

SURVEY OF ALASKA LINE TO BE PUSHED

Large Field Force Now Being Chosen From Among Several Thousand Applicants.

TWO ROUTES PRESENTED

Choice Between Seward, With Privately Owned Terminals, and Portage Bay, Flanked by Mountains, Must Be Made.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 12.—Surveys to be made this summer by the newly-created Alaska Railway Commission will determine the location of the first trunk line to be built under the \$35,000,000 appropriation made recently by Congress, but construction work will not be begun before the season of 1915.

Whether the first road will run along the Susitna River, which is the route which the Commission is to survey, or whether it will follow the Copper River, will not be known until the Susitna route has been thoroughly surveyed.

Six surveying parties are to be put in the field by the Railway Commission, two to work on terminals, two to work inland from the seacoast, and two to work from the interior toward the Coast.

The Field Force Required. It has not yet been determined how many men will be put in the field by the Railway Commission, but as something more than a thousand miles of route is to be surveyed during the season, it is expected that the field force will be large. The surveyors and others will be appointed by the Commission, who are now going over several thousand applications from surveyors and field men who desire to be employed on this work.

The presumption is strong that the first trunk line railroad will be built along the Susitna Valley, although there will be no determination of that question until the surveys are completed. If that route is selected, there will be some difference of opinion as to where the terminal shall be placed. There are two known available terminals—Seward, now the terminus of the Alaska Northern Railroad, and Portage Bay, at the head of Cook Inlet.

Considerable pressure has been brought to make Seward the terminus, provided the Susitna route is chosen. Private interests own the townsite of Seward and have invested considerable money there, and were much in evidence in Washington urging the passage of the Alaska Government railroad bill. It was generally understood that the owners of the townsite of Seward desired to unload their property on the Government, and they are doubly desirous of unloading, now that a second possible terminus has been found.

Both Harbors Are Safe. From information now available it would appear that there is little to choose between the harbor at Seward and that at Portage Bay. Both afford good anchorage, with plenty of deep water, and both are regarded as safe. If the Government decides to make its terminus at Seward, it naturally will take over the Alaska Northern Railroad, which is a property the owners would be glad to sell, but for which they want a good price. On the other hand, if the Government decides to build from Portage Bay, it must overcome a big engineering obstacle at the beginning of its line for back of the harbor rises a range of mountains 2000 feet high. This range would have to be tunneled for a distance of two and a quarter miles. It will be ascertained whether it will be cheaper for the Government to build this tunnel than it would be to buy about 70 miles of the Alaska Northern Railroad. This, in itself, will be an important factor.

It is the desire of Government officials that the Government shall have full control of the docks at the terminus of the Alaska railroad, wherever located, and if figures on taking over the Alaska Northern the Government must also figure on the cost of the docks at Seward, and compare that cost with the probable cost of constructing suitable docks, if the terminus be located on Portage Bay.

DELIRIUM LEADS TO DEATH

Body of George M. Martin Found in Baker Home Basement.

BAKER, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—Delirious and mentally deranged as the result of a recent illness, George M. Martin, of Cove, Or., wandered into the home of Howard L. Ross early Monday morning and either fell through a window or down a stairway into the basement, striking the cement floor and sustaining a broken neck, which caused his death. A child in the Ross household found the body at 8 o'clock. When Sheriff Rigg arrived the body was still warm.

Mrs. Ross said that the kitchen door had been locked the night before, but that a window in the basement, which had been closed for years, was open. The widow is so small, however, it is difficult to see how Mr. Martin could have squeezed through it, except deliberately.

Mr. Martin was 48 years old and lived at Cove, Or., where he is survived by a widow and six children. His wife is a daughter of William Miles, of Baker, and lived here until her marriage. His father, K. J. Martin, lives at Union.

