

MAY ALSO BUILD FOR LOS ANGELES.

Short Line Proposes to Make Important Improvements.

ENGINEER BERRY IS HERE.

Construction of Cut-off Between Terminus and Leamington Under Consideration for Main Line.

Chief Engineer J. B. Berry, of the Union Pacific, arrived in town this morning in order to consult with General Manager Bancroft, of the Oregon Short Line, in regard to the improvements on that system which will be inaugurated during the coming year.

It is understood that in addition to following out the policy of reducing cut-offs and curvatures that has been pushed for the past two years, several important changes and improvements will be pushed as early as possible.

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will be able to meet the conditions in making the \$50,000. The members will start out with the order of the preferred stock, paying 7 per cent dividends, and it is believed that this will induce New York capitalists to put their money into the project.

The Katz Brothers have stipulated that they shall have control of the new company, and in order to do so with only two-fifths of the capital, a bonus of \$50 in common stock will be given for every full paid share of preferred stock at par. Mr. Rogers says the bonus for which he will become responsible need not have any voice in the management.

The Erie company, which has for several years had its engines made elsewhere, has promised to give the new company the first order for twenty-five engines. The railroad company wants to keep the locomotive works at Paterson, and as a big part of the road, the Illinois Central has always been a patron of the Rogers work. It is about to order fifty engines, but without the order, a bonus of \$50 in common stock will be given if the Rogers works would re-open. After the conference a telegram was sent to the Illinois Central, saying it was definitely settled in ten days whether the works would re-open. It is estimated that the Rogers establishment has lost orders for 100 engines by closing.

Also Criticized Weather Man.

Auditor Critchlow goes down to Modena this evening in order to install Agent J. R. Morton, who has been sent on a vacation extending over a period of several weeks. Mr. Morton, in addition has been appointed as station agent for the weather bureau by the authorities at Washington.

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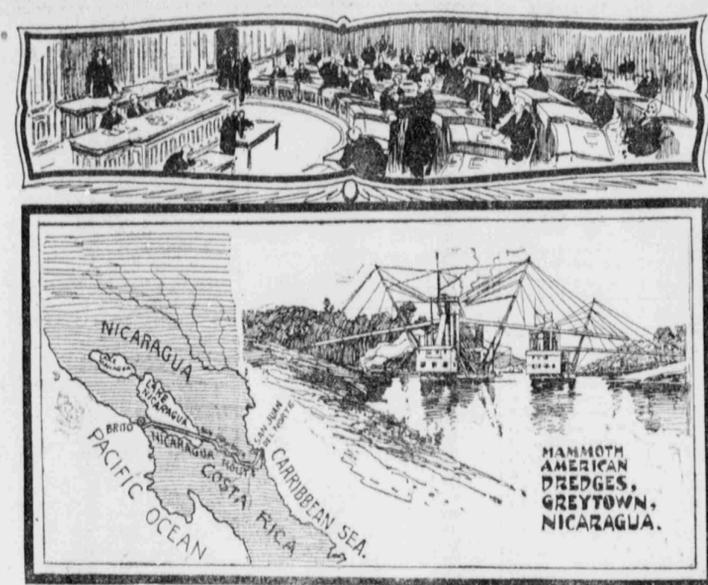
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THE NICARAGUA CANAL DEBATE IN THE SENATE. In the above map is shown the San Juan river route, which was favored in a recent report by the canal commission.

that they deposit in the museum collections of specimens made by them. Material illustrating the habits, customs, and history of native tribes and peoples are particularly desirable. Collections of this sort are usually little more than mere stores, which are retained in private homes, and lack of space and want of facilities for their proper display, usually result in their injury or loss. If placed in the museum, they will be safe, and will prove a means of education to thousands.

The actual ownership of such collections may be retained by the possessor, or desired, to add to the very valuable and large collections of the kind already in hand. The museum coins are valued at many thousands of dollars. Owing to lack of facilities for adequate and safe display, the coins have not been on exhibition for many years, but are stored in a safe vault elsewhere. Due credit will be given to donors or lenders who may send material to the museum.

DUNN-KIMBALL WEDDING. City Jailer Sol Kimball announced this morning that his son Farnham, and Miss Maggie Dunn were married at Alberta, Canada, on December 14th.

Representatives of the City Pay a Visit of Inspection to Parley's. Representatives of the city, in the persons of Councilmen A. J. Davis, F. J. Hewlett and George Canning, and Land and Water Commissioner S. B. Westerman, paid a visit of inspection yesterday forenoon to the mouth of Parley's canyon over the ruins of the Pleasant View ditch.

