

SANTA FE CUT OFF

Railroad Company Will Shorten Its Line to the Coast.

WORK TO COMMENCE SOON

The Cut-Off is to Be Built With a View of Getting Rid of Mountain Grades Which Are Now Encountered by the Transcontinental Travel.

Chicago, April 12.—The Record-Herald says:

Official announcement is made that the Santa Fe has decided to build a \$10,000,000 cut-off to the Pacific coast with a view of getting rid of the mountain grades which now are encountered in the trans-continental travel.

Orders have been given for the purchase of all the material necessary and will be begun within 30 days. The work will be pushed to completion rapidly and the new trans-continental low grade line will be ready for opening within a year or 15 months.

The west end of the cutoff will be at Belen, N. M., 27 miles south of Albuquerque, on the El Paso line, and the eastern will be at Texico, 250 miles away on the Pecos Valley lines of the Santa Fe.

The new road will cross the Sierra Nevada mountains at Abo pass at an elevation of 6491 feet, but at a maximum grade east bound of one and one quarter per cent and west bound of six-tenths of one per cent. The line will cross the Santa Fe Central near Willard and the El Paso and North-western at Llano, N. M.

REDUCTION OF RATES.

Carrying Charges on Roads Out of Chicago to Be Reduced.

New York, April 12.—Action taken at a meeting of southern railroad officials here indicates the possibility of an early reduction in freight carrying charges on all the lines leading from Chicago and St. Louis to Atlanta, Birmingham, Montgomery and other points in the southeast.

Some time ago the merchants associations of both Chicago and St. Louis made concurrent appeal to the management of the roads that tap and traverse the territory in question asking for lower rates. That the matter might be fully considered a meeting of the lines interested was called. S. F. Parrott, chairman of the Southeastern Freight Association presided. Only the roads tributary to St. Louis were represented. Recommendations favoring reductions in freight schedules were adopted and referred to a meeting in the near future of the lines radiating from Chicago.

KILLED HIS WIFE.

Foreign Squarehead Mad Because Dinner Was Not Ready.

New York, April 12.—Because his dinner was not ready when he returned from business, John Elrand, a Hungarian shopkeeper, has shot and probably fatally wounded his wife and then sent three bullets into his own body.

It is also thought he will die. The couple's 6-year-old son who witnesses the tragedy, summoned the neighbors.

IT IS TOO BAD.

German Crown Prince Nearly Butts His Brains Out.

New York, April 12.—The German crown prince while cooling a four in hand coach, has driven a coach into a wall by the roadside near Potsdam, cables the Herald's correspondent at Berlin.

The coach was completely wrecked, but fortunately, the prince escaped without injury.

SALMON PACKERS.

Ships Leaving San Francisco for Alaska Canneries.

San Francisco, April 12.—After several weeks of overhauling and fitting out, the fleet of Salmon Packers is now on the move. Five or six vessels have already left port for the Alaska canneries and more are leaving every few days, while every available berth along the front is occupied by some vessel of the fleet making ready to depart.

IRRIGATION PROJECT.

Large Sums of Money to Be Expended in Montana.

Denver, April 12.—Engineer C. C. Babb, in charge of the St. Mary's and Milk river irrigation project in northern Montana, which contemplates the expenditure of \$5,000,000 for the storage of water to irrigate some 200,000 acres of arid lands in that country has received instructions from the interior department at Washington to remove his headquarters from Denver, where they have been for the past

eight months, to the proposed workings.

Also to proceed with the work of making final surveys and developments of the project for the consideration of the government board of engineers. Mr. Babb will leave at once for Montana to begin the work.

MOROCCAN QUESTION.

The Sultan of Turkey Evinces a Desire for Reform.

London, April 12.—The Tangier correspondent of the Times learns on good authority that the advisers of the sultan of Morocco purposes inviting the French mission to return from Fez to Tangier, where the sultan's definite refusal to accept the proposed reforms will be officially communicated to the French legation. It is believed, says the correspondent, that Germany will accept the sultan's invitation to send a mission to Fez to negotiate a new commercial treaty and personally discuss the best means of procuring an European convention on the the Morocco question and international guarantees of the integrity of Morocco.

To Play Second Base.

Portland, April 12.—David E. Dugdale today signed Andy Anderson to play second base with the Bellingham team this season.

