

First Rail for Steam Railroad Laid in West Century Ago Today

San Francisco — (U.P.) — A Connecticut Yankee with dreams for a transcontinental railroad wins history's nod as the man who laid the first rail on a steam road west of the Rockies 100 years ago today.

The event was commemorated at Sacramento in the 100th anniversary celebration of Southern Pacific's lines in the west by a "Trails to Rails" pageant.

The man was Theodore Dehorne Judah, bearded 28-year-old engineer who built the Niagara Gorge railroad, considered an engineering triumph in the days of wood-burning engines, top hats and bustles.

Judah predated his later associate—Crocket, Stanford, Huntington and Hopkins, the Sacramento ribbon clerk, grocer and hardware merchants who became known as the "big four" of Western railroad history and builders of the Western continental railroad link.

Judah was "discovered" by Col. Charles Lincoln Wilson, moving spirit and first president of the Sacramento Valley Railroad company. Wilson, who came west from Maine as a 49er, became a steamboat operator and owner of a plank road over the San Francisco and dunes route to the gold fields.

Pioneer Builder

Wilson met Judah in New York in 1854, two years after the Sacramento Valley Railroad was incorporated. Three days later Judah wired his wife at

their Niagara Falls home: "Be home tonight; we sail for California April second."

"Can you imagine my consternation," his wife said later, "on his arrival that night. It was all laid in these words: 'Anna, I am going to California to be the pioneer railroad engineer of the Pacific coast. It is my opportunity, although I have so much here.' He had always talked, read and studied the problems of a continental railway and would say, 'it will be built, and I am going to have something to do with it.'"

They sailed on the scheduled date via the Nicaragua route, reaching Sacramento early in May. Judah began traffic surveys to make route proposals. The SVR had proposed building about 40 miles of rails which, it was thought, would control all of the interior trade of California. The traffic counts at the J street city limits in Sacramento and at Lisle bridge listed destinations of stage coaches, passengers, wagons and tonnage, riders on horseback, persons on foot, cattle, mules and any other item of potential rail business.

"With such a road and such a business," he said in a report, "it is difficult to conceive of a more profitable undertaking."

He added slyly that there would be "inexhaustible supplies of granite" on the proposed route and that the country through the "mother lode" was "impregnated with gold" and it

was not unlikely "that excavations would discover many rich claims." Gold actually was found not far from Negro Bar, but there was no rich strike. Judah had a ring made from the gold found at one cut.

The railroad however, fell into the usual financial difficulties of early promotions. Judah with his dream of a "transcontinental" carried the word to Congress. He proposed a wagon road over the Sierra through Dutch Flat, rails surely would follow. It was not until 1860 that Judah succeeded in bringing Leland Stanford, a grocer; Charles Crocker, a dry goods store owner; Collis P. Huntington and Mark Hopkins, hardware merchants — all of Sacramento — actively into the transcontinental railroad dream.

They incorporated on June 28, 1861, as the Central Pacific railroad, the parent of the present Southern Pacific. The old SVR later became incorporated into the SP system.

Judah never saw completion of the continental railroad in May, 1869, or the building of the historic grade over the Donner Pass in the High Sierra. While on his way east by steamer, he contracted Panama fever and died Nov. 2, 1863, a few days after reaching New York.

He had launched his idea, though, and as he told his wife, he "had something to do with" the steel bands that later spanned the nation.

Back Stairs: It's Hot in Rose Garden

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Gettysburg, Pa. — (U.P.) — Back stairs at the White House:

When it's warm in the nation's capital, it's hot in the White House rose garden. And when Washington itself is hot, the rose garden is a "bake oven."

Those are the words President Eisenhower used to describe the garden when he was greeting a refugee relief group amid the roses.

The rose garden has long been a favored presidential greeting place for visiting delegations. It is just a few steps from the Chief Executive's office. It is well arranged, because the president can stand on the porch steps at one end and be seen by the entire group he is greeting. And it is a landmark—well known to the public and to a number of

delegations which pay official calls there year after year.

There are two drawbacks, however — the heat, and its size. The garden is not large enough to accommodate large groups of 200 or 300 or more. And big groups or little, the glistening white walls of the house, which enclose three sides of the garden, reflect every degree of heat the sun shines down.

White House aides spotted the size drawback some time ago, and the big groups were shifted to a nearby spot on the White House lawn, directly behind the President's office. There is a slope there, where the President can stand and still be seen by all. And it's not quite so hot, but you would never call it cool.

Now they have beat the heat. The President is on the move, farther out onto the lawn where are dozens of big, shady trees.

Last week, the ceremony planners came up with yet another improvement, and it looks like this one is here to stay. The occasion was the visit of the "Bull Elephants Club" — a herd of congressional aides — and their female associates. There were more than 400 of them.

This time, the President proceeded a little farther down the driveway, to a spot in the shade of a purple beech, where the lawn rises to form a perfect natural amphitheater. White House carpenters improvised a platform for Mr. Eisenhower to stand on, and the scene was set. Everyone had a good view of the man they came to see (and to pledge their support for in 1956) and everyone had shade, with some to spare.

New Public Relations Man Named at SOC

Ashland — Southern Oregon college's new director of public relations is Hugh G. Simpson, Klamath Falls, who recently moved to Ashland with his wife and small son.

Simpson has been buyer-salesman for Northrup, King & Co. He received his BS degree from the University of Oregon in 1942 and his ME degree in 1953.

An air corps veteran he has also taught and coached at the Myrtle Creek High school and Henley High school near Klamath Falls.

