

Union Pacific Ground Breaking Drew Political Oratory in '63

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OMAHA, Neb. (UPI) — A century ago an expectant crowd in a holiday mood gathered in the bottomlands along the Missouri River.

On Dec. 2, 1863, ground was broken for construction of the Union Pacific Railroad. The crowd cheered as politicians and promoters extolled the project as "the greatest work ever projected, in any age or country." Cannon roared as the earth was turned with ceremonial spades.

In 1863 when the crowd of about 1,000 gathered at the village of Omaha for ground-breaking ceremonies, the only way west was on foot, or on horseback or aboard a jerky, back-wracking covered wagon. Or there was the months-long sea route which involved sailing to the isthmus of Panama, a wagon ride across that strip of land and another long trip aboard another ship.

But thousands had made the tortuous journey, most of them lured by gold, and they had settled along the Pacific Coast — separated from the friends and relatives they had left behind.

War Spits Union
There was another reason — a political reason — why this link of rails was so important a century ago. The Civil War had split the Union, and this physical connection to the Far West with railroad tracks was considered psychologically vital.

Already, the Central Pacific Railroad had begun pushing its tracks eastward from Sacramento into the face of the towering Sierra Mountains. May 10, 1869, on the barren dome of Promontory Hill in Utah, the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific would join their tracks with the driving of the celebrated golden spike.

But on the second of December in 1863 this was all a dream which might, just might, become a reality.

Extols Project
George Francis Train, a man with a uniquely appropriate name for the job, was the main speaker that day. Train, described by historians as a "remarkably eccentric crotch" of Thomas C. Durant, the real spearhead of the infant Union Pacific, called the construction of the railroad "the grandest enterprise under God the world has ever witnessed."

He offered this proof that he wasn't kidding: "Four thousand years ago the pyramids were started, but they simply represent the vanity of man. The Chinese Wall was grand in conception but built only to break the tide of invasion. The Imperial Canal was gigantic. But how limited all these things appear in comparison to an enterprise that joins together 34 states and a dozen territories."

He was optimistic about the future. "Ten million of emigrants will settle in this golden land in 20 years," he said. And he allowed that, while building a railroad across the prairie and mountains would be difficult, America could handle the job because she "possesses one-half the common sense, three-fourths the enterprise and seven-eighths the beauty of the world."

The applause and cheers of the crowd were punctuated by the banging of cannon. Brass six-pounders on either side of the river were fired at frequent intervals.

There was an impressive banquet in the evening.
President Lincoln was ill and had a secretary relay his good wishes to the promoters. But several members of the Lincoln cabinet sent telegrams or letters to be read to the shivering, but happy riverbank crowd.

Secretary of State William H. Seward, preoccupied with the "wretched and wicked insurrection," said with the extension of the railroad to the Pacific "disunion will be rendered forever afterwards impossible" because "there will be no fulcrum for the lever of treason to rest upon."

Interior Secretary J. P. Usher predicted that when the Civil War ended "thousands upon thousands" of veterans would "seek new homes and new adventures in the vast fields of gold and other precious metals already found, and still being discovered, in such astonishing richness, throughout (the West)."

The predictions may have sounded wild to some ears in 1863. But the pioneers were resting on faith that the future would be filled with miracles and bounty.
The Union Pacific was built. And, like all the West, it prospered. The 1962 annual report shows total assets of more than \$1.6 billion and more than 10,000 miles of track.

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Your Money's Worth

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JOHNSON'S LUCK

Immediately after President Kennedy took office, his top financial policymakers began working with the central bankers of the free world to create the most elaborate defense arsenal for the U.S. dollar ever devised.

When Kennedy was assassinated Nov. 22, it could have been a made-to-order signal for a speculative raid on the dollar. But within minutes of the news, the free world's central bankers flashed the warning that they stood ready to buy whatever dollars were dumped and to use every weapon in the arsenal to safeguard the U.S. currency. The currency gamblers knew the power they were up against. The raid didn't even get started.

