

WILL REBUILD THE "JAWBONE"

RECONSTRUCTION WORK TO BEGIN AT ONCE ON ROAD.

APPROPRIATION IS MADE

Company Will Spend Several Thousand Dollars in Laying Heavier Steel, New Ties and Ballasting Lewistown Branch—To Complete Work in Time to Handle Crop.

The Democrat is reliably informed that within a very few days, work will begin on the entire reconstruction of the Milwaukee line from Lewistown to Harlowton. As announced in this paper in a previous issue, the Milwaukee directors have authorized the expenditure of one thousand dollars per mile on the road, exclusive of steel and ties. The rails and ties are now on the ground and the work of reconstruction will be rushed with all possible speed, a large force of men having been assembled for that purpose.

New Steel, Ties and Ballast.

It is the intention to put in new ties and lay steel of the same weight as that used on the main line. The road will then be ballasted so as to enable the company to use heavier engines and haul longer trains. This improvement is to be rushed in order to have the road ready to take care of the grain business, as it is realized that they can never haul the wheat, oats, barley and rye out with the present equipment.

Route of Milwaukee.

Spokane, Wash., July 3.—It is reported in railroad and engineering circles in Spokane, says the Chronicle in its current issue, that the Milwaukee Railroad company is planning a new road across the Rockies, which will be used for its main line to Puget Sound by way of Spokane.

The line contemplated will require the construction of more than 500 miles of new road, and will run from Lewistown, Mont., to Spokane.

It will be a shorter line than the present route and will do away with a large amount of heavy grades. It will also enable the company to have a route which will not be dangerously subject to snow-slides or landslides.

According to reports given out in Spokane, the line will be built from Lewistown to Great Falls, Mont., and thence it will follow the Sun river to Wood canyon, where the Rockies will be crossed at the headwaters of the Blackfoot river. It will run down along the Swan river to the Big Fork, where is located the plant of the Montana and Idaho Northern Light and Power company, reported to be a subsidiary company of the Milwaukee railroad, and from there it will run to Kalspell in the Flathead Indian reservation.

Leaving Kalspell the line will follow Smith valley to the headwaters of Thompson river, and will then either follow Thompson creek to the Northern Pacific and parallel that line into Spokane, or run down Libby creek to reach the Great Northern, and will parallel that road into Spokane.

The Milwaukee is said to have several engineering parties now on the ground laying out right-of-way. It is also reported to have just completed negotiations for the purchase of 35 miles of right-of-way in the Flathead Indian reservation.

The Blackfoot Lumber company is building 30 miles of railroad near the Thompson river summit, and engineers declare this road runs a long way beyond the company's timber, and say that the company is controlled by the Milwaukee railroad.

Great Northern Gets Busy.

Great Falls, June 28.—Without any trumpet sounded, without any notice or warning so far as the public knows about it, the Great Northern railroad yesterday morning brought in about seven carloads of grading machinery, horses and a construction crew, and shipped them out to Vaughn to commence construction work on the 60 miles of road from Vaughn to Augusta that will connect Great Falls with Augusta by rail.

The contract has been let to the firm of Morris & Shepherd, and it calls for the completion of the road into Augusta by November 1 next. The contractors themselves arrived here yesterday, and after quietly registering at the Park hotel, left for Vaughn to get the work started. C. J. A. Morris, one of the contractors is a son of one of J. J. Hill's first chief engineers in the old days when his road was only the St. Paul & Manitoba road. The other, S. M. Shepherd, is a son of the well-known railroad contractor, D. C. Shepherd.

The first grading crew to arrive on the scene of the work with their outfit is under the charge of Contractor Palusha. Other sub-contractors will be here soon, and the grading of the roadbed conducted with vigor, as it must be completed by November 1.

This line is the first link in the construction of the Mondak cutoff, which will bring the main line of the Great Northern through Great Falls, and at the same time cut down the distance between St. Paul and Seattle, and give the Great Northern a better grade than it now has on its main line, and one cheaper to keep open in winter.

The new railroad will not stop at Augusta long. While construction work may stop there this year, it will be pushed up the north fork of the

Sun river soon, and, crossing the range into Flathead county, will join the present main line east of Columbia Falls. At the same time a line leaving the present main line at Mondak on the North Dakota border, will bend south of the Missouri to a junction with the Billings & Northern in the Judith Basin, and then the Mondak cutoff, bringing the main line through Great Falls will be complete.