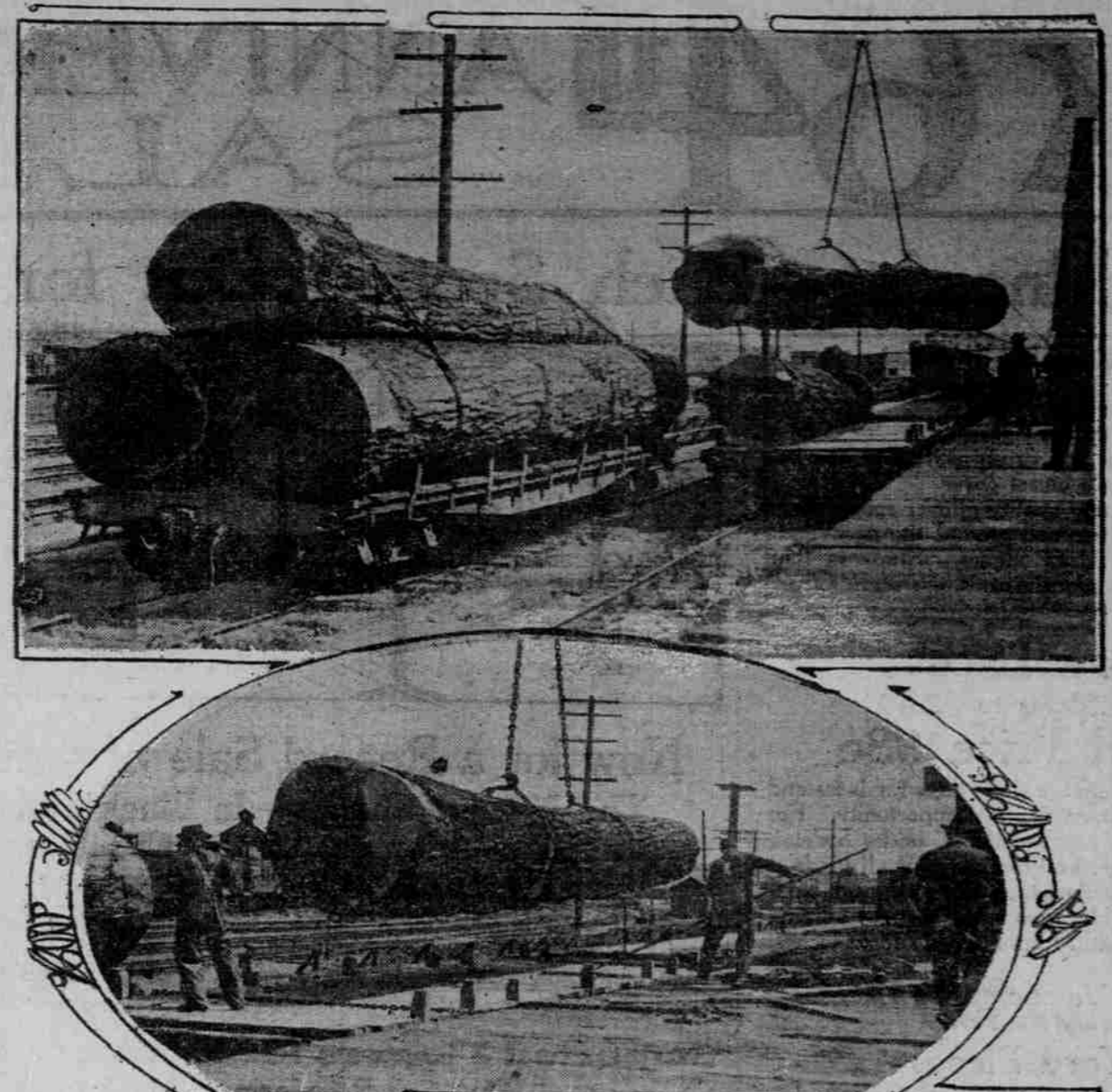
Chehalis Commencement May 18.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—Commencement week exercises of the Chehalis High School will begin Monday evening, May 18, with the senior class night exercises. The usual class programme will be given, ending with a short farce, entitled "Dinner at Six," Wednesday and Thursday evenings, May 20 and 21, the operetta, "Princess Bonnie," will be given. The school proper will close May 22, when the following will graduate: Isaac Mayfield, Walter Hanson, Hazel Brown, Harriet Charlton, Florence Flood, Veryl Robinson, Peter Summersett, Arthur Gilbin, Michael Stoney, Charles Schuster, Charles Miles, Lowell Swenson, Saddle Michael, Stella Lowry, Fred Olson, Nannie McEwan, John Crockett.

North Powder Votes on Bonds.

NORTH POWDER, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—At a special election held today the citizens of North Powder voted for a water system for the town. The election was also to amend the city charter so as to make a bond issue possible. Other amendments of minor importance were also voted. It is proposed to bond the city for the sum of \$20,000, the bonds to run for 30 years.

