

BURLINGTON IS COMING WEST

The Road is Aiming to Secure a Terminal on the Pacific Coast.

TO THE YELLOWSTONE FIRST

A Call for Bids for the Construction of a Branch Line From Talooka to Cody, Wyoming.

Post-Intelligencer.

The Burlington within a few weeks will begin the construction of its road westward with the Pacific coast as its ultimate destination.

It is just seven years ago this fall that the first rumor of the Burlington westward extension was published throughout the West.

A week ago last Saturday bids were called for from the general superintendent's office in Chicago for the construction of a branch line from Talooka, Mont., to Cody, Wyo., and on to the eastern border of Yellowstone Park.

According to the survey made by a corps of Burlington engineers this past summer, the branch will begin at Talooka on the main line near Fort Carter and proceed up to and crossing Pryor or creek at its head.

This is as far as the construction is contemplated at this time. Those in an official position state, however, that the present activity is but the first step on the part of the road to securing a terminal on the Pacific coast.

The plan of survey, however, opens up a new route and one heretofore never spoken of as a prospective continental line. The present Western terminus of the Burlington is Billings, Mont., where connection is made with the Northern Pacific on transcontinental business.

The entrance to the basin was only by a narrow pass through the Belt mountains. Before the Burlington could secure the pass President James J. Hill, of the Great Northern, filed on it and at once a gang of men were put to work grading and laying track about half a mile long.

It is apparent to all who understand the situation that the action of President Hill in the Judith gap has forced the Burlington to build westward and abandon Montana to the Great Northern and Northern Pacific on the north and south.

The intentions of the road after the Yellowstone extension is completed are known only in general office circles, but under officials are confident that before long the Burlington will have a terminal on the coast.

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MUST NOT BE LOWERED. Flag in Philippines There to Stay—Consul Wildman's Opinion of Otis.

Edwin Wildman, former United States vice-consul at Hong Kong, arrived here yesterday on the steamship St. Louis, accompanied by his wife, says the New York Tribune.

Mr. Wildman has decided views regarding Philippine affairs, and is of the opinion that General Otis is not the man to conquer the Philippines, and that he should be replaced by a younger commander.

"The Philippines," he said yesterday, "are well worth the struggle. The country is magnificent, and the climate is good. There are seven months of excellent weather, and then comes the rainy season. All one can do then is to do nothing. But then in every country there is a bad time of the year. The sooner we get down to governing the islands the better. They are worth much from a commercial point of view. The whole country is rich and productive.

"General Otis is too old and not sufficiently aggressive. He tries to do the whole thing out there, and, like every other man who tries to do it all, he does nothing successfully.

"The great need out in the islands is a young and aggressive man. It is a country for young men and not for men of Otis' age.

"Otis will never conquer the people, for he does not understand them. They are constantly imposing upon him and fooling him."

When told that it had been alleged that Admiral Dewey said that Otis should stop his lying reports, Mr. Wildman said:

"What the admiral said I do not know, but I know that he is a thorough American and says what he means. He speaks, as it were, right out from the shoulder, and what he says he means. I stand by whatever he has said."

"When will the war end?" "That I cannot say. It depends on the policy of the government. There are two ways of ending the war—first, by quick, aggressive moves into the country by detached regiments, and second, by compromising with the Philippine leaders. The second, it seems, will not be adopted, so the first should be pushed. A general should be put out there who is young, experienced and a fighter—some one who knows something about fighting Indians. Either General Lewton or General MacArthur would do. General Miles would also be a good man if he was sent.

"As to who is more capable of self-government, the Philippines or the Cubans, I would say that I have never been acquainted with the Cubans. I am led to believe, however, that some of the native people are capable of self-government in the highest sense of the word. The only way that the natives could govern themselves is under American protection.

"I believe that the flag in the Philippines should never be lowered. We have got to conquer or annihilate them. The question is, which will our war do? We have got to whip them.

"I want to say now that at no time did Aguinaldo or any of the Filipinos get a promise of independence. Admiral Dewey made them no promises. We took Aguinaldo over to Manila to well, the same as any other man was brought over here—to help. At no time was anything said about giving them independence. You will notice that in his manifesto Aguinaldo is careful not to say directly that there were any promises made. That talk always comes from some of his followers who have something to gain by his success.

"Aguinaldo is a man who has risen from the ranks of the common people. He is without education, but has a born genius for leading."

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