

PLEA WADE TO HOOK UP HILL LINES

Arthur Curtis James Is First Witness in I. C. C. Hearing On Application of Hill Lines to Hook Up With Western Pacific for Oregon-California Connection

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—(AP) Arthur Curtis James, largest stockholder of railroad securities in the world, was the first witness today in the hearing by the Interstate Commerce commission of the petition of the Great Northern and Western Pacific railroads to connect their lines in northeastern California.

The project would require the construction of 200 miles of track extending southward from Klamath Falls, Ore., to Keddick, Cal.

Charles D. Mahaffie, chief examiner of the commission, presided at the hearing which began at 10 a. m. in the colonial ballroom of the St. Francis hotel. The routine work of organizing the hearing, granting intervention petitions to 11 states, nearly as many railroads and several dozen municipal, county and civic bodies, and prescribing general rules for taking testimony, occupied but a half hour.

Mr. James was immediately put on the stand, and said that he had been his dream to participate in actual railroad development of northern California and the Pacific Northwest, and he believed the transportation and industrial situation in central and northern California presents an opportunity for constructive work along the line of the Great Northern and Western Pacific project.

Before Mr. James began his testimony, Guy V. Shoup, general solicitor for the Southern Pacific company announced the opposition of his organization to the building program of the rival railroads. Lining up with the Southern Pacific were the Union Pacific system and several of its subsidiary transportation companies, along with the state of Nevada and several civic and community organizations.

Mr. James' testimony in part follows: "I have held substantial stockholdings in various railroads all my life and now am chairman of the board of the Western Pacific and a director of the Great Northern, Burlington and the Colorado & Southern, and previously have been a director of the Northern Pacific.

"I have considered the proposed plan to connect the Western Pacific and the Great Northern very carefully for a good many years. It was a plan of James J. Hill 20 years ago, and the expectation of sometime consummating the plan had never been abandoned. I always have been in favor of it.

"Through consolidating the El Paso & Southwestern railroad with the Southern Pacific, on an exchange of stock basis, I found myself the largest stockholder in the Southern Pacific, and, as far as I know, still occupy that position.

"California, which is an empire in itself, has depended largely upon the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe for railroad development and facilities. Both railroads are in southern California and in a part of northern California, but the Southern Pacific is the strong line in the north.

"After becoming interested in the Southern Pacific, my attention was called to the Western Pacific, a transcontinental line that had been severely reorganized, but occupied a position of strength through its low grades and strategic position in entering northern California. After looking over the territory and taking the best railroad advice obtainable, it was my belief that northern California would afford sufficient business for the Western Pacific and the Western Pacific and in fact there is necessary for further railroad development.

"It was simply a problem of providing adequate transportation commensurate with the expected growth of the northern portion of the state, and in my opinion that was the principal problem involved. "I felt that I saw in the transportation and industrial situation in central and northern California an opportunity to carry on a construction work which would be of real value to the country through the strengthening and expansion of the Western Pacific. Having come to this conclusion, I bought control of the Western Pacific and, withstanding my large investment in the Southern Pacific. The program of expansion I had in mind was now trying to carry out, and if permitted to do so, California and the northwest will, in my opinion, be greatly benefited.

BLIND MAN A SUICIDE SAYS LOCAL CORONER

Second Investigation of Roy Blackmer's Death Convinces Authorities He Died By Own Hand—Inquest Declared Not Necessary.

Roy C. Blackmer, 56, blind, well-to-do realtor of Klamath Falls, found dead in his cabin at the Merrick Auto camp Monday afternoon, died by his own hand, Coroner H. W. Conger, officially declared this morning, following new revelations made by Max Bray, the 17-year-old local youth, who assisted and acted as reading secretary to Blackmer.

Conger first attributed death to an accident, but said that as a result of the new facts presented by Bray, he would change the death certificate, to read suicide. The first inquiry brought to light no apparent motive.

Bray, according to the coroner, did not give the complete details at the first examination, and gave as an explanation of the discrepancy that he "had not been asked."

Bray told the coroner this morning that when he went to the cabin with Blackmer Sunday evening the latter made particular inquiry about the tightness of the cabin and even felt around the top of the window to make sure it was closed firmly, making as thorough an inspection as his affliction would permit.

He then bid Bray adieu, and instructed Bray to return Monday. He did and found Blackmer's lifeless body. Blackmer also instructed young Bray not to divulge that he intended to stay alone.

