

NEW DEPOT LOCATION

N. P. WILL BUILD STATION BETWEEN TWENTY-THIRD AND TWENTY-FOURTH STREETS.

PETITION IS FILED

Railway Company Asks City Council to Close Few Unused Streets and Open Twenty-Eighth Street and Build Subway Under Twenty-Second.

From Saturday's Daily.

Billings' new \$85,000 depot will be located between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-third streets on the north side of the railroad track according to a petition and plans for the structure and trackage filed with the city clerk yesterday.

In its petition the company asks that the streets from Twentieth to Twenty-sixth streets, but one of which is at the present time open to traffic, be closed and in consideration of this, offers to reopen Twenty-eighth street and build a subway at Twenty-second street.

If the petition is granted the company will undoubtedly commence work on the new depot immediately and besides the subway, Billings will have three practically safe crossings in the heart of the city, whereas under the present conditions there are but two in the business district and both are more or less dangerous to the public.

Likely Danger at Crossings.

It is said that most of the passenger switching which is done at present in the vicinity of Twenty-seventh and Twenty-ninth street crossings will be done in the three blocks east of Twenty-seventh street and that all of the freight switching will be done in the new yards, which have been recently constructed by the company west of the city.

Following is the petition which is signed by General Superintendent Goodell in behalf of the Northern Pacific, and is addressed to "The honorable mayor and members of the city council of the city of Billings:"

Your petitioner, the Northern Pacific Railway company, respectfully represents:

That for more than 20 years its railroad has been operated through your city, and its passenger depot has been located between two open grade street crossings on Twenty-seventh and Twenty-ninth streets, respectively.

That necessary train operation at the depot has compelled frequent blocking of these crossings to the great inconvenience of your citizens; and our efforts to unblock has resulted in difficulty of operation. Also the presence and movement of cars past the passenger depot, located close to open grade crossings, makes such operation necessarily very hazardous to the people and costly and inconvenient to a railroad. It is further true that it is impossible to close these crossings, because they are in the very business center of your city.

Want Safe Crossings.

Because of the foregoing your petitioner desires to erect its new passenger depot, where it can get such crossing conditions as will admit of safe and convenient operation, not too far from your business center; and it has under consideration a location between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-third streets.

If located there, convenience, efficiency and safety of operation would demand, alike in the interest of the citizens and railroad the closing of the following street crossings over its right of way:

Twenty-fifth, Twenty-third, Twenty-first and Twentieth streets—all of which are now actually opened or in use and Twenty-fourth street now in use, and the vacation of the surface crossing at Twenty-second street, of which the latter your petitioner could and would construct and maintain at its own cost, a subway crossing under its right of way at that point having a width of 30 feet.

Will Build Subway.

In consideration of the closing of the above streets your petitioner, when it builds its new depot, will at its own cost, construct and maintain said subway, and as soon as it shall cease the use for passenger purposes of its present depot, rededicate and reopen the crossing at Twenty-eighth street over its right of way.

Unless changes substantially as proposed are made, your petitioner, for the reasons above would be compelled to locate its depot further from the business center of the city. (The proposed new depot construction, and track and street changes are shown on the plat hereto attached). By making them there will be secured an additional open crossing at Twenty-eighth street in the heart of the city; comparative safety for the public at this crossing, instead of two very dangerous crossings now existing; a subway crossing close to the new depot; and a conveniently located modern depot that can be used efficiently by

your petitioner, with safety to your citizens.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that by ordinance duly passed you do vacate the said streets—said ordinance to be conditioned upon your petitioner building a new passenger depot as shown above and opening said Twenty-eighth street and building said subway all at its own expense. (Signed)

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

G. A. Goodell, General Superintendent.

April 20, 1908.

Proposed Ordinance.

The following ordinance granting the petition of the railway company in opening up the streets has been prepared and will be presented to the city council for its consideration at the next regular meeting next Tuesday night.

Whereas, The safety and convenience of the public and the efficient operation of the railway alike demand a change of location of the passenger depot of the Northern Pacific Railway company in this city; and it is desired to locate it as near the business center for the convenience of the citizens, as conditions will admit; and to that end certain streets must be vacated insofar as they cross said railroad right of way;

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordained that all portions of each of the following respective streets in the city of Billings, Montana, that lie upon or within said right of way be and the same are hereby vacated and annulled, viz: Twenty-fifth, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-third, Twenty-second, Twenty-first and Twentieth streets.

