

WANT BOLD ROAD

Northern Pacific Plans Possible Change.

WORKING ON NORTH BANK

Indications Point to Route on Washington Side.

SURVEYORS ARE AT WORK

Recent Sale of Columbia River and Northern, and Soundings Taken Lately Near St. Johns Give Color to Rumor.

Will the Northern Pacific straighten out its line between Portland and Missoula, Mont., establish an easy grade, and cut off hundreds of miles from the present line? This is the question that is being asked by the railroad men in view of the recent railroad developments in the Northwest, and the majority of those who ask the question expect an affirmative answer.

Wants Line on North Bank.

The dream of the Northern Pacific for a route down the north bank of the Columbia is not a thing of the past and is not dead. The company yet look to the day when there will be a bridge across the Columbia either at Vancouver or Kalama, or perhaps farther up the river, and this would be the case ultimately has been admitted time and time again by officials high in the councils of the road, though it rested in the future indefinitely.

Road May Be Constructed.

All these circumstances lead to but one conclusion, and that is to the construction of the long-promised road along the Washington side of the river and the East. The Northern Pacific has in the past few years secured possession of the short line from Vancouver to Kalama; it has purchased the Portage road, the right of way opposite The Dalles; it has had men at work quietly buying up rights along the river until it now controls, either by purchase or promise, practically the entire bank between Vancouver and Lyle, and now it is rumored, and not contradicted, that it has bought the Goldendale line reaching out toward the main line at Prosser through the Yakima Valley.

Surveyors Invade Country.

These things are significant and so is the present invasion of the Lewiston country by the Northern Pacific surveyors, under Mr. Pollard. The Northern Pacific officials explain this visit by the story that the right of way through that country has been located or is about to be located, and it is necessary to resurvey the line in order to hold a franchise which it is not desired to lose. This story is good as far as it goes, but it is undoubtedly true that the company does not wish to lose the right of way, and it may be true that if it is to be kept it is to be used.

New Tracks Will Be Built.

At Dayton again, or at Pleasant View, two terminals to branch lines in Eastern Washington, new tracks will be built across country through to Lo Lo Pass in the Bitter Root Mountains to Missoula, Mont., thus straightening out the line, giving an easier grade for the greater part of the distance and cutting off miles of unnecessary travel. The present road from Portland to Missoula is like a letter "S" on the map, running from the city to Tacoma, then down again to Pasco, to the northeast again to Spokane and southeast to Missoula. The projected route will cut out all of the big bends and make practically a straight-away line between the two points.

Area of District is Smaller.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—The area of the proposed irrigation district has been made much smaller by leaving out a number of the farmers who opposed the plan of bonding their property for the construction of an irrigation system. The leaders of the bonding movement are confident that their plans will succeed and that a ditch can be constructed at a cost of \$40,000, which will bring out water enough to irrigate several thousand acres not now cultivated because no water can reach the land. It is expected that the Waco County

Court will issue a call for an election on the question some time next month. The members of the County Court conferred with the farmers at a meeting in the Valley last week.

CHECK PUT ON DEFICIENCIES

Congress Provides Against Expenditures in Excess of Appropriations. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 19.—One of the wisest acts of the late Congress was the insertion of a provision in the general deficiency bill that became a law on March 7, that hereafter deficiencies shall not be created except upon some great emergency. Officers of the government have been altogether too free in making contracts and purchases without regard to the appropriations on hand, trusting that the deficiencies would be supplied.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS.

Table with columns for Deaths, Births, and Contagious Diseases. Includes names and ages of deceased and born individuals.

Real Estate Transfers.

Table listing real estate transactions, including names of parties and descriptions of property.

Machine Shop at the Locks.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—W. L. Clark, engineer in charge of the Government work at Cascade Locks, who was in the city today, says that the \$30,000 recently granted by Congress for the locks at the Cascades will be used in the construction of a machine shop, houses for employes and for grading and improving the grounds. A gravel bar, which has formed at the lower entrance to the canal, will be dredged after the high water this spring.

Product of Salmon Hatcheries.

KALAMA, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—The Kalama River Salmon Hatchery turned out about 3,000,000 young salmon last week. This represented the take of five hatcheries: Wind River, Chinook and Kalama, for 1904, the eggs taken from the Wind River and Chinook having been brought to Kalama when in the "eye" for hatching. A year ago the Kalama hatchery alone turned out over 1,900,000.

Corner-Stone of City Hall Laid.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—The corner-stone of the new City Hall was laid this afternoon with appropriate ceremonies. The hall, which is to be completed by September 1 next, will cost \$35,000.

A Safe Cough Medicine for Children.

In buying a cough medicine for children never buy a cheap one. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There is no danger from it and relief is always sure to follow. It is especially valuable for colds, croup and whooping cough. For sale by all druggists.

MAY LIVE OR DIE

Fate of Central Committees Is in Doubt.

FUNCTIONS ARE LESSENER

New Direct Primary Law Takes Away Greater Part of Committee Work—May Force Election of New Committeesmen.

Are the present central committees in this county, Republican and Democratic, to be created anew in the primaries May 6? Have they been abolished by enactment of the direct primary law? Are they to continue existence until next year's primaries for the county election and meanwhile are their functions in the city to be assumed by separate city committees, chosen at the next primaries? Or are no new committees to be chosen this year? Each of the 45 city precincts has one

A RESPECTED CITIZEN OF DOUGLAS COUNTY.



