

# NEW RAIL LINE FOR OREGON IS PENDING AS ROUTES EXPAND

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The plan now in mind accomplishes the same thing and will give quicker dispatch for perishable Oregon products to the eastern markets. The route to be followed is connecting the two roads is not stated in President Sproule's announcement, and it may be by some other line than via Lakeview. The United Northern survey might be followed out of Klamath Falls and the Nevada, California and Oregon road reached at Susanville, Cal. This would serve the fertile Tule lake district and pass through a forest reserve area where there is a heavy stand of pine timber.

Other routes southeast suggest themselves, and it is pointed out, a direct rail connection with Portland will bring a great new area tributary to Oregon markets, with much livestock, wool and other products being brought this way instead of being sold south.

## Other Savings Possible

In connection with the more direct route east, other savings in miles besides the 413 offered over existing Southern Pacific routes are possible. That company has trucked its arrangements with the Western Pacific to permit use of that line as a bridge on through haul from Oregon points of origin from Flamingo to Winnemucca, Nev. This would give a considerably shorter journey than to follow the main line of the Southern Pacific.

The time more certain than all else in the latest move on the railroad checkerboard is that in the fight in interior Oregon, the Southern Pacific by its latest arrangements, gains considerable advantage in the jockeying, and there will be more objections and appeals to the interstate commerce commission for rights to build connecting lines.

The Southern Pacific will be arrayed against the northern lines, and it would not be surprising to see the former make the contention that it is Oregon to a standard gauge line, which now extends forty miles from point of connection with the Southern Pacific at Klamath Falls easterly to Sprague river, Ore.

## Arrangement for Deal of Line Told

PORTLAND, Ore., May 20.—(AP) According to the Southern Pacific company's announcement, its arrangement with President Strahorn will give the Southern Pacific substantial stock interest in the Oregon-California and Eastern, which now extends forty miles from its connection with the Southern Pacific at Klamath Falls easterly to Sprague river, Ore.

Under the arrangement with President Charles Moran, of the Nevada-California-Oregon line, the Southern Pacific will aid him in securing the money for the work of rebuilding the line as a broad gauge railroad its entire distance of 150 miles between Lakeview, Ore., and Wendell, Cal., where it connects with the Southern Pacific.

Three deals will provide a new rail line through southern and central Oregon for through traffic between Oregon and eastern states, reducing the present haul by 413 miles.

Statement is Made  
Mr. Sproule's announcement follows:

The Southern Pacific company announces through its president, William Sproule, that arrangements have been made with Charles Moran, president of the Nevada-California-Oregon railway, to aid him in securing the money needed to carry out his plan for changing that road from narrow gauge to standard gauge.

The arrangement is, of course, subject to the approval of the interstate commerce commission. If approved, it will give the Southern Pacific a substantial interest in the Nevada-California-Oregon railway, which will be rebuilt as a broad gauge line under Southern Pacific auspices. Its distance is 150 miles between Lakeview, Ore., and Wendell, Cal., where it connects with the Fernley branch of the Southern Pacific.

Mr. Sproule announces at the same time that the Southern Pacific company has completed negotiations with R. E. Strahorn, president of the Oregon-California and Eastern Railway company, under which funds will be advanced to Mr. Strahorn to aid in the construction of the line of his company, from Klamath Falls, Ore.,

# RUNNING OFF FOUND NO FUN



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Hazel and May Hess, 17 and 15, of Castle Rock, Wash., felt the urge of spring and the call of California. They set out afoot. With help from passing motorists they reached Sacramento, but that was far enough. Hungry, cold, the wandering adventuresses were glad for even the shelter of the detention home. But now they are headward bound—never to roam anymore!

to connection with the Nevada-California-Oregon railway.

## I. C. C. Sanction Needed

"This will likewise require the approval of the interstate commerce commission, and, if approved, will give the Southern Pacific company a substantial stock interest in the Oregon-California and Eastern railway, which now extends forty miles from point of connection with the Southern Pacific at Klamath Falls easterly to Sprague river, Ore.

"The completion of the Oregon, California and Eastern, which is a standard gauge line, coupled with the conversion of the Nevada-California-Oregon to a standard gauge line, will provide a new artery through southern and central Oregon for through traffic between Oregon and the eastern states.

"Application will be made in due course for permission and authority to put these plans into effect."

