

MILWAUKEE LINE NEARS PORTLAND

Extension of Tacoma Eastern Will Bring Road Within Easy Reach of City.

EARLY ACTIVITY INDICATED

More Aggressive Attitude Pursued by Company With Improvement in Financial and Industrial Conditions of Country.

Immediate extension of the Tacoma Eastern Railroad—a subsidiary of the Milwaukee system—into the Big Bottom country and southwestern Washington, plans for which already have been completed, will bring the Milwaukee within easy distance of Portland, its natural goal in this Northwestern territory.

A. M. Ingersoll, assistant to the vice-president of the Milwaukee system, according to advice in the Tacoma papers on Sunday, has obtained nearly all the right of way along the route of the proposed extension.

Mr. Ingersoll is the man who bought nearly all the right of way and trackage acquired by the Milwaukee in its invasion of the Puget Sound country, and his activity in connection with the Tacoma & Eastern development is taken as an indication that the Milwaukee interests plan early activity in the direction of Portland.

The work is said to be included in the Milwaukee's list of "immediate" needs.

Extension to Be 45 Miles. The projected extension of the Tacoma Eastern will be 45 miles in length. It extends from Morton, the present end of the road, to Toledo, from Morton the right of way continues south, passing the Cispus country and Davis Lake. From there it continues to Kosmos, where it turns almost directly west, following the south side of the Cowlitz River, passing through Rife and through the Mossy Rock country, north of the town of Mossy Rock. Near the town of Mossy Rock the road will swing across the Cowlitz, continuing along the north side of the river through the Silver Creek country and ending at Toledo, about six miles east of the Portland-Tacoma line of the Northern Pacific.

The surveys call for two branches from the road south of Morton before it begins to turn west at Kosmos. Both branches are to extend east, one branch passing through the Cispus country and the other through Verne, both converging at Randle, making a complete circle around the big bottom.

The Idaho, Washington & Northern, a line running northeast from Spokane, was taken over by the Milwaukee about a year ago, and according to plans completed last week now will be operated by that road.

With the early completion of the new line between Portland and Toledo, the Milwaukee will have direct rail connection from Spokane to the Puget Sound cities.

Another enterprise in which the Milwaukee now is engaged is the electrification of its line across the Rocky Mountains. It is planned eventually to electrify about 450 miles of track.

It has been rumored at various times that the Milwaukee will seek to enter Portland by construction of a line across the Cascades west of North Yakima, but the route south from Morton always has been held as the logical one and present plans seem to indicate that that is the one that eventually will be selected.

Pending construction of its own line, the Milwaukee has traffic arrangements with the O. W. R. & N. Company for handling some of its train service between Portland and the East.

STATE-MADE DINNER HELD

Arleta Parents-Teachers and Mount Scott Club Give Banquet.

A "Made in Oregon Banquet" was held last night in the Arletta Baptist Church, under the auspices of the Arletta Parent-Teacher Association and the Mount Scott Cultural Club, with the assistance of Mrs. Edna Tozier Weathered, representing the Oregon Manufacturers' Association.

tracts which Atherton left with Mrs. Alice Snyder, and on which the state has based its case, was admitted yesterday by Attorney Morris for the defense, but Judge Kavanaugh held that a general plea of not guilty denies every material allegation in the indictment and allowed the state to show by witnesses that the contracts were of no value. The state charges that Atherton represented to Mrs. Snyder that the contracts and blue prints of Central Oregon property were of value and were deposited by him with her as security for the \$1300 he is charged with securing from her by means of the false pretenses.

"EVANGELINE" TO BE GIVEN BY WOMAN'S CLUB.

A. R. Porter, a local contractor, a copy of whose contract for the construction of a railroad was used by Atherton. It is alleged, and T. Takijima, witness called by the defense other than Atherton were George M. Kastner and Mrs. C. Atherton.

Mrs. Fred L. Olson, who will take the part of Evangeline in the entertainment to be presented by the members of the Portland Woman's Club at Lincoln High School on Wednesday night, will sing several solos appropriate to the part. Mrs. C. O. Young will interpret the lines, giving her adaptation of Longfellow's poem.

She also will give as a reading Tennyson's "Dream of Fair Women." Several well-known club-women will pose for the various characters and Charles Swenson will play the incidental music.

The entertainment is planned for the benefit of the scholarship loan fund.

V. W. C. A. HEAD STAYS

MISS HOLBROOK RE-ELECTED AND OTHER OFFICERS NAMED.

Miss Carrie A. Holbrook was unanimously re-elected president of the Young Women's Christian Association at the meeting of the organization's board of directors held yesterday in the building at Broadway and Taylor streets. Other officers chosen are: first vice-president, Mrs. Charles Busey; second vice-president, Mrs. Frederick H. Strong; third vice-president, Mrs. W. V. Osborn; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Joseph T. Andrus; treasurer, Miss Harriet E. Moorehouse; recording secretary, Mrs. James P. Failing; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. P. Northrup. The board members are: Madames C. A. Morden, Vincent Cook, Ivaiah A. Amor, John A. Bell, William H. Beharrell, James T. Gray, Bela S. Huntington, Charles T. Kamn, Robert Livingston, Robert W. Lewis, Walter Thomas, Thomas M. Roberts, George W. Simons, Frederick H. Strong, Frank M. Warren and Miss Mabel Weidner.

The first three named and Mrs. Osborn are the newly elected members of the official body. Reports for the year show marked progress. The new board members were welcomed. Mrs. Vincent Cook, who is in California, was the only member absent.

H. E. DEERING GETS VERDICT

Multnomah Security Company Is Ordered to Pay \$5325.

After a long trial, at which much technical evidence was offered, the jury in the case of H. E. Deering, contractor, against the Multnomah Security Company, owners of the Broadway building, Monday returned a verdict for \$5325 for Deering. Suit was brought for \$6515, alleged to be due for extras and for uncompleted payments.

Charge Purchases Made Tomorrow and the Remainder of the Month Will Go on Your February Bill, Payable March 1st Special 25c Lunch Served Daily in Basement Underprice Store—Shoe Shining Parlors in Basement

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Boys' \$5.00 and \$6.00 School Suits, Clearance \$2.98 Boys' \$2.50 Raincoats, Special 98c—Men's 25c Ties, 2 for 25c

Sale of Gray Enameled Ware In the Basement Today

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