Immediately after Treasury Secretary Dillon took office, his staff began pushing for tax concessions to businessmen to encourage them to increase their spending on new plants and equipment. In 1962 businessmen did get tax concessions from the Treasury and Congress amounting to over \$2.5 billion a year, and as one result business spending on plants is at a record now and heading higher.

When Kennedy was killed, it could have been a signal for businessmen to downgrade their spending plans despite the tax incentives and the bright sales - profits outlook. But so far there have been no signs of this whatsoever and 1964's programs well may be revised upward. The tax incentives are working and business spending plans remain geared to a bright sales-profits outlook.

As far back as 1961, Kennedy began urging across-the-board tax cuts for individuals and corporations to spur our economy's growth, and the tax bill now coming out of the Senate Finance Committee is the result.

When President Johnson took over, it could have been a signal for consumers to pull back on buying while they waited to see whether Johnson would fight as hard for the tax cuts as Kennedy did. But in his first address, Johnson made his strong plea for tax reduction, and the bill may be passed earlier than would have been the case under Kennedy. Consumers are continuing to spend freely and the stimulating impact of tax cuts is still to come.

Our economy was in its 33rd month of advance under Kennedy in November, and it's now in its 34th month of advance under Johnson in December. Profits and paychecks were hitting new peaks under Kennedy, will hit new peaks under Johnson.

None of this belittles Johnson's superbly reassuring performance since he took office, nor does it exaggerate Kennedy's achievements before his death.

But the key fact is that the assassination might have had a devastating effect had it occurred before the Kennedy administration had done so much major work — and the action of the U.S. dollar is as dramatic an illustration of this point as could be found.

The instant the story broke, the world's central bankers put the weapons in the dollar defense arsenal to work. Before speculators could even begin to dump dollars, the New York Federal Reserve Bank was in the market offering foreign currencies in exchange for dollars. Before our officials could even phone central bankers elsewhere, they were on the phone to us asking what they could do to help. Before gamblers in gold could start a runup in the London gold market, the bankers were selling to keep down the price of the precious metal.

Meanwhile, other policy actions we have taken bolstered confidence in our currency. The whole world knows we have pledged not to devalue the dollar. Every foreign banker knows we are taking firm steps to close the deficit in our balance of payments, to stem the drain on our gold reserve, to curb the outflow of hot money. Every nation knows we are determined to bring our international financial accounts into balance.

This tale of the dollar-raid-which-wasn't might have had a far different ending had the assassination taken place 18 months ago. But Johnson has taken over at a time when the dollar's defenses are strong, tax incentives are helping business and tax cuts are on the way. The timing is John's luck — and the luck of all of us too.

Quotes From the News

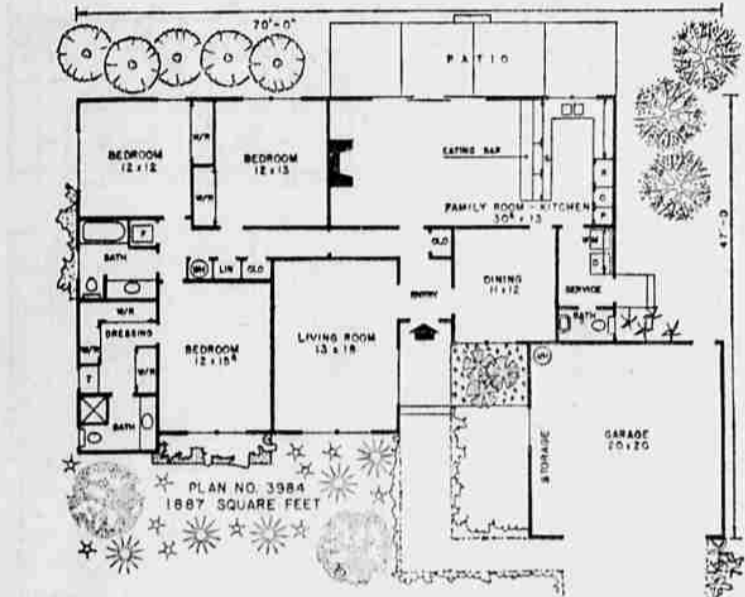
By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
WASHINGTON — President Johnson, telling business leaders not to fear his administration and to help boost the economy by supporting a tax cut:
"I am the only President you have. If you would have me fail, then you fail, for the country fails."

