

DISPATCHING BY TELEPHONE IS GREAT SUCCESS

Ashland Railroad Officials Are Well Pleased With Use of Phones on Shasta Division for Purpose of Controlling Train Movements.

Supplanting the telegraph, which was considered the standard for handling train movements for a great many years, the Southern Pacific has joined the ranks of railroads now using the telephone for dispatching trains. Telephonic apparatus is now in operation over the Shasta division with a total of 291 miles circuits. Copper wire of extreme weight and especially drawn for service in a mountain region is being used.

This telephone service as applied to train dispatching is no new thing on the Shasta division, it having been installed some time ago, but in the meantime it has been perfected to such an extent that it has come to be recognized as a permanent adjunct of the dispatching service, an improvement which is working very satisfactorily according to Ashland railway officials, says the Tidings, and promises sooner or later to supplant the old methods. At the same time the former telegraph wire will continue to do business at the old stand in time of emergency, a duplicate system really being the outcome of the adoption of the telephone system.

The telephone circuit during 14 hours out of 24 is cut into two sections, and during the third "trick" the entire circuit is operated by one dispatcher. This circuit covers a 296-mile section of the main line between Ashland, Or., and Red Bluff, Cal., and a branch of 95 miles from Weed, Cal., to Klamath Falls, Or. The dispatcher is located at Dunsmuir, Cal., which is 98 miles from Red Bluff, the southern terminal of this circuit. There are 25 stations on the entire circuit, 12 being located between Dunsmuir and Red Bluff, nine between Weed and Klamath Falls.

Passenger and freight trains on the Southern Pacific are equipped with portable telephone sets, enabling trainmen to get in touch with the dispatcher from Ashland or any other station to any point along the road.

MAROONED ON ISLAND; STARVE

Efforts Being Made to Reach Passengers and Crew of Wrecked Ship With Provisions and Relief—Heavy Storm Blows.

4 MAROONED SELKIRK, Man., Nov. 16.—Sixty-six passengers and the crew of the steamer Wolverine were reported marooned on a desolate island in Lake Winnipeg by an Indian runner who reached Selkirk today.

The Wolverine foundered three weeks ago and is believed to have sunk. It is unknown whether all the passengers reached the island in safety. Unless rescued they will have to remain where they are until the lake freezes over thick enough to support a man's weight. The Wolverine's crew numbered 14.

CORDOVA, Alaska, Nov. 16.—Efforts to reach the 83 people who numbered the crew and passengers of the doomed steamer Portland, and who are now stranded on Katalla island, were made today. The food supply on the barren island is pitifully small. Only a few hardy fishermen have homes on the island and it is certain that their scant stores cannot sustain the people of the wrecked steamer more than two or three days. The steamship Alameda will make another attempt to get out of this port today. The storm is growing hourly in intensity and it is hardly likely that the Alameda will be able to make any more progress than yesterday, when she returned to port after trying to make headway against the storm for 12 hours.

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COUNTY TAX BILL FATE DOUBTFUL

Eight, and Possibly Nine, Out of 32 Initiative Measures Were Passed at the Election—Hearty Support for Good Roads.

Eight and possibly nine of the 32 initiative measures submitted to the voters have been favored. They are: Employers' liability bill. Home rule measure. Eastern Oregon branch asylum. Support of the normal school in Monmouth.

Prohibiting fishing in the Rogue river, except by June. Changing judicial procedure. Good roads measure. Extending direct primary to presidential electors.

The measure still in doubt is the county tax amendment. Among the most important and having the most widespread effect is the employers' liability bill. This measure was initiated by the unions after the unions had failed to secure a more temperate measure in the legislature of 1909. The result of this bill is not yet determined, there being a difference of opinion, but it will probably cause a measure being introduced in the legislature next January providing for some sort of schedule of compensation. Indemnity insurance companies are said to have held a meeting in an Francisco and decided on raising rates owing to the increased risks. Local agents in Portland have not yet been advised as to the outcome of the meeting, but are of the opinion that certain companies may abandon this field.

An employees' compensation act is now being advocated as a sort of amendment to the bill initiated. This is a matter on which there will probably be no opposing voice, but which will cause a dissension when the details of the compensation are discussed.

The good roads amendment met with hearty support. Its chief provision is that it removes the limit to \$5000 limit which counties were forced to use. Now road building can be undertaken by the counties of the state without being held down to a mere \$5000, for this sum in the past has retarded rapid development and improvement of state highways.

Some fine politics will be played by the commercial organizations of Baker, Pendleton and Union, as a consequence of the voters' decision to build a branch asylum within five miles of one of those three towns. The bill provides for the selection of a site and the erection of a building which will shelter 600 patients. The site is to be selected by the state board. Probably one of the towns interested will offer a site free. The branch asylum in Eastern Oregon has been urged for several years, and efforts have been made in the legislature to this end. The Eastern Oregon senators and representatives worked as a unit last session to log-roll a bill of this kind through. The branch asylum will be used for patients in that section of the state, and will save the transportation of patients to Salem, as well as relieving the present congestion in the main asylum at the capital.

A salmon cannery will be put out of business on the Rogue river because the measure prohibiting fishing in that stream other than with hook and line has been adopted. The Rogue river fishery has been in controversy for years and necessitated

TO BUILD \$8000 HUNTING LODGE

Number of Medford Capitalists Have Combined to Establish Elegant Sportsmen's Resort in Klamath. Says Chronicle.

The Klamath Chronicle says: For the erection of an \$8000 hunting and fishing lodge is the latest move started by outside capital in recognition of the resources of Klamath county.

The move for this grand sportsmen's resort is being projected by a number of Medford capitalists, with J. D. Heard at the head. Mr. Heard is in the city now looking into the matter and while the final details have not been completed, these are far enough along that the Chronicle is in a position to state almost positively that the lodge will be built.

With Mr. Heard is Edgar Hafer, Earl Smith, C. K. Newhall, C. W. Boynton, J. R. Tomlin and Frank Dudley, all of Medford. They are over ostensibly for a few days' hunting on the lakes of this country, but the fact that they are negotiating for and have the deal almost closed for the purchase of the small island down at the lower end of Lake Ewauna, on which they intend to build a commodious hunting home for themselves and friends and equip it with all the paraphernalia which goes along with an up-to-date hunting lodge equal to the best in the United States, has leaked out.

That the waters of the Klamath country are the greatest in the world for such a pleasure resort is well recognized by every one who has ever hunted and fished here. In no other place can more water and more ducks, geese and fish be found than right in the Klamath basin. That the sportsmen of the outside world are beginning to realize this as a fact is shown every day by the number who come here from all parts of the country to participate in the sport of hunting and fishing, and the wonder is that some such resort has not been established long ago, but now that a move has been made in that direction it is a foregone conclusion that other capitalists will seek to get in here and establish their own private hunting grounds and lodges.

While Mr. Heard and those with him on the above deal are reluctant to give out any information about their plans, they have dropped enough around town to lead to the belief that they expect to have their resort ready by the opening of the hunting season next year.

the presence at Salem of the late R. D. Hume at legislative sessions. Bills to prevent fishing on the Rogue river came up constantly, and now the bill has been enacted through the initiative. The argument for the bill was that fish are becoming exterminated in that stream, and would be entirely extinct unless the measure was approved, which it was.

Sweeping changes are provided in the judiciary measure. About all the average elector knows of the measure is that in a civil case by jury a verdict can be brought in by three-fourths of the jury. The bill also provides that the grand jury shall consist of seven members, five of whom must concur to find an indictment, and that the grand jury can be summoned in vacation time as well as during sessions of court.

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