

HILL MOVE SEEN IN CALIFORNIA LINE

Oakland & Antioch, It Is Admitted, Will Be Extended Beyond Sacramento.

HEAVY RAILS BEING LAID

Promoters Declare Entire Network of Roads in Valley Will Be Under One Name and Management in Five Years.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The Oakland & Antioch Railway will begin work soon upon its long-contemplated extension from Antioch to Sacramento and with that well under way will begin the extension of its line from Antioch to Stockton.

W. Arnstein, one of the heavy stockholders in the California Traction Company and one of the prime movers in the Oakland & Antioch, last night confirmed the Sacramento extension report and declared that the work would be completed in the remarkably short time. The two roads are virtually one and will soon be known as the Hill Lines.

Speedy Construction Promised.

"All the right of way has been secured, the contracts are ready to be let and we expect the contractors will get a new record for speed," Arnstein said at his home.

Arnstein said that the money for the Sacramento extension had been obtained in the East. The same moneyed interests that have backed the traction company are believed to be back of the Oakland & Antioch and the combination is believed to be the one headed by James J. Hendricks, formerly of Antioch, who is now in California. Only recently, when in Oregon, he intimated that it would not be long before he would be here, and that the Oakland & Antioch is not to stop at Sacramento. It is to extend on from there—just where officials decline to say.

Heavy Steel Shipment.

While the men back of this railway declare absolutely that they are not backed by anyone interested in the Key Route and the Northern Electric Company, they nevertheless frankly say that within five years the entire combination of electric railways that has been steadily starting construction work in various parts of the Sacramento Valley will be under one name and management. They even admit that in contemplating new electric lines they would be heavy investors in the possible connections in the future.

A significant feature of the electric road construction is that 30-pound rails are being laid.

POLICEMAN'S BLOW KILLS

Logger Engaged in Fight Attacks Peace Officer and Is Struck.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 21.—H. T. Greene, a Canadian sawmill hand who died in a hospital today from a fracture of the skull resulting from a fall on the sidewalk at Fourth avenue and Stewart street during a fight after midnight, was struck down by Policeman W. E. Fenderson, and not by a robber as first reported by the police.

Greene and W. T. Curran, a bartender formerly of Spokane, were fighting, say half a dozen eyewitnesses, and Curran, who is a heavy drinker, was beating Greene, a smaller man.

Greene set up cries of "Murder! Police!" that woke the whole neighborhood. Policeman Fenderson rushed to the scene, separated the men and arrested Curran. Greene renewed his attack on Curran, and Fenderson struck Greene with his fist, falling him to the ground. He was taken to a hospital and died at noon.

BUILDING OF SCHOOLS HIT

Washington Court Restricts Consolidated Districts.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—A decision has been handed down by the State Supreme Court that will affect proposed improvements in consolidated school districts in all parts of Washington. The court holds that under the constitution of the state no consolidated district, composed of smaller districts, can be created, an indebtedness which would mean a greater indebtedness in any constituent district than 5 per cent of the taxable property in that particular unit.

The decision of the court will have the effect of preventing many school districts in the state from consolidating in order to erect joint high school buildings.

SEALING PATROL PROVIDED

Hoop Introduces Bill to Enforce Provisions of Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A bill making effective the provisions of the fur seal treaty, concluded at Washington on July 7, 1911, between the United States, England, Russia and Japan, was introduced in the Senate by Senator Hoop today.

It empowers the President to make regulations to prevent pelagic sealing in the Arctic waters covered by the convention, provides for a patrol of ships, and that violators of the law shall be tried in the United States District Court.

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Man Killed by Train.

WANOUVER, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—William Howe, aged 25, employed on the steamer Norma, was killed at Fallbridge, Klickitat County, today when, in attempting to board a freight train, he fell under the wheels and was cut in two. The coroner at Goldendale has been notified.

IDAHO SENATOR WHOSE BILL CONTEMPLATES NEW IRRIGATION LOAN.



W. E. BORAH.

FRANCE PLANS GIFT

Bust by Rodin to Be Presented to United States.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—France is arranging another imposing testimonial of her friendship for the United States. A public subscription is to be opened tomorrow to offer a bronze bust of "La France," by the illustrious French sculptor, Auguste Rodin, which will be placed at the base of the monument to be dedicated next June to Samuel de Champlain, the French navigator, explorer and discoverer of the lake that bears his name.

TESTIMONIAL INTENDED FOR PLACING AT BASE OF MONUMENT TO SAMUEL DE CHAMPLAIN, TO BE DEDICATED NEXT JUNE.

The initiative of the movement was taken by Ambassador Jusserand, in accordance with the wish of the French Foreign Office, but as it was wished to have a public relation to a governmental testimonial, the Franco-American committee was requested to assume the direction.

An appeal to the public for subscriptions will appear in the newspapers tomorrow. This will indicate that France is deeply touched by the frequent manifestations of American friendship for this country through the dedication of statues of Frenchmen in America.

The approaching glorification of Champlain, who conceived a vast project of a French America, from Canada to Louisiana, on which later the great American Republic was developed, was admirably suited to express the warm French affection, the appeal will say.

The bust will be mounted on a marble base, with a marble representation of the American and French flags. It will be presented by a special delegation of Frenchmen, including members of the Franco-American Commission.

SEAT LOST BY LIBERALS

Bye-Election in North Ayrshire Goes Against Government.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The government has lost another seat in the House of Commons owing to the result of the bye-election for North Ayrshire. Scotland. A. M. Anderson, the Liberal member returned at the last election, had to seek re-election on his appointment as Solicitor-General for Scotland, and James M. Anderson, the Conservative, by a majority of 251 votes.

At the last election Anderson won the seat by a majority of 238 votes.

