

CHICAGO ELEVATED RAILROADS MERGE

Gigantic Deal Involves Capitalization Scheme of \$100,000,000.

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Henry A. Blair, Who Reorganized Chicago Railways Company, Is Conducting Negotiations With Four Railroads of City.

CHICAGO, April 29.—(Special.)—Unification of the Chicago Elevated Railroads, regarded as the first essential step toward a perfect transportation service, today was said to be in sight. A gigantic deal, involving a capitalization of \$100,000,000, may be consummated in the plan put in operation August 1.

Cash Offered to Companies.
Representing a syndicate of New York bankers with unlimited resources, he has submitted a definite offer to the elevated railroad officials to buy the properties, either by paying cash or stockholders in return for a deposit of their stock, or giving them securities in the new corporation equal to the par value of their holdings.

How Property Is Capitalized.

The capitalization of the elevated roads in stocks and bonds is as follows:

Name	Stocks	Bonds	Total
West	\$10,000,000	\$22,482,000	\$32,482,000
Metra	14,500,000	15,000,000	29,500,000
South	10,323,500	8,000,000	18,323,500
Clark	8,000,000	10,000,000	18,000,000

With the equipment, notes and other outstanding obligations, the total capitalization is a little more than \$100,000,000.

BALLINGER TAKES STAND

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Secretary Garfield and President Roosevelt after he had replied negatively to suggestion of Secretary Pillsbury to accept the post of Commissioner of the Land Office. Reading from the Roosevelt telegram, Blair said:

"It is your duty to help me. You and Garfield will lift an immense burden from my shoulders."
It was then that Blair, and that which he decided to accept the post, and yet asked the witness whether his relations with Garfield then were friendly.

"I am a frequent visitor to Mr. Roosevelt's study," Blair said, "and I know Mr. Garfield in college."
Vetrees asked Ballinger whether he knew any of the Cunningham-Alaska coal claimants at the time he became Commissioner. He said he was not aware that he knew any of them at that time, but had since discovered that he knew about six of them, whom he named.

Not Interested in Alaska Land.

"I had no interest in Alaskan or any other lands whatsoever, either directly or indirectly," retorted Ballinger emphatically.
What professional relations did you or your law firm have at that time with Alaska?
"I don't recall that we represented any, with the possible exception of Watson Allen, a lumberman, who had some interest in Nome in placer gold diggings."
"That was all—"
"Now wait, I want to qualify that statement," Blair said, explaining why the Pioneer Mining Company, which he organized in 1904 or 1905, and its interests were in and about Nome, and it was composed largely of French-Canadians.

Ballinger then told of having come to Washington and of an interview he had at the White House with President Roosevelt soon after his arrival. Raised his voice, Blair said:
"The president said to me as he greeted me, 'What business do you have, Ballinger. I'm glad you are here. Any man who could clean up Seattle as you did can clean up that Land Office.'"
"Mr. Ballinger then described how he had 'cleaned up' the Land Office, relating in detail the many changes he had made and the innovations he had adopted. He first met L. R. Glavis in San Francisco in the summer of 1905. At that time, he swore, nothing had been said about coal lands, but Glavis had asked him to secure his transfer to Portland when he returned to Washington, and thereafter he had put H. K. Love in charge of the Alaskan coal cases instead of H. T. Jones, another special agent, Blair said he lacked confidence in Jones.

Opinion of Jones Confirmed.
"His action before this committee justifies my opinion of him," said Ballinger. Jones testified against Ballinger at the inquiry.
Attorney Vetrees asked Ballinger about a conference he had with Glavis in December, 1907. He referred Ballinger to Glavis' testimony before the committee that they had talked about several specific groups of Alaska coal claims.
"That's a willful and deliberate lie," exclaimed Ballinger. He said they had discussed the situation in general, but that he knew nothing about any groups.

Investigation into those claims?" asked Vetrees.
"Not in the slightest degree, at any time," replied Ballinger. "Glavis was never hampered, but was pampered all the way through."
Questioned as to his differences with Secretary Garfield in 1907 about coal lands, Ballinger explained he had favored the sale system as opposed to a leasing system. He said Garfield disapproved of his report, but subsequently by President Roosevelt called him to the White House and asked him to explain what his differences with Garfield were. As a result of that interview, he had written a letter to the President, embodying his views. When he saw the President subsequently, the latter said to him:
"I have embodied your recommendations in my annual message, but I guess you and Garfield are afraid it will go through the roof. But I guess the roof is strong enough to hold 'em.'"
At the afternoon session, Vetrees questioned Secretary Ballinger regarding his appearance before the House committee on public lands on March 4, 1908, in advocacy of the Cole bill, providing for the selling of coal lands. Ballinger contradicted former Secretary Garfield's testimony before the committee that he did not authorize him (Ballinger) to appear before the committee. He said Garfield had written him assuring him that he knew Ballinger's position and that there would be no misunderstanding. He added that Garfield was in error in telling the committee that in advocating the Cole bill before the House committee, he had not authorized him to give his permission to patent of other than bona fide claims.

