

OREGON AND TRANSCONTINENTAL

Annual Report of the Directors.

The directors of the Oregon and Transcontinental company have made their annual report to the stockholders for the year ending June 30th. They recall the fact that the company was organized to acquire and hold a controlling interest in stocks of the Northern Pacific and Oregon Railway and Navigation companies, and to engage in such other commercial and industrial enterprises as would tend to hasten and widen the general development of the states and territories traversed by these lines. At the previous fiscal year only \$23,760,000 of the \$30,000,000 of the authorized capital stock had been issued. During the fiscal year just closed, not only were the remaining \$6,240,000 paid for and issued, but an additional issue of \$10,000,000 was authorized by the board, thus increasing the capital stock to \$40,000,000, and on June 30th last, the company held 169,792 shares of Northern Pacific common, 15,130 shares of Northern Pacific preferred, and 128,535 shares of Oregon Railway and Navigation company stock. Including the new stock, these holdings represent more than one-third of the capital stock of the Northern Pacific and 8,535 shares more than an absolute majority of the stock of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company. It is stated that it is in its power to enlarge its ownership of Northern Pacific stocks at any time. Sufficient is owned and represented by the directors of the Oregon and Transcontinental company as well as by the directors of the allied corporations, to constitute, together with the holdings of the company itself, an absolute majority. During the season of 1882-83 the company built 215 miles of road, on its various branches of construction. The programme adopted for the fiscal year of 1883-84 includes about 350 miles of new road, mainly in the extension of various branches. No further issue of bonds is to be made on construction account at present.

The board announced the lease to the company of the Oregon and California Railroad company's system of standard gauge lines. The terms entered into between the companies are as follows: A construction contract between this company and the Oregon and California company for the completion of the latter's main line to the California boundary, with the option to complete its other authorized lines on the stated terms—the temporary lease of the Oregon and California system for three years, with the option for its extension to 999 years. When the construction contract went into effect about 127 miles of the total length of the main line remained to be completed. The estimates of the engineers, including liberal allowances for a possible underestimate and other contingencies, call for \$4,846,291 of ready money for this work. Under the contract this company is to receive for its first mortgage bonds \$3,670,500 and second mortgage bonds \$3,850,000. Contracts have been entered into with leading banking firms of this country and Europe for the sale of sufficient of these securities to render it easy to provide all the money necessary for the completion of the lines. The assets of the Oregon and Transcontinental company are placed at \$59,906,708 81, of which \$5,181,110 11 is stated as cash in bank, and \$3,289,312 19 as loans due them. Among the liabilities are placed \$8,561,427 98, loans due by the company, and \$600,000 for dividends due July 16.

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Pasteur and the Cholera Germ.

Leon Pasteur, the distinguished chemist, has asked permission of the English government to go to Egypt for the purpose of investigating the cause of cholera with a view to finding some remedy that will hereafter render it harmless. His efforts are based on the theory that it is one of a large class of diseases caused by living germs taken into the system with the air we breathe or with our food and drink. The disease so caused are thought now to be very numerous, and include most fevers, troubles of the throat, consumption, smallpox, and many of those complaints which are fatal to animals. It is supposed that if the germ which causes any special form of sickness can be discovered and rendered partially innocuous it can be introduced into the system the same way that vaccine matter is introduced, and so prevent the recurrence of its dangerous forms. It was Jenner's theory that a mild and comparatively harmless poisoning of the blood would prevent the fatal disorder, and his experiments showed him to be correct. The vaccine lymph contains the living germs, but they are not virulent. Their admission to the blood produces a mild inflammation like the symptoms of the small-pox, which runs its course like a fever; after which the subject recovers and is safe thereafter from the horrible malady of which he has had a mild type.

Pasteur has already rendered great benefit to science and humanity by his discoveries. He first turned his attention to a disease called the pebrine which was destroying the silk worms in France and injuring an important industry. He found it was caused by the growth and multiplication within the worms and even their eggs of minute corpuscles which were really lower forms of life. The remedy applied in this case was the complete isolation of the diseased worms. This investigation took several months of arduous labor with the microscope. He then turned his attention to the splenic fever, which attacks horses, cattle and sheep. In the blood of the diseased animals he knew there existed red-like forms, which might with accuracy be called germs, and that the fever was caused by their multiplication. With the blood containing these rods it was found possible to inoculate a healthy animal. A drop of the solution containing them produced splenic fever in a guinea pig, and, which was very remarkable, an impression of a small particle of the dried blood, kept for years, produced a similar effect in a healthy animal. Pasteur went further than this. He learned that the disease would break out suddenly in spots where it had formerly existed. He examined the soil where the animals that died of the disease had been buried, and found the rods in the earth-worms which again brought it to the surface, and being eaten by rabbits and guinea pigs, gave them the disease. He discovered that the grass and grain growing in the infected spots could impart it to healthy animals. The great point of this discovery was the fact that the splenic fever can be prevented by vaccination in a manner analogous to smallpox, and the farmers of France are very generally adopting the prescribed measure.

The Old Fireside.

There is no civilized race on the earth but has its sanctified memories of the old homestead hearthstone—the great wide-mouthed fireside, with its generous back-log, its lights and shadows, its social cheer and its merry cricket singing its warning of news. But as years go by we find that customs are changing; other influences are at work in the body politics of this nation; the home ties are loosening, and other affections hold sway. Family life is narrowed down to the boarding house and hotel, and instead of

the cottage we have the "flat," instead of the home meal we have the restaurant. We say narrowed, for there is no place in the world that can give the broad, deep, lasting blessing to a true character reared and disciplined by the ingenuity of a true home, where love and trust have learned to bear "each other's burden." Shallowed is that family life that seeks its growth away from this time-honored shelter. Barren must that child's life be of all pleasant reminiscences of childish adventure and sport—in the field by the mill pond, or in the field of sweet, new-mown hay—that is forced to spend its youth in our crowded cities. His school life is intense, and his play hours savor of scraps of rascality. Such children have no childhood. It is a monotonous round of brain pressure. We have a pity for boys and girls who never tramped barefooted to the village school, who never envied the eggs in the blue bird's nest, or called the milk-laden cow home from the meadows. Farm life has its hardships, we know—hard, back-splitting work that is unending, and its bad crops; but it has also its good things, and we question if these things are not the best elements of a nation's life—strong health, deep sleep, clean blood and a deep spirit of pluck to endure disappointment. All the self-made men and women of our early history had this early discipline of farm life. Farming to-day admits of much more luxury than formerly. Thrift and persistency will accomplish wonders in this direction, and it is a pity there should grow up in our minds such antipathy to the habits and duty that cluster to home life. We are becoming a nation of wanderers, a nation of oddities, eccentric sojourners; the latch-string is lost, the gate-posts are broken and the mile-stones are forgotten. The family name is extinct, for family pride is gone. The family record is not kept because there is no family Bible to reverence, and where we shall finally drift to, God only knows. One thing is certain: When our home life is blighted we shall be wrecked, indeed, as a people. Morally unsettled in these foundation principles, we become social Ishmaelites, and finally strand in the desert of divorce. Fortunate for California if the future shall find her chief glories clustering around her law-abiding, law-protected ingenuity. Longfellow never sang a truer sonnet:

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