

JOINS THE GREAT NORTHERN

General Manager Holdrege Talks of Burlington Extension from Billings.

EVERYTHING IS READY FOR BUILDING

Press Dispatches Assert that Work on New Line is to Begin at Once and Rapidly Pushed to Completion.

"I have received no word as yet," said General Manager Holdrege of the Burlington, "relative to the immediate building of our connection with the Great Northern at Great Falls, Mont., and so do not know that this is intended."

"This course was first surveyed several years ago, but two months ago we put engineers again in the field to go over it again and re-locate the line to the best advantage. That was done in order that everything might be in readiness the moment any determination to build was reached."

"The route as proposed will run northwest from Billings, the end of our line now, to Great Falls, a distance of about 175 miles as we go. This will give us two connections for the coast, one which we already have at Billings with the Northern Pacific, and another with the Great Northern at Great Falls."

"This road, if built, will undoubtedly bring the Burlington considerable additional passenger traffic and will also mean a big freight business, chiefly in lumber east and in general merchandise west."

Associated Press dispatches persist that work is to begin on this connection on January 5, next Monday. It is said that the intention is to rush the work and complete the whole thing by the end of the year 1902. For this purpose it is said to be the plan to start the grading not only from Billings, but from several intermediate points at the same time, from probably Morino and Stanford, and then when everything is done up to the latter point to transfer all three gangs to the Great Falls end, where the most difficult work lies.

New Names for Stations.

Changes in nomenclature of stations have just been effected along the new line of the Union Pacific in Wyoming. In all cases the new names established have been such as bear some special significance to either the character of the country, its history or traditions of the locality.

Most of these changes are between Cheyenne and Laramie. Some are new stations, other old stations with their names changed. Zabala, sixteen miles out of Cheyenne, is the first new one. The name signifies "gravel beds," which abound there. Next is Green, a Greek word for pure air. Running on to The Sliding, this name has been changed to Hermosa, meaning a solitary spot. The Sliding Junction is also changed to Hermosa Junction.

Next come three new stations. Colores, the first, derives its name from the similar Latin word meaning a display of colors, a mirage effect, which is noticeable at that point. The second station is Satanka, a Sioux Indian word meaning big herd or buffalo bull and referring to the herds of buffalo which formerly frequented the vicinity. The third is Forelio, a German word for trout, which fish throng the streams near there.

Passing on through Laramie the next station beyond is a new one—Bona—the Latin adjective for good, referring in a general way to the beautiful country. Next is a station there. There are 200 miles of road to be traversed before the next change is found, away beyond Granger. Spring Valley is a new station, the name of which refers to the oil oases there. Next to it comes Aspen, which was so named from the quaking aspens in the gulches roundabout. This name has now been changed, however, to Altamont, signifying a high mountain, the derivation being Latin. Last is Knight, which was until a short time ago called Hilliard.

Railway Notes and Personalities.

F. A. Nash and wife have gone to Chicago. Frank Marsh, chief engineer of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, is very ill with pneumonia.

T. M. Shoemaker, assistant traffic manager of the Oregon Short Line and formerly general agent for the Union Pacific at San Francisco, is in the city.

General Manager Dickinson, Superintendent of Motive Power Higgins and General Auditor Young of the Union Pacific railroad have gone west over their line to Wyoming.

The advertising department of the Burlington railway has received a request from a Nebraska teacher for a copy of a book of teachers' biographies. The Burlington makes a specialty of a little selected library, but the publication suggested is not in its catalogue.

General Manager Bidwell of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad is in South Omaha today visiting the sites of construction of a new track connecting with the Union Pacific freight yard. The illness of Chief Engineer Marsh has delayed the completion of the circuit through Iowa of several weeks. He reports a great demand for and inquiry concerning Nebraska lands. Recently those in Boyd county to be made more accessible by the new Elkhorn & Missouri Valley also says that the prospects for a big tourist business to the Black Hills next year are very flattering.

FIGHTS FOR STREET OPENING

Israel Glick of Columbus Has Legal Tussle with Union Pacific Company.

Israel Glick has a house on the south side of the Union Pacific tracks in Columbus, Neb., and he wants a street opened across the tracks and made a thoroughfare from the north to the south of the town. The railroad company intends to build a freight house there on ground through which the street would have to pass and is opposing the desires of the patriarchal real estate man.

