

ROAD BUILDING SHOWS DECREASE CALIFORNIA LEADS IN LINES CONSTRUCTED

San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake the Longest System Built During Last Year

Railway building in the United States for 1904 shows a falling off of about 25 percent compared with 1903 when 5,786 miles of new road were completed.

In a discussion of the past year's railway building the Railway Age says: that there should be a decrease in construction work during 1904 is a foregone conclusion owing to the general business situation.

New Work Projected There is a large amount of new work projected, it adds, "much of which is still awaiting financing."

In number of miles of railroad lines built, California ranks ninth with a total of 201 miles. Missouri leads with 372 miles of new line, and Texas is second with 312 miles.

California Leads The following tabulation prepared by the Railway Age, shows in what portion of the country there has been the greatest activity:

Table with 3 columns: Group, Number of lines, Miles. Rows include New England, Middle States, Central, South Atlantic, Gulf and Mississippi, Southwestern, Northwestern, Pacific states.

commenting upon the intentions of the Pennsylvania railroad and the Gould interests in the east the same publication says: "With the exception of the 60-mile link (of which 10 miles were completed) to connect the Western Maryland and the West Virginia Central & Pittsburgh, and the completion of the Pittsburg Carnegie & Western into Pittsburg, no work has been done during the past year on the various roads necessary to complete the Atlantic seaboard line of the Wabash system, and there are no indications that work is to be resumed soon on these lines.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Miles, Year, Miles. Rows show data for 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895.

BANKER INDICTED FOR FRAUD

Posted Books to Mislead Examiners and Misapplied Funds

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 31.—C. E. Billingsley, president of the Capitol National bank, which failed here last June, with nearly a million dollars on deposit, was indicted on seven counts by the federal grand jury, which has been considering the bank cases for the past seventeen days.

The grand jury states that the failure of the bank was due to bad loans, and that entries were made in the books of the bank with the intention of misleading the examiner as to the true condition of the bank.

Dr. W. T. Phelan, San Francisco SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Dr. W. T. Phelan, an ex-army surgeon and head of an order known as the "Hermetic Brotherhood of Atlantis, Luor and Elephantia," is dead. He was a native of England 70 years of age.

Rates to San Joaquin Valley The Southern Pacific will have on sale every Tuesday, until further notice, round trip tickets to various points in the San Joaquin valley.

HOW LOS ANGELES IS TO BE SUPPLIED WITH SALT WATER

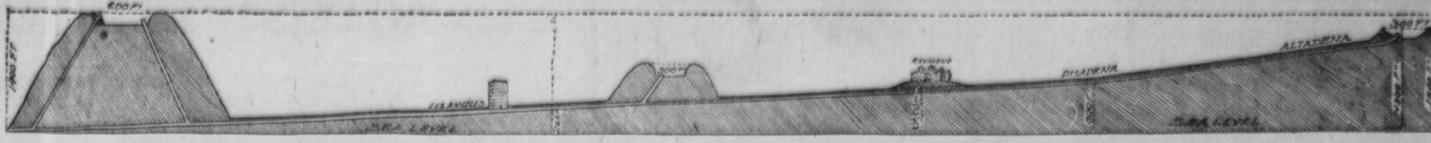


DIAGRAM OF ENGINEER'S PLANS FOR SUPPLYING LOS ANGELES WITH SEA WATER. THE RESERVOIR AT THE LEFT, 1400 FEET HIGH, WOULD, ACCORDING TO THE ENGINEER, ENABLE A DANGEROUS FIRE TO BE QUENCHED ALMOST INSTANTLY

SALT WATER FOR FIRE PROTECTION

ENGINEER WOULD SUPPLY ALL LOS ANGELES

Believes That Brine Can Be Piped From the Pacific for Use in Flushing Streets and Fighting Fire

By means of a series of salt water reservoirs situated 400 feet above the business district and with an emergency pressure from a reservoir 1400 feet above sea level, A. Kinney, an engineer, would do away with the possibility of a disastrous fire in the city of Los Angeles.

Kinney asserts that by his method Los Angeles would be furnished with a fire protection, not to mention a sanitary system more thorough than that of any other city in the world.

Prepared Plans Kinney has prepared plans and specifications for the installation of his salt water system for fire, sanitary and power purposes, and with everything in working order Angelinos with salt water might be able to accomplish everything but cook their food with it.

Uses of Salt Water "Salt water can be used in the parks, lakes and for sanitary purposes," said Kinney, throwing up his hands and growing enthusiastic as he discussed the scheme yesterday.

In his salt water dream of Los Angeles Kinney sees free public baths maintained at a nominal expense, swimming tanks for the public school children and an increase in the city water supply so that the farmers about Los Angeles can irrigate their crops with the water which he says rightly belongs to their lands.

