

BULLETIN OF STATE-AIDED RAILROADS IN PORTLAND

John R. Cochran of New York Tells of North Carolina's Successful Ventures Under County Bonding Plan—Land Values Greatly Increased by Lines So Built.

State aided and constructed railroads are practical and a man who has built them in in Portland ready and anxious to look over the central and eastern Oregon field and possibly to offer a proposition for the construction of such a road through that territory.

John R. Cochran, of New York, a lumberman and railroad man, who built a large portion of what is known as the "Three C" line in North Carolina, a railroad constructed under a provision of the North Carolina law which states that recently agreed upon by the Oregon legislature by which the counties voted the bonds for the construction of the line, is at the Portland Hotel and says the Oregon proposition is a feasible and desirable one.

"In North Carolina as the result of our state built road, lands which sold for \$5 an acre when the railroad was begun are now selling for from \$50 to \$100 an acre, and stumpage has gone up from \$1 a thousand to \$4 a thousand at the lowest," said Mr. Cochran.

"Our situation in western North Carolina was much like that facing us here in Oregon. We needed a railroad in order to get our products out to the market. The railroad was built and the land values increased. The various counties bonded themselves and gave the money needed to the company."

Details of Plan.

"Our plan was to go into each county, see the executive officer—there the sheriff—make an estimate of the cost of building the line across the county and ask for the lowest amount that the cost would warrant. In every case the counties granted a bond issue as soon as we made our estimates."

"The average cost was \$25,000 a mile through the Blue Ridge mountains and \$15,000 a mile on the flat lands. We secured outright from \$100,000 to \$200,000 from each county. The counties issued 20 years 5 per cent gold bearing bonds which were sold in New York and elsewhere to a very good figure."

"Several counties that objected to giving the money outright exchanged their bonds for those of the railroad company and some such plan could be adopted in Oregon, I presume. Of course, the

WITH THE LAWMAKERS AT OLYMPIA

Four Days Left and Legislature Has Passed 100 Bills; Local Option Measure Is a Joke; Efforts of Larger Cities to Change Plan of Railroad Taxation Fail; Powers of State Railroad Commission Are Greatly Increased; Six Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars Will Be Expended on State Roads.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Olympia, Wash., March 8.—With but four days in which to work, the state legislature convened this morning with 100 bills passed and being made ready for action by the legislature. The bill on local option, which has been passed, is a large force of clerks can do the work. Of this number of laws the senate originated, and the house passed. Practically the entire number, save a few appropriation bills and the anti-race track gambling bill, have been passed within the past 10 days.

With the opening of the session today the work of the legislature is local option bill is out of the way, the criminal code has been amended until it will be accepted by both houses. The amendments will have to be concurred in by both branches, the educational code has been passed, and practically all the bills for the governor and the military code, providing for the reorganization of the militia, was passed last week.

The game bill, one of the important measures of the session, has passed the senate and is in the house today, with prospects of being acted on tomorrow. The appropriation bill is about ready for introduction and it will be taken up as the last measure of importance this year.

Nobody except the representatives of the liquor interests knows the import of the local option bill passed by both houses last week. Amendments being concurred in late Saturday. The local option bill is a joke, more or less, and the practical end of it is shown in the fact that the bill was not read in full before either house. It is a substitute measure, offered as amendments to the house bill, the amendments consisting of two parts. The first part substitutes the original bill from the senate clause to the end and the second part makes a new title from the enacting clause to the first word of the bill. In this way a new local option bill was made to take the place of the old one, but it could not have been introduced and forced through as a whole. As amendments were voted on a number of the lawmakers voted for them, but were entirely ignorant of the real import of the trick. In the senate the bill was not read and the members of either house, and it will be days and weeks, perhaps, save for the publicity given by the newspapers before the people will know just what sort of a law has been given them.