The company is seeking an injunction from Judge Munger in federal court restraining the council from opening the street, but the attorney for the defense wants the hearing in their own country, and the court continued the cause to give them time in which to prepare an amended answer.

It is the railroad that has instituted the proceedings but it is hinted that the Columbus councilmen are not strenuously opposed and that the heavy fighting devices on Glick, who came to court with an attorney and a grim determination to do or die.

This suit is a tardy incident of the long competition between the north side and the south side of Columbus. The south side is the older portion, but is said to have lost business prestige when the north side got the banks, the opera house and the newspaper office. At the point where Mr. Glick wants the street opened the switch tracks of the Union Pacific are most numerous and it might even be necessary to build a viaduct.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION MEETS

Governor Savage Acknowledges Receipt of Recommendation for Police Board Members.

At the meeting of the Central Labor Union last night a letter from Governor Savage was received acknowledging the receipt of the recommendations for appointments to places on the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

An appeal for funds was received from the Cigar Makers union of Montreal. An invitation to attend a lecture by Walter Thomas Mills, under the auspices of the Economic League, was received and read.

The resignation of James E. Ryan, vice president of the union, was received and accepted. L. V. Guye resigned the position of chairman of the law committee. Both men were defeated by the Barbers' union as delegates. A motion to make Mr. Guye an honorary member of the union was lost.

The board of directors of the Labor Temple association announced the leasing of the building at Fifteenth and Dodge streets and the secretary of the board was notified that the union would be ready to move as soon as the new hall is ready.

C. E. Schmidt, delegate of the Central Labor union to the meeting of the American Federation, submitted a statement of his expenses and salary, amounting to \$144.25, on which \$85 had been advanced by the union. The treasurer was ordered to pay the balance due. The delegate made a report of the proceedings of the convention, which consumed the larger part of the time devoted to the meeting. A vote of thanks was tendered the delegate.

Credentialed were received as follows: Pressmen, Charles Jensen, Fred Kuhn, E. Carmello; Bartenders, J. W. O'Connell, Charles Reinhardt, Theodore Ericson; Carpenters, J. J. Kerrigan, Fred Schuble, C. A. Robinson; Waiters, Fred Bauman, Ed Selsky, C. H. Meredith; Hodcarriers, Scott Jackson, H. Orosco, J. H. Saunders; Brewery Workers, Fred Sutter, George Ehlers, Jerry Green; Painters, W. H. Bell, J. Hawley, M. L. Andrews; Sheet Metal Workers, C. W. Adair; Leather Workers, Ben Mayfield, G. A. Pope, W. B. Arrindale; Machinists, James Davis, James P. Slater, George N. Lamb; Brick Makers, W. S. Holman, William Gelsman, N. C. Peterson; Horseshoers, W. W. Willis, O. S. Watson, Mert Wilkinson; Iron Molders, Christ Backus, Richard Brown, Daniel Ryan; Typographical, John Pollan, C. Vaughan, K. E. Swank; Plumbers, H. W. McVay, Peter Green, W. O. Shrum; Cooks' Helpers, John Hathaway, William Anderson, and George Pierson.

UNION VETERAN UNION'S NIGHT

Officers Installed with Public Ceremony Before a Large Attendance.

Newly elected officers of the First Nebraska Union Veterans' Union and officers of the Women's Union Veterans' Union were installed last night at the Redmen's hall. A large number were present to witness the ceremonies. The officers of the former were as follows: Colonel Thomas L. Hull; lieutenant colonel, J. W. Berger; major, S. I. Gordon; captain, George Elliott; quartermaster, W. G. Templeton; adjutant, J. W. Thompson; surgeon, A. K. Rhodes; officer of the day, E. Johnson; sentinel, A. Schneiderwind; picket, Risdon. The installation was in charge of H. H. Driesbach, with Henry Horan as officer of the day.

Mrs. Ada Walker and Mrs. Angeline Whitmarsh installed the officers of the Women's union. The officers were: President, Mrs. Sarah Driesbach; senior vice president, Mrs. E. J. Clark; junior vice president, Mrs. Stephens; treasurer, Mrs. Anna Askwith; secretary, Mrs. Anna Sayre; conductor, Mrs. Ethel Hall; inside guard, Mrs. Susan Sheeler; outer guard, Mrs. Webb; pianist, Mrs. Maud Heim. After the installation a social session was held.

OFFICERS OF OIL COMPANY

Election Held Yesterday Afternoon and Matters Arranged for Working.