FORTY-FOOT LOGS WHICH WILL BE USED FOR THE COLUMNS OF THE OREGON BUILDING AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION.



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by transcontinental lines on all through carload shipments of fruit to Eastern points.

The co-operation of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors has been asked, and in case the demands are met, through Eastern shipments from all points on the Mount Hood line will toll at the same charge made from Hood River.

SOIL SURVEY TO BE MADE

Washington Board Decides on Other Investigations Also.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—A soil survey of Franklin County, a geological survey of the mining district in Northeastern Washington and a completion of coal surveys in Thurston, Lewis and Cowlitz counties were decided upon by the State Board of Geology at its semi-annual meeting here yesterday.

The Franklin County soil survey will be made in co-operation with the Bureau of Soils, United States Department of Agriculture. The Board decided also, in connection with the Federal hydrographic service, to take water measurements in the Palouse, Touchet and Tucannon rivers in Southeastern Washington.

BABY LEFT ON DOORSTEP

Foundling in Onion Box Found by Baker Couple on Returning Home.

BAKER, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—When Walter Ott and wife reached home Sunday night they found on their doorstep a newly born babe wrapped in a flannel cloth and placed in an onion box. On a slip of paper were the words: "Born May 2."

Inquiry among neighbors today developed that the child had been taken there by a woman in a taxicab. Mr. and Mrs. Ott have not decided whether or not to keep the foundling.

O. W. R. & N. Earnings Increase.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—Increased earnings, breaking all previous records, but decreased net income, because expenses grew faster than the new business, are shown by the O. W. R. & N. Company in its annual report to the State Tax Commission for the calendar year 1913. Total gross operating revenue for the line for 1913 is given at \$17,988,103, as against \$17,310,257 in 1912. Operating expenses, however, increased from \$11,642,212 to \$12,579,252, leaving the net income from operation \$5,408,851 in 1913, as against \$5,690,413 in 1912.

Asotin-Lewiston Mail Contract Let.

ASOTIN, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—J. S. Eckman has received the mail contract for carrying the Asotin-Lewiston mail. His contract begins July 1 and lasts for four years at the rate of \$1850 a year. The present carrier only receives \$924 a year. The increase is an account of the increase in parcel post mail.

Shop Mornings--Double Stamps Till 2 o'Clock

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Auditor's department and in large measure in the police department. Some of the departments use the system moderately, while Commissioner Dieck is applying it vigorously in the public works department. No two departments, it is claimed, are using the system alike.

ELECTION PLANS ARE MADE

Ashland Decides Bond Ballot Will Be for Mineral Springs Only.

ASHLAND, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—Providing that the special election about to be called shall be held only for voting on the mineral springs proposition was the gist of a resolution adopted at a recent mass meeting of Ashland citizens. Another provision is that the proceeds of the sale of \$175,000 bonds shall be used specifically for the project, which is to be managed by a commission.

Geneese Knights Go to Lewiston. GENESEE, Ida., May 12.—(Special.)—Fifty members of the Knights of Columbus Lodge at this place drove to Lewiston, Ida., in autos, together with seven candidates, and attended the installation held at Lewiston. A class of more than 30 were initiated.

None to Have 'Clean-Up' Day. IONE, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—May 18 and 19 have been selected by the City Council as 'clean-up day.' The Council has notified the citizens to fight the housefly.

Father Accused, Daughter Weds. OREGON CITY, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—A. J. Hafer was arrested today charged with a statutory offense against his daughter, Ida M. Hafer, 18 years old. The daughter left Oregon City today with Charles Robertson to be married. The complaint was made out by Mrs. J. Robertson, mother of Charles Robertson. Bail was fixed at \$1000. Hafer was unable to raise the amount and is being held in the County Jail. His hearing is set for Saturday morning before Judge Sievers.

Low Rate Excursion and Circuit Tours East

Table with 2 columns of destinations and prices. Destinations include Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Sioux City, Denver, Colo. Springs, Indianapolis, Detroit, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Memphis, Albany, Baltimore, Montreal, Portland, Me., New York, Washington, Philadelphia, Boston. Prices range from \$72.50 to \$110.00.

May 16, 18, 19, 20 to Chicago, and Daily June 1st To Sept. 30th Liberal Stopovers Return Until Oct. 31st

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