

# RAILWAY PROPOSED IN CENTRAL OREGON

R. E. Strahorn Favors Independent Line.

## BANKERS PLEDGE THEIR AID

Co-operation of Other Roads Declared Assured.

## COST PUT AT \$6,000,000

Promoter Says 100 Miles Would Connect Existing Links in Vast Territory and Assure Portland Rich Trade Now Lost.

## ROUTES OF RAILROADS THAT ROBERT E. STRAHORN PROPOSES TO BUILD IN CENTRAL OREGON.

From Bend to Klamath Falls via Fort Rock and Silver Lake. From Silver Lake to Lakeview via Summer Lake and Paisley. From Bend to connection with O. W. R. & N. line now building west from Vale.

Aggregate length of proposed roads—400 miles. Estimated cost—\$6,000,000.

To be financed by independent capital but to have co-operation with all existing railroads with which new lines will connect.

To Central Oregon at last is offered an opportunity to get adequate railroad facilities—it might better be said, to Portland is offered the opportunity of providing adequate railroad facilities for Central Oregon.

Robert E. Strahorn, the man who conceived and built the North Coast railroad project in the state of Washington and who directed the Southern Pacific's recent electrification projects in Oregon, yesterday outlined to a large group of representative Portland business men and financiers a definite plan for the early construction of 400 miles of new railroad that will connect all existing lines in the state's interior.

Enterprise Considered Feasible. For the last few months Mr. Strahorn has had a crew of engineers at work determining the physical and economic conditions of possible railroad construction in Central Oregon. The engineers have completed their estimates and Mr. Strahorn is convinced of the feasibility of the plan.

He proposes, in brief, to build a new road from Bend to Klamath Falls via Fort Rock and Silver Lake, connecting with the O. W. R. & N. Company and the Oregon Trunk at Bend and with the Southern Pacific at Klamath Falls; to build another line from Silver Lake via Summer Lake and Paisley to Lakeview and Warner Valley, connecting with the proposed Bend-Klamath line at Silver Lake and with the Nevada, California & Oregon Railroad at Lakeview, and finally, to build from a point midway between Bend and Silver Lake a line eastward to connect with the O. W. R. & N. Company's extension now being built westward from Vale.

Total Put at \$6,000,000. This work can be done, Mr. Strahorn estimates, at an average of not to exceed \$15,000 a mile, or a total of \$6,000,000 for the entire project.

The natural resources of the country to be served and the agricultural and industrial possibilities that the new road can develop are so enormous that they cannot fairly be estimated. Portland business men long have realized the opportunities for substantial state development in the railroadless areas of Central Oregon. A few months ago a number of the leading bankers joined with other business men in an appeal to Mr. Strahorn to investigate the territory south, east and west of Bend with a view to determining what railroad construction is economically possible.

Yesterday's meeting was Mr. Strahorn's first formal reply to their appeal. Bankers Voice Approval. When he concluded presentations of his plans and purposes he was enthusiastically applauded. A. L. Mills, president of the First National Bank; W. M. Ladd, president of the Ladd & Tilton Bank; and others spoke in hearty support of the project.

W. D. Cheney, of Bend, who has been influential in interesting Mr. Strahorn in the undertaking, spoke earnestly of the need of railroad development. He urged the Central Oregon country to be a great funnel, with the Deschutes Valley as the neck, Bend as the head and the immense territory beyond Bend as the hopper of the funnel. The railroads already have been built through the neck, he said, so it remains only to supply the lines for the hopper, and all the wealth of the great interior will flow down through the natural course of the funnel into Portland.

# HARVEST IS MOST VALUABLE KNOWN

WHEAT AND CORN WORTH MORE THAN THREE BILLIONS.

Record Production of Oats, Barley, Rye, Sweet Potatoes, Rice, Hay and Tobacco Is Shown.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—American harvests this year will be the most valuable ever produced. With the wheat crop exceeding a billion bushels, the largest ever turned out in one season by any nation; a corn crop which also may prove to be the largest ever grown, the Government's October crop report, issued today, announced preliminary estimates which indicate record harvests of oats, barley, rye, sweet potatoes, rice, tobacco and hay.

