

STEVENSVILLE-CORVALLIS LOOP IS BEING SURVEYED

Northern Pacific Party Begins Work on Important Line in the Bitter Root District

ROAD DIRECT EAST TO BUTTE SAID TO BE PLANNED

Information Is Secured to the Effect That Company May Locate Route From Either Hamilton or Stevensville, Through Territory of Proposed Electric Railway to Anaconda

Following instructions received from the engineering department of the Northern Pacific in Missoula, the surveying party which has been camped at Stevensville since Monday noon left by train yesterday morning for Florence, fully equipped with all necessary impedimenta for running a preliminary survey line. About noon yesterday the first stake was driven for the proposed Stevensville-Corvallis loop of the Northern Pacific railway and before nightfall a considerable headway had been made by the party in the direction of Stevensville.

Georgetown lake and it is believed that this grade will be ultimately used for an electric line to connect with Missoula from the east.

Much Enthusiasm.

At a meeting of the Stevensville Chamber of Commerce held last Tuesday night much enthusiasm was manifested when the subject of an electric line from the east was mentioned and a unanimous demand was made for the appointment of a committee to confer with the members of the Anaconda Business Men's association for the purpose of boosting for the new departure. It is confidently asserted in Stevensville, Hamilton and Missoula that the irrigation company is backing the electric line project and will exert every influence to assist in its construction. The building of this line means much to the promoters of the irrigation enterprise as it will open up a vast area in which the water rights people are interested.

The country east of Stevensville is one of great resources, being a tableland on which most of the timber stands in virgin state. It has never been opened by a railroad and its valleys are known to be of a most productive and fertile character. Any sort of line through this territory would, naturally, draw the greater portion of the marketable product of the country over its route and would be the means of settling a country thus far unexplored.

A New Loop.

From a man who is known to be closely connected with the engineering movements of the Northern Pacific in both Montana and Washington it has been learned that it is the intention of the Northern Pacific to make a survey which will run from the old water tank about three miles south of Florence to Riverside, about one mile north of Hamilton, at which place the new loop will connect with the old line. The route proposed will give the towns of Stevensville and Corvallis direct railroad facilities and will give the Northern Pacific first choice of right of way along the east bank of the river, opening a more densely populated territory than that now traversed by the railroad.

Conclusive Fact.

One of the self-evident facts which points to the awakening of the Northern Pacific to the necessity of improving its Bitter Root road is the persistent manner in which the railroad company is placing new material along the branch line. It is a well-known fact that the Northern Pacific has made many elaborate preparations to improve its roadbed from Missoula to Hamilton and is now prepared to replace every old tie on the grade with the pickled product of the Paradise treating plant. All along the branch new material is strung ready for the construction gangs, which will start the work of rebuilding very soon. It is officially said that 45 cars of ties and track timbers have been distributed between Missoula and Victor and about six cars more are ordered for the south end of the branch. This means that the Northern Pacific is contemplating the placing of 15,500 ties in the roadbed on the Bitter Root branch during the coming spring and summer.

Non-Committal.

Engineer Peters is non-committal in relation to the work in which his party is engaged. He admits that a preliminary survey is to be made but refuses absolutely to say between what points the line is to be run or for what length of time the party is to be in the vicinity of the Bitter Root valley. He admits, however, that his headquarters will be in Stevensville for a length of time, variously estimated at from one month to one year. The members of the corps are more reticent than their chief.

To Butte Also.

Yesterday it was learned that in addition to the surveying of the Stevensville-Corvallis loop around the east side of the Bitter Root river, the Northern Pacific is contemplating a survey which would give them a route directly east to Butte from either Hamilton or Stevensville along the proposed route through the proposed Stevensville-Anaconda electric line is expected to pass. This route is one which has been surveyed several times in the past for steam lines, the last preliminary being made in 1894 by the late Marcus Daily.

A line from Anaconda to Hamilton would run almost directly east and west but the construction of a line through the country named would be fraught with more difficulties than a line from Anaconda to Stevensville, taking in the Georgetown lake, thence northwest to Phillipsburg and then westerly to Stevensville. The latter route would be a trifle longer than the one to Hamilton, but would be through a better territory and would require no tunneling, while a bore nearly two miles in length would be necessary through the Skalkaho pass, about half way between Anaconda and Hamilton.

Cheaper Route.

When the former surveys were made it was found that a line could be built to Stevensville by way of the lake and Phillipsburg for about \$2,500,000, while the Hamilton line through the Skalkaho pass would require an expenditure of more than \$4,000,000. It is argued that one of the two routes mentioned is in contemplation by the Northern Pacific engineering department as a short cut to Butte, the distance being less than 100 miles, while the present line by way of the Hell Gate river and Garrison gives the Northern Pacific a mileage of 120 miles. It is believed that the Northern Pacific is seriously contemplating one of the former routes as an outlet to the east which will eliminate such a tie-up as was experienced during the June floods last year.