There has been a hope and desire for closer commercial relations between this city and Augusta for many years. It was with this end in view that a number of Great Falls, Sun River and Augusta business men incorporated an electric road proposition and got a franchise for it. They failed to raise the necessary capital and finally turned their franchise over to the Milwaukee people.

This fact, no doubt, had its influence in turning the attention of the Great Northern to this rich agricultural region. The certainty of the Valier-Conrad irrigation work going on, and the settlement of the Sun river irrigation project, were also factors, which, no doubt, induced Mr. Hill to begin work on this part of the projected cutoff at once.

The Milwaukee railroad has also its eye on the Sun river country, through which its line from Melstone to Bonner, via Great Falls, must pass, and this fact, doubtless, was present in the mind of Mr. Hill. It is worth something to be the first railroad in a new field.

At any rate the news that work has actually begun on this line up the Sun river to Augusta will be received with undisguised satisfaction by the business men of this city and all the population along the line of the road, because it is a consummation of a desire long cherished and long waited for.

TRANSCRIBERS STRIKE.

Berry & Carleton Have Little Difficulty With Office Force in Billings.

Billings Gazette: Work of transcribing the county records to the books of the new county, of Musselshell, which has been going on at the court house for the past month, was delayed yesterday, when nine women and four men stenographers engaged in the work walked out, in sympathy with one of the women stenographers and the segregator who, they allege, were discharged without any reason being given for the action.

Carleton & Berry have the contract and it is stated by the strikers that Mr. Carleton made a quick trip to the city Friday, leaving word that the services of one of the stenographers and the segregator were no longer needed, without giving a reason for dispensing with their services.

Mr. Berry arrived in the city yesterday morning and is in charge of the work, having secured other stenographers to take the place of the strikers, and it is expected to complete the work with the new stenographers, there being only two or three more days of work to complete the contract.

It was stated yesterday by Mr. Berry that the services of the segregator were satisfactory and that he was discharged for the reason that the work of segregating the records had been completed and his services were no longer needed.

A wrangle over the matter of pay according to the stenographers, resulted in the threat on the part of some of them to attach some of the paraphernalia belonging to the contractors and thus stop the work on the transcribing. It is said this led to the discharge of one of the stenographers.

Following the work here, the contractors will move to White Sulphur Springs, in Meagher county, where they have two or three weeks' work.

PROMOTION FOR OLLIE.

Big Kentucky Congressman Certain to Be Sent to Senate.

Washington, D. C., June 29.—Washington was greatly interested today in the news from Kentucky that Paynter had withdrawn from the senatorial primary contest, leaving a clear field, so far as the democrats are concerned, for Representative Ollie James. This is taken to mean that Mr. James, who is the physical giant of the house, will surely be a senator before many months.

The republicans concede they have no chance of capturing the legislature in the fall elections. There is no more picturesque figure in congress than the man everybody knows and addresses as "Ollie." Perhaps Representative "Cy" Sulloway, of New Hampshire, is a wee bit taller, but Ollie is larger in other ways. He is as good-natured and democratic in his ways as anyone could imagine. When he makes a speech he roars like a bull—although much more eloquently—so round and full and deep is his voice. He will easily be the largest man in the senate when he gets there.

Mr. James is the man who calmed the democratic convention at Denver, when everybody else had tried to make speeches seconding the nomination of their favorite candidates and failed. Mr. James had been offered the vice presidential nomination as a running mate for Mr. Bryan, and the Nebraskan had asked him over the telephone to accept. But James refused on the ground that his well-known antipathy for the negroes would hurt the ticket. It was 3 o'clock in the morning when he took the floor. Try as they would, the delegates could not howl him down. His great voice was always a bit louder than their yells.

Mr. James spoke as "a Bryan man" on that occasion, and he has been a "Bryan man" and a radical ever since. It was on account of this radicalism that the house republicans tried to keep him off the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee, but the democrats stuck to him and he won. He was responsible for the minority report of the committee being made

before the majority report after the mix-up in St. Paul last fall, thereby giving the impression that the real report was against Ballinger.

When he was a little boy—which is something everybody finds it hard to believe when they look at him—he was a page in the Kentucky legislature.

Will They Probe Him?