"These transactions are in accord with the general policy of the Southern Pacific company, which looks to the development of the territory it serves as already shown by the transportation facilities it has provided in Oregon and those under construction, to which these new additions come in natural sequence."

# WIFES ARE FORCED TO DO FARM LABOR

NEW YORK, May 20.—(AP)—Assertions that children from eastern founding homes are taken in "white sale lots" to southern and western states and legally adopted by farmers for heavy farm work were made yesterday by women delegates to the child welfare conference of America.

Miss Bennett Smith of Temple, Tex., who said she was a life-long friend of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson of Texas, asserted that each year many train loads of children over six years old are brought to Texas, adopted and made to do heavy work on the farms.

Mrs. B. F. Westmore, of Spokane, Wash., told the conference that every young children are taken in large numbers to the northwestern farming regions for seasonal harvesting of the best, apple and onion crops.

Judge Samuel D. Levy of the New York children's court, presiding at the convention, said he did not know such conditions existed.

Governor C. C. Moore of Idaho, addressing the conference yesterday, said he offered his state as a refuge for "the homeless children of the congested cities of the east."

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# PROTESTS SENT TO GOVERNOR ON PLAN TO BUILD NEW DAM

SALEM, Ore., May 20.—Hundreds of protests received by Governor Pierce against the proposed construction of the Priest Rapids dam in the Columbia river have caused the governor to send a letter to the secretary of the interior declaring that unless assurance is given that the fishing industry will not be injured by the project the state of Oregon will try to prevent the improvement or demand that facilities to protect salmon propagation be installed by the builders.

The federal power commission has issued a license for construction of the dam to the Washington Irrigation and Development company, which is organized under the laws of the state of Washington. In his letter to the secretary of the interior Governor Pierce says the dam will interfere with the passage of salmon up the river to their spawning grounds.

## HOPES FOR REFUND OF WAR DEBT SEEN

WASHINGTON, May 20.—(AP)—With France, Belgium and Estonia leading the way, officials here are optimistic that the European debtors soon will find the way clear to begin negotiations looking to funding their war obligations to this country.

President Coolidge shares with Secretaries Kellogg and Mellon the hope that the entire debt situation will be cleared within a reasonable time, but there is no desire or intention to unduly press the question. Neither do officials expect the foreign governments whose notes are held here to rush to Washington with complete, detailed plans for settlement.

It is hoped, however, that those powers will find the occasion suitable for at least discussion of the American debt commission of terms of settlement upon which agreement could be reached.

News from Paris that Premier Painleve, Foreign Minister Briand and Finance Minister Caillaux had discussed together the debt situation evoked much interest here. An official spokesman of the Quai d'Orsay announced that the debt could be said to have entered the state of "real official negotiations" and that the three leaders would confer later this week with experts of the foreign office.

The conference will consider suggestions for a settlement proposal which will be sent simultaneously to Washington and to London, the impression in Paris being that it would be ready this week for transmission.

## Lightning Bolt at Brussels is Fatal

BRUSSELS, May 20.—(AP)—Eight persons were killed by lightning last night and damage estimated to amount to millions of francs was caused by storms in this section.

The principal damage was done to farm crops although houses in towns and cities were battered by a heavy hail that broke thousands of windows.

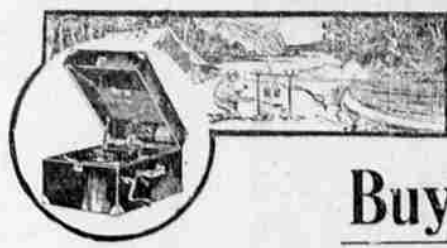
All traffic and communications were impeded and some places temporarily stopped.

## ART FUND PROVIDED

NEW YORK, May 20.—(AP)—Trustees of the Carnegie corporation today voted sums totaling \$300,000 to

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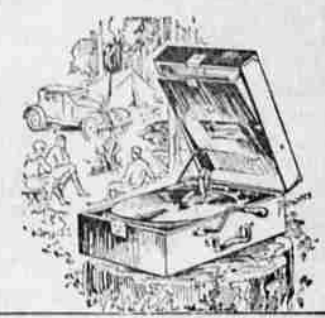
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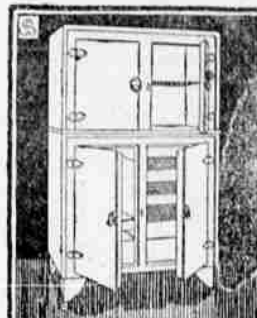
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