Officers for the Omaha Petroleum, Gas and Coal company were elected Friday afternoon as follows: Irving F. Baxter, president; William Sturgis, vice president; Harry Nott, treasurer; George T. Hall, secretary and general manager. All are of Omaha except Mr. Sturgis, who is an oil expert with headquarters in both Cheyenne and New York City. To hold the election the directors met in the company's offices, 611-12 Paxton block, and after the transaction of the principal business they discussed further details of the plan to bore for oil in the 7,000 acres of land which the company has secured in Douglas and Sarpy counties.

CHRISTIAN CONVENTION RALLY

Members of Executive Council Are Coming to Address Omaha People.

At a meeting of the Christian missionary convention committee and a committee of the Auditorium company held yesterday afternoon it was decided to hold a convention rally, probably at the First Christian church, on the evening of January 9, at which time H. O. Breeden of Des Moines and B. F. Smith of Cincinnati, with other members of the executive council of the convention, will be in the city for the purpose of learning of the work being done in Omaha. The committee in charge of the rally will invite as speakers General C. F. Manderson, Mayor Moores and others.

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Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following: Name and Residence. Age. Emma Friedrich, same, 21; John Poular, Colfax county, Nebraska, 25; Emma Friedrich, same, 21; Henry Jari, Manilla, Ia., 24; Lillie M. Sanders, Marquette, Kan., 18; William Rudat, Marquette, Kan., 31; Mary Rudat, Omaha, 18; Richard Clark, Omaha, 25; Annie B. Yates, Omaha, 22; Martin M. Tucker, Omaha, 25; Emma M. Phillips, Omaha, 25.

For Stealing Barber Tools.

A. J. Fleming was arrested last night by Detective Drummy, charged with stealing a grip belonging to P. E. Duplin. Both men are barbers. According to Duplin he met Fleming and during their conversation told him that he had left his tools at a restaurant on Douglas street. Some hours later Fleming called at the restaurant and secured the grip and tools. Fleming was locked up.

Hold Ups on Trial.

Helen Johnson, colored, charged with picking the pockets of J. T. Graham, a Wyoming stockman, of Thursday morning, was arraigned in police court yesterday afternoon at a term of the district court in the sum of \$500. The hearing of Jacob Lipp, charged with attempting to hold up Senator Stocker, was postponed for one week.

IN THE FIELD OF ELECTRICITY

Features of the Telephone Business in Small Western Towns.

GENERAL GROWTH AND CAPITAL INVESTED

Chinatown Exchange the Wonder of San Francisco—Complicated Electrical Devices for Small Homes.

The independent telephone movement is becoming extensive in several western states, notably in Kansas and Missouri. Until 1897 the Bell company had the field to itself, but restricted its operations to large cities. Then began an era of local telephone systems for small towns. The commonest form was for enterprising young men to organize a company in their home town and secure subscribers by personal solicitation. They rented telephones at from \$1 to \$1.25 a month and were successful.

The return of prosperous times assisted them greatly. The growth has been such that there are now in Kansas alone 150 central stations with from one to four operators each.

The towns that formerly had fifty subscribers to the old system now have from 250 to 400 to the new. By the extension of the line among the residence districts the telephone has become a necessity to business houses and those who are in touch with the life of the towns.

Along with the systems in the towns has gone on the long distance toll line building until there are 750 toll stations connected with the independent telephone systems in the larger places. The commonest form is a central office in the county seat and toll lines to the small towns. Frequently every town in the county, as well as several county milk and postoffice stations, is reached.

On a usual run there are 200,722, 189, 455,225, 190, 372,311, bringing the total installations of that company up to 1,952,412 at the beginning of the present calendar year. The figures showing the growth of the system in 1901 are not yet available in the company's official report, but are from other sources.

Growth of Telephone Business.

The report of the American Telephone and Telegraph company gives some interesting figures showing the annual growth in telephone service in the United States. Up to the close of 1891 the number of instruments installed was 512,407. Since that time the annual increase has been as follows: 1892, 40,313; 1893, 13,771; 1894, 16,015; 1895, 92,470; 1896, 97,651; 1897, 146,484; 1898, 205,722; 1899, 455,225; 1900, 372,311. The total installations of that company up to 1,952,412 at the beginning of the present calendar year. The figures showing the growth of the system in 1901 are not yet available in the company's official report, but are from other sources.

