

HILL GONE, RUMOR MAKES FORECASTS

Announcement of Policy Regarding Feeder Roads Is Expected Soon.

PLANS MAY BE EXTENDED

Visitors Travel East Over North Bank Road to Spokane—Trip of Inspection Only, "Empire Builder" Says.

Without making any announcement of interest locally, with the exception that the Oregon Trunk Line will be constructed into Central Oregon by the Fall of 1910, J. J. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern, and party left Portland yesterday over the North Bank en route for St. Paul. They were accompanied as far as Spokane by George E. French, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle, and J. Russell, general superintendent of the same road. Mr. Hill's party included Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, and Darius Miller, first vice-president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.

While in Portland Mr. Hill was not averse to discussing general railroad conditions, but he made it clear so far as this state was concerned his visit was one of inspection only and had no other significance.

"Ordinarily," said Mr. Hill, "I visit the Pacific Coast and look after the interests of the railroads in which I am interested from three to four times every year. I have not been in Portland since last June, but this delinquency was due to the fact that press of business in the East prevented my coming sooner."

However, the visit to this city at this time by Mr. Hill and his associates, Mr. Elliott and Mr. Miller, is believed to have great significance. While none of the party would admit that the visit was important, aside from a general inspection tour, there is more than suspicion that it will be followed soon by a definite announcement of the plans of the empire builder to entrench himself further in the Pacific Northwest.

It may be expected reasonably that not many weeks will elapse before Mr. Hill authorizes a definite announcement of his plans as to the construction of feeders, which will enter neglected sections of Oregon and contribute freight and passenger business to the Oregon Trunk, which, under present plans, will extend only into the interior of the state.

SKINNER OFF FOR SEATTLE

General Passenger Agent for Oregon & Washington Takes Position.

W. D. Skinner, who was recently appointed general freight and passenger agent for the Oregon & Washington, the Puget Sound extension of the Harriman system, left last night for Seattle where he will be located. The operation of trains to Tacoma and Seattle by the Oregon & Washington, in accordance with the agreement reached with the Hill interests for the joint use of the Northern Pacific track, will begin January 1. The schedule of the Harriman trains under this arrangement has been announced.

Before leaving Portland Mr. Skinner announced the appointment of the following subordinate officials: Chief clerk, freight department, W. J. Leonard; chief clerk, passenger department, J. R. Nagel, formerly traveling passenger agent for the O. R. & N. with offices at Seattle; chief rate and traffic clerk general freight office, H. J. Miller; chief rate and traffic clerk in the passenger department, Byron Otis, of San Francisco, rate and traffic clerk, W. B. Davies; secretary, O. G. Edwards; counter clerk, W. C. Leonard; stenographer and gen-

ROADS GIVE SPECIAL RATES

Large Number of Conventions Motive for Excursions.

Hill and Harriman lines have announced special rates for the large number of conventions which will be held in Oregon and Washington during the next six weeks. The arrangement provides for a round-trip rate on the certificate plan of one and one-third fare; providing, however, 50 or more paying passengers of not less than 50 cents each have been in attendance. Among the conventions already scheduled are the following: Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' Association, in Portland, January 18 and 19. Annual Assembly Church of God, in Portland December 24. Sixth annual meeting of the Washington State Horticultural Association, at Wenatchee, Wash., January 12, 13 and 14. Northwest Retail Hardware and Saddlery Association, in Portland, January 10, 11, 12 and 13. Annual session of the Washington Educational Association, at Tacoma, Wash., December 28, 29 and 30. The Washington State Federation of Labor, at Hoquiam, Wash., January 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16. Inland Empire Implement and Hardware convention at Spokane, January 19 and 20. Pacific Federation of Hardware and Implement Associations, at Portland, January 20 and 21.

SURVEY IS WELL ADVANCED

Engineers Resume Work Between Pit River and Alturas.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The remainder of the surveying crew of Engineer Knowlton, of the Southern Pacific, has left for Redding, Cal., to join the survey up Pit River to Alturas, Modoc County, California, where it will connect with the survey already made from that place to Klamath Falls.

Mr. Knowlton has been on the Klamath Falls-Natron survey several months and has the line definitely located far enough ahead of construction work to permit of his making the Pit River survey. All signs point to active work on the Klamath Falls-Alturas line in the near future, a line that will give direct eastern connection by way of Alturas and Reno, and that will furnish transportation to rich agricultural areas and fine stock ranges at intermediate points.

Rock Island Redeems Bonds.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Concerning the sale by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company of \$2,000,000 of 5 per cent debenture bonds to the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company the following statement was made today: "The funds used by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company of Iowa for the redemption of its outstanding collateral 5 per cent bonds maturing in 1912 were provided in part by the cash purchase price received from the St. Louis syndicate (meaning the people who purchased the Frisco) and in part by the sale of \$7,000,000 new bonds."

SEATTLE TO BRIDGE BAY

Plans Approved for \$1,000,000 Viaduct Across Harbor.

SEATTLE, Dec. 18.—Plans for the \$1,000,000 viaduct across the upper part of Seattle harbor were approved today and an ordinance authorizing construction will be introduced in the City Council within a month. The viaduct will be paid for by the railroads and the city.

