

WANTED TO INVADE OREGON

Said to Be About to Build 1500 Miles, Buy Oregon Trunk and Pacific & Eastern.

THOUGHT TO BE AUTHENTIC

Information Comes From Man Who Has Been With Stevens, Alleged Hill Engineer — Harriman Construction Goes Ahead.

The building by the Hill interests of from 1500 to 2000 miles of railroad in Oregon, the acquisition of the Oregon Pacific and Eastern, and the purchase of the Pacific & Eastern, a Medford road, were the subjects made in Portland yesterday of impending railway development.

The story of Hill's intentions comes with a fair degree of authenticity from a man possessing minor railroad interests in Oregon who asserts that he spent several days with J. P. Stevens, the railroad engineer and locator, who has been in Oregon for six weeks supposedly in the employ of Hill.

The acquisition of the Oregon Trunk implies the building by Hill from a point on the North Bank road across the Columbia and into the Deschutes River in the lower canyon of which Harriman is now rushing construction gangs as fast as camps can be established and supply roads built.

Hill's reported desire to purchase the Pacific & Eastern implies an intention to proceed still further south in the system, entering perhaps the California railway field.

Oregon Trunk Owned Here.

The Oregon Trunk interests are controlled largely by Porter Brothers, contractors, of this city. Porter Brothers built the North Bank road for Hill and are known to have been in close touch with Stevens during his inspection trips throughout Oregon. The Oregon Trunk has located railway surveys in Central Oregon which conflict in part with those of Harriman's Deschutes road, and the Oregon Trunk has until July 24, it is understood, to protest to the Interior Department against the final approval of the fourth section of 25 miles of the Harriman survey.

The Oregon Trunk surveys, it is understood, have not been extended down the whole length of the Deschutes, but Stevens has over that ground and the railroad man who declares the Oregon Trunk will become a Hill enterprise asserts the Harriman construction work cannot keep Hill out of the Deschutes Canyon. Both the Porter brothers left yesterday for Spokane, and confirmation of the report could not be secured.

The Pacific & Eastern is the old Medford and Crater Lake railroad, which went into the hands of a receiver last year. Dr. J. P. Reddy of Medford, was appointed receiver, and has reorganized the company under the name of the Pacific & Eastern, and acquired the property. The railroad has not yet realized on the bank's investment in the railway, but that from a source closely connected with the bank a partial confirmation of the report comes in the form of a positive statement that negotiations are now under way for the sale of the property through which the depositors of the bank will benefit.

Pacific & Eastern Building.

About 12 miles of the Pacific & Eastern have been built and 15 more are said to be under construction. About 50 men are at work along the right of way. The road, as now located, extends 32 miles into a heavy belt of timber and it is asserted that surveys have been made across the range into Central Oregon, which have developed the fact that the route will tap Central Oregon with a lower altitude and better grades than Harriman's Klamath Lake route from the south.

The acquisition by Hill of the Oregon Trunk and the Pacific & Eastern would give the empire builder the working basis for a line almost across Oregon north and south.

Owners of small railway lines, promoters of other, railway locators and contractors, are unusually active these days. They fit into Portland and then fit out again almost daily and in nearly every instance a Harriman representative may be discovered in the near distance.

Dr. Reddy, of the Medford road, arrived in Portland yesterday and W. K. Eccles, one of the principal owners of the Mount Hood railway, was also in the city.

Dr. Reddy is said to have spent several days with John F. Stevens going over the Pacific & Eastern property. Yesterday he admitted this was true but refused to answer pointed questions as to the probable sale of the road or the results of Mr. Stevens' inspection.

Projected Into Central Oregon.

"We are going ahead extending the road into the finest body of timber in Southern Oregon," said Dr. Reddy, yesterday, "and have 15 miles now under construction. Yes, the road is projected into Central Oregon and we can reach that section by very good grades and will open up a tonnage-producing country right from the start."

W. K. Eccles is at the head of what is known as the Mount Hood road, leading from Hood River for 18 miles up the river valley.

"We are now building an extension of six miles toward Clouds Gap and will have it completed and in operation by September 1," said Mr. Eccles yesterday. "This will give us 22 miles of railroad and we are planning on a further extension of four miles."

In reply to a question, Mr. Eccles said it was feasible to extend the Mount Hood road into Central Oregon, but he disclaimed any knowledge of Stevens' investigations in that country and said the Hill engineer had not inspected the Mount Hood railroad.

