

## GAP TO EUREKA TO BE CLOSED IN QUICK TIME

Railroad Officials Give Practical Assurance That Line Will Be Built

Definite Answer to Be Handed Humboldt County Committee This Month

Conferences held in this city during the last two days between citizens of Humboldt county and officials of the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific railroads have resulted in the practical assurance that the Northwestern Pacific will be extended without delay from Willits to Eureka. A new and vast region, as rich as any in the state, will thus be opened up and brought into close communication with San Francisco. The proposed line will be 110 miles in length, and will cost approximately \$8,000,000.

The Northwestern Pacific is owned in equal shares by the Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific, and it lies, therefore, with the officials of these two lines to pass upon the extension. Promise has been given to a special committee of citizens from Eureka that a definite decision will be reached by August 31. The matter has reached the point, however, where this is interpreted as a definite determination to build.

The committee from Eureka is composed of H. L. Ricks, a former mayor, who is chairman; L. F. Pater, F. W. Georgeson, the well known banker, and E. H. Brooks. A meeting was held Friday with President A. H. Payson and General Manager W. S. Palmer of the Northwestern Pacific and E. E. Calvin, general manager of the Southern Pacific. Another and more important meeting was held yesterday morning at which Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation of the Southern Pacific and one of E. H. Harriman's most trusted lieutenants, was present.

The matter was thoroughly discussed with Kruttschnitt, after which the Harriman official said that he would have a close study made of the situation in Humboldt during the next 10 days. From this inspection a report will be prepared for him which he will look over upon his return in 10 days from Mexico. Kruttschnitt and President Payson will then go to Chicago to consult with President E. P. Ripley of the Santa Fe. These preliminaries will be completed August 31, when a definite announcement will be made.

The delegation from Eureka had prepared a summary of possible earnings for the new line. It showed an estimate of \$2,200,000 a year, of which \$750,000 was ascribed to the passenger traffic. Kruttschnitt thought this estimate too large and the committee suggested that even if cut down \$500,000 it would still warrant the construction of the line.

## PULLMAN COMPANY IS ACCUSED OF MAKING FALSE RETURNS TO STATE

State Board of Equalization Produces Secret Report to Confusion of Its Attorney

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

SACRAMENTO, July 31.—Somewhat of a sensation was sprung at today's meeting of the state board of equalization when a wide discrepancy was noted between the report of the Pullman car company as to the number of its cars within the state for assessment purposes and the secret report of the equalizers.

The Pullman company reported that it had an average of 92 standard sleepers and 42 tourist sleepers in California last year. Upon this basis an assessment was asked. The statement of the state board of equalization for the same period showed 142 standard sleepers and 79 tourist sleepers. These figures were obtained by taking the reports of the regular railroad companies.

Attorney T. C. Coogan for the car company was astounded at the report and could give no explanation except that duplications were responsible for the increase. He was told that the various railroad companies of the state counted their cars at the same hour every day, making duplication improbable.

Last year the respective reports differed nearly 50 per cent. Coogan and members of the board had a lively discussion over assessment matters and

in the majority of instances the attorney declined to answer the questions asked him. Chairman Brown pointed out two inconsistencies in the Pullman company's attitude toward the board.

One had reference to the denial of the board's jurisdiction over suits now pending. Brown contended that Coogan's appearance even with a partial report was tantamount to acceptance of jurisdiction.

The other point of issue was the matter of assessment. Brown pointing out that Coogan wrote a brief advocating an assessment based on the stock valuation of the company's earnings instead of the physical valuation of the property. Brown admitted that it would make hardly any difference, but Coogan contended that in making the estimate the board had used the entire stock of the Pullman company as a basis, whereas it should have segregated the stock in relation to the manufacturing and transportation departments.

Brown explained that the board was trying to assess the company equitably, but in the absence of data from it the task was a hopeless one. State Controller Nye has a suit pending in San Francisco now to recover \$28,526 for 1908 taxes due the state from the Pullman car company.

### MISTLETOE GROVE HOLDS INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

After Ceremony Druids Make Merry at Banquet

Mistletoe grove No. 172, United Ancient Order of Druids, held an installation of officers at Hamlin hall Friday night. After the installation those present adjourned to the banquet hall, where a dinner was served. Toasts interspersed with music by a local orchestra occupied the rest of the evening.

