

CRUSHING BLOW TO GOULD'S AMBITION

Western Maryland Receiver-ship Postpones Realization of Dream.

LINE FROM SEA TO SEA

Litigation May Stop Construction on Western Pacific, the Western Link in System-Harriman's Hand Seen.

The appointment of a receiver for the Western Maryland Railroad is regarded in local railroad circles as indefinitely postponing the realization of the dream of George Gould, a railway stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific under one ownership and management, something that has never been built in the United States.

Gould planned to reach tidewater on the Pacific at San Francisco by the Western Pacific, now being constructed from Salt Lake City westward. The length of the new road is to be 925 miles, and is perhaps the biggest piece of railway construction now in progress in this country.

For years a railway line would be in fact a transcontinental line has been the ambition of the Goulds. The line was to stretch from the eastern terminus of the Western Maryland, the Washburn, the Missouri Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande and the Western Pacific. The gap between Cumberland and Pittsburg was to be filled in by the extension of the Western Maryland.

Planned Ideal System. This system from ocean to ocean would have proved ideal in many ways. The direct routing of passengers by one road, without necessity for change of cars in many cases, and throughout the journey under the care of an aggregate of companies, approaches the best possible condition in railway travel.

That the Gould line would have been one of the best across the continent is shown by the modern construction so far on the Western Pacific. The great feature of the road is its low grades. Throughout its length the grade is limited to 1 per cent, or 12 1/2 feet per mile. It seems incredible that the Sierra Nevada could be crossed into California with so light a grade, but it is nevertheless a fact.

Whether the Goulds will go ahead with the Western Pacific and finish it is a matter for conjecture. A part of the work is already completed and trains are being operated out of Salt Lake City for a long distance. It was planned to have the line open to San Francisco by the Fall of 1908.

Many will see in the receivership of the Western Maryland the hand of Harriman, always Gould's bitter enemy. To keep the Gould roads out of San Francisco is worth much to the Southern Pacific interests, and Harriman, it is said, could go far to accomplish that end. That he has been working to bring about the receivership of Gould for a long time is said to be an open secret, and the receivership of the eastern link in the chain of Gould roads is said to be the result.

BUILD ROAD WITHOUT DELAY

Farrell Announces Construction of Extension to Sound. General Manager J. D. Farrell of the Oregon & Washington, the O. R. & N. extension to Puget Sound, has announced at Seattle that the Harriman interests will commence construction of the line between Portland and Seattle at once.

Work will commence all along the line, says Mr. Farrell. Construction is to be begun in the city of Seattle on terminals, and contracts will be let at once for the building of the railway between Portland and Seattle. The aim of the Harriman interests is to have the new line in operation in time to handle the traffic of the Alaska-Yukon fair year.

Registration Reaches 17,551. Registrations had reached a total of

17,551 last night when the registration books closed for the new week. This number is nearly as great as the total for the preceding years. It is believed nearly 20,000 voters will have registered by April 7, when the books close for the primary election period.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH

Seven-Year-Old Marion Catto Victim of Shocking Accident. Marion Catto, the 7-year-old daughter of James Catto, living at 87 Leonard street, in St. John, died yesterday morning at 3 o'clock from burns she received Friday afternoon while playing around a stove set up in the back yard. The child, with several playmates, was playing around the stove when by accident it was upset and ran screaming toward the house, the wind fanning the flames. Her mother, hearing the screams, ran out to ascertain the cause. She succeeded in smothering the fire, but not until the child was terribly burned about the body and face.



LYRIC HALL, BALTIMORE, IN WHICH THE METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE IS TO BE HELD.

did all he could to relieve her sufferings, but it was impossible to save her life. The coroner made inquiry into the case and decided that an inquest was not necessary. The body of the child was removed to the Zeller-Bryant undertaking establishment on Williams avenue.

MEN WILL SUPPLANT BOYS

Change in Postal Special Delivery Messenger Service. Postmaster Minto yesterday received an order from the Postoffice Department at Washington advising him that all vacancies among the special delivery messengers will be filled by appointment from the substitute clerks and carriers. The purpose of this order is to bring the special delivery service under control of the postal civil service by taking up the work of messengers, substitute clerks and carriers familiarize themselves with the city and are better prepared to qualify either as carrier or clerk when appointed to fill a vacancy. Some of the special delivery boys earn from \$65 to \$70 a month.

WOODBURN REPUBLICANS APATHETIC.

WOODBURN, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—The meeting of Republicans called for today in Association Hall to select 12 delegates to attend a county convention at Salem next Saturday was not held, no one responding to the call.

