned. If any one neglected this the meat would be full of worms in a fortnight. Wool is not spun on a holiday, else the cattle will sicken and die. A hen is always given an uneven number of eggs to hatch never an even number. Bones left from a dinner at a funeral are thrown into the river, else the dead will appear to

FOR ARMORED SHIPS. The picture shows the process of drilling holes in the steel plates which are used to cover the sides of war ves-

sels. The drill is operated by means of compressed air, and it is a very pow-



erful and efficient machine. A large num ber of these perforators have been installed in the government shipbuilding works at the various navy yards, and

# A BEARD SAVED EUROPE.

The most striking case in history of the importance of trifles is furnished by the story of Musa, the leader of the Moslem host which won from Christendom in three and a half years dominions which it took the soldiers of the cross twenty generations to win back. He had a red beard. This was a triffe.

Musa, though a very great general, was a very vain man, and he dyed his beard black. This was another triffe. One of his captains chaffed him on the subject, and Musa forthwith had him stripped and scourged. For this, at the

very height of his conquering career, he was recalled by the caliph and disgraced. This made it impossible for him to command the Moslem army at the battle of Tours, on the issue of which, as all historians agree, the destinies of Europe, and, perhaps, of the whole human race, depended.

It is almost certain that, if the genius of Musa had replaced the incompetence of the half dozen tribal leaders, whose dissensions made victory impossible, the forces of Islam would have joined hands from the west to the east and inclosed Europe in their grasp.



Long-Deferred Appointment of a **Traveling Passenger Agent** 

omorrow on the occasion of the funeral of Apostie Marriner W. Merrill. As a mark of respect to the departed pio-neer of Cache valley General Manager W. H. Bancroft of the Oregon Shor Line ordered the train to be operated The special train will leave Weilsville at 8:30 a.m., Hyrum at 8:45, Logan at 9:15, and arrive at Richmond at 9:40, Returning it will leave at 1:15, arriving at Logan at 1:40 and Weilsville at 2:30, One fare for the round trip will prevail.

TICKET BROKERS ANSWER. An answer has been filed by the tick

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SPIKE AND RAIL.

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KING'S ENGAGEMENT OFFICIAL.

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King Alfonso and as a result of the interview the king's engagement to the Princess Ena of Battenberg has be-Princess Ena come official. RECEPTION IN HONOR OF ARMY AND NAVY.

Washington, Feb. 8 .- President and Mrs. Roosevelt gave a reception tonight in honor of the army and navy. It was the last of the evening levees at the White House for the season, and





# H. L. YOUNGERMAN SELECTED.

## Those Salt Lake Railroad Men Who Filed Applications Were Doomed To Disappointment.

The long-deferred appointment of a traveling passenger agent for the Rock Island system in this territory was announced this morning. All speculations which have been indulged in regarding who was to receive the appointment are sadly shattered and those half dozen railroad men who placed applications with District Passenger Agent E. Drake will continue doing business at the old stand as heretofore.

The new appointee is H. I. Youngerman, at present assistant ticket agent for the Rock Island at Colorado Springs, and who is expected to arrive in Salt Lake to enter upon his new duties early next week.

#### "THE OLD PIONEER."

#### Correspondent Takes Issue on Crew Personnel on Initial Train.

A correspondent who signs himself "An Old Railroader" takes issue with H. S. Bell who claims-and was so It, s. Bell who claims-and was so quoted- the picture reproduced in last Saturday's "News" was that of the first train to enter Salt Lake City. Mr. Hell, who is the owner of the original, avers that he would not take \$25 for

avers that he would not take \$25 for the picture. Of the picture in question the corres-pondent says: "The engine itself is the Old Pioneer, but the photograph was taken one Sunday morning in 1874. The name and present address of the engineer seen in the front of the picture is Charles T. Hurbards, 244 works engineer seen in the front of the picture is Charles T. Husbands, 344 north Fifth West. The fireman is William Jeffs, Jr. John Reaves and wife are on the front platform and Edward Davis, conductor, on the rear step. He was a son of the late Bishop Davis and having just been promoted he naturally wanted to be taken with his engine. He was George G. Bywater's firetoan previous to taking hold of the throt-tle himself."

FIRST TRAIN TOMORROW.

Special on Cache Valley New Line for The Funeral.





was largely attended. Invited to meet the guests of the evening were the diplomatic corps and congressional, official and residential society. At 9 o'clock President and Mrs. Roosevelt entered the blue room while the Marine band played the na-tional anthem. the injunction proceedings brought against them recently by the Short Line, Salt Lake Route and Rio Grande, which seek to drive them out of busi-ness in this state. The answer covering 23 transmitter press denies that the tional anthem.

ness in this state. The answer covering 33 typewritten pages, denies that the brokers countenance or practise an il-legal business. On the other hand, counter charges are made against the railroads and a number of instances are recited alleging that "special tickets" are issued and that the discrimination shown by the railroad companies who make rates to please themselves after tional anthem. In the receiving line were the mem-bers of the cabinet and the ladies of their families, while the list in the blue room included a large number of persons. Admiral Dewey headed the line of callers. He was followed by Lieut.Gen, John C. Bates, the head of the army shown by the rannoad companies who make rates to please themselves after having first formed an unlawful com-bination is illegal. The law relating to the prohibition of trusts and combines, passed in 1890, is cited and the plainting ask that the case be dismissed. the army.

There was a lack of floral decora-tions, but the national colors, with the flags of the president, the admiral of the navy, and other distinctive emblems, were conspicuously displayed in minent places. Miss Alice Roosevelt and Represent-

New York, Feb. 9.-James H. Hill, ative Longworth formed the center of an interesting group, while the sister of the latter, the Countess de Chamwhen questioned yesterday, said he did not know what chance the Hepburn railway rate regulation bill had of passbrun, was among those invited to the blue room. Five German officers, who "I know this much about it," he said. "I know this much about it," he said. "Effore some of the railroads get down to the rates the Great Northern is charging now they will all be sick and the dot rate regulation." as representatives of the emperor of Germany are making a tour of the United States ,were present.

### CLYDE STEAMSHIP LINE SOLD.

New York, Feb. 8. -The transfer of the Cylde Steamship company of Dela-San Francisco, Feb. 9 .- The transware to the newly incorporated Clyde continental freight committee, which has just closed its meeting at Los Angeles, Steamship company of Maine was effected here today, according to a state-ment made by Charles W. Morse, who is at the head of the syndicate which has taken over the Delaware company.



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Graniteware, Etc. Both 'Phones 573.