In the meantime, construction of the Harriman line up the Deschutes is by no means idle. General Manager O'Brien, of the O. R. & N., yesterday said the difficulties in establishing camps in the river canyon would not be encountered on that portion of the survey now held up awaiting action by the Oregon Central, with whose surveys the Harriman route conflicts. Mr. O'Brien said if no protests were forthcoming, the entire ground could be covered with construction men immediately after the expiration of the

30 days given the Oregon Central for protest.

Rail and bridge steel have been ordered for the entire 130 miles of road and part of the rails are now on the way from Omaha.

E. H. WEMME GETS IRE UP

Auto Club's Head Complains of Condition of Streets.

The first gun in what is destined to be a merry war between the city officials and the Portland Automobile Club, was fired last week when President Wemme, of the organization, clashed with City Engineer Morris relative to the condition in which a portion of the recently repaired streets had been allowed to remain.

It is President Wemme's contention that the necessary repairs are made in some instances, particularly in the downtown streets, the asphalt is replaced in a negligent manner and in such a way as to cause great annoyance to motorists. While in some of the residential streets, he declares that it requires as much tact and skill as one would expect to use while driving through a plowed field. Mounds of earth have been allowed to remain. President Wemme says, in a number of streets in which sewer-pipe, gas connections and the like have been recently laid, no special effort, he asserts, has been made on the part of the city to restore the streets to the former condition, much to the discomfort of the motorists.

While vigorously protesting against the streets and the action of the over-seers, Mr. Wemme is exerting every effort to have the management of the A-Y-P Fair at Seattle set aside a day for the local automobile club. In a letter to the President of the Seattle Automobile Club, Mr. Wemme has set forth in a very concise manner the benefits that would be derived from such an event. He says 500 machines will participate in the run to the exposition should the management deem it feasible to set aside a day for the club.

CARMEN'S WAGES RAISED

Oregon Electric Grants Advance With New Timecard.

With the new timecard on the Oregon Electric system which goes into effect tomorrow, an increase in wages will be granted to the conductors and motormen of the system who have been in the company's service more than one year. This increase is 2 cents an hour which will give the older employees of the road a rate of 23 cents. New conductors and motormen will hereafter be started in at the rate of 20 cents an hour and will gain the increase of 3 cents after having worked one year for the company.

The men now work from 10 to 12½ hours daily covering from 100 to 200 miles. Days off will be more generally given hereafter, also, it being planned to grant three each month. General Manager Talbot says that the increased rate is understood, to protest to the Interior Department against the final approval of the fourth section of 25 miles of the Harriman survey.

Electrical Engineer Named.

The appointment of L. B. Kramer as electrical engineer of the Oregon Electric Company is announced by General Manager Talbot. Mr. Kramer comes from New York and succeeds H. Milliken, who has resigned and gone East.

MILTON EAGLE IS SOLD

H. A. Clemens and Bruce Shangle Purchase Paper of Brown Bros.

MILTON, Or., July 17.—(Special).—Messrs. Carl E. H. F. and W. S. Brown, who have published the Milton Eagle for the past 10 or 12 years, today turned over the interests to Messrs. H. A. Clemens and Bruce Shangle, who will in the future publish and continue the business of the paper.

Although a country weekly, the Milton Eagle is fast gaining prominence throughout the inland Empire and its efforts to promote the interests of the Walla Walla Valley have been productive of much good in bringing additional home-seekers and capitalists.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee M. Clark with their son Nelson are occupying their cottage in Grimes Grove, Seaside.

Mrs. E. E. Lawrence and daughters Mildred and Helen have opened their new bungalow cottage at Seaside.

Miss Helen Claire Weirlein is entertaining at The Pines, Tioga Long Beach, the Misses Edith Olds, Beatrice Locke and Jessie Lewis. During the past week trips have been taken to North Head, the Rocks, Ocean Park and life-saving station, all under the chaperonage of Mrs. J. E. Weirlein and Miss Hannah Schlotz. On Tuesday a birthday party was given to Miss Lewis, the evening being spent on the beach with a large bonfire.

CHICAGO, July 17.—(Special).—A. R. and Mrs. F. J. Jackson, of Portland, Or., are at the Congress Hotel.

RECEPTION AND BANQUET TO BE TENDERED OAKS BAND LEADER AND BRIDE.



NICOLA DONATELLI
MRS. DONATELLI
MISS MARTHA STOLL
PHOTO BY BUTLERBORTH

A reception and banquet will be given in honor of Signor Nicola Donatelli and his bride at the Oaks Tavern next Monday evening. Signor Donatelli is the Italian band leader who was married at the German Lutheran Church in Portland last Wednesday. Signor Donatelli is director of the famous Italian band playing this season at the Oaks. During the reception the band will render a number of selections. The banquet that will follow about 9:30 P. M. will be attended by about 70 persons, including officials of the Portland, Railway, Light & Power Company, the 30 members of the band and numerous friends. Signor Donatelli and his bride have been presented with a very handsome solid silver table service by the members of the musical organization.