Anaconda Standard: If he doesn't watch out, Theodore Roosevelt will find himself in a new sort of publicity that might prove to be embarrassing. In this era of investigation into everybody's affairs, congress is liable to go off on a new tangent. The business of prying into the trusts will presently become monotonous, and it will be no wonder if some of the trust-busters will be summoned before a senate or a house committee to show why they are not guilty of dereliction.

Long ago there were accusations to the effect that President Roosevelt was guilty of a moral tergiteude, or something of that sort, when he permitted the railroad operations of the late Paul Morton to pass unchallenged. Mr. Roosevelt was president then and he didn't care what was said; but his coast is not now so clear; he is in private life and, therefore, not in position to run any official bluff. There has been brisk talk to the effect that he did mighty curious things in connection with that Tennessee copper deal, and now comes Mr. Earle and he tells how badly President Roosevelt acted when the proposition was to bust a wicked sugar trust deal.

It really looks as if things were ripening and shaping for a congressional investigation into the methods of President Roosevelt in dealing with the busting of the trusts.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS AT MONTANA COLLEGE

THE ENGINEERING HALL AND GREENHOUSES TO BE ERECTED THIS YEAR.

Bozeman, June 28.—Many changes are scheduled to be made in the large campus and buildings of the Montana State College during the summer vacation. Workmen are now employed in making these alterations, and evidences of the transformation are already visible. It is expected that the re-opening of school in September will find the foundations of the new Engineering hall, for which

the legislature appropriated \$60,000 last winter, well under course of construction. The state board of examiners suspended the appropriation because of insufficiency of funds and until it is released by them no action can be taken. The building is to be finished by September, 1912. It will be built on the east side of the campus, to the north and east of Hamilton hall and will face the west.

The appropriation of \$10,000 for greenhouses is available and the materials for these have been ordered. The larger set of these greenhouses will be for the use of the departments of agronomy and horticulture and will be built just south of Agricultural hall. A palm room, 39 feet square and with an inside clearance of from 16 to 20 feet, will form the central part of this group. This will be the largest palm room in the state and will be used for propagating and housing plants for decorative purposes, as well as for horticultural experiments and student work.

On each side of and adjoining the palm room will be a greenhouse 28 feet wide and 25 feet 6 inches long. Extending along the rear of these three structures will be a larger one, 28 by 90. This group is to be of semi-steel construction, the only wood used to be the sash bars.

To the south of the biology building will be built another greenhouse

22 by 50 for the use of the students and experiments in botany, biology, zoology and entomology.

The drill hall, where the high school basketball tournament is held, will be remodeled and new seats put in, adding to the seating capacity by 300. Steam heat will also be installed and other changes to accommodate the basket ball people will be made.

Plans have just been completed for a new roof on the chemistry building and work on this is about to begin. Prof. R. D. Kneale will complete the second cement tennis court during the summer and the athletic field will be fertilized, cultivated and sown to grass to provide turf for the football field.

College hall itself will be given a changed appearance through the removal of its cupola and the substitution of a railed platform for observation purposes. A stairway will be built from the third floor to the platform and visitors will be enabled to gain a beautiful view of the valley from this vantage point. Among other improvements in the building will be hardwood floors in the library, main hall and west stairway.

Other changes of less importance will be effected throughout the buildings and the total effect will be a transformed campus. Cement walks, driveways and other improvements will add to the appearance also.

Ruby Loses Cast.

There was a time when the ruby was next to the diamond in the estimation of lovers of precious stones. Now it has fallen from its high estate. The reason is that the ruby, like the sapphire, can be imitated so closely that even experts cannot discriminate between the real gem and the imitation. The greatest sufferer by this is said to be the Czar of Russia, who owns the finest collection of rubies in the world. The St. Petersburg court jewelers estimate the loss in value of the Czar's rubies at \$4,000,000. Some time ago he tried to take out a policy of insurance on them, but no company would accept the risk.

Does This Mean You?

Because someone else has borrowed your pet book that you have hardly had time to read yourself, and then has shown her generous spirit by lending it to a friend of her own, who has passed it further, so that by the time it gets back to you it has lost the first sweet freshness that helped make it dear to you, is really no reason why you should borrow your friend's best cut glass dish and send it back to her with a crack in it or a chip out of it.—Woman's Life.

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