Lends Color.

The fact that an electric line from Anaconda to Stevensville is being projected lends considerable color to the reports that the steam road is to survey through the Burnt Fork pass immediately. Plans are already under way by the business men's organizations of both Anaconda and Stevensville to help in the construction of the Clark electric road from Anaconda west through the Georgetown lake country to Phillipsburg and Stevensville, thence north to Missoula, with a branch line running from Stevensville to Hamilton. The Butte, Anaconda & Pacific railway people recently constructed a grade from Stuart to

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THE POOL ROOM WAR NOT RESUMED

NO ATTEMPT IS MADE TO POST BETS IN THE BUTTE BETTING PARLORS.

Special to The Daily Missoulian.
Butte, April 14.—The pool room war was not resumed today, both sides resting. No attempt was made to post any bets, and the "interstate" office did not do any business; the telegraph instruments emitted scarcely a tick. There were rumors current that the attorneys for the pool room men would secure an injunction against the sheriff and county attorney, but this fell flat as did the story of a sensational damage suit for sums aggregating \$100,000. Developments are expected tomorrow, by which time it is believed more definite instructions will be received from the men who are really at the head of the concern, the local men having only an employees' interest in the matter.

PERSONAE NON GRATA



HAS PICTURE TAKEN THEN COMMITS SUICIDE

Special to The Daily Missoulian.
Butte, April 14.—Tiring of life, Frank Foley, 24 years old, and a native of Michigan, took morphine and carbolic acid this morning and was dead a few hours later. He went about his preparations with deliberation, first taking a photograph of himself to send to his sister, upon which he had written "For the baby. Good-bye forever." He then went to a house in the rear of the C. O. D. laundry and swallowed the poison, being found unconscious about 10 o'clock. Foley tried to kill himself once before, but failed. That he has been contemplating self-destruction for some time is evidenced by a conversation he had with John Gannon, a young miner, to whom he showed the carbolic acid about midnight and told that he intended to end it all.

MORE CO-OPERATION IS THE PLAN PROPOSED

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DISCUSS SCHEME FOR ACCOMPLISHING RESULTS.

Washington, April 14.—The idea of a closer relationship between the various departments representing this government was discussed today at a conference between Attorney General Wickersham, Solicitor General Bowers, Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor, Secretary Ballinger of the interior department, Chairman Knapp and Commissioner Prouty of the interstate commerce commission, and Representative Townsend of Michigan. Ten days ago Attorney General Wickersham indicated to those who were present at the conference that he desired to consult with them concerning President Taft's plan of bringing the departments closer together, particularly with respect to cases involving violations of the anti-trust law. President Taft thinks it may be possible to frame amendments to the existing law that will bring about the desired co-operation.

SLAYER OF HOLDUP IS NOT HELD CULPABLE

Special to The Daily Missoulian.
Butte, April 14.—At the inquest held on the body of Ed Madden, shot by John Sessia Sunday night, the jury did not name the man who did the shooting, holding, in a manner that was justified, "That fact will not allow Sessia to escape scot free, for he and the man who was dealing the game are being held and will be prosecuted for gambling. In addition an attempt will be made to take the license of the saloon away, Sheriff O'Rourke saying today: "This saloon (the Mountain View) has caused the authorities more trouble than all the others in the city combined, and I am going to try to put it out of business entirely. There is no reason why I should have to detail my deputies to watch this place all the time at the expense of the taxpayers."

THIRTY ARE KILLED IN THE RIOT

LEADERS OF TROUBLE IN COAHUILA, MEXICO, ARE SUMMARILY EXECUTED.

City of Mexico, April 14.—The rioting at Velardena, the big coal mining camp in the state of Coahuila, last Saturday, according to a dispatch received tonight, was more serious than at first reported, 30 men being killed and many injured. The trouble was instigated by Father Ramon Velardena, the parish priest, it is asserted. Fourteen of the rioters have been summarily executed by the government troops and many imprisoned. Many Americans reside at Velardena, the camp being controlled by American capital. The leaders of the mob, which was well organized, avoided attacking Americans or destroying American property.

BIG HOTEL COMPANY IS SUED

SPOKANE MAN INSTITUTES PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HELENA HOT SPRINGS CONCERN.