Conditions of Vacation.

This vacation and annulment is made upon the express condition that said railway company shall within... months from the passage and approval of the ordinance, commence the construction of a new passenger depot, between the present west boundary of Twenty-fourth street and the present east boundary of Twenty-third street in said city; and shall at its own cost, and forthwith after the abandonment of the use for passenger purposes of the present depot, remove it and reopen Twenty-eighth street crossing over its right of way; and construct a subway and crossing not less than 30 feet wide, at the former point of crossing of Twenty-second street. The acceptance of these conditions to be evidenced in writing signed by the general superintendent and filed with the city clerk within... days from the passage and approval hereof.

What Plans Show.

The plans attached to the petition show the streets which the company wants closed as well as the ones it will open in consideration of the vacation of these streets. They also show the location of the depot which is to be fronted by a platform 900 feet long. The proposed changes of the tracks are outlined and two branch line tracks at each end of the depot are shown.

The proposed branch line tracks indicate that it is the intention of the railway company to operate other trains directly out of Billings than the Red Lodge branch as at the present time.

When the petition of the company was filed yesterday, Mayor Foster declared that the proposition to build the depot as described in the plans was the greatest thing the Northern Pacific had done for Billings in 20 years. Other well known citizens expressed similar opinions.

Ordered to Vacate.

Announcement was made yesterday by a well known business man of Billings, whose building occupies ground on the right of way in the vicinity of the new depot; that he had received notice from the railway company to vacate at once. Those who are in a position to know declare that there is no doubt but what the company will start the construction of the new depot immediately after action on their petition is taken by the city council providing such action will permit.

It has been generally known for several months and railroad officials have not denied it, that the Northern Pacific has been taking steps looking to constructing for large quantities of material to be delivered at Billings this summer.

MUNICIPAL SYSTEM WANTED AT HELENA

TAXPAYERS FAVOR ISSUANCE OF WATER AND SEWER BONDS.

(Special to The Gazette.)

Helena, April 25.—The taxpayers of Helena today went on record by a majority of 4 to 1 in endorsing the municipal waterworks system and the extension of the present sewerage system. The proposition submitted at this special election was the issuance of \$600,000 worth of water bonds and \$70,000 in sewer bonds.

MONUMENT TO GEN. CONNOR.

Senate Passes Bill For Its Erection in Salt Lake.

Washington, April 25.—The senate today passed bills as follows: For the erection of a monument to the memory of Gen. Patrick Edward Connor at Salt Lake City; for the erection of a public building at Everett, Wash.

EFFECTS OF STORM

DEATH AND DESOLATION IN WAKE OF TORNADO WHICH SWEEPS OVER SOUTH.

HUNDREDS KILLED

Martial Law is Declared in Dozen Communities So Terrible Was Destruction—Several Places Issue Appeals For Aid—Lasted Two Days—Wind Doubles on Tracks.

New Orleans, April 25.—Probably half a thousand lives lost, a hundred or more persons fatally injured and many times this number painfully hurt, together with a property loss running into the millions, is the record so far of a tornado that originated in the west two days ago, sweeping Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia. It has left a path of death, desolation and want in its wake, seriously interrupting all communication between cities in the south, and brought chaotic conditions in many smaller towns.

Mississippi, already a sufferer from more than one tornado this year, has again borne the brunt of the winds and rains. Estimates of the number of those who lost their lives in that state place the death list near 300, with a thousand or more injured. Appeal to Governor. In Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia, the lists are also large, with serious loss of life in Arkansas and Tennessee. In half a dozen communities martial law has been declared, so terrible was the destruction and so helpless were the stricken people left by the disaster. Serious disorders have occurred in some places, including Amite, La., looting and other crimes have been reported, but these instances have been, on the whole, rare.

Several places have issued appeals for aid and in Mississippi Governor Noel has been asked to provide tents for the homeless.

Travels Eastward.

The tornadoes lasted in all a period of nearly two days. It was Thursday night that damage by tornadoes traveling eastward was first reported from points in Texas. This was followed during the next 24 hours by similar reports from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. Last night Alabama came within the flight of the storm and today reports of serious damage by the winds in Georgia have been recorded.