The effort of the larger cities of the state to change the plan of taxation applied to railroads failed in both houses, especially in the lower house, and the law as now laid down will

maintain until the next legislative session. The cities where large terminals are located tried to get passed a bill requiring the assessment of railroad property in the county where it happened out to be a face this bill seemed simple enough, but back of the plain wording was a joker. As the bill was passed, the cities were taken as a whole throughout the state, the terminals being added to the track-railroad system. The entire system is made, dividing the amount by the number of miles of line and given to each county. The bill would have the mileage found within the actual subdivision. In this way the county with a few small terminals gets some of the advantages of the terminals, the commercial property, warehouses, etc., is assessed in the city where located and the terminals would be the beneficiaries in the taxes arising from it.

The powers of the state railroad commission have been greatly increased during the past week. The supreme court held that the commission had the power to fix the rates of the telephone and telegraph lines into its keeping. A bill giving the commission control over streetcar lines, and the weighing of grain and the control of the grain inspection department, has just been passed by the house. There is no question about its approval by Governor Hay. In this way the state commission is being given tremendous power, not hitherto possessed in it.

Six hundred and twenty thousand dollars will be expended during the next two years by the state highway commission, on the construction and survey of state roads. This sum is in the bill for the appropriation heretofore made by the state and will be scattered over many of the counties. There is doubt in the minds of some of the wisdom of such large appropriations for state roads. It is argued that a commission with so much labor employed as will be needed in this case can organize a political machine that will be almost invulnerable in two years. And this could be brought about nicely by combining interests with the county commissioners of the state, who will spend millions of dollars in county road improvement. In this county alone \$15,000 has been appropriated by the county to apply on highways.

IS VANCOUVER TO BE MADE MERE POST?

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arranged for the removal of department headquarters to Seattle, and that the change will be made this year," said an army officer formerly attached to the headquarters, Department of the Columbia. "Seattle people have been pulling every wire at their command for several years to have the headquarters of this department established there and I believe they have won out. Secretary of the Interior Ballinger is from Seattle and will no doubt lend hand in bringing about the change. President Taft spent three weeks visiting in Seattle while on his way to the Philippines last year and was generally understood at that time that he agreed to the removal and promised that it should be made."

"Seattle has not been 'sleeping at the witch' in this matter, and Portland and the result is that this city will very soon have to be content with only a regimental army post at Fort Vancouver."

Mistake, But What's the Use?

"These staff officers at Vancouver are making a serious mistake in clamoring for removal to Seattle. The post at Vancouver is one of the most beautiful places in the world to live. Living in the city, these officers will find out that Seattle is a very expensive place to live. But, like most of the rest of us, they want the glare and glamor of city life and all that goes with it, and they will get it in Seattle."

Regimental Post Secure.

No apprehension is felt that the regimental post at Vancouver will be disturbed. The government has built it one of the finest army posts in the country at that point. During the past five years more than \$1,000,000 has been expended in new buildings and other improvements. A \$200,000 hospital and mess hall, a \$100,000 barracks, have been erected. All the older buildings have been torn out and replaced with new and substantial structures. New officers' quarters have been erected and a large amount of money expended in beautifying and improving the grounds.

BIDS FAREWELL TO HIS FRIENDS

Dr. W. H. Heppie Preaches Last Sermon at Grace M. E. Church.

Christ three unifying operations are in force today, commerce science and the spirit of the nation. But there is a strong enough to unify itself. Only a great spiritualizing faith is able to do this. And only in Christ can we find this faith.

The new age will lay stress on faith in Christ and spiritual things as the divinely appointed power to develop superior character. This faith will solve every problem. All the great characters of the world have been men and women of Christian faith. Men who were unbelieve have given only destructive and unproductive work to the world. Unbelief is paralyzing and cannot do great things. Snodgrass, Graham, Moses, Isaiah, Daniel, David, Paul, Savonarola, Luther, Wesley, Newton, Milton, Wordsworth, Tennyson, Browning, Lincoln, McKinley, Gladstone all had faith in what they championed.