EVREUX, France — Capt. Norman Kirschman, Air Force attorney for two Negro soldiers being court-martialed for the slaying of a white airman, arguing that racial slurs were a factor:
"I am not asking you to acquit my boys because of their color. But racism is there today, will be tomorrow and it was Sept. 6."

CAPE KENNEDY — Bob McGregor, incoming president of the Cocoa Beach Chamber of Commerce which decided its planned protest against re-naming of Cape Canaveral had little chance for success:
"Ours is but a small cry in the wilderness."

NAVATO, Calif. — Air Force Maj. Alan W. Saunders, replying by letter from South Viet Nam to a \$15 traffic warrant from this California town:
"Dear Chief. Just received your most welcome notice of warrant. I note that I am to be taken into custody — in Navato. I hope, I can hardly wait. If you need any assistance in obtaining diplomatic clearance to get into Viet Nam to get me, please advise by return mail . . . but do hurry."

CONFERENCE AT PENTAGON — West German Defense Minister Kai Uwe Von Hassel (left) confers with Defense Secretary Robert McNamara at the Pentagon in Washington following a week-long tour of U. S. defense installations. Hassel also visited German military units training in the U. S. (UPI)



This Week's Plan for Home Builders

By HIAWATHA ESTES

If you have a growing and active family whose members occasionally desire privacy, then you should carefully study the layout of this floor plan.

In theory, there is really no reason for parents to stumble over youngsters or for youngsters to invade the living room. Unfortunately, this factor has not always been taken into consideration in the designing of a home. Several requirements are necessary before this feature can be offered in any home. This plan has most of these.

First, and most important is the planning of the home around a center hall. When traffic must be routed through one room to reach another, very little privacy is possible. This relatively short hall offers direct access to all rooms.

From the protected and wide entry, one can enter the formal living room. Here parents may entertain, read or just relax and be completely separated from the children. Two large windows face the street while a high sliding window offers cross ventilation and does not interfere with furniture arrangement.

Separate Dining Room
Just across the entry from the living room is the separate dining room.

The rear family room can be entered from the hall, patio or service. This makes it possible for children to come and go without disturbing the adults in the living room. The large family room-kitchen is over 20 ft. in length! A fireplace is located here, and it is a wonderful room for informal living and a place where the entire family can enjoy itself. The patio is advantageously located where it can be used as an extension of the family room. Note the exceptional length of the eating bar and the unusual amount of storage cabinets which separate the family room from the U-shaped kitchen.

Each of the three bedrooms is generous in both size and storage. None of these bedrooms has a common wall. The master bedroom is of sufficient size to be used as a private sitting room. It is completely separated from the other bedrooms and has a private dressing room and bath.

Complete working drawings for this plan can be purchased at a cost of \$7.50 for the first set and \$5 for each additional set when ordered at the same time. This plan will be available at these prices until April 1, 1964. Please allow two to three weeks for delivery. The following home plan books are also available: Hallmarks, Homes For Living, 11 Distinctive Homes, \$11; Ranches and Modern Homes, \$12; All books, a \$7 value, only \$5. Send all orders for either plans or books to Hiawatha Estes, P. O. Box 404-T, Northridge, Calif.

Grange News

Phoenix Grange
Members of Phoenix Grange are reminded of the officer installation program that will be held at Central Point Grange at 1 p.m. Dec. 8. A potluck dinner will open the ceremonies with entertainment following the installation.