Utter misery of every sort was found today at Purvis, Miss., by relief parties. Despite the fact that of the 2,500 inhabitants which this little town boasted yesterday morning, there were only 900 today; still there were not sufficient accommodations in the village for even the wounded. Negro mummies and little black children lay wounded and helpless under the broiling sun. Some had broken bones, some were partly crushed and others had been wounded by sticks and splinters.

Blanket a Luxury.

These unfortunates were lucky if they had a blanket or a storm-wrecked couch upon which to rest. There was not enough shelter in the town to protect them from the sun and many of the walls which remained standing had no roofs and by a queer freak of the tornado, many of the trees which had not been uprooted had been snatched off a few feet above the ground. The grove of pines was mutilated in a manner so that it appeared as if a giant scythe had swept through the grove about 25 feet above the ground.

The greater part of Purvis' population today were refugees in Hattiesburg and Lumberton, Miss., about 150 of them being badly injured. Of those who remained in town many appeared distracted and they told remarkable stories of the number of their townspeople who had been killed.

Hurried Funerals.

Many hurried funerals were held today and a count of the visible dead revealed only 84, about half of them negroes.

The manner in which the tornado acted at this village puzzled to those who witnessed it. Instead of entering the town at one side and passing out at the other, the storm swirled and sea-sawed about. Once or twice, judging from the lay of the debris today, the wind veered so much as nearly to double on its tracks. The result was terrible for the inhabitants, many of whom were caught and either injured or killed, after they had apparently escaped.

NEW LAW ON WHISKY.

Imported Booze Will Be Subject to Courts.

Washington, April 25.—By a ruling which has been arranged between the departments of state, treasury and agriculture, whisky manufactured

abroad and alleged to be misbranded under the American pure food laws hereafter will be allowed to come into the country, after which it will be subject to the adjudication of the courts under that law. This ruling is a reversal of the former regulation, which made it possible to hold up such shipments before they entered into the markets of this country.

CALIFORNIA WINS RACE.

Defeats Stanford in Exciting Boat Race on Placid Water.

Sausalito, Cal., April 25.—By two and a half lengths the crew of the University of California defeated the Stanford university in the annual meet here today. The race was favored by the weather, there not being a ripple on the water.

ORPHEUM GROWING IN ITS POPULARITY

MANAGER KLEIN PRESENTS EXCELLENT ATTRACTIONS.

From Sunday's Daily.

"Macbeth," the great Shakespearean drama as played by Modjeska and MacClean, will be presented in animated pictures tonight and tomorrow at the Orpheum theater. It is said to be one of the finest pictures ever shown on an animated picture screen. The story of "Macbeth" is well known. When many of the most popular of modern dramas will have been forgotten it will still be presented, but it will be a long time before such clever artists will be seen on the American stage presenting it. So life-like is the picture said to be that it almost speaks.

Manager Klein will have several other feature pictures at the Orpheum as part of the all-feature program. One of them will be a comic picture, another scenes in foreign parts and another a hand-colored work by Pathe Bros., the world's greatest manufacturers of animated pictures.

During the week that Klein & Bailey have controlled the Orpheum theater the house has grown wonderfully in popularity. The same class of productions are given there that have made the Theatorium popular and consequently it is but a question of a short time till the Orpheum will have the S. R. O. sign out all the time.

"MICHAEL STROGOFF" AT THE THEATORIUM

JULES VERNE'S FAMOUS NOVEL IN ANIMATED PICTURES.

From Sunday's Daily.

The feature of the program at the Theatorium beginning with the matinee this afternoon will be the dramatization of Jules Verne's famous novel, "Michael Strogoff."

The story is laid in Russia about 60 years ago at a time when cruelty to political prisoners was even more frequent than at the present.

Michael Strogoff was a native of Siberia and at the time of the story was captain of the czar's picked couriers. He was a man of great intelligence as well as of great courage, or, to use the czar's own words, "a man of heart and hand."

The first scene is the ballroom in the czar's palace, when a message comes from the grand duke telling of an uprising in a province in Siberia and asking for help. Strogoff is given a message and sent with royal papers to the grand duke. Trouble follows; he is spied upon, captured and imprisoned, his papers stolen and his eyes burned out with hot irons.

Newspaper men and friends at last come to his rescue. In a hand-to-hand fight with knives he slays Ivan, the man who acted as spy, and gets the papers to the grand duke. The story is told in four scenes.