CLASS WORK REGULATED

Oregon Agricultural College Faculty Governs Attendance.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The faculty, at the last meeting, accepted a set of regulations governing students' attendance at classes from a committee composed of the following members: John Fulton, chemistry department; H. C. Phillips, mechanical engineering department; H. M. Tennant, registrar; Mrs. Helen Brooks, professor of domestic art; Dean A. R. Cordley, agricultural department; Dean J. A. Covell, engineering department; Dean J. A. Baxell, business department; H. M. Parks, mining department; G. V. Skelton, mechanical engineering department; W. A. Hillebrand, electrical engineering department; G. W. Peavy, forestry department; C. M. McCallip, pharmacy department; R. D. Hessel, extension department.

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Ex-Senator Jones Dead.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—Benjamin F. Jones, ex-United States Senator from Louisiana and for half a century a leading figure in the political and commercial life of this state, died here today. He was in his 77th year.

BORAH PLANS NEW IRRIGATION LOAN

Additional \$15,000,000 Will Forestall Opposition by Any Western State.

OREGON'S CLAIM ADMITTED

West Umatilla Project Would Be First to Be Recognized—Help Needed Chiefly to Secure Passage in House.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 21.—The Borah bill, authorizing an additional loan of \$15,000,000 to the reclamation fund, if it becomes a law, will open the way for the final adoption and construction of the West Umatilla irrigation project in Oregon. And that is one of the main objects which Senator Borah had in mind in drafting his measure, which will be introduced as soon as Congress convenes.

While it unquestionably is true that money sufficient to build this project might readily be allotted from the \$20,000,000 fund now in hand, it is recognized that any attempt to divert money from allotments to other states in order to swell the allotment to Oregon would be stoutly resisted by Senators and Representatives from the states affected, and it would require a great deal of pressure from the Oregon delegation to overcome this opposition—more pressure, probably, than the present delegation could exert.

Support of West Assured.

The Borah bill, on the other hand, offers a method which would meet with no opposition whatever from other Western states, but would receive their support, for it would enable the President to provide in full for the construction of the West Umatilla project, and at the same time make additional allotments for the more promising projects which have not yet received sufficient appropriations to insure their completion. Every state in the West would favor the Borah plan, for even the states which require no additional funds would be willing to support this bill in order to safeguard allotments made to them out of the \$20,000,000 fund.

President Taft, to whom are entrusted the duty and responsibility of allotting the \$20,000,000 fund, and who also would be authorized to allot an additional \$15,000,000, is now fully aware of the equity of Oregon's claim for greater allotment of moneys from the fund. The reclamation act, however, has been grossly discriminated against in the past, and is entitled to immediate consideration by the Government. With an additional \$15,000,000 at his disposal, the President could square accounts with Oregon, and satisfy the claim of the state for fair and impartial treatment.

The fact that the Army Board reported adversely on the proposal to authorize the construction of the West Umatilla project out of the \$20,000,000 fund, while admitting the feasibility and desirability of the project, from both an engineering and a business standpoint, makes it absolutely certain that this would be the first project recognized, should an additional fund be made available by Congress, and unquestionably such an allotment could and would be made without further investigation by the board.

House Real Background.

But the introduction of a bill such as that prepared by Senator Borah, and its final passage, are two different things. That it will pass the Senate without serious difficulty goes without saying, for it is backed by one of the most aggressive and one of the most successful legislators in the country. Moreover, being a bill that will affect the entire West, the bill immediately will command the support of practically every Western Senator, and a question the East will not undertake to thwart the will of the West in the Senate.

The great difficulty will be encountered when the bill reaches the House of Representatives, where settlement is none too favorable towards legislation looking to the promotion of Government irrigation work in the West. The \$20,000,000 bill was forced through the House against the very determined opposition of Speaker Cannon and his position of Speaker Cannon and his position of Speaker Cannon.

Federal Treasury Not Molested.

The bill, as has previously been explained, does not appropriate a single cent out of the Federal Treasury; it merely authorizes the loan of \$15,000,000 from the funds in the Treasury. This loan to be reimbursable and to bear interest at the rate of 2 per cent. Therefore, in effect, the bill will increase the fund in the Treasury. Moreover, if it should develop that the loan to the reclamation fund should cause a shortage of funds in the Treasury, the Secretary of the Treasury will be authorized to issue certificates of indebtedness, equivalent in every respect to Government bonds, and the sale of certificates will offset the loan, the certificates to be retired as the loan is repaid.

Rate Schedules Drawn.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The action of the Interstate Commerce Commission in granting the request of the Washington Public Service Commission, state jobbers and representatives of the railroads who asked the postponement of the effective date of the back-haul order until March 1,

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will give the railroads ample time to line up their tariffs in compliance with the order of the Public Service Commission on distributive rates. The Commission will complete its findings before the end of the present month, and it is believed the rates to be prescribed by the Washington and Oregon commissions will go into effect on the same date as the back-haul rates ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Church to Be Dedicated Sunday.

LAKEVIEW, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)

December 24 has been set as the date for the first services to be held in the new Roman Catholic Church. Special dedicatory and Christmas exercises will be combined. Rev. Mr. Smith, S. J., will conduct the services.

Auto Despatch Company Refunds.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—W. A. Porsey, who came to Salem from the East recently, complained to the State Railroad Commission that the Oregon Auto-Despatch Company had been charging him excessively for freight from Salem to Portland, the bill for the freight being \$10.60. The freight bill of the railroad company was shown to be but \$6.35 and a refund has been secured from the Auto-Despatch Company, that concern declaring that it secured the refund from the railroad.

Postal Banks to Be Opened.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Postal savings banks will be opened January 18 at Jefferson, Or., Cashmere and Stanwood, Wash., and Cottonwood, Idaho.

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