

JAMES J. HILL BUYS UNITED RAILWAYS.

Negotiations for Oregon Electric Reported also to be Pending.

TWO MOTIVES ARE SEEN.

Need of Terminal Facilities and Route into Timbered Tillamook District the Object of the Sale.

Two motives, it is understood, actuated Hill in the acquirement of the road. One was the need of more North Bank terminal facilities and the other availability of the route for extension to the heavily timbered Tillamook district.

Area Has Big Timber.

The extreme northwestern corner of Oregon is most heavily timbered portion of the state not now reached by railroads.

At present the United Railways line gives an hourly interurban service to territory already served by the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad, the United Railway paralleling it about 13 miles.

The sale of the road by those who then owned it was confirmed late in September, 1909, and the ostensible purchasers were Iowa and British Columbia capitalists.

Oregon Electric Considered.

Advices from authentic Eastern sources are that up to within the last day or two the sale of the Oregon Electric Railway had not been made to Hill, although negotiations have been opened within the last week or two.

But what may be an indication that they have finally been completed came yesterday in the form of an official announcement from the North Bank offices that transcontinental passenger and freight rates via the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and North Bank routes to Oregon Electric territory had been ordered, and a division agreed upon.

These rates will be published as soon as the tariff sheets can be prepared by the Transcontinental Traffic Bureau in Chicago, and it will be four to six weeks before they can be actually put in effect.

The rate agreement among the roads provides for the absorption of transfer charges for persons and baggage across town from the railroad terminals to the Oregon Electric station at Front and Jefferson.

Crosstown Transfer Planned.

If the sale of the Oregon Electric to the Hill interests goes through, however, it is probable that the transfer across the city will be eliminated by the use of the United Railways line, now owned by Hill, to reach the Northern Pacific terminals.

Within a few weeks the representatives of the Northern roads will, therefore, be actively soliciting through business in the Willamette Valley, and with this valuable addition to its traffic resources it is now expected that the Oregon Electric will branch out extensively into other towns in the valley, no matter in what ownership the road remains.

Negotiations for through rates have been in progress off and on among the roads interested about a year, but heretofore a division of rates could not be agreed upon.

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Getting Away From Land. The question has been asked, is it possible to sail 1,000 miles from land? This can be done at several points.

How Every Man Should Vote. "Anybody who doesn't vote my way is a damned fool!" exclaimed a little man on an outbound trolley car.

Trapping Baboons. Hagenbeck in his book says that baboons are caught in traps made much like the huts of savages.

Ink at \$100 a Pound. "The best India ink—it should really be called China ink—never leaves China," said a missionary.

The Tramp's Reason. The late Joseph Dorsey of San Jose, the famous detective whose best feat was the capture of Canon Bernard after a chase from Alaska to Cape Horn, used to impute his success to his knowledge of men.

An Indirect Hint. A patient who was suffering from a scalp wound was recently admitted to a hospital. "How did this happen?" asked the resident surgeon.

What a Change! "He used to kiss me every time we passed through a tunnel before our marriage," said the little woman, with sad reflections.

The Alternative. A tramp went into a farmhouse recently, and, seeing no one but an old woman, he said in very fierce tones, "Give me a drink of milk or else!"

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How to Do It. If you value your friendships, don't borrow money, don't lend money, don't advise others how to invest their money.—Albany Journal.

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A Queer Ornament. Some years ago we found in a secret drawer of a pearl embroidered work-box three locks of hair fastened to small enamel heart shaped mounts with silver eyelets.

The Pilot Fish. A little fish about which many interesting fancies cluster is the pilot fish. Aelian tells us that pilot fishes were supposed to be kindly disposed toward sailors and therefore liked to approach ships, which they continued with and guided until they reached land.

An English Election Trick. Corruption at elections in England took many curious forms in olden days, but there have been few more ingenious plans for securing the election of the desired candidate than that practiced at Seaford in 1790.

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