He replaces Dr. DeWayne B. Johnson, who has resigned to become assistant professor of journalism at San Diego State college.

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Clarence Craddock, serving a 20-year term in Alcatraz, has received permission to sue the federal government for hindering his "future career as a dancing star on television."

Craddock, 27, who was arrested in Washington, D. C., for housebreaking, claimed he was seriously injured in a bus collision May 10, 1951 near Terre Haute, Ind., while he was being transported to Alcatraz.

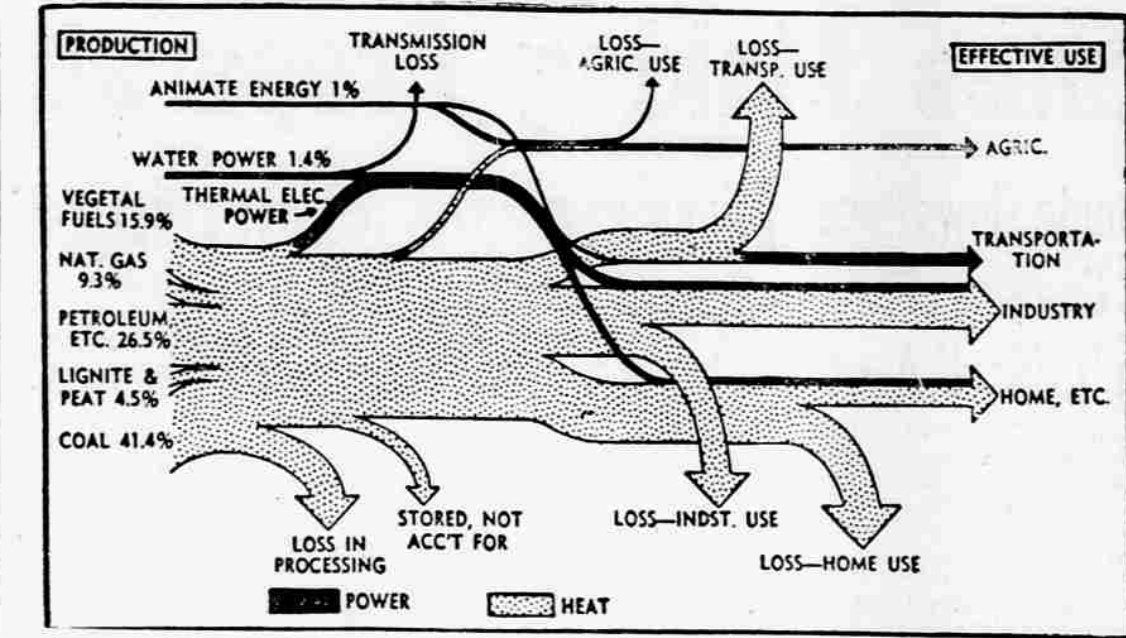
Craddock said that as a result of the accident one of his legs was shortened. He charged the bus driver with "reckless driving" and asked \$200,000 damages.

Nutrial Cooperative Office Opens in G. P.

Joseph R. Burns, P. O. box 347, Grants Pass, has established a southern Oregon office of the Oregon Purebred Nutria Associates, Inc. The organization is a non-profit cooperative designed to supervise ranching and breeding methods, and provide markets for Nutria fur animal breeders.

There are two such breeders in Ashland, and one in Grants Pass, according to Burns. The Nutria is an import from Argentina ranking with mink as a fur producer.

Taos, N. M. — (U.P.) — John Young-Hunter, well known portrait artist and former resident of New York, died today at his Taos home at the age of 81.



WORLD'S USE OF ELECTRICITY—Methods employed for generating electricity and eventual use of the power is shown on above chart. This was part of presentation of scientific facts and figures at the Geneva Conference on peaceful uses of atomic energy. It is based on 1952 power data.

Meat Dealer Describes Need For State Inspection Plan

About one-half of one per cent of meat processed in Oregon would be rejected if there were state regulated inspections, Orin Brown of Medford Meat company told a chamber of commerce roundtable luncheon in the Jackson hotel yesterday.

Brown based his estimate on California figures. There, he said, tight state inspection rejects just that percentage of meat to be processed.

Describes Program

The meat man briefly described the present pilot program for inspection instituted at

the last legislature. Representatives of the state department of agriculture are touring the state to observe conditions of meat processing. From their observations they will prepare a report on the number and type of men and the money necessary to provide adequate inspection.

Pointing to the need for inspection, Brown declared, "It isn't that we know we're getting bad meat, it's just that we don't know we're getting good meat."

He emphasized that an "inspected" stamp would give the buyer complete confidence in

JEWELS COVER STREET

Keokuk, Ia. — (U.P.) — A Keokuk street wasn't exactly paved with gold Monday, but it was covered with jewels. A car smashed through a jewelry store display window and thousands of dollars worth of sparklers were strewn over the street.

the quality of the product. Inspection would be an eight hour per day job, Brown stated. Lay inspectors, he added, would have to be supervised by a veterinarian.

A meeting of representatives from the state department of agriculture and meat processors of this area will be held Thursday night at 8 p.m. in the Grants Pass courthouse.

FOREST MAN DIES

Portland — (U.P.) — Raymond C. Lindberg, 60, training supervisor with the Pacific Northwest regional office of the U. S. Forest Service, died Sunday at his home following a heart attack.

Portland — (U.P.) — Second of two big freighters to be converted into passenger ships for Oceanic Steamship Company by Willamette Iron & Steel Company arrived here yesterday from San Francisco.

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