A GIFT FOR MUSIC LOVERS

We have just received a solid carload of beautiful sheet music and piano roll cabinets, as well as a complete assortment of high-grade piano benches and stools. Any one of these will make a splendid gift to a musical friend. This entire shipment is now on display and we urge you to make selections at once, thereby avoiding disappointment. Ellers Piano House, 333 Washington Street.

OREGON GRAPE WILL DECORATE HENRY WARD BEECHER'S NOTED ROSTRUM.

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CAPTAIN MACDONALD LEAVES

Master of W. S. Porter Goes East to Bring New Steamship to Coast.

Captain Macdonald, master of the steamship W. S. Porter of the Associated Oil fleet, will leave San Francisco December 26 for Newport News, Va., for the purpose of bringing the new oil tank steamship, J. W. Chancellor, to the Pacific. Captain Macdonald will be accompanied by Chief Engineer Pence, who will have charge of the engine-room. It is expected that the Chancellor will sail for San Francisco about the same time as the Beaver.

CAPT. BERMINGHAM REVERSED

Decision in Case of Licensed Mates Is Handed Down by George Uhler.

George Uhler, Supervising Inspector-General, has reversed the decision of Supervising Inspector John Bermingham, of the first district, in the case of the Association of Masters, Mates and Pilots vs. the Puget Sound Navigation Company. The decision holds that a vessel whose certificate calls for two mates may carry two licensed men.

STEAMSHIP RYGAJA CLEARS WITH BREADSTUFF AND LUMBER.

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FLOUR FOR ORIENT

Steamship Rygja Clears With Breadstuff and Lumber.

FIRST DECEMBER SHIPMENT

Vessel Left Down Yesterday and Is Due at Yokohama January 9. Knight of St. George Will Follow Rygja.

Carrying 25,684 barrels of flour, valued at \$115,058.25, 1,257,250 feet of lumber, valued at \$20,856.73 and a general cargo valued at \$153,59.59, the steamship Rygja, Captain Svendsen, cleared yesterday afternoon for Hongkong and Japanese ports. The vessel left down at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The Rygja will be due in Yokohama about January 9. The British steam-

STEAMER INTELLIGENCE

Table with columns: Name, Due to Arrive, Date. Includes Sue H. Elmore, Breakwater, Kansas City, etc.

Scheduled to Depart

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Entered Saturday

Table with columns: Name, Date. Includes Eureka, Tallac, Eureka, etc.

Ship Knight of St. George, chartered to take the place of the steamship Selta, is now in the harbor and will follow the Rygja in about 10 days.

The Rygja is the first of the regular Oriental liners to clear from Portland since the Henrik Isen got away November 2. The Isen carried a small cargo of flour and lumber. The shipment on the Rygja is the first export, foreign, of breadstuffs for the month of December. Close to 6000 tons have been contracted for, for shipment on the Knight of St. George.

Since the placing of the Norwegian steamship on the Orient run in the service of the Portland & Asiatic Steamship Company the schedule of sailings has been sadly demoralized. The Rygja is the first of the regular Portland Flouring Mills Company at Portland sent the steamship Hercules out on her second trip out the Salish Straits, and it was found necessary to dock the vessel at Nagasaki. The Knight of St. George was chartered for a trip in the place of the Selta.

ALEXANDER ISENBERG COMING

German Ship Sails From Honolulu for Columbia River in Ballast.

Bound for the Columbia River in ballast, the German ship Alexander Isenberg, Captain Behring, sailed from Honolulu yesterday. The craft has not been listed for any port on the Pacific and it is thought that she is coming in quest of a charter out with grain. The Alexander Isenberg is a craft of 1699 net tons burden and would be desirable for wheat at the present time. Exporters are not making outward charters with any great rush at the present time. The only shipper reported to be in search of a craft just at present is A. Berg, but he declines the charter of the Alexander Isenberg. It was reported yesterday that the British steamship Navigation Company chartered for the loading of lumber at Portland by the Pacific Export Lumber Company. The local firm denied the charter yesterday afternoon, and it is a question whether the craft will come to the rivers or not.

Oskehon on Tillamook Bay Run.

The gasoline schooner Oskehon arrived yesterday afternoon from Alsea Bay and will load general cargo at Couch street for Tillamook. The vessel will operate on the Portland-Tillamook run in connection with the steamship Sue H. Elmore. The Oskehon will sail from this city every Saturday afternoon and the Elmore will leave on Wednesday. This is the first of the Oskehon to Portland since the installation of her electric machinery early in November.

Marine Notes.

The British bark Jordanhill will clear tomorrow with a full cargo of lumber for the United Kingdom. She has on board close to 2,000,000 feet.

Potalloch to Be Sold January 12.

An order was issued in the United States Court yesterday requiring the sale of the British bark Potalloch in satisfaction of the claims which have been filed against the vessel in the admiralty court. Claims are presented by the Port of Portland, Brown Bros., Bros. of Portland, and the Portland Ship Company, of London.

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United Kingdom. She has on board close to 2,000,000 feet. For Eureka direct the steamship Eureka sailed last evening with a full cargo of freight. The steamship Alliance sailed for Coos Bay yesterday with passengers and freight. The steamship Breakwater is due to arrive this evening with passengers and freight from Coos Bay. The steam schooner Tallac left down for Rainier yesterday afternoon. She will load lumber for San Francisco.

Tides at Astoria Sunday.

High 6:05 A. M., 7:17 feet; Low 6:02 P. M., 6:29 feet; 9:20 P. M., 12.9 feet.

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