Information Not Misused.
"The assiduous attempts of certain malicious persons to circulate throughout the country reports that I carried away from the Land Office information which I could use to the detriment of the United States Government, have not the slightest foundation," said Ballinger. All information in the lands office made given by Dr. Wetherbee and F. McKercher.
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Hillsboro was the last stopping place in the long journey. A band met the train and headed a parade to the courthouse. As the excursionists walked to the building they passed a group of gallied-dressed girls who were on a balcony and who peered them with ill-concealed admiration and awe. A woman, "snow-balls" creations and other treasures. An automobile tour of the nearby country had been planned, but was abandoned on account of the rain.
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Garfield Names Conditions.
Ballinger said he took it to Garfield, at his home in Ohio. He said he again saw Garfield, and also Dennet, in Washington on September 23, and that Garfield had said to him that "if the people would come under the law of May 28, 1908, they would get their patents, otherwise they would not."
In the Wilson Company's cases, Glavis had testified Ballinger had drawn up an escrow agreement giving his client, Watson et al., a right to purchase four claims after the patents had been secured. These claims had not been proved up, and Glavis contended that perjury would have had to be committed to secure patents for those lands.
Ballinger denied he had ever prepared such an agreement, and characterized the story as a fabrication, saying that this man Glavis deliberately attempted to build up the case to besmirch his character.
"I bitterly denounce his testimony in that connection," added the secretary.

Questioned about Glavis' statement that he met Ballinger in Seattle in the summer of 1908, and that the latter told him that the Cunningham claims were in a bad fix, Ballinger interrupted his story abruptly.
"That is a deliberate lie," he exclaimed, "and like many other of his statements to this committee, it is another entirely untrue story."
Law Firm Dissolved.
Passing on to the time when he became Secretary of the Interior, Ballinger said he "burned all his bridges behind him, dissolved his law firm and severed all connections with corporations."
Mr. Vetrees asked Mr. Ballinger to explain whether, as charged by Glavis, he had "changed his mind over night" about assenting to the proposed construction of an opinion on the proper construction of the law of May 8, after he had promised to do so at a conference with Glavis, Commissioner Dennet and Chief of Field Division Schwartz. Glavis feared Assistant Secretary Pierce, to whom the Secretary had referred the matter for an opinion, might so construe the law as to validate the Cunningham claims.
Ballinger said he had not promised to do so, but subsequently, he spoke to Mr. Wickersham after a Cabinet meeting and the latter told him that Glavis already had secured an opinion on the ground it was necessary for his (Ballinger's) protection.
The committee then adjourned until tomorrow.

Sunday Expenses Allowed.
OLYMPIA, Wash., April 29.—(Special.)—In an official opinion to State Auditor Clausen, the Attorney-General holds that the State Examiners now employed checking up different county offices are entitled to travel expenses for Sundays if away from home at work, but are not entitled to draw pay for any day unless they actually work on Sundays.

Postal Building New Line.

GOLD HILL, Ore., April 29.—Thirty men employed by the Postal Telegraph Company have arrived in Gold Hill and will remain for a month, working away on both ways on the new telegraph line being built from Portland to San Francisco, and which is completed from Portland south to within four miles of this place.

30 TOWNS VISITED IN 1000-MILE TRIP

Excursion Party Home After Five Days—Hospitality Is Unbounded.

YAMHILL GIVES WALNUTS

First Rain Is Encountered in Washington County, but Ardor Does Not Slacken—Railroad Company Thanked.

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of the Mayor of Forest Grove, April 28, 1910.

Flowers and Punch Served.

A committee of prominent women of Forest Grove was in charge of the decorated clubrooms and distributed flowers and served punch. President Ferrin, of Pacific University, delivered the welcoming address and the responses were given by Dr. Wetherbee and F. McKercher.
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George W. Hoyt was chairman for the excursionists during the latter part of the day, business having called Ralph W. Hoyt away.
Each member of the party brought home a load of souvenirs, one of the most appreciated of which was that furnished by William McMurray and John M. Scott, of the Southern Pacific passenger department. This souvenir was in the form of a well-bound memorandum book, on the back of which were printed the names and addresses of the party to which it was presented. At the head of each page was printed the name of a town visited, the points being arranged in chronological order with the time of arrival and departure of the train given. On the last pages were printed the names and addresses of both the excursionist and his sponsor, and a list of records carried in the observation for use in the gratification of the excursion by Ellerslie House.

