

PROPOSED LINE SPEEDS BIG SUM Mount Hood Railway Outlay Already Is \$1,200,000, Say Officials.

FURTHER COSTS INCURRED Company Plans to Enter Vigorously Into Power Business—Proposed Rates Have Been Considered With Great Care.

Since starting operations in Portland and vicinity the Mount Hood Railway & Power Company has expended \$1,200,000 in construction and development work and orders have been placed for machinery and other material that will necessitate an immediate additional outlay of more than \$500,000.

The company has applied for franchises not only in Portland, but in St. Johns, Milwaukie, Oswego, Vancouver, Washougal and other towns in Oregon and Washington and expects to ask for grants in several additional places.

Contracts have been let and work has been started on an auxiliary steam power plant, capable of generating 5000 horsepower of electricity on the Peninsula within the city limits and work is being rushed on the mammoth hydroelectric plant at Bull Run.

The local plant will be done May 1, according to the terms of the contract. Orders for supplies include large quantities of poles, wires, insulators, generators, transformers and turbines and will be delivered here as fast as they can be secured from the Eastern and Western manufacturers.

The present plans of the company provide for the construction of the line from Portland to Sandy Bay, and the distribution of power to local consumers. Future extensions to the road have not been determined, but it is possible that the line eventually will reach the Deschutes basin.

All of the work has been done and is being done under the direction of R. C. Childs, chairman of the board of directors of the company, and Cecil B. Smith, of the engineering firm of Smith, Kerry & Chance, of Tacoma, Ont.

"The purpose of the company," said Mr. Childs yesterday, "is, of course, to do business, and necessarily it must meet any already existing business that may be owned or controlled by other interests."

"We believe that the people will sustain the Council in promptly granting the franchise that will enable us to complete our road and to place us in a position where we can serve the people of Portland with electric lights, interurban and urban transportation to and from the heart of the city.

"We positively have no connection in a general or any other way with either the Hill or the Harriman railroad systems. We are operating entirely with independent and unrelated capital and expect an opposition from the Hill, Harriman or any other transcontinental line. The question of franchise is up to the City of Portland and the people of this city upon our merits alone.

"We want only that which is just and reasonable, and if there is anything in either one of the franchises that the people ought not to grant, our management invites the public to point it out. We believe that the Executive Board will place a reasonable valuation upon our lighting franchise now before it and promptly report it back for passage.

Hood River, are staying at the Imperial. B. Lindeman, of The Dalles, is at the G. Oregon. F. O. Hanel, of Hope, Idaho, is at the Ramapo. H. P. Roe, of Goldendale, Wash., is at the Perkins. Miss R. Carpenter, of Mosier, is at the Cornelius. Ike Blumauer, of Tenino, Wash., is at the Cornelius. C. R. Arundell, of Seattle, is registered at the Ramapo. Mrs. John L. Rank of Baker, is staying at the Portland. L. W. Bennett, of Marshfield, is registered at the Portland. G. E. Fulham, of Antelope, is registered at the Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. I. St. John, of Corvallis, are staying at the Lenox. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ford, of The Dalles, are at the Perkins. Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Carey, of Marshland, are staying at the Oregon. Sprague Riedel and John F. Morrill, of Medford, are at the Portland. Mrs. E. H. Webb, of Wenatchee, Wash., is staying at the Cornelius. Mrs. J. W. R. Richardson, of La Grande, are staying at the Perkins. E. E. Williams, Republican National committeeman for Oregon, of Dallas, is at the Imperial. J. A. White, a civil engineer of Marshfield, Mich., came to Portland to locate, is at the Lenox. R. G. Smith, an attorney of Grants Pass, who was a candidate on the Democratic ticket against Representative Hawley, is registered at the Imperial. E. W. Rowe, of the druggist firm of Rowe & Martin, is in at his home, 627 Rodney avenue, as a result of a nervous breakdown. W. H. Boyd, who is in charge of the patient, says the case is not serious.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Hotel arrivals here today from the Pacific Northwest were: From Portland—Miss C. H. Myers, of the Algonquin; H. A. Edgar, at the Gillespie; Miss H. Koehler, Mrs. R. Koehler, at the Hotel Astor; D. N. Turney, at the Navar. From Olympia—J. J. Benner, at the Grand. From Tacoma—R. A. Sproule, at the King Edward; E. S. Dimmock, at the Wolcott. From Spokane—Miss M. Ellingson, at the Cumberland; F. J. Sonekeas, at the Union Square; A. A. Haddad, at the Victoria. From Seattle—Mrs. M. Wardall, at the Marlinton; L. O. Merrill, at the Aljine; J. E. Chiberg, Mrs. J. E. Chiberg, at the Plaza; Miss E. H. Cox, Miss M. A. Kelley, at the Seville; W. A. Carew, at the Navarre; Mrs. T. H. Starr, at the Breslin.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Oregon hotel arrivals today in Chicago were: From Portland—Great Northern, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wallace; Hood River—Congress, Mrs. R. S. Davidson; Grants Pass—Great Northern, Elmer S. Shank.

