

EARLY PLANS FOR RAILROAD

LOCAL COMPANY BEGAN ACTUAL WORK

Old Steam Navigation Line Pioneer in Transportation Business

Railroad progress in the early days in Oregon was slow, but perhaps no more tardy than in other sections of the United States. Ben Holladay was the prime mover in getting railroad work under actual construction to connect Portland with California.

From Portland eastward the means of transportation were confined wholly to the Oregon Steam Navigation company, organized in December 1860. This company ran steamboats up the Columbia river and had rail transfers at the Cascades and above The Dalles. Twenty dollars a ton was the uniform rate of freight on all commodities from Portland to Umatilla and the original projectors of the old O. S. N. company, or at least those who stayed with it, became immensely wealthy.

Early Railway Projects
It was not long after people began to settle on this side of the Blue Mountains when they began to discuss the prospects of having a railroad to "connect with the outside world." In the early part of 1870 there was the proposed Portland, Dalles and South Pass Railway, which was pompous in title but barren of results. It was to pursue a course up the Columbia river and then proceed by some imaginary line through this valley of course—to Salt Lake.

Work Actually Done
None of the proposed schemes for a railroad outlet for Grande Ronde giving much promise of success, a number of the most energetic of La Grande and Union people conceived the idea of building a railroad from Umatilla over the Blue Mountains to Grande Ronde. The company was incorporated and was known as the Columbia River and Blue Mountain Railroad company. It was entirely a Grande Ronde enterprise and money was put into the project. Those who could not give money subscribed work. Teams were sent over the mountains in the season of 1877-8 and several miles of grade was constructed from Umatilla up the Umatilla river. It was believed that this much of a start would be a final incentive for some of the big concerns to take up the enterprise and that this much of grade construction would be an inducement and finally bring a much sought railroad whether the local projectors ever received any pay for what they had done or not—in fact, they did not care, just so long as there was the promise of getting a railroad.

This Thing Did Happen
Scarcely a year passed when there was a railroad undertaking which met the hopes of the Grande Ronde company. Not a single mile of their grade was utilized but the railroad came just the same. It was built under what was known as the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, the successor to the former Oregon Steam Navigation company.

Succeeded Steamer Line
The origin and development of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, the forerunner of the existing corporation, forms a large part of the transportation history of Oregon and Washington. At the outset the Oregon Steam Navigation company, was organized to conduct the commerce of the Pacific Northwest over its inland waters. Men in control of this company, including Captain John C. Ainsworth, William S. Ladd, Henry C. Walling, S. G. Reed and Henry W. Corbett, were fathers of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company. Later Henry Villard came on the scene of action.

The railroad between Portland and Huntington was built by easy stages. For several years its eastern terminus was at Umatilla. Between 1881 and 1884 it was extended successively to Pendleton. To Meacham in the Blue mountains, La Grande, Baker and finally to Huntington, where connections were made with the Oregon Short Line.

Its History Full of Reverses
Its crude beginnings, halting progress, financial difficulties, losses through washouts of roadbeds, snow blockades and disappointments because of slow development of the tributary country, mark interesting chapters in the history of pioneer railroad building in Oregon. Construction of branch lines and feeders into the grain producing districts of Eastern Washington and south of the Columbia river brought success to the struggling railroad.

With Henry Villard, representing the German bondholders in control, the old Oregon Railroad & Navigation company held the Northern Pacific in check several years in its effort to get an outlet to Puget sound from east of the mountains. Then the tables were turned and for a time Northern Pacific interests controlled the O. R. & N. system.

Trackage Now is 2027
The mileage of the O. W. R. & N. system has grown to 2027 miles, and each few years it is increased by extension of branch lines or new feeders. The main line has been practically rebuilt and modernized. On Christmas eve, 1910, the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company came into existence, taking over the properties of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company and of the various allied corporations, including the Oregon & Washington, organized to effect an entrance into Puget sound; the Oregon, Washington & Idaho; the Idaho Northern, the Ilwaco, the Columbia Southern, the Columbia River & Oregon Central, the Snake River Valley, the Umatilla Central, the Spokane Union depot, the Lake Creek & Coeur d'Alene, the North Coast, the Malheur Valley, the Northwestern and the Deschutes Rail-

