

NEW ROAD TO FILL GAP IF CASE LOST

Southern Pacific Apparently Preparing for Divorce if Government Wins.

200 MILES CUT TO 75

Control of Line to Be Built by Twoby Brothers Avoids Danger at First Presented if Central Pacific Lease Is Dissolved.

By acquiring the new railroad to be built by Twoby Brothers between Grants Pass, Or., and Crescent City, Cal., the Southern Pacific Company will be prepared to meet the emergency presented by the possible dissolution of the Central Pacific from the Southern Pacific.

Suit for this dissolution now is pending in the United States courts. It is being prosecuted by the Federal department of justice. The Southern Pacific is opposing it vigorously.

At the same time, it is apparent that the Southern Pacific officials are aware that if the Government wins the case they will be left in a serious predicament between Portland and San Francisco.

They would be without a railroad for a distance of 200 miles across the Sierran Mountains from the Oregon-California line to Tehama, Cal.

Loss of Road Possible.
This part of the Southern Pacific's present main line is the property of the Central Pacific. It is operated by the Southern Pacific under lease. If the dissolution is effected, the result is that the Southern Pacific will lose the use of this portion of the road.

But any easy alternative is presented in the new route from Grants Pass to Crescent City, thence to Trinidad, Cal., and into San Francisco over the newly completed Northwestern Pacific.

With the completion of the Grants Pass-Crescent City line a gap of only 75 miles will need to be covered to give the Southern Pacific a road between Portland and San Francisco, directly independent of the Central Pacific connections.

The Northwestern Pacific, between San Francisco and Willits, Cal., is owned jointly by the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe. From Willits to Eureka and Trinidad it is owned by the Southern Pacific. This portion of the line was completed only last year.

Gap Only 75 Miles.
From Trinidad, the northern terminus of the Northwestern Pacific, to Crescent City, the southern terminus of the road that Twoby Bros. propose to build, is only 75 miles. The physical conditions will permit the Pacific coast at a minimum cost, it is reported.

By building this short link the Southern Pacific would have a new route over its own rails from Portland to Crescent City, thence through Crescent City, Trinidad and Eureka to San Francisco. It would avoid most of the heavy mountain grade of the Shasta route and permit of faster and more economical operation.

Theoretically, the intention of the Government in prosecuting the suit for the Southern-Central Pacific divorce is to create competition between those two units of the present Southern Pacific system.

Natural Competition Alleged.
It is contended that the Central Pacific between Ogden and San Francisco is a natural competitor of the Southern Pacific between El Paso and San Francisco; that the present union of the two roads constitutes a combination in restraint of trade, and that they should be dissolved.

If the dissolution should be ordered and carried into effect, it might create competition between the two roads not only between San Francisco and the East, but between San Francisco and Portland.

The Central Pacific owns all the so-called Southern Pacific lines forming a route from San Francisco through Niles, Tracy, Lathrop, Sacramento, Roseville, Marysville, Tehama, Weed, Cal.; Klamath Falls, Chiloquin and Kirk, Or.

The Natron-Klamath cutoff, upon which construction work was started five years ago in the hope of furnishing a new route for the Southern Pacific from Portland, California, also is owned by the Central Pacific.

A gap of less than 100 miles remains to be built to complete this road into Natron, which is only 125 miles from Portland, and less than ten miles from Eugene.

Connection at Eugene Proposed.
It is pointed out that the Central Pacific could acquire the existing lines between Eugene and Portland or build an entirely new road to give it a complete line of its own between Portland and San Francisco.

The probability that the Hill interests may acquire the Central Pacific has been presented, in which event the natural conclusion would be connection between the Central Pacific and the Oregon Electric at Eugene or at Natron. The Oregon Electric was built to Eugene with the intention, eventually, of having it become a part of a main line to California.

The Government took testimony in its dissolution suit at San Francisco a few weeks ago.

Whatever the outcome of the case, it is regarded as certain that it will be carried to the Supreme Court.

It will be several years, therefore, before the result is determined, but the Southern Pacific will be prepared to meet the emergency, if it comes.

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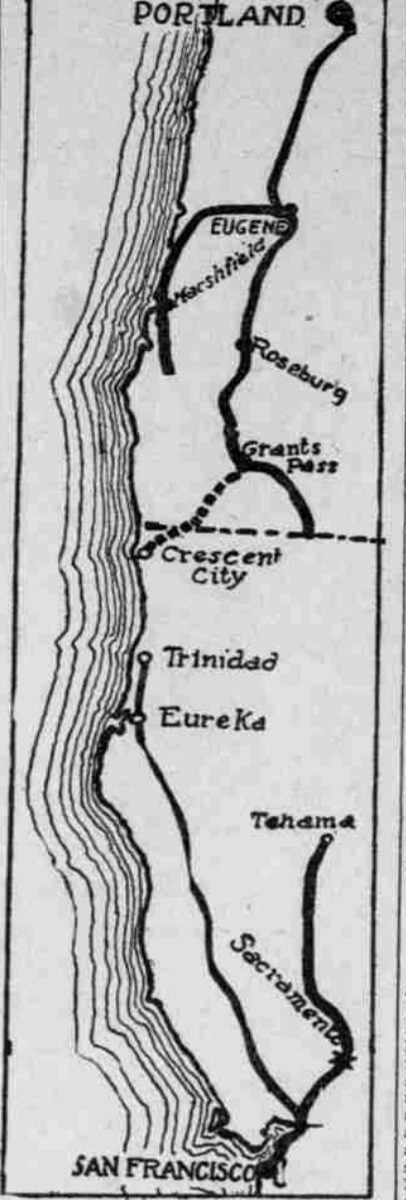
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man for the Simpson Logging Company, and C. E. Day and Alexander Johnson, trainmen of the Peninsular Railway Company, who were killed by O. C. Steele, a discharged employe, near Shelton last Friday, has been filed with the industrial insurance department.