Kinney figures that salt water would furnish 75 per cent of all water used in Los Angeles and vicinity, so that the present supply of fresh water and what may hereafter be developed in the Los Angeles river and its tributaries may supply a city of 1,000,000 inhabitants.

HELD BY BOTH JUSTICES

George Edelman Faces Two Serious Accusations

George Edelman, who was recently brought from San Francisco on a charge of forgery, was arraigned in Justice Chambers' court yesterday morning on a charge of having passed a forged check in Los Angeles.

The man was a teamster in Pasadena, and is charged with having committed the offense August 20. Following the alleged passage of the forged checks, Edelman went to San Francisco, but was brought back several days ago.

Edelman was held on the charge of forgery on \$1500 bail, and was then taken across the hall between the two court rooms to Justice Austin's court, where he was tried on a forgery charge and held to the superior court on \$1000 bail.

The checks are said to have been made out for \$20 and \$6 respectively.

HUNDREDS ENLIST FOR REGULAR ARMY SERVICE

Number Enrolled at Recruiting Station Shows Large Increase Over That of 1903

Since January 1, 1904, the government has been enlisting men for the regular army at the recruiting station at Los Angeles at the rate of more than one a day. The total number for the year amounted to 396.

February showed the largest number of enlistments with a total of fifty-four men having successfully passed the examination, and in September the lowest number, with an enlistment of eighteen men.

WOMAN FRENZIED BY LOSS OF BABE

RAVES WHEN SHE LEARNS HER CHILD IS GONE

Mother Seeks Aid of the Police in Finding Her Little One and the Man Whom She Implicates

Crazed with grief and sobbing as though her heart would break, a young woman, neatly dressed, appeared at the police station yesterday morning and told Desk Sergeant Dixon that her husband had taken her baby girl from her.

She was immediately sent to Captain Aulsebrook and a few moments later left his office and started west on First street. As she neared her home on Olive street her grief became greater, and at times she fairly staggered as she called aloud upon heaven to help her in her misery.

A number of business men and early shoppers followed the hysterical woman to her home at 121 North Olive street, and she dashed up the steps and entered the house. A small crowd collected, and the cries of "Rose, Rose, oh, I want my baby!" startled the neighborhood.

The woman was said to be Mrs. May Cameron, an employe in the pastry room at the Natick hotel. Yesterday morning, according to the story of the neighbors, a tall man, wearing a heavy rain coat, went to the woman's room, and after entering the house returned in a few minutes with the child in his arms.

A short time afterward Mrs. Cameron was called up at her work and told that her husband had taken the child with him. She immediately dropped her work and went to her home in a frenzy of despair, and, learning that the little girl had been taken away, hurried to the police station for aid.

After leaving her home the woman started east on First street, crying and sobbing as she went, finally reaching the Sterling lodging house, where another outburst of weeping attracted a large number of persons to the house.

It is said that the couple have been separated for some time and that a suit for divorce is being prepared.

INCORPORATIONS

Live Hardware company. Directors: Harry E. Thomas, George W. Lawyer, John E. Thomas, Edgar N. Thomas and John E. Carson of South Pasadena. Capital stock \$10,000, paid in \$5000.

Novelty Theater company of Los Angeles. Directors: Theodore Rothschild, Samuel Lovelich, P. T. Bennett, Leo Newman, San Francisco; Alexander Kaiser of Stockton. Capital stock \$20,000, paid in \$5.

Pacific Railways Amusement company. Directors: J. J. Jenkins, J. McMillan, George E. Pillsbury, C. F. Brady, Henry P. Barbour, Robert Marsh and Frank Strong of Los Angeles. Capital stock \$100,000, paid in \$700.

Speer Gas Machine Manufacturing company. Directors: L. M. Anderson, S. C. Leppelman, J. T. Kiggins, S. C. Leppelman and L. M. Anderson of Los Angeles; A. L. Ellis of St. Louis, Mo., and W. W. Taylor of Taylorville, Ill. Capital stock \$100,000, all paid in.

W. B. Peck company. Directors: William B. Peck, Ella W. Peck and John H. Carr of Alhambra, William S. Still of Los Angeles and Edward Groenedyke of Pasadena. Capital stock \$50,000, paid in \$5000.

CITY HALL NOTES

Oil Report Oil Inspector Blackmar filed his December report with the city clerk yesterday. The report shows that 5151 barrels of oil were delivered for use on the streets during the month.

City's Cash City Treasurer Workman made a report to the council yesterday concerning the funds in his keeping. There is \$2,260,000 in the sub-treasury and \$73,507.50 in the city hall vault. The total cash balance at the close of business yesterday was \$2,333,507.52.

Vault in Danger The attention of the council was called yesterday to the condition of the vault in the office of the city clerk. It was said that a number of wires carrying electricity for lighting are so exposed that there is great danger of a fire being generated in the vault.