A Page For The Observer's Women Readers

PEACOCK PARADE READY

Several Thousand To Gaze on Fashionable Easter Hat Show

Atlantic City, N. J., April 22.—One hundred and forty thousand persons from all parts of the American continent, are camped in 400 hotels and boarding houses here today waiting for that gorgeous and magnificent event, Easter Sunday on the Boardwalk. Railroad and hotel men are prepared to care for 20,000 more excursionists who will flock here during the next twelve hours. Senators, Congressmen, millionaires, workingmen, dandies, sports, nobles and exquisites with their wives and their women are here, ready for Dame Fashion's perennial Peacock Parade. From early this morning the great crowd has been mobilized. Train after train and an endless string of automobiles whirled into the resort. The thousands who marched and counter-marched on the Boardwalk in their staggering motley of color and fashion indicative of a nation's prosperity, were only forerunners of the brilliant demonstration of wealth and fashion tomorrow. An hour before midnight the Boardwalk in front of the amusement piers, theatres and lobbies was as congested as a village street on circus day. From the Shelburne up the wooden way to the Radoff, a solid mass of humanity elbowed along, bent upon every variety of pleasure. Perspiring waiters dashed about the hotels and cafes while obdurate special guards at the doors held back late arrivals begging admittance. Prospects tonight were for ideal weather, a trifle windy but warm enough for the paraders tomorrow to show their fashion creations to the best advantage. The biggest affair of its kind ever held outside of New York will be the "white breakfast" to be staged in the morning at one of the new hotels. The big American dining room which ordinarily seats 700 persons, and which occupies more than one-fourth of the main floor of the structure, will be used. All the women guests at the breakfast will be garbed in white frocks, shoes, hose and hats. The men will wear white silk roses in their coat lapels. To enhance the color scheme, white silk lotus flowers, the lotus, symbol of discarded cares, will be distributed in large bouquets to the women. After the breakfast, which will present a never-to-be-forgotten scene, there will be an Easter morning musical at which the star will be Mme. Gedski, the prima donna.

Must Tell How He Annulled Marriage

Amsterdam, N. Y., April 22.—Eleanor Pondleton Davidson, once chorus girl and former wife of Louis Marshall Ream, heir to one-sixth of the estate of his millionaire father, the late Norman B. Ream, gained the first point in her attempt to win back her marriage name. Judge Borst held the young man must appear today and submit proof in answer to the allegations made by Mrs. Ream that the annulment of her marriage was obtained by fraud. The girl claims Ream and she still love each other, but that his people influenced him to leave her.

Women Offer \$100 for Playlet

Boston, April 19.—A prize play for children competition, open to every writer in the entire United States, is being conducted by the Red Stocking Community, of Brookline, an association of Massachusetts' society women. One hundred dollars is offered as a prize for the best play, which the Red Stocking Community will produce in connection with its Christmas pageant. The play is to be presented by young society children of Boston's fashionable suburb. The Community Committee therefore wants a simple play which can be easily given by the youngsters. Plays already have been contributed by authors from the Pacific coast, and widespread interest is being shown in the plan. Authors from various parts of the country may send their contributions to Miss Esther G. Barrows, who is in charge of the Christmas Committee at the Coolidge Corner Post Office, Brookline.

Acrobatic Period

She scornfully—"Men, the most of them, think a woman is ready to jump at them."
He fearfully—"Well, you know this is leap year."—Baltimore American.

road company, which latter was then incomplete.

Twenty Four Years Ago

The first carload of Milwaukee beer arrived in La Grande this week. Beck beer is now on tap.

Wallowa Chieftain: The road supervisors between Elgin and Wallowa bridge have succeeded in giving nature all the chance in the world to make the road as bad as possible. They deserve several chromos for their good work.

A little child of Mrs. J. H. Peare fell down cellar a few days ago and suffered the fracture of the collar bone in the fall.

Engineer McLain is putting up a new residence on Washington avenue. A drive whist party was given by Mrs. F. T. Abbott Wednesday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Snodgrass, Mr. and Mrs. Jap H. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scriber, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Slater, Mr. and Mrs. Jan. Argyle, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Masterton, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eekley. There was a tie for first honors between Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Masterton and Mrs. Eekley. J. M. Berry received the gentlemen's first prize while Mr. Scriber and Mrs. Graham proudly carried off the boobies.

SOME FASHION HINTS

New York Correspondent Relates Some Human Nature Gossip

To have all things harmonious as much as she was able. In home and dress and everything. Essayed aesthetic Mabel.

And so they'd be in rhythm with Her nifty garden smocks. The sole bloom in her garden were Stocks, hollyhocks and phlox.