Corn still is king of crops, with indications of 3,025,159,000 bushels. While that is 88,000,000 bushels below the record of 1912, the higher prices this year assure the most valuable corn crop ever grown. At prices to farmers prevailing October 1 the corn crop is worth \$2,133,000,000.

Today's preliminary estimate of wheat production was placed at 1,002,029,000 bushels. At prices prevailing October 1 the farm value of the crop is \$19,844,000, considerably more than ever was paid for a wheat crop before.

September weather was particularly destructive to potatoes, causing a reduction of 37,558,000 bushels, or 10 per cent in the forecast of production. Oats will exceed the record crop of 1912 by almost 100,000,000 bushels. Barley will exceed its record by 13,000,000 bushels, sweet potatoes by 5,000,000 bushels, rice by 500,000 bushels, and hay by 8,000,000 tons.

## "FAMILY SCALE" IS BARRED

Office of Weights and Measures Finds Many Weighing Devices Bad.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—The "family scale" is barred for use in trade in Oregon. Orders issued today by the state office of weights and measures condemn all such types of scale and prohibit their use by dealers in commodities.

The quarterly report, from May 22 to August 22, says that 624 scales were corrected and 593 scales were condemned. Out of a total of 2958 scales tested throughout the state, 1117 were incorrect.

In addition, many scales of the computing type, having charts of obsolete construction, were required to be re-charted correctly or have the computations covered.

Oregon War Nurse Back. Miss Connor, who Survived Lusitania Disaster, to Return to Medford.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 7.—Miss Dorothy Connor, of Medford, who survived the Lusitania disaster and spent the ensuing five months in English and French field hospitals, landed in New York Tuesday and will leave for Oregon next week. Dr. Howard Fisher, of this city, Miss Connor's brother-in-law, who went abroad with her and has been doing hospital duty in France, returned to Washington today.

Dr. Fisher said today that Miss Connor, who is with relatives in New York, is in good health, notwithstanding her strenuous service in the army hospitals. She does not expect to return to Europe.

## GOAT AND BUFFALO FIGHT

Smaller Animal Gets in Wrong Enclosure and Clash Is Fatal.

A shaggy-haired goat over estimated his fighting ability at Washington Park zoo yesterday when he wandered into the buffalo paddocks and gave battle to one of the big male buffaloes. The consequence was that the goat's battered remains were taken to the city incinerator for cremation last night.

The goat got into the buffalo pen. The leader of the herd took exception to the invasion and charged. The goat, instead of running, turned about and putting down his head met the enemy. The two animals clashed with a thud and the goat was knocked about 20 feet with nearly every bone in his body broken.

## MRS. EMMA KLINE TO WED

Corvallis Woman and San Francisco Man Obtain License.

EXPOSITION GROUNDS, San Francisco, Oct. 6.—(Special.)—William N. Hahn, 30, of the Bruce Hotel, this city, and Mrs. Emma T. Kline, 44, Corvallis, Or., obtained a marriage license here yesterday.

Mrs. Kline is the widow of the late Simon L. Kline, of Corvallis, a wealthy merchant and prominent Republican party figure.

# BRIEF HONEYMOON PLANNED BY WILSON

Official Business to Cut Journey Short.

## CONGRATULATIONS POUR IN

Von Bernstorff Among First to Felicitate Couple.

## GAY SEASON IN PROSPECT

Formality of Ceremony at White House to Be Avoided—Engagement Ring to Be Purchased on Trip to New York.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt, whose engagement was announced last night, were the recipients today of congratulatory messages from all parts of the United States and from the representatives of foreign governments. Telegrams came to the White House in such numbers that an extra force of operators and clerks was needed to handle them. Many were read by the President and Mrs. Galt together.

Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, was one of the first to send congratulations, and there followed messages from other members of the diplomatic corps conveying the good wishes of their governments.

Wedding Not to Be in White House. Definite arrangements for the wedding will not be made immediately, but it was disclosed that the President and Mrs. Galt have agreed it shall not take place in the White House, because of the formality which would be necessary there. The ceremony will be solemnized within the next two months, before the convening of Congress in December.

Either in Mrs. Galt's home or in one of the Washington churches. An extended honeymoon will be impossible because of the imperative demands of official duty on the President, but his friends are urging him to accept an invitation to attend the San Francisco and San Diego expositions just after his marriage. A short searip may be taken on the Presidential yacht Mayflower.

Calls Made on Relatives. The President gave up practically all of today receiving congratulations and to calling with Mrs. Galt on members of their respective families. In the afternoon he went to meet a few friends at the home of Mrs. W. H. Bolling, the mother of the bride-to-be, and tonight he had as his guests at dinner at the White House Mrs. Galt, her mother, Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo and several other relatives. Miss Helen Woodrow Bone, the President's cousin, and Dr. Cary T. Grayson, his physician, both warm friends of Mrs. Galt, were among the guests.

After dinner the members of the party remained at the White House for the remainder of the evening. When the President received callers (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

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## FRANCE HELPS AMERICANS

Five Hundred Dollars Given for Louisiana Storm Sufferers.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 7.—The French Government, through Foreign Minister Delcasse, today authorized the French Consul-General here to contribute \$500 for relief of storm sufferers in Louisiana. The cable authorizing the following message: "Please convey to the people of Louisiana the sympathies of the republic of France, and assure them that it is our wish to aid them in this time of distress."

## SAN FRANCISCO IS SHAKEN

Earthquake Rocks Buildings and Displaces Furniture.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7.—A well-defined earthquake was felt here at 9:25 o'clock tonight. Buildings shook perceptibly but no reports of damage have been received. Tables in the fourth floor of the Metropolis Bank building slid across the floor. There was no excitement on the streets, however. Two other light shocks followed the first at intervals of a few minutes.

# RED SOX PICKED TO WIN WORLD SERIES

Grantland Rice Thinks Margin Is Small.

## ALEXANDER IS PHILLIES' HOPE

Tough Little for Honors Since 1912 Predicted.

## BOSTON BETTER BALANCED

Expert Rates American League Club as Better, but Declares Moran's Men Have Good Chance, Better Than Braves Had in 1914.

BY GRANTLAND RICE. NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—(Special.)—Grappling with the world's series dope is one of the most thankless assignments ever forced upon a non-combatant.

If you pick the winner you've merely made a lucky guess. If you pick the wrong club you're four parts boob and six parts bonehead.

Managers Have No Idea. Pat Moran has no idea as to which club will win, and neither has Bill Carrigan, neither has Tris Speaker nor Grover Alexander.

But it is at least possible to present the dope just as it stands, and from this dope advance an opinion as to what should be, which brings us up to the evidence, viz:

1.—Back of the bat there is not enough advantage either way to work up a debate. 2.—In pitching the Phillies have one great star and the Red Sox have the better balanced staff. 3.—The two infielders are fairly well matched. 4.—The Red Sox have the better outfield by a number of degrees.

5.—The Red Sox have, on an average, much the harder batting array. The figures, plus observation, show the Red Sox to be the better club, the best club in baseball.

Two Answers Possible. Over the 154-game route there could be only one answer. Over the short world's series route there can be two answers without any upset being attached to the dope.

"Frank Moran hasn't a chance with Jim Coffey."—Exchange. Just as Pat Moran never had a chance with Stallings and McGraw. But at the finish Patrick was hardly among the "also Morrans," as you might or might not say.

The Passing of Erin. So the Irish are drifting from out the frame. Losing their grip on the grand old game. So the Irish haven't the old-time stuff (Continued on Page 13, Column 2)

## Thursday's War Moves

THE long-threatened Austro-German offensive in the Balkans, with the added menace of Bulgaria, has begun in earnest.