Thanks Extended to Railroad.
Toward the close of the journey the following resolution was prepared and presented to the railroad officials:
"Whereas, the members of the Portland Excursionists' excursion desire to express their appreciation both of the admirable arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the party and of the uniform courtesy, consideration and uniform forethought which have made the Klamath Falls trip the most successful and most enjoyable ever conducted under the auspices of the Commercial Club; and
"Whereas, the pleasure of and success of the excursion have been due in large part to the luxurious appointments of a special train placed at our service; and
"Whereas, the service of the train has been of a great character; now therefore, be it
"Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks and appreciative commendation to Messrs. William McMurray, John M. Scott and W. H. Jenkins and their corps of able assistants."
Trip Accomplishes Much.
The 75 Portland business men who returned last night from the Southern Oregon Excursionists' excursion in their expressions of pleasure concerning their experiences and the good accomplished for a united Oregon. Following are statements by some of the members of the party:
D. O. Lively, general agent Portland Excursionists' excursion, said he traversed a revelation to many of us. The progress and development of Western and Southern Oregon is an earnest and hearty desire of the trip. It is not building larger than the supporting country will warrant. The people are alive to the advisability of an increase in the production of livestock.
Willis Dunningway, State Printer—"I have seen an empire that is not yet built. This was my first trip down the Valley and the dust has been taken from my eyes. I enjoyed the trip from start to finish. The congeniality of the members of the party was a source of great pleasure, and there was not a single unpleasant incident to mar the whole journey. The development work in Oregon is tremendous."
Dom J. Zan, president Zan Brothers—"Medford surprised me. I did not realize there was such a movement in rural lands or so much money invested there. There are great opportunities awaiting capital in the Klamath Falls. That country is only in its infancy, and there will be a wonderful district there. Ashland, too, is beautiful, and has a great future. Eugene has made

great progress in the last few years, and looks like a real city. Albany has done some noble work in road improvement. But the greatest surprise of all was the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis. Very few Oregonians realize what a great institution it is."
Edward Ehrman, president Mason, Ehrman & Co.—"To be able to visit the Oregon Agricultural College was the most interesting incident of the trip. It is a wonderful institution. Every town shows progress of such an extent that it is impossible, almost to draw the mind away from the things that the kindly feeling of Portland toward other portions of the state, and I believe it has been appreciated. The committee of Oregon have been drawn closer to Portland, and the purpose of the trip has been accomplished."

Other Trips Now Planned.

John P. Plagemann, manager H. Liebes & Co.—"The great surprise to me was to see the general prosperity of the Oregon valleys. It is a wonderful trip. The trip has helped us all to realize what enormous resources Oregon possesses. I am more than glad that I went on the trip and will endeavor to do my duty to see the remainder of the state when a similar opportunity is offered."
Julius Louison, manager M. A. Campbell & Co.—"The trip has been most enjoyable and beneficial. I have not only seen the growth and possibilities of Southern Oregon, but have also gotten acquainted with customers. My visit to the educational institutions at Eugene, Corvallis and Medford has convinced me that there is no reason why our young people should go East to gain an education."
F. O. Bristol, superintendent of agencies, Columbia Life & Trust Co.—"I believe I am the baby brother of this trip. So far as length of residence in Portland is concerned, like the baby, I have been boosting and making as much noise as any healthy youngster. It is also the case with youngsters, I realize that we have come to a new land, though coming from New York, and being imbued with the average New Yorker's opinion of that city, I have become thoroughly possessed by the Oregon spirit. It has been the trip of my life."

Crop Prospects Surprise.

W. A. Williams, general agent Continental Insurance Company—"The favorable condition of the crops at this season of the year impressed me most. I have been covering this same country for 11 years, and never saw better prospects. When I say crops I mean everything that is raised in Western and Southern Oregon. The development of the country impresses me more and more. It is a surprise to see the crops here and to see the people here. The crops here are of a better quality than in any other part of the West. The people here are of a better quality than in any other part of the West. The people here are of a better quality than in any other part of the West.
J. C. Good, secretary Union Meat Company—Corvallis interested me most. It is a beautiful city and has a wonderful future. The people here are of a better quality than in any other part of the West. The people here are of a better quality than in any other part of the West. The people here are of a better quality than in any other part of the West.
H. E. Vernon, general agent Santa Fe Railway—The trip has been a most successful one. The people here are of a better quality than in any other part of the West. The people here are of a better quality than in any other part of the West. The people here are of a better quality than in any other part of the West.