May Reconsider Residents of Banning street and vicinity interviewed members of the council yesterday with reference to securing the reconsideration of the vote whereby the privilege of constructing a spur track along Banning street was granted to the Santa Fe railroad at the last meeting of the council.

Teams Discharged Councilman McAleer introduced a resolution in the council yesterday providing for the discharge of thirty of the teams now used in sprinkling the streets. The teams are owned by Charles Stansbury. The resolution was adopted.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

APOLLO CLUB

After a fortnight's rest the members of the Apollo club will reassemble at headquarters in Temple auditorium annex on Monday evening and inaugurate the spring season with an old-fashioned jollification.

The formal opening of the Hotel Pepper in the Westlake district, which under the new management is to be conducted as a family hotel and for tourists, has been set for January 5.

WOMAN AS GENERAL AGENT

Los Angeles Girl Shows Business Ability

Miss Antoinette Cajal, daughter of A. V. Cajal of Avenue Thirty-seven, East Los Angeles, and a popular Los Angeles girl, is the first to fill the position of special agent of the woman's western department of a New York life insurance company for California, Arizona and Nevada.

Miss Cajal, though but eighteen years of age, shows marked business ability as is attested by the position to which she has been assigned, being the first woman to fill the position with the company. She is a talented young woman, speaking fluently, English, French and Spanish. She will make her headquarters in Los Angeles.

PROMINENT LAWYER DIES

Thomas W. Hart of St. Joseph, Mo., Passes Away

Thomas W. Hart of St. Joseph, Mo., one of the best-known criminal lawyers of Missouri, died yesterday in Los Angeles.

Hart came to this city some time ago, hoping the climate would benefit his health. He was 29 years old and leaves relatives in St. Joseph.

The remains probably will be taken to Missouri for burial.

AIM, NOT INTENTION, WAS BAD

Negro Thinks Fellow African Tried to Kill Him

Fred Andrews, alias George Williams, a negro who was sent to the county jail from Newhall last evening on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, protests that he had no intention of filling the body of Albert Bynum, also a negro, with lead, when he fired the contents of the two barrels of a shotgun at him on Friday.

Albert Bynum, on the contrary, is positive he would have been in the hands of the coroner if Andrews' aim had not been bad.

The negroes quarreled and Andrews soon afterward borrowed a shotgun on the pretense that he wanted to hunt birds. When Bynum walked out of his shack Andrews discharged his firearm but Bynum ran away unhurt to

ATTORNEY JAMES CHARGES LIBEL

Editor Accused of Injuring the Good Name of Plaintiff to Prevent His Appointment as Commissioner

A fifty thousand dollar suit for libel was filed yesterday in the superior court by Attorney Frank James against the Evening Express and Samuel T. Clover.

In his complaint James sets forth the fact that for more than eighteen years past he has been engaged in the practice of law, and that as an attorney he is a man of good name and credit.

OPENING OF HOTEL PEPPER

Big Establishment Will Receive Guests During Entire Year

The formal opening of the Hotel Pepper in the Westlake district, which under the new management is to be conducted as a family hotel and for tourists, has been set for January 5.

The informal dedication took place last March on the completion of the building by the Barr Realty company, and the intention was to keep the hotel open only during the tourist season, but under the new management the house will be open throughout the year.

At the Pan American exposition held at Buffalo one of the exhibits was the furnishings of a hotel, as near perfection as human ingenuity could make them. At the completion of the Pepper the owners of the exhibit made a proposition to the hotel management for the purchase of the furnishings which was accepted.

The hotel will be open for inspection of visitors until after the opening on January 5.

POLICE TAKE TWO SUSPECTS

Two men suspected of being implicated in recent robberies were arrested by Patrolmen Mack and Craig last evening in a house on Center street.

With the prisoners were taken bunches of skeleton keys and other paraphernalia, which leads the police to believe the men have been engaged in criminal pursuits.

DR. H. L. HAMILTON, CHICO

CHICO, Cal., Dec. 31.—Dr. Harry L. Hamilton, a prominent young physician of this city, is dead from spinal meningitis. He was a graduate of the California Medical college.

STRANGER THAN FICTION

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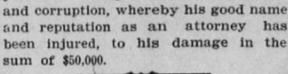
This success has been secured entirely upon its merits as a digestive pure and simple because there can be no stomach trouble if the food is promptly digested.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets act entirely on the food eaten, digesting it completely, so that it can be assimilated into blood, nerve and tissue. They cure dyspepsia, water brash, sour stomach, gas and bloating after meals, because they furnish the digestive power which weak stomachs lack and unless that lack is supplied it is useless to attempt to cure by the use of "tonics," "pills" and cathartics which have absolutely no digestive power.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets can be found at all drug stores and the regular use of one or two of them after meals will demonstrate their merit better than any other argument.

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