Less than twenty-five years ago the invention of the telephone was made known to the world. About a year later the first exchange was established in the United States, which was also the first in the world. Twenty years ago there were 47,800 telephone subscribers in the country and 29,714 miles of wire for telephone purposes. At the end of last year there were 800,880 telephone exchange connections, equipped with the American company's instruments and 1,951,801 miles of wire in use for exchange and toll line service.

Of the magnitude of the telephone business at the end of the current year we have the following figures on the good authority of the Electrical Review:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Capital Telephone Company, \$20,000,000; Bell, \$20,000,000; Western Union, \$15,000,000; Independent, \$10,000,000; Farmers' Union, \$5,000,000; Communicating systems, etc. (ind.), \$40,000,000. Totals, \$140,000,000; 2,278,717.

The best data obtainable as to the growth of independent companies, not controlled by the American companies, are those of the exchanges above 2,311 cities and towns and serve, as shown above, 708,717 subscribers.

This independent development represents an investment of probably not far from \$150,000,000. Besides independent companies operating exchanges, there are nearly 60,000 exchanges in charge of persons who do not need connection with a central station, as the service is private, as between mills and offices.

The largest extension of the independent telephone business is in the state of Ohio, which has 225 exchanges and 15,626 independent telephones. In order, Indiana and Pennsylvania come next, having, respectively, 192 and 158 exchanges and 68,069 and 64,804 telephone connections.

Home Luxuries.

So many electrical appliances for saving trouble are incorporated in the planning of the modern luxurious city house that a certain amount of the proposed wiring is required to operate them and it is rather doubtful at times whether anybody but the special engineer retained to keep them in order gets much good out of them. Everyone knows of the complicated telephone systems, and an exchange in the basement and a branch in every room, the thousand varieties of lights, the system of freight and passenger elevators and the innumerable bells for incomprehensible purposes with which every fine house is provided. Every now and then, however, a new appliance appears and is immediately installed in all the houses that have room left for it. One of the latest is an arrangement for hanging dresses in a closet. Each dress is hung on a flat frame, which is suspended from an arm projecting from the side of the closet. Ten or twelve dresses are hung up in this way and the mechanism of the supporting arm is connected with a series of buttons on the other side of the room. There is a button for every frame and arm and outside the door is a large knob which, when inserted a description of the dress. Press the button and out swings the desired garment. When the mechanical servant arrives there will be one less household problem.

Wireless Torpedo Steering.

Commander Richardson Cloy, naval attaché of the United States embassy at London, who has just arrived in this country, while in London was demonstrating to the inventor of the working model Gardner system of steering torpedoes on the surface of the water by means of the wireless transmission of electricity from a shore apparatus. Whether the system will be a success or not is to be determined by the inventor of the working model. He added, however, that the model worked exactly as the inventor claimed it would. "The invention is on the same plan as the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy," said Commander Cloy, "and has to be applied on the surface of the water. The torpedo, according to the inventor's idea, is to run along the surface of the water, and has a mast, two or three feet long, projecting upward from it. A wire, which is connected with the motor and steering apparatus, runs to the top of the mast and receives the electricity from the transmitter on the shore through the air. In the transmitter there is a ball governor like those on steam engines, which has two small round weights attached to it. According to the rate at which the governor revolves the weight swing outward, and the inventor claims that he can control the machinery in the torpedo by the distance that the small weights swing out. For instance, if

WEIGHTS SWING OUTWARD, AND THE INVENTOR THE MOTOR WILL START.

By making the governor revolve quicker and causing the weights to swing further outward the motor will start. Another change in the governor will move the rudder from side to side, and still another change will cause the torpedo to explode. The advantages claimed by the inventor for this invention are absolute control of the torpedo at all times, and especially that part of the invention which controls the movements of the torpedo when it is standing still."

Chinese Telephone Exchange.

The new Chinese Telephone exchange in San Francisco is open and ready for business after months of preparation. The exchange differs from all others in that city, or in the world, in that it is gorgeous with Oriental beauty and a marvel of luxurious good taste and splendor. The telephone company has made it a place in which to entertain the show places in Chinatown, reports the San Francisco Chronicle. It has spared no expense to obtain this result, and Chief Engineer Cantin, under whose direction the work was done, feels justly proud of the results of his labors.