Almost simultaneously with the rupture of diplomatic relations between Sofia and the entente powers, an Austro-German army estimated at 400,000 men, with an enormous weight of heavy artillery, started on the attack Serbia from the north and west, according to the Berlin official report, crossed the Drina, Danube and Save at many points and firmly established itself on the Serbian side.

The Anglo-French troops, which were landed at Saloniki with the tacit consent of the Greek government, are being hastened northward to assist Serbia and, if possible, keep the Bulgarians from capturing the Saloniki-Night railroad, the only source by which the Serbians can be fed with munitions of war.

The hoped for support from Greece has not been forthcoming. King Constantine, by the dismissal of Premier Venizelos, having shown that he is not prepared to go against the central powers or to fulfill the obligations of the Graeco-Serbian treaty of alliance, which provides that one ally must go to the assistance of the other in a case of attack.

A new Greek Cabinet, composed of men of pro-German and pro-ally sympathies, has been appointed, and the expectation now is that unless public opinion forces the hand of the government and insists on action on the side of the allies, Greece will remain neutral. It is hardly conceivable to the entente diplomats that Greece will go over to the Central Powers for, they believe, Bulgaria is known to covet some of her territory, and the treatment of Greek nationals in Turkey makes it virtually impossible for Greece to become the ally of that country.

As in Greece, public opinion in Bulgaria is not entirely unanimous in support of King Ferdinand, and reports indicate that the Bulgarian mobilization is not being carried out without difficulty. The King and Premier Radoslawoff, however, have finally thrown in their lot with Austria, Germany and Turkey, having after consultation with the Ministers of those countries rejected the demands of Russia for the dismissal of the Austro-German officers who, it is alleged, have been engaged to command the Bulgarian army. Bulgaria, in fact, denied the presence of such officers, and the Russian, British, French and Italian Ministers have either left or are leaving for Sofia. Italy has taken action also by giving the Bulgarian Minister at Rome his passports.

It is possible that Bulgaria may avoid arousing the Greek people by refraining from attacking Serbia, simply keeping troops on the border. This would have the effect of preventing Serbia from bringing her full strength to bear against the Austro-German attack.

Roumania, the other Balkan state, is still neutral. Roumania has not been heard from but, like Greece, for the moment is bent on continuing friendly relations with all the belligerents. Doubtless to influence her and the other Balkan states, Russia is reported to have begun an energetic offensive in Bukovina and to have attacked the Austrian positions northwest of Czernowitz.

Champagne, the country over which the French made their big gains last September, is still the main district of contention in the west. The reports are so contradictory, however, that it is difficult to ascertain what is actually happening. The Germans admit that the French have made slight progress, but on the whole say they have repulsed the allied general offensive. On the other hand, the French declare that it is a German offensive which has been repulsed. The towns mentioned in the two official communications show that the French have approached close to the Challerange-Bazancourt Railway, which is their objective. St. Marie, to which the Germans say the French penetrated but were driven out by immediate counter attacks, is on that railroad.

October 8, 1914. Antwerp partly in flames. Allies' left wing reaches Belgium. Russians claim victory in fierce battle in East Prussia.

## FISH TO GO PARCEL POST

Siuslaw Man Has Plan to Cut Cost and Provide Market.

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—Parcel post will save the Siuslaw fishing industry, in the belief of Herman Wegel, secretary of the Siuslaw Fishermen's Union Association, who declares he will reduce the cost of living in Lane County. He is preparing to ship Siuslaw salmon into Eugene by mail at half the present price.

He says this will put dollars into the pockets of fishermen who at present see no market. These fishermen, he says, are receiving 1 1/2 cents a pound for salmon at the cannery. They tried to ship to Astoria last year and received nothing.

## DAVID B. OGDEN IS HERE

Former Resident Now Business Head of Boston Publishing House.