THE CITY'S HEALTH. Report of Local Authorities Shows 119 Cases of Smallpox.

The report of the city board of health for the week ending on Saturday last showed 119 cases of smallpox in the city, as against 97 cases the week prior. Thirty-eight new cases were reported during the week and fifteen discharged as cured, and one died at the isolation hospital of empyema. Scarlet fever, 21 cases, against 22 the week before; diphtheria, 3 cases, against 4 the week before; typhoid, 1 case, against 15 the previous week; chicken-pox, 5 cases. There were 17 births, 9 males and 8 females; 13 deaths, 11 males and 2 females; bodies shipped away for interment; 3 bodies shipped away for interment elsewhere.

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BIG PROPERTY SALE MADE.

Union Light & Power Company Sells Out Under Foreclosure.

TO STRAIGHTEN TANGLES. Attorney Oscar W. Moyle Bids the Property in for the Utah Light & Power Company.

All the property of the Pioneer Electric Power company, the Salt Lake and Ogden Gas and Electric Light company, the Salt Lake City Electric Light company, the Big Cottonwood Power company and the Little Cottonwood Power company was sold under the hammer at the west door of the joint building at noon on Saturday.

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CHANGES AT THE JOINT BUILDING.

Some of the Effects Caused by the Recent Election.

NOT MUCH OF A STIR MADE.

Political Parties Nearly Even—Democrats Have Most of the Appointive Offices.

The opening week of the new century will witness some official changes in the official corps in the joint city and county building, but not so much as some people seem to have supposed. The result of the election in this county was a divided victory, while the change made in State offices will be few. There is a new auditor and a new attorney general, so there will be a change in the office corps of the former, while the attorney general's and district attorney's offices may be given a place in the building. That will constitute the change in the State offices.

As to the county, there has been a transfer in the political power of the county commissioners, county clerk, attorney, assessor and surveyor, but not in sheriff, recorder, auditor or treasurer. In the last named list only one was re-elected, so changes go on in all the other offices.

As to the number of appointments to be made, one might think there were never so few as in the past. The number of applicants many of whom have little conception of the emoluments of the work. But out of these, and others, the officers will be selected. As to the political division of the appointments, the Democrats have the major portion, while the confirming power is with the Republicans. That of nearly sixty employees of the county, in and around the building, about twenty are to be appointed by Republican officers, while the remainder of thirty are named by Democratic officers.

There is likely to be a cutting down in some of the offices, where it is regarded that there have been super-numeraries, either as head of a department or otherwise, but from what can be learned of the new body there is no talk of slashing or cutting, but there is an intention to aim at economical, competent administration.

The present outlook therefore, is that there will not be much stirring, but there is anything like the great turning over that occurred after the general election of four years ago.

ANDREW CAHOON BURIED. Largely Attended Funeral at Murray Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral services over the remains of Andrew Cahoon were held at the family residence at Murray yesterday afternoon. Hundreds of neighbors and friends gathered at the home, but half of the crowd could not gain entrance into the house. The deceased was a carpenter, and was engaged in the construction of a building at Murray when he was killed.

THE STRIKING RAILWAY MEN AT TOPEKA, KANSAS, ARE TALKING OF ABSTINENCE. Louis Arrata resisted arrest in Santa Monica, Cal., on Sunday, and after wounding three persons killed himself. The wounded persons will recover.

Russia is making arrangements to make a firm base on Manchuria. Advice from Colon, Colombia, regarding the recent fighting between the government troops and the insurgents at Tumaco, says that the withdrawing insurgent force was not dispersed. The body of rebels will effect a junction with the force operating around Buena Ventura. Both sides lost heavily in the battle of Tumaco.

Michigan's returns show McKinley received 104,154 plurality in the State. The plurality of Governor Bliss was 79,284. The committee which will have charge of the forthcoming presidential inauguration ceremonies is officially announced. John J. Edson is chairman; T. E. Roessie vice chairman; Col. Geo. Truesdell, second vice chairman; Southern Parker, treasurer, and Harrison Spinger, secretary. The committee is made up of fifty prominent citizens of Washington.

Advices from Iloilo report that the American troops have been moving northward and westward for several days. The detachments of the Sixth, Eighteenth and Twenty-sixth regiments have been active near their stations. The insurgent losses during the last ten days there, have been five killed, seven wounded and forty taken prisoners. The Americans have lost two killed and three wounded. Large numbers of the natives, however, are swearing allegiance to the United States.

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