

GOULD LINES BEHIND PLANS

THAT'S WHY NORTHWEST TERMINAL ARE SOUGHT.

Western Pacific Purchase Includes Project To Build North-Corps of Engineers Now Working in Lake.

That the Gould system is destined soon to traverse the continent with a line tapping the Pacific Northwest is verified by reports from New York that Rockefeller interests are behind the acquisition of terminal facilities in Tacoma and Seattle and holds an option on the Tacoma & Eastern Railroad. It is asserted that the plans of the Standard Oil magnate contemplate another transcontinental railroad, but it is not related that the Rockefeller and Gould interests are joined in the project to extend lines of the Gould system from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and that the engineering corps that has been engaged in Northern California and Southern Oregon is working on the connecting line by which direct connection will be had with the commercial cities of the North Pacific States, including Portland, Tacoma and Seattle.

In the opinion of railroad officials who have received information of the field work under way, and are familiar with the recently purchased Western Pacific road, there is no more reason to doubt the intention to tap Oregon and Washington than of the purpose of the Gould system to enter San Francisco and other California terminals to claim division of traffic with the Southern Pacific. One corps of engineers working in the vicinity of Lakeview is understood to represent the Nevada-California-Oregon Railroad, which is held by individual ownership, but control of which is believed to rest with a New York banking house representing Gould interests. The claim has also been made that two banking houses were contesting for the control, one representing an agent of Harriman and the other Gould, and that the financial world has been kept in the dark as to which really gained the point.

It is not a long road, extending from Reno, 114 miles to Madeline, and is tapped by the line of the Western Pacific, which in turn will connect via the Clark line and a cutoff now in course of construction from the Rio Grand Western, with the Eastern transcontinental lines of the Missouri Pacific Wabash. Construction of another hundred miles, already projected by the Nevada-California-Oregon will make Lakeview the northern terminus of the road and signalize its entrance to this state, for which it was originally headed as indicated by its corporate title.

It is rumored, but cannot be verified, that the Great Southern, building into the interior of Oregon from a point four miles above The Dalles and now projected to be completed to Dufur, is backed by the same banking houses that are behind the other transactions for completing the Gould chain. Those identified with the Dufur road decline to explain who is represented if other than the private capital of the incorporators. When incorporated it was announced without official sanction of the promoters that the line was intended for a direct route from the Sound to Southern Oregon, and that in a time a bridge would bear its trains across the Columbia.

FIGHTS DUEL WITH OUTLAWS.

A recent special from Vale to the Telegram says: A startling message for the people of this place has just been received by Deputy Sheriff Thomas from Sheriff James E. Lawrence, who was then at Kalispell, Mont., that he had, after a hard ride of about 60 miles through woods and canyons, ridden in upon the escaped horse-rustlers, Hess and Chester. As has been expected, at the sight of the officer, Chester, who was heavily armed, commenced firing, shooting six times at the Sheriff. His shots however, did not take effect.

When the Sheriff fired in return, the message states, the shot took effect. How badly Chester is hurt is not known, as the outlaws rode away at a rapid speed as soon as Chester was fired at. Sheriff Lawrence kept up the race also, and was tracking them without difficulty by the bloodstains flowing from Chester's wounds upon the ground, when he turned into Kalispell to send the

message home.

It has been expected by the people here, who knew both Hess and Chester well, that there would be a hard fight when Sheriff Lawrence undertook to apprehend them. Hess did not attempt to fire.

Hess and Chester escaped from the Malheur County Jail almost two months ago, and no definite information that could be credited had reached here as to what direction they were in, until a message was received by Sheriff Lawrence about a week ago from Sheriff Murray, of Shoshone, Idaho, stating that he had succeeded in capturing the horse-thieves, and had them locked safely in the County Jail, until he left them in charge of his deputy, when they had escaped again.