Conger Conger said: "I am now as fully convinced that Blackmer committed suicide, as I was that death was accidental at first, the cleverness of the letter he left deceived me. In the light of Bray's complete statement, the entire aspect of the case is changed. I thought that the coffee pot boiling over, and extinguishing the gas flames was accidental. I am now certain this occurred as the result of planning."

Conger Conger said that there would be no inquest, or further inquiry.

Investigation of the case showed that Blackmer came to this city with the intention of making investments in local property, and had consulted local loan concerns to this end.

Bray had been employed by Blackmer to assist him in his travels, and to read to him. Bray is the son of J. W. Jonett P. Bray, well known in this city.

The body of Blackmer was taken to Klamath Falls today for interment.

Mr. Levensaler said that his visit was in the ordinary course of his work, that he expected to spend at least 24 days in southern Oregon, looking over mining properties in Jackson and Joseph counties, and further, "that the smelter is getting some good ore from southern Oregon and hopes to get more."

He said that the first shipment of ore from the Blue Ledge mine had been received.

It is understood from other sources that Mr. Levensaler is also looking over lime deposits in Jackson county, including the "Cameron deposits" in the Applegate district, for which development plans were advanced last spring, to the point, where the Southern Pacific issued special rates on lime shipments. There the water treated. Report has it that the lime plant at Roche Harbor, Wash., is investigating southern Oregon lime prospects.

Report Denied That Community Chest Totals This Year Have Fallen Below Those of Year Ago; 1929 Donations Larger

In spite of financial disturbances causing widespread apprehension and alarm, Community Chests throughout the country whose campaigns have been held this fall, have almost uniformly surpassed their totals of last year.

This information, with supporting figures gathered from the east, the middle west and the far west, has just been received here by M. N. Hogan, president of the Medford Community Chest, from the New York offices of the National Association of Community Chests and Councils.

The report gives campaign totals from 16 widely scattered cities of various sizes, and advance indications from several communities, whose campaigns are in the preliminary stage. The conclusions drawn are that there is fundamental soundness in business and industry and that civic obligations as represented in community chests are not destined to suffer seriously as a result of the recent upheavals in the stock market.

Reports received from larger cities, with the amounts raised last year and this year, are as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Milwaukee, Wis.	\$1,014,525	1,113,867
St. Paul, Minn.	635,784	700,982
Seattle, Wash.	651,120	727,268
San Diego, Cal.	234,332	265,358
Duluth, Minn.	272,966	278,200
Flint, Mich.	326,552	316,355

In this group is found the only city out of the total of 16 in which a decrease over last year is indicated. This is in Flint, Mich., but in this instance the amount raised exceeded the goal only not as much as the preceding year.

Similar reports from four middle size cities are as follows:

	Last Yr.	This Yr.
Racine, Wis.	\$101,000	\$104,465
Madison, Wis.	102,052	105,137

ing much has been accomplished in perfecting methods of growing, packing and marketing our fruit as well as in investigational work. The compilation of data and analyzing of economic factors affecting the industry as a whole, in addition to their immediate practical value, the results already accomplished serve also to point the way to still greater possible achievements.

"The program for this conference has been prepared by our secretary under the direction of a committee of leading growers of the Medford district, whose personal activities keep them also conversant with the problems affecting distribution. The topics selected for discussion are those which seem most vitally to affect our welfare as growers and merchandisers of a high quality product. The committee has been singularly fortunate in securing the attendance of some of the most outstanding authorities in the fields of research, production and commerce, and as the program proceeds, we shall have the privilege of hearing some of the keenest minds in the industry present and discuss the particular phases with which they are most conversant. After each address an opportunity will be given for questions from the audience and discussion, and it is hoped that a free and valuable interchange of ideas will occur.

"Outside Visitors Welcomed "In addition to the members of our own state society, the committee has invited and secured the attendance of many representative leaders of the pear industry in our sister states of California and Washington. As president of the society, I beg to assure those who have come from afar that we appreciate your coming, we invite your fullest participation, and trust that you will feel amply repaid.

"Inasmuch as topics of purely local interest have been omitted from our program, it is our hope that as a result of the data to be laid before you and your study and discussion of the ideas to be presented, we may at this conference

at least lay the foundation for some highly constructive work for the entire pear industry of the Pacific coast states. The program has been so arranged that the first day will be devoted entirely to an analysis of factors affecting all producing districts alike.

"Cooperation is Urged "If as a result of this study a way seems indicated whereby, thru cooperation of the various districts, beneficial results can be obtained which would be impossible thru the efforts of one district alone, we have provided time for evening sessions where an interchange of ideas may be had and constructive work planned.