"Let this be my parting word, Hitch your life to Christ's holy chariot as it sweeps on into the day of better and larger things. Never turn your eyes from the greatness of your country and age."

AUTO SHOW TO OPEN ITS DOORS TONIGHT

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were not at the big event. The exhibitors have all shown a disposition to have things ready and I fully expect to have every exhibit in place tonight when the doors open.

Pollsters and clowns were in evidence everywhere at the show, and the morning's show was a very successful one. More than 100 men at work shining the brasswork and cleaning the cars for their masters before the Portland public tonight. Every morning from Miss Isabella Jewell's Sheldon garage at the corner of Broadway and the work of the automobile bazaar which has been going on since the 1st of the show and directing the show and directing the show and directing the show.

Decorations in Green.

Green foliage and myriads of electric lights form the features of the interior of the exhibition building. The floors are being carpeted with green cloth while ferns and palms, Oregon grass and other plants are being placed about the show. Several of the exhibitors have planned unique souvenirs to be given to the visitors at the exhibit.

More than 100 men were at work this morning, some shifting the big cars into their places, others cleaning and polishing, still others completing the decorations, some keeping back the curious crowd of people, always ready to ask questions, while still others were busy supervising the general work of the show and directing the final placing of exhibits.

The doors will open at 7 o'clock while at 8 o'clock the grand opera by Christensen's orchestra will start and the show will be on.

TO COST MORE FOR OPERA BOXES

New York, March 8.—Money seems to be plentiful in New York, to judge from the application received by the Hammerstein today on the opening of subscription books for next season at the Manhattan opera house. It appears to be no lack of persons who are willing to pay three or four times as much as last year for opera boxes as much as last year. The season of 1909-10 at the Manhattan will begin November 15, and comprises 16 grand opera and 40 of opera comique. The prices for boxes are \$400 for the four weeks, \$200 for the two weeks, and \$100 for the single performance weekly. And then they say that grand opera doesn't pay!

TRAMPS SET FOREST FIRE IN CALIFORNIA

(United Press Special Wire.)

Mill Valley, Cal., March 8.—Despite the fact that heavy rains have drenched the foliage of the redwood trees in Blytheville canyon, near here, the result of the tramp fire has been a forest fire which threatened the homes. The fire started in the brush and spread to the redwood trees, a real estate dealer, and quickly spread to the trees surrounding. The origin of the fire is unknown but it is believed to have been set by tramps.

DETROIT MAN JUST AS GOOD AS T. R.

(United Press Special Wire.)

Detroit, March 8.—Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, two distinct persons in the eyes of Archibald G. Ellin, a wealthy stockbroker of this city, are as far apart as the amount of consideration to which he considers Roosevelt entitled.

In the new quarters Ellin, engaged quarters aboard a Hamburg-American liner bound for the Mediterranean. It was later discovered that the quarters

adjoined those which will be occupied by former President Roosevelt and those who will accompany him on his African trip. For this reason the Hamburg-American officials endeavored to persuade Ellin to relinquish the right to his stateroom and accept other accommodations. This the Detroit man declined to do, holding that Roosevelt was now but a plain American citizen and entitled to no more than the usual courtesies.

The last week at Gregory Heights.

Notaries Commissioned.

Alem, Or., March 8.—Notarial commissions have been issued to H. P. Palmer, Portland; L. G. Emery and Fred Mullers, Portland; W. H. Cooper, Tillamook; Alta G. Wilson, Astoria; and James R. Smith, Baker City.

We Have Purchased the Entire Stock of the Levy Music Store and It Is Now on Sale at Our Store at

20c to 50c on the Dollar

Last week arrangements were completed between Graves Music Company and the Levy Music Store, formerly located on Fifth street, between Washington and Alder streets, whereby Graves Music Company bought outright the entire Levy stock of Musical Instruments, Merchandise, Sheet Music, etc. This stock includes Violins, Mandolins, Banjos, Guitars, Accordions, Band Instruments, Music Stands, Music Rolls, Sheet Music, Instruction Books, etc., etc.