Chairman Daggett, of the Commission, will ask Attorney-General Tanner for a formal opinion as to whether the claims should be allowed. The case, officials of the industrial insurance department say, presents one of the closest questions coming under

MAP SHOWING HOW SOUTHERN PACIFIC WILL GET NEW LINE TO CALIFORNIA.



Heavy continuous lines indicate roads owned by Southern Pacific from San Francisco to Tehama and from Portland to state line, with gap between state line and Tehama not connected; dotted line indicates road to be built by Twoby Brothers between Grants Pass and Crescent City; light continuous line indicates Northwestern Pacific from San Francisco to Trinidad, Cal. Space between Trinidad and Crescent City alone remains to be built to complete new road.

The law. The issue is whether death or injury in this manner is one of the hazards of the industry.



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CHASE BY GERMAN SUBMARINE IS ONE EXPERIENCE.

Shot From Britisher and Capture Also Are Tales Brought Back by McMinnville Student.

McMINNVILLE, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—After a thrilling trip through the North Sea as a quartermaster of the Nebraskan, where the vessel was followed for miles by a German submarine whose periscope bobbed on the surface only a short distance away, missing death from innumerable mines and dodging a British cruiser that started in the darkness, fired a shot at the American ship, Lyle B. Hillsinger, of Dundee, an ex-student of McMinnville College, reached here Saturday, glad that he is again safe on American soil.

He left Portland on the W. H. Marston, which 60 days out began to sink from a leak that appeared and the crew was saved only by the prompt discharge of the deck load of lumber cargo into the sea. At Cape Town, he transferred to another vessel, finally sailing with the Nebraskan.

On the return to the United States, he says, the British cruiser Cropesa, surprised in the darkness, fired one shot at the vessel but missed. The boat was taken over by a prize crew and detained at the Isle of Skye, Scotland, for two days. The wreck of a British battleship was sighted in Mid-Atlantic on the return voyage.

Mr. Hillsinger took the Oregonian

from New York, passing through the Panama Canal March 15. He is the son of F. S. Hillsinger of Dundee. He will study for a time at McMinnville College.

SCHOOL FOR FUTURE URGED

Dr. Winship Tells McMinnville Folk Not to Consider Past Needs.

McMINNVILLE, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—Dr. E. A. Winship, of Boston, gave an address last night in the High School auditorium on education. He made a strong plea for education, looking to the future, not the past. He warned against considering the needs of the past.

Dr. Winship congratulated McMinnville people upon the organization of their Junior High School and other progressive features of their schools and advised them not to be content with the progress made, but to keep on broadening and improving their school system.

The lecture was arranged by the McMinnville teachers, who have an active educational association.

Centralia School Linking Urged

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)—J. M. Layhne, Superintendent of Centralia Schools, at the noon luncheon of the Commercial Club yesterday advocated the consolidation of the Centralia school district with 16 country districts adjacent to this city, asserting that the consolidation will enable the smaller districts to employ better instructors and build better schools in addition to giving the country pupils the advantages of the local high school.

County Superintendent M. L. Carrier

has advocated this consolidation for the past year, and it is possible that some action will be taken before the new school consolidation law goes into effect on June 3.

Lewis Treasurer to Sue Bank

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)—Following an opinion rendered by United States Attorney Clay Allen to the effect that the money can only be collected from the stockholders pro rata, John Raught, Lewis County Treasurer, says he will soon begin suit against the stockholders of the United States National Bank to collect \$2700 delinquent taxes due from the institution. When the bank failed the Treasurer transferred the tax due to the account of the receiver, but this was found illegal.

Huge Eagle Shot Near Ridgfield

RIDGFIELD, Wash., March 6.—(Special.)—A mammoth bald eagle, evidently more than 70 years of age, was killed recently on Salmon Creek, about seven miles south of this place, and is now on exhibition at a confectionery store. The outspread wings measure seven and one-half feet from tip to tip. The bird measures three feet from beak to tail, and its weight is a little more than 25 pounds. Eagles are rarely seen in this county now.

Dufur Elects C. H. Stoughton Mayor

DUFUR, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—Dufur held its annual municipal election today, with the largest vote in the history of the city. The following ticket was elected: C. H. Stoughton, Mayor; Edith Boughlas, Recorder; L. V. Thomas, Treasurer; J. W. Moore, W. N. Evans, Councilmen; H. C. Dodds and T. W. Glavey, Water Commissioners.

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