New York, April, 21.—When you stand in the midst of your garden whether it be a sunken Italian one or a raised window box do you want to look the fairest flower of the lot? If you do, it's very simple, Maud. All you need is a smock of becoming hue, a wide floppy straw hat and one of

those fascinating garden baskets raised on a long wicker stick. All your zinnias, gladiolas, begonias and cannas will simply droop their heads in the face of such a ravishing combination. Surely Maud Muller must have been thus attired when her Judge lingered a bit ere he rode by. Most any good judge nowadays would do the same. Beginning at the top the crowning glory of the garden outfit is the hat; and its only essentials are that it be big, floppy and becoming. Those of the cane chair seat weave are smart, bound in a color to match your smock, with a twist of the same around the crown. Panama straws, legsborns, panamas and loose grass woven hats are all lovely; and wide brimmed ones covered in flowered cretonne or awning stripes to match your skirt also are good. If you want to go in for Oriental gardening the artistic Coolie hats

are perfect, but if you top yourself off thus you will have to taboo the smock and awning stripe skirt, for garments modeled after a Chinese woman's coat and skirt. Otherwise your outfit would not be in perfect accord according to aesthetic Mabel. These Chinese effects really are the very newest Spring crop of gardening gear and most original. The awning stripe skirts this season are not only the broad stripes of a bright color alternating with white, like we had last year, but revel in a riotous array of colored stripes in four or five hectic hues, like a Bakst ballet. They all are very short and full and button down the front with either yawning slashed pockets set in either side, or puffy pouched ones set on. The artistic willow baskets set on their long sticks come in either natural coloring or may be stained to suit. They contain of course the most fascinating collection of gardening tools: a trowel whose handle is gay with paint, a pair of shears and your garden gloves. Adorable watering pots blooming with hand painted nosegays, and rakes with well decorated handles are a few other indispensable accessories of the fashionable garden. Oh yes, and there are quaint and practical garden aprons too, the best model of which are the newest, is of striped material bound in a plain color with a bib and straps over the shoulders.

the building upon a plan that is a complete departure, from anything ever attempted. The company will maintain in the building a well trained sales force, which will handle the business of firms all over the country who otherwise would be without New York representation. The building will be finished in a year. Manufacturers may get the services of the building's staff, with an exhibition room for their products. This staff will book orders, and the rest of the organization will expedite shipments, which can be sent in carload lots to the terminal and split up and reshipped. Later branches of this building will be established in London, Petrograd and Moscow.

A Warning Example

Oldhatch—"And didn't you make a mistake when you married me?"
Henry Peck—"Not especially. You see, my wife promised to love, honor and obey and—well, I was a victim of unpreparedness."

Our Want Ads bring results.

Hopes Women Will Adopt This Habit As Well As Men

Glass of hot water each morning helps us look and feel clean, sweet, fresh.

Happy, bright, alert—vigorous and vivacious—a good clear skin; a natural, rosy complexion and freedom from illness are assured only by clean, healthy blood. If only every woman and likewise every man could realize the wonders of the morning inside bath, what a gratifying change would take place.

Instead of the thousands of sickly, anemic-looking men, women and girls with pasty or muddy complexions; instead of the multitudes of "nervous wrecks," "rundowns," "brain fags" and pessimists we should see a virile, optimistic throng of rosy-cheeked people everywhere.

An inside bath is had by drinking, each morning before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour fermentations and poisons, thus cleansing, sweetening and freshening the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach. Those subject to sick headache, biliousness, nasty breath, rheumatism, colds; and particularly those who have a pallid, sallow complexion and who are constipated very often, are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the drug store which will cost but a trifle but is sufficient to demonstrate the quick and remarkable change in both health and appearance awaiting those who practice internal sanitation. We must remember that inside cleanliness is more important than outside, because the skin does not absorb impurities to contaminate the blood, while the pores in the thirty feet of bowels do.

TWO HUSBANDS DIE OF "HER FATAL BEAUTY."



Cora Mashew Ames Wolter

Two husbands have killed themselves because Mrs. Cora Mashew Ames Wolter possessed "Fatal Beauty." She is now in a Bridgeport hospital from a slight wound the second one inflicted. Her first was Frank Ames, a Bridgeport man, who killed himself because she had taken up with the second, Louis Wolter. Wolter found a letter from another admirer and he tried to kill her. She ran away after being wounded and he turned the gun on himself.

BATHING PARADE STOPPED

Ocean Park's Easter Sunday Parade Will be Minus Bathing Suits

Santa Monica, Cal., April 22.—Ocean Park's Easter Sunday parade tomorrow will be shorn of its bathing suit girls as the result of Ministerial opposition first voiced in the Rev. J. W. Boyd's sermon, "Good Bye, God, I'm going to California." Along the promenade from Santa Monica to Venice—the "Coney Island" of the south coast, scores of pretty girls and handsome youths were to have strolled wearing the latest modes in bathing suits. It was to have been a real "riot of color," made up of garb guaranteed to sock at 100 yards, and built strictly for looking purposes only. When the stroll ended all participants were to have assembled at a "bathing suit dinner," following which prizes were to have been awarded the girls in the most striking costumes.

Skyscraper Show for America

New York, April 22.—Work was begun today on a new \$1,000,000 twenty five story building at Forty-Second street, just east of Broadway, which will be called the Merchandise Hotel and will be a permanent exhibition building for several hundred American manufacturers. The Bush Terminal Company will own and operate

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