Sheriff Lawrence left immediately for Shoshone, and has several times been close on their trail since leaving there. Upon reaching Thompson Falls, Mont., he succeeded in striking the correct trail, and has been following them closely for several days, until he finally rode in upon them. In the message, Mr. Lawrence states that he is almost confident that he will finally succeed in capturing them in a few days.

RUSTLERS AT WORK AGAIN.

While the range of Eastern Oregon is afflicted by war between sheep and cattle growers, a very hardy parasite has been permitted to revive. Organization of the Malheur Stockgrowers' Association, in which most of the prominent cattle and horsemen are found, recalls public attention to "rustlers" who have flourished on the broad expanse for years. When the members of this illicit fraternity become too active, the worn turns, associations are formed, prosecutions follow and these are surcease for honest stockmen for a period. But the "rustler" is tenacious, and any lull in eternal vigilance gives him courage to reappear on the scene in thoroughly organized form, active as the grower whom he harasses and sometimes better prepared to defend his depredations than are the agents of law to prosecute.

Stealing horses and cattle beyond the Cascades has been done with as much system as any organized work of commerce. Gangs, more numerous than any outsider would ever suspect, co-operate fully in taking the animals, driving them to distant sections and selling them for what might be regarded as the company fund. Effective organization is again manifested when some member is arrested, for it may be truly said that few convictions have been secured in the regions covered by "rustlers." Frequently the suspect has considerable property and has sufficient community prestige to make selection of an impartial jury difficult. This without any reflection upon the range at large, for most of all the residents adjacent have sterling qualities of integrity, and, when not permitting themselves to be the victim of some prejudice, are quick to suppress thieving in any form.

Thorough organization among the growers is the remedy. Malheur's example should be followed until stockmen over a vast area are in close touch, and capable of maintaining close watch beyond the possible scope of any organized gang of thieves.—Portland Journal.

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IS IT CATTLE BUYERS' TRUST

STOCKMEN ARE MERCY OF BUYERS THEY CLAIM.

Charge is Made That Eastern Oregon Has Been Districted and Buyers do not Infringe on Others.

Is there a cattle buyers' trust in Eastern Oregon?

It looks that way, says the Baker City Democrat.

The arbitrary methods of the buyers give evidence of it and stockgrowers seem to be at the mercy of the buyers.

A prominent stockgrower said yesterday:

"That there is a combine on the part of the cattle buyers and an attempt to hold up stockmen to the prices that the combine chooses to offer is plain to be seen.

"In this territory there is only one company buying and cattle growers are at its mercy. The buyers are as independent as a hog on ice, and if you make a protest, they'll tell you to keep your stock, that they don't want them anyhow.

"A man must sell to this combine if he would sell at all. They have got the growers by the throat with a lead pipe sitch. There is no relief in sight at present, and God only knows when there will be.

"This same outfit is turning off meat from the block at the same price as when they paid \$40 for a steer. It's downright robbery and if someone would start an independent shop a lesson would be taught both the buyers and meat market trusts. It is high time the people demanded their rights and if they would stand in together they would win out."

STATE LEAGUE GROWING.

"Hurrah for Ontario!" exclaimed Secretary Tom Richardson, of the Oregon Development League, this morning, as he opened a letter from Secretary George Candland, of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, enclosing a check for \$5, the same to pay the price of admission to membership in the Oregon Development League, says The Telegram. "That makes the 29th member," continued Secretary Richardson. "That's splendid, but we will not stop until the total membership of the state reaches the point of 40 organizations, which means that the first order for letterheads will be for 50,000. Then we can begin to do business in earnest. I am glad to see Ontario on the list."

The Oregon Development League is fast gaining in favor throughout the state. Even private individuals send in checks for membership, and, while this is contrary to the rules of the organization, it shows the spirit. There seems to be a misunderstanding about membership in the league. Private individuals or private concerns are not eligible for membership. Only commercial and industrial organizations are admitted, although the other elements are welcome at all times to take membership in the branch organizations and help the cause along.

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