"It has been felt by many, for example, that the consumption of pears as a fruit—not those of any given district, variety or brand, but their consumption as an article of food—could be stimulated, and the ever increasing production could be provided for thru a national advertising campaign too expensive for any one district to finance. We have therefore asked representative men from the leading pear producing centers to come prepared to sit in on what we have called a Pear Advertising conference, to be held at evening sessions. The Medford district is not prepared, and does not desire to present a concrete plan for your acceptance or rejection. It is rather our intention to take advantage of the opportunity presented by this conference—possibly the most representative of the industry yet held—and determine at an open forum whether such cooperative advertising campaign seems necessary or desirable, whether it is practical, and if so to take steps toward developing a concrete plan for action.

"We have arranged for rather full sessions as appears from the printed program. I will request the cooperation of those present to the extent that you arrange to be in your seats at the beginning of each session so that we can open promptly at the times indicated. And I now declare the fifty-first annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural society open for business."

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Glorious new dresses for the winter season now on display at Mann's. Never in the history of this store have the dresses been as beautiful as now. Wonderful transparent velvets in ensemble and silhouette styles. Ideal for afternoon wear. Exquisite chiffon dinner dresses in the new winter shades of brick-dust, wine and various shades of blue, brown and, of course, black. Also smart dresses of eanton, faille, and other popular crepes. The style notes of these dresses are capes, flares, embroidery and lace collar and cuff effects.

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SEE WINDOW SEE WINDOW

Exquisitely lovely linens that will enhance the festive board and fill the housewife's heart with pride as she seats her guests there for the Thanksgiving feast. White or delicate pastel colors to suit any color scheme, in a great variety of new patterns and in sizes for small, medium, or large tables. Buy now while stocks are complete and color selections best.

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Dainty colored linen luncheon sets with drawn edge and contrasting drawn thread. The cloths are 50x50 inches, 6 napkins of medium size. Colors are gold, rose, blue, and green.

7-piece sets
\$2.75 Set

Pastel Dinner Sets

Beautiful pure linen dinner sets in the popular pastel shades. The cloths are 67x86 inches and 8 large napkins to match complete the set. These fine sets come in attractive boxes suitable for gift giving. See them at Mann's.

9-piece sets
\$12.50 Set

Irish Linen Sets

Genuine Irish linen damask sets of 9 pieces. The cloths are 72x90 inches and 8 matching 22-inch dinner napkins that are hemmed and laundered ready for the table. All are snow white and in the popular sherraton pattern.

9-piece sets
\$17.50 Set

Beautiful Pastel Pure Linen Dinner Sets

This group of \$19.95 dinner sets consists of the most beautiful pastel linens we have ever shown. All are deeply hemstitched ready for use. The cloths are full 72x90 inch, and 8 matching napkins of dinner size complete the set. All are individually boxed. A wonderful gift suggestion.

9-piece dinner set
\$19.95 Set

Outing Flannel Pajamas

Women's and misses' outing flannel pajamas in attractive figured patterns. All colors and sizes are included in this showing. Your choice Thursday.

\$1.95 Pr.

Rayon Underwear

Women's and misses' rayon shorts, dance sets and bloomers. These come well made from fine quality rayon and are lace trimmed. Regular values up to \$1.25.

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Women's and misses' pure silk "Gold Maid" hose. This is a full fashioned stocking and comes in the popular medium service weight. All have the narrow French heel and are silk to top. All sizes. Regular \$1.19 value.

\$1.35 Pr. SPECIAL

Women's Wool Gloves

These cold days call for warm gloves. We are showing women's all wool novelty cuff gloves in the popular colors for winter wear. They are special.

\$1.25 Pr.

Children's Outing Flannel Gowns

For these cold nights buy the little tots these warm outing flannel one-piece pajamas. Well made and cut full. Regular \$1.19. Your choice Thursday.

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LUMBER PUT ON THE FREE LIST

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Elimination of the present tariff of one dollar a thousand feet board measure on logs of fir, spruce and western hemlock, was approved today by the senate.

The senate then adopted another committee amendment to retain cedar lumber on the free list. The house had proposed a 25 per cent duty.



As We Grow Older

We Should Keep Careful Watch of our Kidneys.

KIDNEY disorders are too serious to ignore. It pays to heed the early signals. Scanty, burning or too frequent kidney excretions; a drowsy, listless feeling; lameness, stiffness and constant backache are timely warnings.

To promote normal kidney action and assist your kidneys in cleansing your blood of poisonous wastes, use **Doan's Pills**. Used and recommended the world over. Sold by good dealers everywhere.

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