David B. Ogden, formerly connected with the Portland offices of the United States Engineers' Department and now manager of the Christian Science Publishing House, of Boston, Mass., arrived here yesterday for a visit of several days at his old home. Mr. Ogden left Portland more than eight years ago, resigning his position with the government service to take up the work in Boston. All of the Christian Science publications are issued from the offices of which he is now the business head.

# PHONE INTERCHANGE ORDER IS EXTENDED

Commission Includes All Portland Hotels.

## RATES TO OREGON TO APPLY

Tactics of One Company and Other's Device Censured.

## RULING EFFECTIVE NOV. 1

Complaint That Privilege Granted in Earlier Ruling Was Abused Found to Lack Basis—General Interchange Not Decided.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—All hotels in Portland equipped with telephones, by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company and the Home Telephone & Telegraph Company, after will be entitled to an interchange of traffic between the two rival systems upon the same basis as is now afforded at the Oregon Hotel.

This order, effective November 1, was handed down today by the Oregon State Public Service Commission following a hearing in the cases of the Oregon and Perkins hotels. It is a reiteration of one made some time ago in the Oregon Hotel case, but is broadened in scope to include the complaint of the Perkins Hotel officers, who sought like privileges, and at the same time takes cognizance of the rights of other Portland hostesses.

Only Hotels Are Affected. Coincidentally with the ultimatum issued to the telephone companies, the Commission severely censures the Pacific system for its tactics in opposing the Commission's previous ruling, and demands that the Home company at once remove so-called "jackbox" devices installed in a large number of places in Portland to permit the interchange of telephone calls between its lines and those of the Pacific.

The interchange of telephone service ordered, it is specifically pointed out, does not apply to any other business hotels. At the present time there is a case pending before the Commission upon complaint of the Public Service League of Portland to force interchange of service between the Pacific and Home systems to every part of Portland.

## Discrimination Is Charged.

"The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company," reads the order issued today, "shall afford to the complainants (Perkins Hotel) the same facilities with respect to the interchange of traffic and upon the same terms, as are now afforded to the Wright-Dickinson Hotel Company at the Oregon Hotel, and shall afford to all other hotels in the City of Portland, similarly circumstanced, respect to being provided with dual systems, the same facilities and upon the same terms without further order of this Commission."

Failure of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company to afford the Perkins Hotel and other Portland hotels the same facilities as well as their own the same interchange facilities as are now given to the Oregon Hotel, is declared by the Commission to be unjust and discriminatory, and the Pacific is ordered to desist and treat all alike.

## "Jackboxes" Ordered Out.

The commission looks upon the act of the Home Telephone Company in installing so-called "jackbox" devices to permit telephone interchange as not being in keeping with the spirit of the order and these devices must be removed except in certain cases covered in the order, or except with the consent of the Pacific company. No more equipment of this character will be allowed.

By decree of the United States District Court the long-distance lines of the Pacific company are now open to subscribers of the Home company, and the toll lines of the Northwestern Long-Distance Telephone Company's system are open to the patrons of the Pacific company.

Abuse of Privilege, Plain. In its complaint to the Public Service Commission the Pacific charged that the privileges afforded by the previous order were abused by the Oregon Hotel Company and the Home company, in that proper account was not made by the hotel company for outgoing calls, and that the Home company had used the order as a pretext for making unauthorized physical connections between the two systems at places other than the Oregon Hotel.

In its prior order the Commission had fixed a charge of 3 1/2 cents for each outgoing call from the Home company's switchboard through the switchboard of the Pacific Company. Accounting Not Item. "The record herein does not show to the Commission's satisfaction," announces the Commission, "that there has been a willful abuse of the Commission's order by the hotel company. It is apparent that by a very simple means, such as are now employed in numerous cases, the Pacific company is in a position absolutely to insure a full measurement of all interchanged calls.

The conclusion is clear that if a tithe of the ingenuity and skill which have been displayed in attempting to show the order of the Commission improvident, had been expended to an endeavor to make the best of the Commission's order, there would have been no ground for complaint upon the score of any physical or accounting difficulties."