S. M. Walte, a respected citizen of Douglas County.

S. M. Walte, a respected citizen of Douglas County, died last Monday morning at the home of his son, F. B. Walte, where he had resided since the death of his wife last September. The dead man was 82 years of age and a native of Ohio. In 1853 he moved from Michigan to Oregon, and ever since had lived on his farm on Round Prairie. He was a good neighbor and useful citizen and had a large number of friends who held him in the highest esteem. Mr. Walte left a family of eight children: F. B. Walte, one of Southern Oregon's leading business men; F. B. Walte, a Southern Pacific Railroad engineer; Ex-County School Superintendent Douglas Walte; C. M. and E. C. Walte and Mrs. Ed. Cooper, all of Douglas County; Mrs. H. Coleman, of Forest Grove, and Mrs. William Bush, of Portland.

member on each city central and county central committee.

May Be Restrained by Court.

And Mr. Devlin will receive petitions from candidates for places on the committees the same as from candidates for party nomination, unless restrained by court mandate, and this seems quite unlikely in view of the Circuit Court's application of the law to the coming primaries.

Will Be Chosen Next Year.

This means that the precinct committees for the 25 county precincts outside Portland will not be chosen until next year and that all of the committees will not be elected at one time. The direct primary law is somewhat ambiguous as to the make-up and duties of the central committees, but the opinion is widespread that new precinct committees for the city must be chosen May 6, who will supersede the city committeesmen chosen by the Republican and Democratic conventions last spring.

Some authorities go so far as to depose and say that the central committees then chosen are dead so far as the law is concerned, because they were created under the primary law of 1903, which was expressly repealed by the enactment of the direct primary law at the polls last June.

Committees to Be Reorganized.

Anyhow, the committees seem in a fair way to be reorganized at the next primaries. Thus a heavy stroke will be delivered on the dominant political organizations of this county. The blow will fall hardest on the Republican organization, which had hoped to perpetuate its central committees until next year. By that time its leading spirits hoped that the direct primary "ragary," as they call it, would have worked itself out and brought itself into popular discredit, thereby opening a way for return to old-time "safe" conditions.

The Republican Central Committee is now headed by Whitney L. Boise, its chairman, and the Democratic by John Van Zante. It would seem that the tenure of both will end after the coming primaries. In the reorganization of those committees, "But what is a central committee worth, anyhow?" ask the old-time machine men, "when there are to be no conventions and the committee is not to name delegates?" That used to be the chief function of central committees: now they are to be left only the duty of managing party campaigns and of filling vacancies on party tickets—a rather poor job in view of the lively functions they have heretofore enjoyed.

Considered a Triumph.

The wresting away of the Republican Central Committee from the ruling organization in Multnomah County is considered a mighty triumph by the anti-

GRAFTING GOES ON

Men Who Draw Government Money for Nothing.

BRAZEN ATTEMPT OF HOUSE

Voted Mileage for Traveling Not Done, but Senate Blocked Scheme—St. Louis and Panama Canal Commission Grafts.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 19.—Notwithstanding the vigorous manner in which the President is assailing corruption in the Government service, and in face of the popular clamor for honest administration, the spirit of graft still pervades certain Government offices, and graft in one form or another continues to thrive. With the country worked up to a high pitch, with new exposures being made every day and many convictions resulting, it is surprising that any public servant should have the nerve to persist in his quest for graft. But not all those with grafting inclinations are succeeding. The most brazen attempt at graft, the most brazen attempt to bleed the Government, was the action of the House of Representatives on one session, when it voted itself \$150,000 in extra mileage that was neither earned nor deserved. The passage by the House of the extra mileage bill was as bold a stroke as has been made in Congress in many years, and members who voted for that measure will have much to answer for it when they return to their constituents.

Great Mileage Graft.

The House, by a majority vote, passed a bill giving all its members mileage for the special session, which met just prior to the regular session a year ago. The two sessions were merged into one. No Senator or Representative went home after the one session to return to the next; it was a physical impossibility for one session to end at noon on the first Monday in December and the next session convened at that same minute. Members of the Fifty-eighth Congress made but two trips from their homes to Washington and return, and they were allowed mileage at a liberal rate for both those trips. To have voted themselves additional mileage on the first Monday in December and the next session convened at that same minute, members of the Fifty-eighth Congress made but two trips from their homes to Washington and return, and they were allowed mileage at a liberal rate for both those trips. To have voted themselves additional mileage on the first Monday in December and the next session convened at that same minute, members of the Fifty-eighth Congress made but two trips from their homes to Washington and return, and they were allowed mileage at a liberal rate for both those trips.

President's Influence Felt.

But the stand of the administration is having its effect. Had it not been for the position of the President and the resulting public sentiment, there is little doubt that the mileage graft would have passed the Senate as well as the House. Had it not been for this same sentiment, the various junkets of some Congressmen would have been made at Government expense, instead of at the expense of the men participating. There is a spirit of reform mingling with the spirit of graft, and gradually overtopping it, but the reform is slow of accomplishment.

Was Not Gambling.

PORTLAND, March 19.—(To the Editor)—In your issue for the 15th inst. appears a statement that I was found in a gambling-house and arrested on a charge of having lottery tickets in my possession. Will you kindly allow me to say that the room where I was found is not a gambling-room, but the private apartment of some Chinese. I was there looking after some of the pupils who attend the night school, of which I am a member. I had no lottery tickets on my person or in my possession, nor was any one gambling in that room.

DR. SINGLETON.

As soon as the facts were made known I was arrested, and a charge was made against me. May I add that as a helper in the night school of the Presbyterian Mission it was my duty to look into the lodging rooms where so many of them live, but I have nothing to do with gambling nor have I gambled since becoming a Christian.

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