Those attending should take a hot dish, salad, dessert and their own table service. Pomona Grange is furnishing turkey with stuffing and gravy.
At the recent meeting Ted Simms, state deputy, was escorted to the master's station. He commented on the degree work performed at the National Grange convention. Also, the procedure in passing resolutions and the amount of work accomplished in that time.
During the literary program Carlos Morris explained the importance of wills and various forms including other salient facts. Also on the program was music by "The Meadowlarks." Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meadows and Mrs. Dorothy Nabbs. The evening concluded with a cake walk and refreshments.
The members voted to have only one meeting this month, at 8 p.m. Dec. 10.

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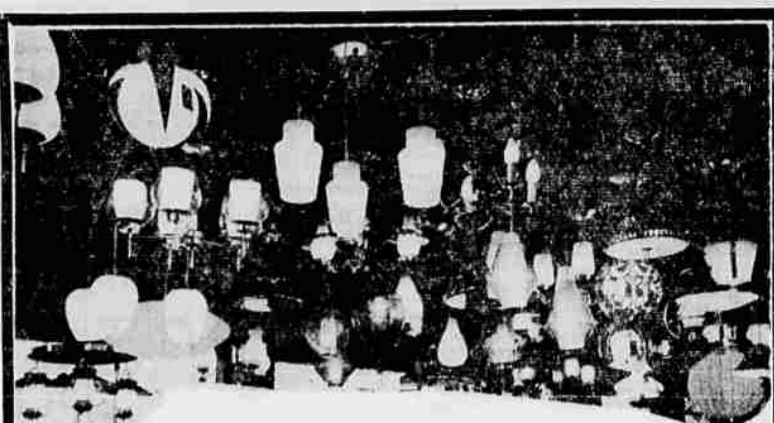
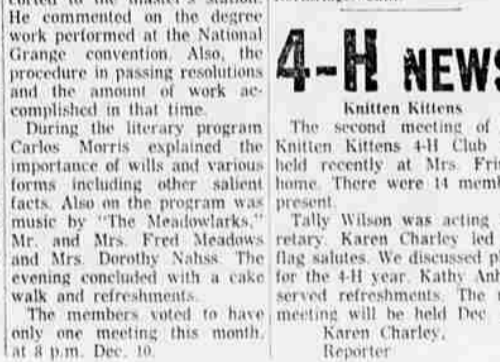
NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as Executor of the Estate of Joseph Peter Vachon, deceased, has filed his Final Account in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County, Probate Department, and that the 30th day of December, 1963, at the hour of 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon of said day and the Courtroom of said Court have been appointed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto, and the settlement thereof.
Dated and first published November 21, 1963.
Ben Day
Executor
Day and Courtright
Attorneys for Estate

4-H NEWS

Knit Kitten
The second meeting of the Knit Kitten 4-H Club was held recently at Mrs. Frink's home. There were 14 members present.

Tally Wilson was acting secretary. Karen Charley led the flag salutes. We discussed plans for the 4-H year. Kathy Anhorn served refreshments. The next meeting will be held Dec. 21.
Karen Charley,
Reporter

They'll Do It Every Time
By Jimmy Hatlo



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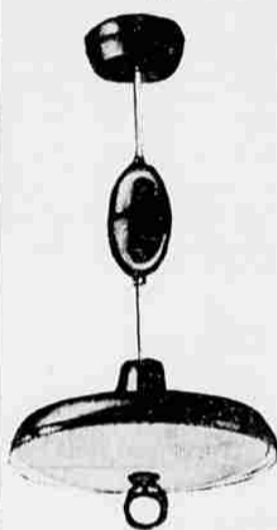
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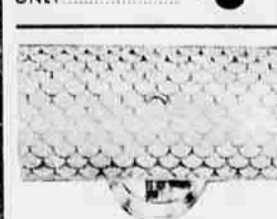


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