We shall proceed at once to close out this entire stock—nothing reserved—owing to the fact that our regular lines are all that we have shelf-room for, and we now offer this excellent assortment of musical small goods at from 20 to 50 cents on the dollar. Come in at once and supply your musical needs. We've got to get rid of these goods, as our store is literally filled to overflowing and we must have room.

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In this sale you will find a fine collection of rare old Violins. These choice instruments range in age from 50 to 200 years and are all in excellent condition. This is the chance of a lifetime to secure a choice old instrument of unquestioned worth at a fourth to a half of its real value. Don't fail to see them.

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\$10.00 Violins \$5.50
\$25.00 Violins \$12.50
\$50.00 Violins \$22.50

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\$10.00 Mandolin \$5.00
\$25.00 Mandolin \$12.50
\$40.00 Mandolin \$18.00
\$50.00 Mandolin \$22.50

GUITARS

\$10.00 Guitar \$5.00
\$15.00 Guitar \$8.00
\$25.00 Guitar \$10.00
\$35.00 Guitar \$15.00

SHEET MUSIC

Levy's entire stock of Sheet Music, both classical and popular, 2¢ to 15¢ a copy.

MUSIC FOLIOS

Mandolin, Guitar, Piano and other Music Folios, regular 50c, 75c and \$1.00 values, at ONE HALF PRICE.

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Over 300 Accordions of various makes and styles, during this sale at from \$1.00 to \$3.00 each.

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Included in this stock are a number of the latest styles of Talking Machines, which during this sale will go at greatly reduced prices. We have no room for them in addition to our regular lines and they must go quickly. Price is no object.

THESE PRICES WILL INTEREST YOU

\$27 Talking Machine reduced to \$9.00
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\$30 Talking Machine reduced to \$18.00
\$40 Talking Machine reduced to \$25.00

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A vast assortment of brand new Disc Records, retailing regularly the world over at 60c each, will be included in this sale at 30¢ each. Right reserved to withdraw this offer at any time.

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BULLETIN No. 3

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE PEOPLE OF PORTLAND

Interested in the Property Known as GREGORY HEIGHTS, Now Being Offered

All previous records for crowds were broken yesterday in the attendance at GREGORY HEIGHTS. The cars were jammed all day. Our office began to fill up in the morning and we were busy selling lots almost from sunrise to sunset.

The news we wish to convey to you is the fact that there are so few lots remaining in GREGORY HEIGHTS that there is every possibility that all of them will be sold during the balance of this week. If there are any people who wish to own their homes in GREGORY HEIGHTS, who have been favorably disposed to GREGORY HEIGHTS, who have not as yet seen the property, this week is about all the time that remains to see it. It is a shame to allow this chance of a lifetime to pass unheeded. GREGORY has done all in his power to acquaint you with the proposition of the present time; he has begged you to take advantage of it. Hundreds have taken his advice and are now owners of a homestead or are building their homes. Why not you?

GREGORY HEIGHTS

Remedies are Needed

Were we perfect, which we are not, medicines would not often be needed. But since our systems have become weakened, impaired and broken down through indigestion which have gone on from the early age, through countless generations, remedies are needed to aid nature in correcting our inherited and otherwise acquired weaknesses. To reach the seat of stomach weakness and consequent digestive troubles, there is nothing so good as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, a glyceric compound, extracted from native medicinal roots—sold for over forty years with great satisfaction to all users. For Weak Stomach, Biliaryness, Liver Complaint, Pain in the Stomach after eating Heartburn, Bad Breath, Belching of food, Chronic Diarrhea and other Intestinal Derangements, the "Discovery" is a time-proven and most efficient remedy.

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