

IRRIGATION IS NEEDED IN UTAH

Mr. Parke Thinks It Affects the Future of the City.

NEW GOULD LINE PROMISED

LOCAL AGENTS AGITATED OVER EXCHANGE PASS QUESTION.

Among the visitors of the city for a few weeks are G. R. Parke and family. Mr. Parke is the guest of his son, J. T. Parke, and his daughter is writing a series of letters for one of the papers of Nashville, Tenn., their home. Mr. Parke has been passenger agent for one of the Tennessee railroad lines, and his long experience as head of one of the leading lines of the east makes him an interesting conversationalist.

His trip west has been a revelation to him. Mr. Parke, who came over the Rio Grande, was much impressed with the scenic wonders of that road, and particularly of the Royal gorge. Mr. Parke was enthusiastic regarding the wonders of Salt Lake. To easterners he said it is a matter of surprise to see a prosperous and growing city planted in the semi-desert, with all the attractions that make eastern places so alluring.

Mr. Parke is much interested in the irrigation question and expressed himself as pleased over the fact that there is much concern here regarding the subject. He believes that irrigation will play an important part in deciding the future of Utah. Salt Lake, he said, is destined to become one of the greatest cities of the country. Its mineral advantages, he believes, are just becoming recognized, and it is a country of wonderful agricultural resources.

Water is needed and the government has held out a helping hand. "I have read the papers pretty carefully," he said, "and I see the people are very much stirred up over the matter. I am glad to see the general interest that is taken in the subject. While Salt Lake is peculiarly situated, and will continue to prosper as the queen of the desert, much will depend upon the attitude of its citizens who are now shaping the commercial future of the place. The matter of irrigation will play an important part in making the future of Salt Lake.

NEW GOULD LINE.

Said That a Survey Has Been Completed to the Coast.

Rumors are persistent that a new survey just completed to the coast from this city means a new Gould line to San Francisco. The survey is said to be 150 miles shorter than the Southern Pacific, and the conclusion that it is a Gould proposition is based on the

antagonism apparent between the Harriman and Gould interests. Still, while the element of possibility is never absent in studying the railroad prospects of the future, there appears to be no particular reason for supposing that the Goulds have designs on the coast at this time. A railroad may sometime pass over the route mapped out, but there is nothing to justify the supposition that the Goulds are any nearer a coast line now than they have been. The Rio Grande has a survey through the Deep Creek mining country, and the Goulds are financially interested in the Moffat road, but it is not probable that they will cross the desert for several years to come.

OLD RUMOR REVIVED.

Texas & Pacific Will Feed Rio Grande at Weatherford.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 25.—The Times today says that the announcement comes from an apparently authoritative source that the branch of the Texas & Pacific railroad from Weatherford, Tex., to Mineral Wells, Tex., is to be extended to Trinidad, Colo., where connection will be made with the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, thus giving Denver another direct road into Texas and the south.

WORRIED ABOUT PASSES.

Agents Waiting to See What the Railroads Will Do.

One of the most serious questions that confront the railroad man at the present time is the pass question. A railroad man said yesterday: "It looks bad. Last year the eastern roads refused to exchange these courtesies, but the western roads, which are always more liberal, did not want to appear small and they furnished eastern men with complimentary passes when they appeared in this territory. When the western men went east they paid their fare. This year the western men won't put up with this sort of treatment and it looks as if they will shut down on the passes to representatives of other roads, for awhile, at least.

TWO WILL RETIRE.

Said That Park and Baxter Will Go to the Orient.

It was rumored in this city last evening that E. W. Baxter, superintendent of the Nebraska division, and W. L. Park, superintendent of the Wyoming division of the Union Pacific, have handed in their resignations and will accept positions with the Kansas

City, Mexico & Orient line, of which Edward Dickinson is the vice president and general manager. This is Arthur E. Stilwell's line, and the reported changes would occasion no surprise for several reasons. One of them is that Dickinson was warmly admired by the men for whom it is alleged he has found places, and another is that both men were in line of promotion for the place which Mr. Dickinson made vacant when he went with the Orient line, and it is said that they have been disappointed not to get the place. Naturally, if they had a place offered under the circumstances named it would tend to soothe the pain of disappointment.

YOUNG GIRL IS MISSING.

R. E. Ainsworth Seeks Police Assistance in Locating Miss Love.

R. E. Ainsworth, a Salt Lake mining man, called on the police yesterday for assistance in finding a girl named Constance Love. He met the girl in Denver and she was charged with stealing goods valued at \$150 from another woman. Through his efforts, he says, he secured a dismissal of the case and brought the girl here with the intention ultimately of placing her as a student in the Leland Stanford university. On the train coming to Salt Lake the girl met three persons who are suspected by Ainsworth to be responsible for her disappearance. They are Dr. and Mrs. Proctor and their son, a man about 25 years old.

VAN DUZER A HUSTLER.

Ambition to Become a Congressman Gratified.