ROSE FESTIVAL FARE AWAITS LOCAL ADJUSTMENT. Encouraging reports regarding special reduced rates for the next Portland Rose Festival were received yesterday by Assistant General Passenger Agent W. J. H. Murray, chief of the Transcontinental Passenger Association in Chicago. The word which Mr. Scott had, and which also was given to the Rose Festival, was to the effect that the fare was being held in abeyance until some local conditions involving rates in intermediate territory had been settled.

It was said at Festival headquarters that in addition to getting out one of the finest illustrated booklets ever produced by the advertising department of the Harriman line, this system already had contributed \$1000 in cash to the Festival fund. This money was turned over some weeks ago, and supplemental to another fund which these lines have appropriated for an extensive campaign of billboard and poster advertising.

"We have great hope that Mr. Murray will be able to swing things in our favor, so far as the low excursion rates are concerned," said President Hill yesterday. "The Harriman and Hill lines have given \$1000 each to the general fund, and now all that remains for the railroads to do to make the fare a great hope is to give the fare to grant us the same low rates that the big fairs and conventions have received, and I feel confident that when the fare is granted, it will be a great benefit to the Rose Festival."

DAIRYMAN IS FINED \$25 Adulteration, Court Rules. That a mixture of two pure products was not an adulteration under the law, was the defense offered by W. F. Davis, proprietor of the Davis Sanipure Dairy, trial in Municipal Court yesterday for adding condensed milk to cream. The fact that his cream was thus adulterated was admitted by the defendant, and City Chemist Smith told the court that Davis sold the product to his customers at an advanced price, upon the representation that it would "whip."

PIONEER RESIDENT DIES Funeral of Mrs. Mary Wilson Will Be Held Today. Mrs. Mary Wilson, a resident of Portland for many years, died on Wednesday night at the residence of her son, Judge Taylor, in the city of Portland. The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from 607 East Seventeenth street, and interment will be at Lone Fir Cemetery.

PERSONAL MENTION. J. E. Friend, of Silverton, is at the Lenox. Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Early, of

WOMEN PLAY DEEP POLITICAL GAME Mystery Envelops Decision to Go to Salem in Support of Food Bill.

WORKERS MAKE CANVASS Bailey's Declaration of Authorship Gives Impetus to Movement of Consumers' League — In-dorsements Are Solicited.

A delegation of women representing the Consumers' League will visit the Legislature today in another effort to induce the law-making body to pass their bill placing dairy and food inspection under supervision of the State Board of Health. The women have a plan which they will not divulge, that they hope will be successful in plotting the bill through, but the campaign will be as vigorously carried on the meantime of soliciting indorsements and influence to aid them should today's effort fail.

From early in the morning until late last night members of the league were busy campaigning. Several conferences were held in the course of the day, at which reports were received from workers throughout the city and late in the afternoon a summing up of what had been done led to a decision to visit the Legislature again and renew their efforts before using all their ammunition.

BAILEY'S DEFENSE TECHNICAL Court to Decide Food Commissioner's Demurrer Tomorrow. Whether Food Commissioner Bailey will escape trial on the indictment recently returned against him will fall to the publisher of the analytical tests in his office, will be determined by Judge Gantenbein when he opens court tomorrow morning.

REAL INQUIRY IS DEMANDED Merrymann Would Empower Committee to Investigate Bailey. STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Senator Merrymann, with Senator Bowerman and a large following in the Senate, today secured an official investigation into the affairs of J. W. Bailey, State Dairy and Food Commissioner. They protest that the recent investigation was without force.