Helena, April 14.—Suit was instituted against the Helena Hot Springs company in the district court here today by James Breen of Spokane, for \$25,000. The Helena Hot Springs company is the concern organized by F. Augustus Heinz to take over and conduct the Broadwater hotel, a famous health resort here. The company opened and conducted the hotel during the year 1907, but on account of the financial panic was plunged into debt.

"RIDERS" FRIGHTEN FARMERS

"SILENT BRIGADE" MAKES DIRE THREATS AGAINST TOBACCO RAISERS IN INDIANA.

Washington, Ind., April 14.—Night riders are terrorizing land owners and tenants in the vicinity of Harrison's ferry, south of this city. William Schroedike, a large tobacco owner in that neighborhood, reported that 20 men on horses visited all his tenants and informed them that if they paid greater rent than one-third of the crop raised, their crops would be mowed down before they became ripe. Farming machinery belonging to three tenants on another farm was destroyed.

DENIES THE CHARGE.

Helena, April 14.—Denying that he is a fugitive from justice, William Huribert of Cut Bank appeared in the federal court today. Huribert was indicted on the charge of selling whiskey to Indians, and when his case was called last week he did not appear and his bond was forfeited. Huribert said today that he did not know his case had been set. An endeavor will be made to have the order forfeiting his bond rescinded.

COMPLIES WITH LAW.

Washington, April 14.—Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin said today that he had complied with a ruling of the attorney general of Wisconsin that he could file his campaign expense account within 30 days after his election by the legislature instead of 30 days after the primary election and be within the law. He was elected on January 26 and says his expense account was filed within the prescribed time.

NEWSBOYS RELEASED.

Los Angeles, April 14.—The eight persons, one of them a woman, who were arrested yesterday for selling San Francisco daily newspapers containing tips on horse races were released today on payment of a moderate fine. Each person entered a plea of guilty.

RAILROAD WAR TRIE TO AGREE ON TARIFF POLICY

VARIOUS LINES ENTERING THE NORTHWEST ARE ENGAGED IN A BATTLE ROYAL.

VANTAGES BEING SOUGHT

Hill Surveyors and Small Army of Milwaukee Forces in Hard Fight in the Flathead Country of Montana—Harriman Within Striking Distance and May Enter the Game.

Seattle, April 14.—The Times today says: "Within the last 30 days the clash of railroad interests in the Pacific Northwest has been started anew in a score or more of places in a genuine competitive railroad war, which not even the astute Mr. Harriman, the uncommunicative Mr. Earling or the diplomatic Mr. Hill can hide, disguise or conceal. The fight is not three-cornered, but four squared with the Hill interests, the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle involved in a bitter controversy in condemnation suits and otherwise with the North Coast Railway company, the Oregon & Washington (Harriman) and the Canadian Pacific railway.

"Here are a few points on the map of the Pacific northwest where the controversy is either at the present moment being fought out in the courts or where rival railroad engineering parties are struggling for vantage points and strategic locations in disputed country," says the article.

"In the Clearwater country east of Lewiston, Idaho, Northern Pacific and Harriman surveyors are both working over the old ground covered by a one-time projected Missoula cut-off which was abandoned years ago when Charles S. Mellen, president of the Northern Pacific, entered into the famous 'gentlemen's agreement' with Harriman jointly to build and operate the Rhiparia-Lewiston line and quit quarreling over the rich Grangeville country to the east.

A Hard Fight.

"In the Flathead country, 100 miles square in Montana, where Hill surveyors are up against a hard fight with a small army of Milwaukee engineers in opening up a vast virgin region of immense resources probably larger in area than any single undeveloped tract in the northwest.

"Harriman is within striking distance of this rich country and can quickly protect his interests there.

"In Spokane the bitterest fight of all is in progress in condemnation suits in the federal courts. The North Coast railway, known variously as a Harriman or a Canadian Pacific corporation, has attacked Hill in his stronghold, seeking to acquire by condemnation 17 acres of land in the heart of the city, formerly owned by the Great Northern, but privately conveyed last November by Hill officials acting under orders to the Spokane, Portland & Seattle road.

"On both sides of Salmon bay in Seattle, where the Oregon & Washington (Harriman) has begun condemnation suits to obtain railroad right of way over land owned by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, and where Hill has retaliated by starting condemnation suits on his own account to protect his interests.

"In Vancouver, B. C. where Hill projects immense deep sea terminals to handle grain and Oriental exports and where the Canadian Pacific, as announced yesterday, is preparing to duplicate Hill's projected \$1,000,000 terminal by building costly grain elevators, etc.

"In these various points where the fight is waged, a small army of lawyers—mostly ones—and surveyors, right of way men and secret agents are employed. Expense cuts but little figure in most instances, as it is admitted by the men who are on the skirmish line themselves."

TWO ARE INJURED.