SOLD GOLD BRICKS

Chicago Society Woman Induced to Part With Money.

WOMAN'S VANITY IS PROVEN

George Levine Arrested in Chicago for Buncoing Several Prominent Society Women Who Displayed the Characteristics of an Astoria Sucker.

Chicago, April 12.—Woman's vanity has proved a fertile field for George Levine, who, by flattering his victims with the belief that they were social leaders, has swindled many women in Chicago recently. Levine pleaded guilty in Judge Tutbill's court to the charge of operating a confidence game and was sent to jail pending an investigation of his operations in eastern cities.

"I have been sent to you because you are one of the leading society women of the city," Levine said to his victims, "and you have been selected to share in the distribution of prizes by my firm for advertising purposes."

He then produced a package of envelopes and declared each envelope contained money. The envelopes he sold at prices ranging from \$1 to \$15 each, with the stipulation that they should not be opened until he had been gone half an hour. The envelopes contained only blank paper.

Wanted Judge to Be Overruled.

Up in Maine there is an old custom of opening the courts with prayer, which custom in one instance, described with considerable gusto by ex-Judge Henry E. Howland, led to a petition with which the judge couldn't exactly sympathize. The minister who was to officiate at this court was one of the good old fashioned, simple living, long praying kind who flourish in country churches. He prayed for the welfare of the nation and its executive and his cabinet; he prayed for the state officials and for mankind in general. Then, "O Lord, give to this presiding judge the wisdom he so much needs," besought the domineer with fervor. "Overrule his decisions to thine eternal honor and glory." The presiding judge, appreciating the spirit of the petition, while hardly relishing his dictum, had to live down the reputation which his associates tried to confer on him in accordance with the characterization of the prayer.—New York Tribune.

Hindooos and Cows.

The Hindooos, or natives of India, worship idols of wood and stone. They also worship animals and plants. The cow is considered the most sacred animal; still they worship the ox and the bull, the fish, tortoise and bear; also serpents, monkeys, demons and spirits. They believe that when a person dies the soul passes into some animal or plant and lives another life, continuing to do so until it has lived millions of lives. They think that perhaps some one of their ancestors may be living in the cow or some other animal. For that reason they are very kind to animals and dare not allow them to be killed. When the cows become old, or for that reason become helpless, they are sent to the "asylum for animals" in Punjab, India, where they are well kept for the rest of their lives. A good Brahman or Hindoo priest will feed his cow before he takes his own breakfast.

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SURGICAL OPERATION

New York Man Swallows Two Teeth and Rubber Plate.

LOCATED BY X-RAY MACHINE

Since Swallowing the Teeth He Has Been Sustained Solely on Artificial Nourishment Until Physicians Cut His Oesophagus Out.

New York, April 12.—Charles H. Niehaus, the sculptor, is recovering from an operation for the removal of two false teeth attached to a rubber plate which he swallowed while laughing in Cincinnati six weeks ago. The obstruction was found embedded in the oesophagus, far down behind the breast bone.

Sustained solely on artificial nourishment and constantly in pain, the sculptor suffered greatly before the operation was decided on. When he was brought to this city late last week the specialists turned to the X-ray and located the plate, which was of hard rubber. Nothing but the shadow of the upper rim showed above the breast bone.

The surgeons made a long incision cut the oesophagus, carrying it away down to the breast bone. The rubber plate was as tightly jammed between the walls of the gullet as though hammered in, while two sharp teeth were deeply embedded. It was, however, easily removed and Mr. Niehaus is now rapidly recovering.

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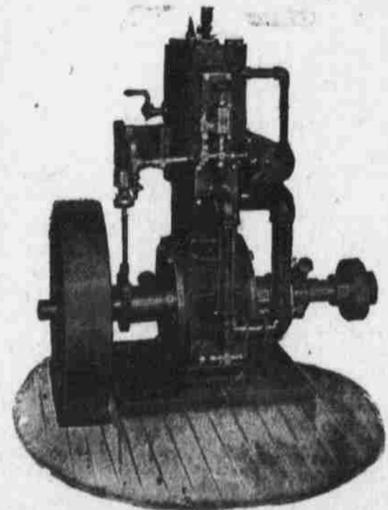
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