The new exchange is in the three-story building at 743 Washington street. The first floor is occupied by a store, which has been refitted and decorated by its owners to be in accord with the remainder of the building. The entrance to the exchange is a long flight of narrow stairs, at the head of which is a gaily decorated sign in Chinese letters announcing the presence of the telephone, which, strangely enough, is one of the most popular of the American inventions among the Chinese.

On entering the exchange one is met by a smiling and bowing functionary, whose sole duty it is to make visitors welcome. Close by the door is a richly carved teakwood table, on which are kept tobacco and cigarettes and a neat tea bowl, which, a silk-covered tray, which is always kept filled with tea of good quality. Tea and tobacco are always served to visitors, a complement of hospitality without which no Chinese business transaction is complete.

At the extreme end of the room, on an altar of considerable size and great richness, a richness of gold and silver and red lacquer, rests a joss whose special duty is to guard and care for the interests of those who send speech over the wires. To many of the Chinese the telephone is a holy, a certain degree, its qualities of the supernatural, and the presence of a joss is not a luxury, but a prime necessity.

Before going into the telephone room itself a brief inspection of the rooms in the rear of the reception room is not without interest. In the extreme end is a kitchen, an equally diminutive dining room, and likewise a bedroom, in which are four small bunks. This is where Loo Kum Shu, the manager of the exchange, lives, with his assistants. They are always ready and anxious to receive visitors, and never closed from year's end to year's end.

The front room, in which is placed the switchboard, is the most attractive feature of the place. It is gaily decorated with ferns hanging from the ceiling, in which electric lights have been placed, making a contrast of modernity and antiquity. The walls are hung with banners. Along one side of the room is a row of teakwood chairs with cushions of silk, black and red, and in the center are the Chinese quarter. The switchboard itself is exactly like those in the other exchanges in the city, except that the Chinese characters are used in answer to the same as "Hello" in answer to a pleasant tone, cheerful and good humored.

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MAJORITY AT SOUTH OMAHA

Mayor Kelly Signs Ordinance Creating Library Board.

WILL LET WOMEN NAME THREE TICKETS

Has Selected Four Who Are to Make Up Lists of Men They Would Prefer on the Board.

At noon yesterday Mayor Kelly attached his signature to the ordinance creating a library board and during the day the document was sent to the printers. After its publication for six times the act will become a law and the board may be appointed. This delay in the signing of the ordinance will preclude the possibility of Mayor Kelly making any appointments at the next meeting of the city council.

On account of the discussion raised by the report that Mayor Kelly would appoint five women on the board the mayor has decided to let the matter rest with the four women he has already named. These women will select five men and present the names to the mayor. At a meeting held Thursday afternoon it was decided best for the women to make but a one, two, three list. This will probably be done in the first list the names of five men whom the women want will be given, the second list will, of course, contain the second choice and the last list the third choice. This is done for the reason that some of the members of the council will not take kindly to the selection of the women managers. In the selection of members the wards will be represented as nearly as possible. At least one member will be chosen from each of the six wards, the remaining three to be selected at large. Should the appointments for some months. This ordinance is certainly a "trek," but still it can scarcely be worse than some others ground out by certain local attorneys.

Yesterday afternoon Mayor Kelly attached his signature to the bill poster ordinance, which has been hanging fire for some months. This ordinance is certainly a "trek," but still it can scarcely be worse than some others ground out by certain local attorneys.

In the first place the office of city bill poster is created, the incumbent to hold office for two years from the date of appointment, or until the expiration of the term of the appointive power. The bill poster is to supervise the posting of all showbills, posters, window hangers, etc., placed on signboards, public places, vacant buildings and on walls.

The ordinance declares it unlawful for anyone other than the recognized city bill poster to place signs, bills and so forth, no penalty is provided. Further, the bill poster is to serve without compensation from the city, but is permitted to charge the usual fee for whatever that is as compensation for his services. Section 5 of this ordinance provides that the provisions shall in no way affect South Omaha business men, fraternal lodges, local associations or residents.

Mayor Kelly is being censured on all sides for having put the city to the expense of printing such an ordinance, especially when there does not seem to be any possibility of its being enforced.

On Monday night next the city council will receive bids for an issue of \$1,500 district improvement bonds. These bonds will bear date of January 1, 1902, will draw 6 per cent interest, and will run ten years. As the investment is considered a good one it is expected that several bond buyers will be present. The bidding will be done in open session and the bonds will be sold to the highest bidder. No bids less than par will be considered, and consequently the bidding will be on the premium.

Advancing Vaccination. On Monday next the public schools will open again