LOOMIS SUCCEEDS BALDWIN.

Appointed General Solicitor of Union Pacific System.

Omaha, April 25.—N. B. Loomis was today appointed general solicitor of the Union Pacific system, vice John Baldwin, who died last week. Mr. Loomis has been general solicitor of the Union Pacific in Kansas for several years and has been connected with that road for 25 years. He will make his headquarters at Omaha.

BRYANS ARRIVE AT LINCOLN.

Party Met at Station by Friends and Relatives.

Lincoln, April 25.—William J. Bryan, Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Ruth Lavitt arrived here this afternoon and went immediately to Fairview. A large crowd composed of relatives and close friends met the party at the station.

TIME CHANGED TO MAY 4.

Rochester, N. Y., April 25.—Attorneys for H. K. Thaw secured today an amendment to the habeas corpus issued in Thaw's favor, making it returnable on May 4, instead of May 3. The change was made to suit the convenience of witnesses.

Calling Cards at The Gazette Office.

FLEET IS WELCOMED

THOUSANDS GATHER ALONG SHORE AT SANTA BARBARA TO WITNESS SPECTACLE.

TO STAY FIVE DAYS

Arrival of Squadron Made a Holiday and Every Shop in City is Closed—Encounter Fog and There is Slight Delay—Floral Fleets is Planned in Honor of Sailor Boys.

Santa Barbara, April 25.—Into another picturesque port of southern California, on a glass calm sea of sapphire and with never a cloud in the sky, the Atlantic fleet of battleships sailed today in stately huff and white procession, admired by a multitude gathered from along the wave-washed shore, from the towering heights of the Santa Ynez mountains in the background of the city and from the fertile valleys beyond.

The coming of the fleet was made a holiday and every shop in the thriving little city of Santa Barbara was closed throughout the afternoon. In one store an explanatory sign read: "Come to the beach, boys," and in another, "Closed to see the battleships." All of the 12,000 residents of the place, more thousands from the surrounding towns and a host of winter visitors went to the shore to view the long heralded spectacle. They were backed along the curving white beach, on the palm fringed ocean boulevard, on the hills and mountains to the south, and wherever an unobstructed vision of the distant horizon could be had.

Anchor Near Shore.

After steaming in single column all the way from the port of Los Angeles, the 16 ships of the fleet changed into a column of squadrons after entering the roadstead here and headed directly for the shore, dropped anchor not more than 1,500 yards from the beach line.

The eight ships of the first column, with the Connecticut at the left of the line, steamed abreast, 400 yards apart, in formidable front rank. Behind them came the eight ships of the second squadron, the Alabama in the wake of the Connecticut, 800 yards astern.

The trip up the coast from Los Angeles was made under changing conditions of fog and sunshine. Soon after the ships got under way after the assembling of the four divisions at Santa Monica, a blanket of fog closed down suddenly and set bells to ringing and whistles screeching a constant warning.

Speed Reduced.

Rear Admiral Thomas, in command of the battleships, on the bridge of the Connecticut, immediately ordered speed reduced to six knots, and towing spars outstretched in protection. The fog lasted for four hours, finally lifting at noon, when full speed was resumed.

In spite of this delay and the wait incident to bringing the ships into their proper places in the difficult anchorage formation, the fleet anchored at 4:28 p. m., just two minutes before the first bells of the dog watch came echoing to the shore, and less than half an hour behind schedule time.

A formal welcome to the city was extended to Admiral Thomas on the Connecticut soon after the flagship came to anchor, by Mayor Bosecke of Santa Barbara, and Rear Admiral McCall, U. S. N., retired, chairman of the festival committee.

The fleet is to remain here for five days, a festival of flowers having been arranged in its honor.

GOOD PROGRAM IS PROMISED AT FAMILY

ANNE STUART WILL APPEAR AT SUNDAY EVENING SHOW.

What promises to be an excellent list of specialties and novelties will open at the Family theater with the usual matinee tomorrow afternoon.

The bill is headed by Tuttle and May, in a "Dream Sketch," an original idea of these truly clever people and performed by them only.

Bert Page, acrobatic comedian, who has been a hit all over the western circuit, will make his first appearance in Billings, as will also Miss Peggy Dougherty, a very charming vocalist.

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