George A. Burton acted as master of ceremonies, Charles Gay and Thomas C. Gray sang, R. C. Ulmer gave a recitation and Messrs. Albrecht, Koss and Keller gave imitations of Turkish guards.

The new officers are: Noble arch, John A. Halpin; vice arch, George A. Burton; secretary, E. M. Levy; recorder, G. C. Sparre; treasurer, Charles Gay; conductor, Fred Stich; trustees, R. C. Ulmer, T. C. Gray and A. Bloom.

### MAYOR RECEIVES WORD PRESIDENT CAN'T COME

Senator Perkins Wires News to City's Executive

Mayor Taylor made public yesterday the following official confirmation of the report that President Taft could not attend the Portola festival:

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Mayor Edward R. Taylor, San Francisco; Senator Flint and I personally presented your invitation to the president to be the guest of San Francisco at the coming Portola festival during the week

of October 19. The president desires me to convey to you and those in charge of the celebration his special appreciation and thanks for your kind invitation. He regrets exceedingly that his engagements and itinerary will not permit of its acceptance.

GEORGE C. PERKINS.

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## JAPANESE CITY IS REDUCED TO ASHES

Thousands of Buildings, Including Famous Temples, Are Destroyed

OSAKA, Japan, August 1.—At 6 o'clock this morning the terrible conflagration which has reduced to ashes a large portion of this city was under control. Up to that hour 13,000 buildings had been destroyed. An area four miles square was swept by the flames.

OSAKA, Japan, July 31.—A fire which threatens to destroy this city started at 4 o'clock this morning, and in spite of the most energetic efforts to check it, it is still burning. The firemen, who have been fighting all day, are completely exhausted and troops have been called out to assist in the fire fighting and to preserve order in the city.

Everything is dry on account of the drought that has been prevailing for the last two weeks and the water supply is falling. The fire is being fanned

by a strong breeze, and thousands of buildings, including the world famous Buddhist temples, have already been destroyed by the conflagration.

The exact amount of damage done by the flames cannot be estimated at the present time, but the total loss will be large. A number have been killed and seriously injured by the fire.

Osaka is one of the three "imperial cities" of Japan, and is one of the most important manufacturing and commercial cities of the empire. It shelters almost 750,000 people. The largest of the Buddhist temples, for which the city is famous among travelers, covers an enormous area. The chief public building of Osaka is the palace built of stone in 1853.

### Flood Drains Throughs

TOKYO, July 31.—News has been received here of a terrible flood in the province of Changchun, Manchuria. In the city of Kirin, situated at the head of steam navigation on the river Sungari, 225 miles from Mukden, 1,000 people have been drowned and 7,000 houses submerged. The water is still rising.

The sensitiveness of photographic films is said to be increased by a preliminary exposure, too brief to produce a latent image.

The diamonds produced by the recently discovered field in German Southwest Africa are of the first quality, but low in weight.

## CUPID SHIES AT NEW STATE LAW

Spokane Couples Cross Border to Avoid Medical Certificates

SPOKANE, July 31.—Only 78 marriage licenses were issued in Spokane county this month. In July, 1908, there were 136 licenses, and 172 in July, 1907.

The new state law requiring applicants to furnish medical certificates is held to be the sole cause of the decrease.

Dozens of Spokane brides and grooms crossed the state-boundary this month and were married in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

OVERHAUL OLD CRUISERS—Vallejo, July 31.—Preparations are being made by the navy yard authorities to put into commission the cruisers Cincinnati and Raleigh, which have been lying in the local channel for the last two years. The vessels will be brought up to the very latest type.

## War on Stock Gambling Millions Lost

It is generally recognized that the people of this country lose millions of dollars annually in stock gambling, where there is no stability in value. Such men as Roosevelt and Hughes have done much to abate the evil in order to protect the public. Buy real estate, own it outright and it becomes either an investment or a home for you. Buy in a section that must naturally progress and you will at least become well to do. Witness the fortunes that have been made in the outskirts of all large cities, also right here in our own San Francisco.

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