Rapid Growth Impresses.

Robert McPherson, vice-president W. G. McPherson & Co.—"The excursion was an immense success. Each of us not only got acquainted with Portland business men but exchanged acquaintance at other points. I wish such excursions were given oftener.
George W. Hoyt, cashed Merchants' National Bank—"The great development that has taken place since the last business men's excursion covered Western Oregon and the improvement in roads, streets and buildings made the strongest impression on me."
R. B. Wetherbee—"I have never before been so impressed by the magnitude of the undeveloped resources and possibilities of Oregon, and am greatly interested over the high class of improvements that are being made in each of the towns visited. The people are surely thinking and have a great future ahead of them. It was a great pleasure to visit the splendid educational institutions of Eugene and Corvallis. The people here are of a better quality than in any other part of the West. The people here are of a better quality than in any other part of the West. The people here are of a better quality than in any other part of the West.

First Vacation for L. Samuel.

L. Samuel, general manager Oregon Life Insurance Company—"It was actually my first vacation in all my life, and I enjoyed it immensely. I believe the excursion has unified the business interests of Portland. I am sure I know it has promoted a better acquaintanceship among the men who were on the trip. I have lived in Portland 29 years, and in that time I have seen many changes. I met for the first time Mr. Rasmussen, a member of our party, who has been a citizen of Portland for 27 years.
Ralph W. Hoyt, president Portland Rose Festival Association—"It was the most satisfactory of the several excursions given under the auspices of the Portland Commercial Club. I discovered a keen interest in the Rose Festival. Every town that we visited will be represented, I am assured, and a great attendance is promised from our own state.
Sam Connell, president American Bank & Trust Company—"The towns of the Willamette Valley and Southern Oregon have made good the promise given four years ago at the time of the preceding business men's excursion. The things talked of then have been realized and most of the cities have exceeded even what they hoped for at that time.

Good Feeling Found Everywhere.

Dr. Andrew C. Smith—"I was most strongly impressed by the good feeling throughout the state. Conditions of prosperity are everywhere to be met. It is evident that the campaign of public opinion and promotion started at the time of the Lewis and Clark Fair and carried out since then under the leadership of the Portland Commercial Club is bringing great results. We shall see a greater growth in the next 10 or 15 years than ever before."
W. E. Combs, general freight agent Southern Pacific Company—"The business men have found the town prosperous and the industry of the country abundant. Good. Portland has gained confidence in the interior towns, and the interior towns have gained confidence in Portland as a result of the excursion. The feeling of friendship has been augmented and all are bound to work together for a greater Oregon."

Medford Offers Surprises.

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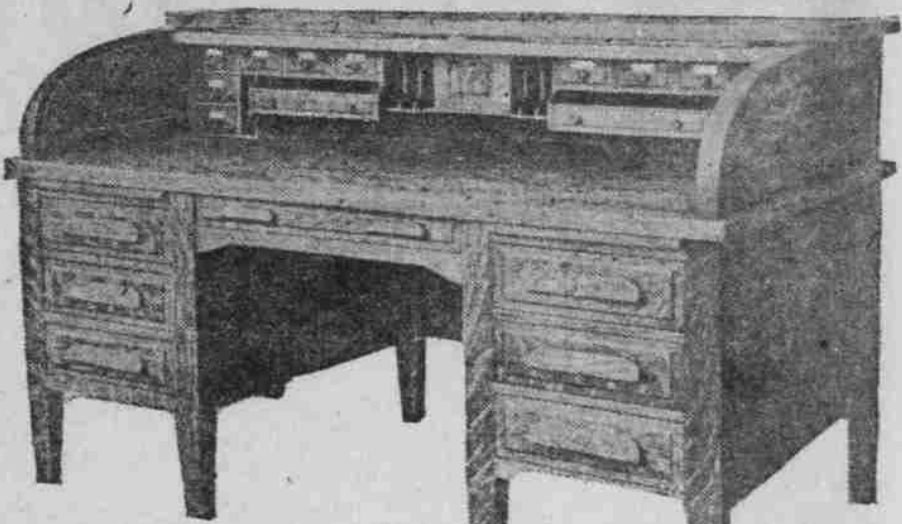
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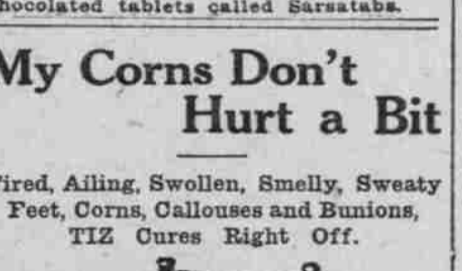
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