San Diego, Cal., April 14.—Two persons were seriously injured, one probably fatally today when a touring car containing W. E. Worden, a business man, his wife, three children and Amasa Incho, a horticulturalist, was run down by a train.

NINE FREIGHT CARS WRECKED

COUPLING BREAKS ON NORTHERN PACIFIC TRAIN AND CARS ARE OVERTURNED.

Helena, April 14.—Nine heavily loaded freight cars, which formed a portion of a Northern Pacific freight train being pulled into Helena, were wrecked at East Helena station, six miles east of here, at 5:30 o'clock this morning. Just as the train was passing the station a coupling in the middle of the train broke and nine cars were hurled from the track. The cars which left the track were principally loaded with steel rails, and one car was precipitated a distance of 100 feet. The forward and rear ends of the train remained on the track. The station house narrowly escaped destruction, but only a few windows were broken. No one was injured. No delay was caused to traffic.

TRY TO AGREE ON TARIFF POLICY

DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS OF SENATE HOLD A LENGTHY SESSION AT CAPITOL.

HARMONY NOT COMPLETE

Some of the Senators Frankly Admit They Will Fight for Protection for Home Industries, and Only Thing an Agreement Can Be Reached Upon is an Income Tax Amendment.

Washington, April 14.—For more than four hours the democratic members of the senate conferred today in an effort to agree upon a tariff policy. After the session Senator Culberson, the minority leader, announced that the democrats had agreed to support an income tax amendment and to stand for substantial reductions in schedules, and particularly for a decrease in the rates on the necessities of life.

"The decision is not binding and the meeting was not entirely harmonious. Some senators admitted frankly that they would seek protection for the industries of their states. Senator Stone spoke in favor of his program for independence of the Philippines after 15 years and absolute free trade with the islands during that period. Senator Foster was opposed to free trade with any of the colonies. Neither of these senators, it was apparent, could have obtained a majority of the democrats for their proposition had a vote been taken.

Agree Once.

Only on one question was the conference agreed, and that was the income tax. The conference adjourned until Friday as those present agreed that they were not sufficiently acquainted with the bill to pass judgment intelligently upon it.

While the democrats were in session notices of the meeting of the finance committee tomorrow were delivered to the minority members of that committee.

In view of the criticisms made of the tariff bill as amended by the senate finance committee, particularly the observation that the bill will not produce sufficient revenues, Senator Aldrich will undertake, on Monday, satisfactorily to explain the revenue features of the measure. The senate committee had the benefit of the advice of the best experts in the government service. These experts declare the bill as amended by the senate will raise much more money than appears, and Senator Aldrich still insists that no additional internal taxes will be needed.

Extravagance Decried.

Great dependence is placed by the senate lawyers on the work done by former Senator Hemenway, on behalf of the new senate committee on public expenditures. Information is being collected by him which will be used in paring down annual appropriations. The senate has taken the position that governmental extravagance must cease and it is reported that Mr. Hemenway will recommend a reduction of about \$35,000,000 from the \$150,000,000 of permanent funds and that a like sum may be pruned from the regular annual appropriations for the various executive departments.

WILL TAKE TESTIMONY.

New York, April 14.—Louis C. Ehle, Chicago attorney, was appointed by Justice Hendrick in the supreme court today as a commissioner to take the testimony of Dustin Farnum, the actor, to be used in behalf of Katherine Clemmons Gould in her suit for separation from her husband, Howard Gould. Dustin Farnum was a guest at a hotel in Lynchburg, Va., when Mrs. Gould was there.

WOMEN INVADE LEGISLATURE.

Springfield, Ill., April 14.—Unmasking a battery of civiles and arguments on the members of the general assembly the equal suffrage lobbyists today invaded the legislative halls and sought to enlist legislation in favor of the women's suffrage bill now pending before the assembly. Scarcely a member of either house escaped a feminine request that he add his vote to those pledged to support the cause.

TO USE BALLOON CORPS.

Des Moines, April 14.—It was announced tonight by Major March of the military board in session here that an army balloon corps will be used during the maneuvers at Fort Des Moines, September 20 to 25. Attacks upon an imaginary battleship will be made.

BLANCHE O'NEIL IS ILL.

Providence, R. I., April 14.—Mrs. Blanche O'Neil, once a well-known opera singer, is in St. Joseph's hospital in this city under treatment for illness said to be due to hunger and exposure. The woman has been living in poverty for several years.

ISSUES BANK CHARTER.

San Diego, Cal., April 14.—The comptroller of the currency at Washington has issued a charter for the establishment of the Marine National bank here. Lyman J. Gage, former secretary of the treasury, is head of the new institution.