EPISCOPAL BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER TO THE CLERGY AND CONGREGATIONS OF THE DIOCESE OF OREGON

MY DEAR BRETHREN: OF THE CLERGY—My Lenten message to you, dear brethren of the clergy, may be summed up in the ancient apostolic injunctions: "I charge thee, in the sight of God and of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and teaching; be sober, self-controlled, of good behavior, of sound mind, of true faith, of love, of meekness, of patience; keep watch, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men; be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." OF THE LAITY—The worst penalty of sin is not a punishment inflicted from without; it is the deterioration of the nature, the loss of spiritual vision, the decline in force and vitality. No man can see this without a profound sense of the tragedy of life, and a deep impulse to help, if any help be possible. Hence the need of Lent, as a time for special self-examination, and the wisdom of our holy mother, the church, in requiring its observance. May I be of help to you this Lent by appealing to you in a two-fold way. AS INDIVIDUALS—Alone with God examine your lives and repent truly for all your past sins. Devote more time to private prayer, and the devotional reading of the Gospels. Do some good each day. Practice reasonable self-denial in eating and drinking. Make real acts of self-denial—real enough to be felt—especially of such a kind as will allow you greater means for alms-giving and offerings to the church. May this Lent be to you all a respite both from worry and excess of amusement—parties, plays, and the like—which during this penitential season the church considers unchristian and even the world considers "bad form."

EPWORTH LEAGUES WANT NO CHANGE

"Worldly Amusements" Memorial to Go Before M. E. General Conference.

PLANS FOR CONVOCATION

Quadrennial Meeting of Methodist Episcopal Church Will Be Held at Baltimore, Beginning May 6.

The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will convene in Lyric Hall, Baltimore, Md., Wednesday, May 6, and will continue in session daily for one month. The hall

down on these amusements, and that the young people should have the privilege, if they choose, of indulging in any of those specified. Therefore the matter is always up at each general conference session, and is always a feature of each such gathering. Sunnyside Epworth League chapter, at its last business meeting, unanimously passed a resolution calling upon the chapters in the Oregon conference to petition the general conference to retain the so-called amusement paragraph. A committee was appointed to circulate the petitions in each Epworth League chapter of the Oregon Conference, and all of the petitions were collected and given to the delegates from the conference for presentation. It is believed that the Portland pastors will be almost unanimous in voting to ask the general conference to retain the paragraph referred to, although it is known that Rev. Clarence Tracy Wilson, pastor of Centenary Church, favors a change. He has publicly stated his position, and it is known, no other Methodist minister in the city has so expressed himself.

The North-west delegates, consisting of an entire number of ministers and laymen, are already making preparations for the trip, although they will not leave for Baltimore until the latter part of April.

BENEFIT FOR AGED WOMAN

Spiritualist Society Will Return Mrs. Rowe to Michigan.

PORTLAND, March 6.—(To the Editor.)—A pitiful case of helplessness and suffering, and one fully deserving of assistance has been brought to the notice of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Spiritualist Society. It is that of Mrs. Virginia Rowe, 72 years of age, partially paralyzed in the right side and otherwise broken down in health. She is at present residing in rooms at Sixth and Harrison streets, which have been provided by the kindness of a few friends. She is a licensed physician in Jackson, Mich., where she is well known and highly respected, and was brought here to reside with relatives, but that home being broken up, has thrown the old lady upon the world helpless and alone.

It is now the purpose of the assisting friends to raise funds to return Mrs. Rowe to her old home, where, if worse comes to worst, she can be cared for at an "Old Ladies' Home," which she was instrumental in founding in her day of prosperity. Those desiring to give aid can do so by purchasing tickets to this entertainment.

DR. DRAKE ENTERS RACE

Becomes Candidate for State Senator on Republican Ticket.

Dr. Emmett Drake, Republican candidate for State Senator, filed his petition yesterday. Dr. Drake's campaign will be managed by W. M. Davis, who says he means to make a vigorous fight for the top. In his petition, Dr. Drake says in one of his many platforms that he "Promises to vote for the Republican voters' choice for United States Senate." Those desiring to give aid can do so by purchasing tickets to this entertainment.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar B. Ballou have removed into their new home, 609 Irving street. C. W. Barber and family, residents of San Diego, Cal., are visiting friend in this city. Captain George E. Bridgett, master of the steamship Astorian, registered at the Portland Astorian.

COMING OF THE FLEET

"TRADE FOLLOWS THE FLAG" Is the title of a stirring plea for maintenance of the flag and continuance of trade in the countries bordering on the Pacific. By H. A. EVANS, Naval Constructor, United States Navy.

GOOD STORIES AND BEAUTIFUL ILLUSTRATIONS ARE OTHER FEATURES OF THE

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