LONG MANEUVERS TEST ENDURANCE

Soldiers at State Camp Will Be on Move for Period of 18 Hours.

WILL BREAK CAMP TODAY

Six Portland Companies Will Then Hike 12 Miles to Armory After Hard Night of Forced Marches and Outpost Duty.

Divided into two forces, each seeking to out-manuever the other in order to secure strategic control of the Southern Pacific Railway into Portland, the troops of the Third Oregon Infantry and United States Artillery will march at an early hour this morning into the hills and woods east and west of the annual field camp at Clackamas Station.

The troops were to have left camp at 5 P. M. yesterday, but heavy rains made a bivouac camp impracticable. Departure will be made at 2 A. M., one force proceeding east, the other west. They will be given an hour in which to march as it is friendly territory. Thereafter the two forces will conduct themselves as in the territory of an enemy. Each will be free to do as it pleases.

Seek Control of Railroad.

General contact between the opposing forces is expected by daylight. The bone of contention, as already stated, is the Southern Pacific. The two forces are supposed to represent the advanced elements of two big armies seeking possession of a country hereabouts. The railroad into Portland is necessarily a point of utmost importance. It is by the disposition of the troops when the hour of simulated battle commences as well as by the conduct of the forces during the night that the outcome will be decided.

The relative effectiveness of the firing will be easily gauged, as blank ammunition is to be used, 40 rounds having been issued each man.

The commanding officers of the two forces will be Majors May and Dunbar. Major May will have the First and Second Battalions of the Third Regiment, while Major Dunbar will have the Third Battalion and the machine-gun platoon from the Army. The commanding officers and their staffs rode over the territory to be contested yesterday forenoon and formed plans of campaign.

Recall will be sounded all along the two lines as soon as one side has shown itself to have the advantage. The forces will then be returned to camp where church services by Chaplain Gilbert will be held. The Eastern Oregon and Willamette Valley organizations will commence training at once for their home stations. At 1 P. M. the six Portland companies will take up the march of 12 miles to their Armory. After the rigors of a half night in the field, losing sleep and engaging in forced marches and outpost work, it is to be expected that the men will be reasonably tired on arriving in Portland about 5 o'clock this afternoon. They will have been moving 18 hours and the condition in which the force reaches the Armory will be noted with considerable interest.

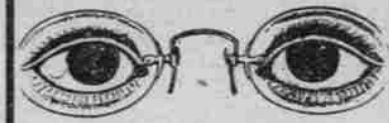
Call Sounded in Night.

As showing the readiness of the Third Regiment for an emergency a call to arms sounded through the camp at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. No alarm had been returned that a night alarm would occur. In fact, none had been planned.

The whole regiment pitched out of its blankets and in five minutes the companies were assembled under arms in the camp streets. Then it developed that the alarm came from outside the camp, some trumpet not in command, the regimental band in an automobile and sounding the call. A retired army bugler living at Oregon City is suspected of complicity with a guard officer on duty at camp.

The regiment and ambulance company were inspected, mustered and reviewed during yesterday forenoon, the inspection being made by Colonel Jackson, U. S. A., retired, Colonel McDonnell, camp commander, and Major Noble, First United States Infantry. The officers were paid after muster. The

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men will not be paid until after returning to their home stations, so that their company commanders can perfect an accounting of state property issued to them.

Today's activities conclude seven days of successful field instruction for the opinion is general in camp that the period has been the most beneficial of any exercises outside the biennial maneuvers at American Lake. The Clackamas camp promises to grow in popularity. It is said, until the guardsmen will welcome their biennial camps there quite as eagerly as at the American Lake maneuvers.

HAZELTINE IS PRESIDENT

Washington Editorial Association Elects Officers.

SEATTLE, July 17.—The Washington State Editorial Association concluded its session here today with the election of the following officers:

President: F. A. Hazeltine, of South Bend; first vice-president, M. E. Randall, of Ellensburg; second vice-president, Fred Ornes, of Mount Vernon; secretary, J. Smith, of Port Angeles; treasurer, J. Morrow, of Everett; historian, Dan W. Bush, of Chehalis; orator, Merle H. Thorpe, of Seattle; poet, Frank Cole, of Tacoma.

The following were elected delegates to the 1910 convention of the National Editorial Association: E. B. Beard, of Vancouver; Frank Tech, of Leavenworth; Merle H. Thorpe, of Seattle; Frank Niles, of Granite Falls; B. J. Benedict, of Seattle; Thomas Crawford, of Centralia; A. A. Smith, of Port Angeles.

