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THE NEW RAILWAY PROJECT WILL OPEN UP A GREAT TERRITORY DOWN SEASIDE WAY.

F. L. Evans, who is promoting the project for the new electric line to Seaside, and L. C. Rogers, the civil engineer in chief, both talked freely yesterday to a representative of The Astorian in regard to the railway project.

"Once the line is open and in operation, it will have unbounded influence in opening up the country through which it runs," said Mr. Evans. "That's a fine country out there, and all it needs is a railway to open it up. The electric line is the one thing required. With it in operation the farmer can come to town any time he wants, small freight shipments can be handled, the market gardener can bring in his stuff to town every day at very slight cost, and the thousands of acres of undeveloped lands are bound to be developed simply because they will be easy of access and in immediate touch with the markets of Astoria."

Other things along the same line Mr. Evans said. That he is a man who believes in what he says seems evident. He is accustomed to big projects and to carrying them out.

"Of course the line will be put through?" suggested the reported tentatively.

"The line will be put through," he replied. "I wouldn't be here if it wasn't going through in first-class shape. I'm not spending my own money for nothing, too," he went on with a smile.

Mr. Rogers, the engineer, is the silent member of the firm. "The engineer's office is always the busiest place, but at the same time the place the least talk is going on," said Mr. Rogers.

"We are sorry that we can't tell you just how and where the line will leave Astoria," said Mr. Rogers. "We don't know that ourselves yet. But we can readily chose one of several routes to get out of the city; the one important fact is that we will run the line right into the city somewhere."

It is understood that the line may go out of the city over the heights. From Young's bridge the route is fairly well mapped out. It is planned to construct a trestle over the river paralleling the Young's river bridge, and once across the bridge the route will proceed in a straight line to the Lewis and Clark bridge; thence by the shortest possible route to Warrenton. The line will touch in or near Ocean View, thence down the coast to Seaside.

Both Mr. Evans and Mr. Rodgers are men who are accustomed to do things. Monday, or some other time the early part of next week, the engineering corps will start out at their work. First of all the levels will be run over the heights, probably at several different points, merely to get an idea of the altitudes and these tentative lines will not indicate in any manner that one of them is to certainly be the location of the electric railway line. Nevertheless it seems quite likely now that the line will go over the heights at some point, and no matter where it goes, this fact will undoubtedly prove of the greatest benefit to the residents there. It will mean that the magnificent building sites up there will become accessible to everyone.

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ANOTHER LARGE SUIT

United States vs The Powder Trust Will Be Started Soon.

NEW YORK July 2.—Final plans for the institution of the government suit against the so-called Powder Trust are now being made. There will be a consultation of the lawyers on both sides this week at Wilmington, Del., and arrangements made for the hearings which will take place in this city, Wilmington and several other places.

The powder companies under attack are capitalized at about $100,000,000. The Nemours Company of New Jersey and Delaware is the largest of the powder concerns under fire. The government alleges that this company is the holding concern for about seventy smaller ones, all in the powder business and that prices are directed by the holding company. It is alleged by the government they are acting restraint of trade and violation of the Sherman anti-Trust law. A special examiner will be appointed by the judges of the second circuit court of the U. S. for Delaware. It is understood that the hearing will occupy a year or more. Next to the government suit against the Standard Oil Company, now in progress, the Powder Trust suit will be the largest ever brought in this country.

PRAISE FOR TAFT

But Following This Foraker Adds A Quick Vote of Dispraise.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, July 2.—Praise for the presidency of Wm, H. Taft, republican nominee for president, and criticism for him in that he favors the Roosevelt policies, formed a part of a speech delivered yesterday by U. S. Senator Foraker at the Chamber of Commerce in this city, the occasion being the observance of "Sunshine day" founded by an association "organized for the purpose of bringing about better times by striving to forget that there have been any other kind." When Mr. Foraker referred to Mr. Taft as " a man who in character is all that could be desired", he was interrupted by cheers. When the applause had ceased he continued:

"But unfortunately there is one fatal weakness in the candidate in that he favors a continuance of the so-called Roosevelt policies, of which we have already had too much."

PAY FOR EMPLOYMENT

HONOLULU, July 2.—The federal grand jury which have been investigating the employment of aliens at the leprosy station finds that many have been paying a percentage of the wages received by them to a Chinese firm for securing them their employment.

SHORT OF PROVISIONS.

HONOLULU, July 2.—The German steamship Michael Jepsen ran short of provisions while returning from Salina Cruz with two hundred Japanese who were refused a landing there on account of presence of trachoma. The Jepsen sailed from Salina Cruz on May 8 for Shimonesaki.

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Evening trains leave Seaside at 4:50 P. M. instead of 5 P. M. as heretofore, leaving ASTORIA at 6:10 P. M. as usual.

Morning train leaves Astoria for Seaside at 9:15 A. M. as heretofore, on week days, and at 8:15 A. M. Sunday.

EVENING TRAINS leave Astoria for SEASIDE via Ft. Stevens branch at 5 P. M., instead of 5:50 P. M. as heretofore, daily; also at 9:20 P. M. daily. This later train does not go via Fort Stevens.

SATURDAY SEASIDE SPECIAL leaves PORTLAND at 2:20 P. M., arriving at ASTORIA at 5:10 P. M., and SEASIDE at 5:55 P. M. RETURNING, leaves SEASIDE Sunday evening at 6:30 P. M., leaves ASTORIA at 7:15 P. M., arriving at Portland at 10:20 P. M.

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FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Those desiring to enter for the following events on the Fourth of July will kindly communicate, either in person or by telephone or letter, with Secretary Halderman at the Fourth of July Headquarters, on 11th Street, before 5 o'clock p. m. July 3, 1908.

100 yard dash; 220 yard hurdle; 120 yard hurdle; 100 yard dash free for all, no netry required; 440 yard relay; 220 yard dash; 440 yard dash; running broad jump; running high jump; shot put; one mile relay; pie eating contest. No en-trance fee required.

Begining at 10:30 a. m. sharp, on the morning of the 4th, the following contests wil be held. No one will be permitted to enter for these contests who is over 15 years of age, with the exception of the bicycle race, which is free for all.

Egg race; sack race; barrel race; pie eating contest; girl's race; three legged race; 100 yard dash, free for all; bicycle race. No entrance fee required.

THE DOINGS OF TAFT.

Has Conference With Speaker Cannon and Secretary Cortelyou.

WASHINGTON, July 2—Two important conferences were held by Judge Taft today. One was with Speaker Cannon, and the other with Secretary Cortelyou. Cannon afterwards said he had called to pay his respects and to renew his assurances given the day Taft was nominated and of his intention to do all in his power to insure Taft's election. The interview with Cortelyou covered a wide range of political topics. Cortelyou took occasion to urge selection of Hitchcock as the National chairman. Beyond this there is no development of the day in the chairmanship matter. Judge Taft, Mrs. Taft and Charlie will leave tomorrow for Hot Springs, Virginia.