(Special to The Herald.) Washington, Dec. 25.—Mr. Van Duzer, the congressman-elect from Nevada, comes to Washington as the result of a campaign which has extended over many years. Years ago Mr. Van Duzer was a practicing lawyer in Washington. He was doing well in his profession, but suddenly conceived the idea that he would like a seat in congress. "Everything in Washington belongs to a congressman," was his comment. "There is nothing left for anybody else, and I'm going to get a share in the rights and privileges myself."

COMPROMISE LIKELY.

New York, Dec. 25.—Conferences between the Japanese political parties have commenced, says the Tokio correspondent of the Times in a dispatch via London. The correspondent says a compromise on the basis of the abandonment of the land tax, the funds for the naval increase being derived from other sources, is not unlikely.

DENY LEAVING 'PHONE FIELD

Utah Home Directors Explain Cutting Off Solicitors.

WILL BUY PLANT SOON

E. B. JONES NOW IN THE EAST FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The rumor that has been in circulation for several days, to the effect that the Home Telephone company had reduced the number of its solicitors preparatory to selling out to the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company, was emphatically denied yesterday by Governor H. M. Wells and Samuel Fenton, incorporators and part owners of the new concern.

"It is true we have reduced our soliciting force a little," said Mr. Fenton, "but we have good reasons for doing so. E. B. Jones, our attorney, is in the east and I am going to join him in a few days. With both of us out of the city there is no one to look after the men as they should be, so we have left a few of them go. Just as soon as we return our force of solicitors will be increased in numbers greater than it has been at any time since we secured our franchise.

GOES TO BUY PLANT.

"Mr. Jones went east several days ago to purchase our plant. I will assist him as soon as I join him. It is our intention to set poles just as soon as the frost is out of the ground. If matters progress as we anticipate they will, we will be doing toll work in about nine months.

"You can deny for me in your strongest terms that we are going to sell out. We are not in the field for that purpose. We secured a franchise to operate a telephone system, and that is what we propose to do."

GOVERNOR CLAIMS GOOD FAITH.

"I was not aware of the fact that any solicitors had been relieved," said the governor yesterday afternoon, "but after the explanation you received from Mr. Fenton I can readily see the efficacy of it. It will be much easier to secure subscribers when actual work is being done than beforehand. We are not going to sell out. We are going to operate our system just as quickly as we can get it in operation, and we propose to give the Bell people a hard rub before we get them. We hope to operate our system all over the state. It is our intention to secure, if we can, franchises in Ogden, Logan, Park City and the other larger towns and cities of the state. We appreciate the fact that there is an undercurrent working against us, but if the public will hide its time and not judge too quickly, it will see the time, and not far distant, when we will be operating, not only in Salt Lake City, but throughout the state. You can deny point blank for me the story that we contemplate selling out at this or any other time."

TOASTMASTER ABSENT

But In Spite of That Fact, the Christmas Dinner at City Hall Was Enjoyed.

MESSAGE TO MARCONI.

Gloucester, N. S., Dec. 25.—The following message by wireless telegraph has been received from the king of Italy by Marconi in reply to the latter's trans-Atlantic Marconigram:

"I learn with the greatest pleasure of the great results you have achieved. They constitute a fresh triumph for you to the greater glory of Italian science."
"VICTOR EMMANUELO."

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The Christmas dinner at the city hall yesterday was marred by the absence of the toastmaster, Colonel Eph Kelly, and "Duckfoot" Webber. Although both of these worthies were supposed to take an important part in the festivities, they forgot their duty as spreaders of Christmas cheer, and because of this were unable to appear. Shortly before the dinner hour the city omnibus was called to Commercial street, where the driver, was shocked and mortified to find Eph Kelly, toastmaster, stretched on the pavement without a sign of life. On investigating he found that the pride of Sol Kimball's hotel had celebrated during his brief moments of freedom, not wisely, but too well, and that he would be unable to sit at table, let alone eat. Colonel Kelly was taken back to the place which he had left Wednesday and was then and there cast into a place of darkness, where reposed "Duckfoot" Webber, also a victim of too much Christmas.

BETTER SERVICE PROMISED.

New York Street Railways "Get a Move On."

New York, Dec. 25.—While the surface street railways have remained somewhat in the dark, the officials of the "L" roads in Manhattan and Brooklyn came forward with unusual haste in reply to Mayor Low's recent letter regarding the overcrowding of cars, to say that there would be, with little delay, a big improvement in their general service. The Brooklyn Rapid Transit company sent a formal notice to Mayor Low that soon there would be an increase of 240 additional cars, most of them on the "L" system.

HOLIDAY RATES

Half Fare Via R. O. W. Railway. Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1 we will sell to all points in Utah at one fare for the round trip. Final limit Jan. 3. Tenth So. Skating Rink. Tel 1507 X. Big 4 Adv. Co., Tel. 1501 E. Signs, all sorts. 64 W. 3rd South.

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