Among the speakers at today's meeting were: Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, Joe M. Chappell, of Boston, and Miss Edna Dean Proctor, the New England poet. The place of holding the next convention was left in the hands of the committee.

TOO SICK TO STAND TRIAL

Attorney for Smith, Alleged Black-mailer, Asks for Postponement.

SALEM, Or., July 17.—(Special).—The attorneys for A. B. Smith this afternoon applied to the Circuit Court for postponement of the trial of the man, who has been in the hospital for some time, claiming that he is physically unfit to withstand the ordeal at this time. The motion for a postponement will be argued Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Smith is the man who held up the Hingus jewelry store and who is charged with having sent threatening letters to A. Bush, the aged Salem banker. It has been learned that Smith, who has pleaded guilty, will put up no defense based on alleged insanity. Dr. Cusick, one of the physicians who was on the insanity commission, will be one of the alienists called by the defense.

Dr. Wise and General Bingham.

General Bingham, late Police Commissioner of New York, removed for "Tammany" reasons by Mayor McClellan, was warmly commended by Rabbi Wise, formerly of Portland, the other day, but the Jewish Tribune here, intimates that Dr. Wise should be in better business than that of approving the man (Bingham) who, on occasion, a year or so ago, made some remarks that cast very severe reflection on the Jews of New York—or a portion of them.

Like criticism of Dr. Wise has appeared in several quarters, to which he makes answer thus:

It may seem strange that I appear to defend General Bingham, who a year ago attacked the Jews of New York. I do not defend General Bingham. He needs no defense other than his own record and the condemnation of a Mayor whose tenure is praise and whose praise is censure. General Bingham made an unkind and unjust statement concerning the Jewish population of this city, but he retracted like a man. He had made a mistake and was big and manly enough to admit it.

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ROBINSON QUILTS WORK

RESIGNS AS SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT.

Gives Ill-Health as Cause for Retiring From Oregon Exhibit Work at A-Y-P. Fair.

R. F. Robinson, superintendent of the Oregon educational exhibit at the A-Y-P Exposition, has tendered his resignation to President Wehrung, of the Oregon Commission, to take effect immediately. Mr. Robinson has been obliged to relinquish his position owing to ill health. He has been unable to carry on his work for the past few weeks, and does not feel able to resume it.

This will be a cause of regret not only to members of the Oregon Commission, but to educators and citizens of this state as well, for they have had ample opportunity to judge his fitness for the position he has just given up. Mr. Robinson has had charge of the educational exhibit from the beginning, and to his capable efforts is due the excellence of the same. This exhibit occupies more than one-third of the Oregon building, and is a complete expression of the state as it is worked out. It has called forth much favorable comment from visitors to the fair. Mr. Robinson says in part in his letter of resignation:

The arduous labor of building and installing the exhibit, together with my regular work, has overtaxed my strength to such an extent that my health is impaired, and my physicians advise me to take a complete rest at the sea coast or in the mountains.

In handing you my resignation I want to thank you and all other members of the State Commission for uniform courtesy and helpfulness during my term of service. I want to assure you also that I shall gladly render my successor whatever assistance I can. I shall accept no compensation for services rendered during the present month. Of the \$100 paid me for services during the month of June I paid out \$25 for substitute help. I enclose receipts herewith covering same.

Much work remains to be done by the Superintendent of the Exhibit. In addition to the regular callers, many educators will visit the exhibit during the months of August and September. They will ask searching questions regarding the educational work of the entire state. The entries for the use of the Jury Awards are to be prepared, and the state's interests guarded during the Jury

investigation. We have a strong educational exhibit, and should receive recognition accordingly.

R. F. ROBINSON.

Protest From Householders.

PORTLAND, July 16.—(To the Editor).—A few lines as to the water situation, which is getting some discussion at present. Most people know that it is a large undertaking to install meters in every household. Reasonable persons won't expect to get them in all parts of the city at once. The water system should be self-supporting in every way, but why should the householder pay more than his share? The water system was installed primarily for him, why should he now pay more than the large consumers, who commercialize the water, deriving

very large profits from its use? It is not necessary to stint use of water in small families, in order to reduce the flat rate 20 per cent. In instances by meters the charge is reduced 60 and 65 per cent. If present water rates will not support the water system it should be advanced to where it will, and also pay for the installing of meters for the rest of the city, as present conditions are very unjust. All taxpayers want a business administration of city affairs, but the householders ought not to be forced for the interest of business concerns, who are large consumers of our sparkling Bull Run. Why should half the householders benefit and not the rest?

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