

**GREAT SOUTHERN
PACIFIC BRIDGE**

It Will Shorten Time of
Trains From Oregon and
Other Points

As a forward step in establishing a great double track transcontinental short line between San Francisco and all points north and east, the Southern Pacific proposes to build a bridge across Suisun bay to replace its tram ferry operations across Carquinez straits between Port Costa and Benecia, according to an announcement yesterday by William Sproule, president of the company, following a meeting of the board of directors at New York. This information was telegraphed to The Statesman and other newspapers last night.

The investigations that the company has been making over a period of months has shown that the bridge is feasible and desirable, according to Mr. Sproule. The proposed bridge will enable the company to reduce the running time of freight and passenger trains on its Overland and Shasta routes. The bridge will be a double deck, single level structure of steel which will not be exceeded in its carrying capacity by any other railway bridge in the country.

The site of the proposed bridge is six and one-half miles east of Crockett. It will extend from Army Point on the north shore to Suisun point on the south. From abutment to abutment, it will be 5597 feet long with a 70 foot clearance above water at mean high tide. It will consist of a 750 foot steel girder viaduct, ten 408 foot spans, one 384 foot deck span and one 327 foot lift span, all resting on concrete piers. The electrically operated lift span will clear more than 95 per cent of the water traffic without opening the draw. When open this span will be 135 feet above mean water level and will be directly over the navigation channel maintained in the bay by the army engineering corps, giving clearance equal to that of the Antioch bridge both vertically and horizontally.

Two Years to Build
Necessary steps will be taken at once to secure public authority and when such authority is secured the company will proceed immediately with construction. It will require about two years to complete the bridge.

The Port Costa-Benecia train ferry has always been considered a bottle neck for the Overland and Shasta route trains which use their terminals at Oakland.

The average time required for ferry passenger trains is 30 minutes and freight trains two hours and 27 minutes. The bridge will cut 20 minutes from passenger train time and two hours from freight train time now required to cross the straits. The bridge will therefore reduce delays and will relieve congestion of trains between Brighton and El Paso; improve the service between San Francisco and Sacramento valley points, and establish a new freight route between the San Francisco territory and the north and east.

A Great Traffic
The Southern Pacific train traffic across Carquinez straits increased 264 per cent between 1880 and 1925. Total trains crossing the straits in 1880 was 3561, while 12,972 crossed in 1925. During the 15 years ending December 31, 1926, the total number of railway cars crossing the straits increased 42.5 per cent.

In conjunction with the building of the bridge the railroad will realign some of its present track and build double track approaches to each end of the bridge. As a result of this realignment, Overland and Shasta route trains which formerly were ferried from Port Costa, will pass through Martinez and then over the bridge. A new passenger depot will be built at Goodyear and stage service maintained between that station and Benecia. The railroad will abandon its train ferry steamers and the ferry line but will retain its wharf at Port Costa.

The main line from Oakland pier through to Sacramento was opened to traffic on December 28, 1879, when the train ferry Solano made its first trip across Carquinez straits between Benecia and Port Costa. For a period of three months previous to that date the railroad operated the ferry boat for freight trains only.

**Students of Willamette
Making Publicity Trip**

This morning Willamette university will be advertised in the high schools of Portland by a group of Willamette students. Those making the trip are Jean White, Virginia Edwards, Robert Witty, William Smullin, and the variety quartet composed of Ronald Craven, Wendell Robinson, Willis Hathaway, and Walter Kaufman. The work is in charge of Miss Ella Howard, publicity director of the university. In the evening the quartet will sing at the graduation exercises of the Portland Y. M. C. A. school. These exercises will be held at the First Methodist church, and Dean Roy Hewitt of Willamette law school will give the graduation address.

PLANES SCATTER ROSES

American Flyers Show Flowers Over Columbus' Graves
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