SISTERS FIGHT CASE ALLEGED WIFE SLAYER IS GIVEN AID. Photograph Will Be Introduced at Trial to Show That W. J. Hassing Is Insane. The sisters of William J. Hassing, who is soon to be tried on a charge of murder in the first degree, are fighting the case of their father, showing by the similarity of his appearance to that of his photograph that he was by heredity insane when he committed the deed. Hassing's father went insane, it is claimed, and to prove his son was like him and therefore was of the same temperament, the photograph will be introduced.

BURIAL IS SET FOR TODAY Funeral Services of Mrs. Eliza C. Sulliger in Methodist Church. VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The funeral services of Mrs. Eliza C. Sulliger, wife of Dr. Spencer S. Sulliger, district superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Methodist Church in this city. The Rev. M. C. Casper, pastor, is officiating. It is expected that many friends from Portland will attend the services.

\$1,056,510 IS HANDLED Federal Inspectors Complete Post-office Inquiry. Postoffice Inspectors Morse, Riches, Durand and Fullenweider have just completed an inspection of the Portland Post-office. They say they have found everything in order, but they have discovered that the sum of \$1,056,510 was passed through the main office since October 10. Portland is the paying station for nearly all of the mail carried in this district. The Portland office also pays the rural carriers in this district.

GOODYEAR RAINCOAT CO. Must Vacate Store. Positive notice has been served on this concern to vacate the premises now occupied by them at 302 Washington street. The building is to be torn down to make room for a 15-story skyscraper, extending from Fifth to Alder—this mammoth structure to be occupied by Lipman, Wolfe & Co. The Raincoat concern has so far been unable to locate a suitable location, and will therefore be compelled to close up its stock of men's, women's and children's raincoats, a big sacrifice. Watch newspapers for further announcements.

CHILD'S DEATH IS PROBED Third in One Family Dies Without Medical Attention. Dr. Calvin S. White, secretary of the State Board of Health, will go to Rainier today to conduct a postmortem examination of a child of Isaac Quiffander that died at the Quiffander home near Clatskanie Tuesday. An autopsy of the stomach will likely be made in the laboratory of the State Board of Health to determine the cause of death.

NEW RULES COSTLY Judge Gantenbein Will Oppose Suggested Change. TOO MANY JURORS NEEDED Requirement That Citizens Shall Serve for Longer Periods Adds to Difficulties — Conference to Be Held.

CITY DELAYS PURCHASE FIRE HOSE TO BE SUBJECTED TO CLOSE SCRUTINY. Manufacturing Firm Pleads for Chance, Saying Rotted Goods Recently Sent Due to Spite.

In asking the fire committee of the City Executive Board to give his concern another opportunity to place hose for the fire department here, the representative of the Bowers Rubber Company, of San Francisco, yesterday told members that malicious, disgruntled workmen in the factory were to blame for the rotted goods previously sold by that establishment here. He pleaded for another opportunity that his employees might be able to prove to Portland that they are now making a good article.

R. KENNEDY PLACED ON TRIAL Charge of Selling Business He Did Not Own to Be Heard. R. Kennedy was placed on trial yesterday in Judge Morrow's court on a charge of having sold a third interest in a commission business that he did not own. The indictment charges Kennedy with having sold to H. B. Riffle a third interest in the business for \$1000, when it belonged to the Portland Brokerage Company, of which Kennedy was the president.

TRACT NOT ACCESSIBLE Mayor Opposes Acquisition of Huddleston Lands for Park. Owing to the inaccessibility of the property known as the Huddleston tract, situated beyond Riverdale cemetery, south of Portland, it is improbable that the members of the Park Board will buy any of it just now. They are confident, however, that they have reached no decision. Some of the members visited the ground yesterday afternoon to look it over. They were accompanied by the city engineer.

MAGAZINE EXONERATES STANDARD OIL COMPANY. Writer Admits Error in Story That Impure Materials Were Sold to Manufacturers. Cleveland Moffett, a magazine writer who was sued for \$100,000 damages in a libel suit by the Standard Oil Company, has made retraction. Hampton's Magazine, which was also sued by the Standard Oil Company for \$250,000 damages, has joined Mr. Moffett in his retraction. The article complained of accused the company of selling impure materials to candy manufacturers in Philadelphia. The letters of Mr. Moffett and Hampton's Magazine follow:

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