

RAILROAD FIGHT
FOR SUPREMACYWestern and Southern Equally
Divide Midland Securities.

D. & R. G. TO BUILD TO OGDEN

It Falls in Getting Control of the
Rio Grande Western—Cautious Moves.

The formation of the strongest alliance of railroads in the West will be followed by a battle of the giants. A premature announcement in New York of the card up the Rio Grande's sleeve has already caused the common and preferred stock of the Rio Grande to advance in London and New York. It will be a year before the short line to the Midland tracks from South Platte station on the Colorado & Southern is completed, and in that time, many matters, it may be of sensational import, will occur.

The Colorado Midland will be operated by the Colorado & Southern and the road, with the Rio Grande Western, will jointly own it. As two competing lines in the State of Colorado cannot consolidate, the Midland will be operated as a separate company, on the same principle as the Fort Worth & Denver City, which although a portion of the Colorado & Southern system, must be maintained in Texas as a separate corporation. Mr. Trumbull is president of both roads and it is said, will be president of the Midland.

The financiers who have engineered the deal have made an equal division of Midland securities, it is reported, and the Colorado & Southern taking half and the Rio Grande Western Construction company the other half. The Cripple Creek Short line will be pushed forward as a broad gauge line at once, and a third rail will be laid on the present narrow gauge South Park line from Denver to South Platte. The work will be easy to Platte Canyon station. For ten miles from Platte Canyon station to South Platte the road is built out from the side of the canyon, the track being walled up from the river. Chief Engineer Cowan has been over the line and the work of extending the grade by another wall of rock will be pushed through this summer—with the Midland connection a broad gauge line, from Denver to Ogdén, 100 miles shorter than any now in use. This will reduce the running time between the two points over two hours. Through service from Chicago and the Gulf will be started on its completion, and the western road making the best arrangements will be given the preference.

Owning a portion of the Colorado Midland, the Rio Grande Western will naturally throw the bulk, if not all, of its business to the Colorado & Southern, thus depriving the Denver & Rio Grande of a great percentage of its present business. It is no secret that General William Palmer, president of the Rio Grande Western, and D. C. Dodge, general manager, are not in brotherly accord with the Rio Grande management, and the Rio Grande was put into a receivership by the Western eighteen years ago. The courts had to be resorted to before the Rio Grande relinquished its hold on the Western.

It was reported in New York that the Rio Grande would consolidate with a connecting line. Instead of this, however, it is now believed the Rio Grande interests are after the Western and aiming to control it. If it cannot be bought, the Rio Grande will build its own line into Ogdén.

THE "PIN" LINE.

President Lewis Hall Tells of His Plans for the Road.

President Lewis Hall, of the Pacific & Idaho Northern, in recounting his plans with reference to his road, says that the line will be extended from Cambridge to Council at once. The distance is about twenty miles. The company will also build the branch into the Seven Devils mining district with out delay. There has been one route surveyed through Price valley, but the engineers are now in the field making a line on Hornet creek. It is hoped to find a feasible route that will be much shorter than the other. The plan is to push this branch through forthwith, and the main line will be extended to the Meadows at the earliest possible date.

The portion of the road now in operation, about forty miles, is doing very well, and has demonstrated that the line will pay. The line can be operated at comparatively small cost, as there is down grade for the heavy traffic, it being estimated that the road could be run on 40 per cent of the gross revenue while the average is 60 per cent on other lines. The country is rich and will produce very large tonnage. The copper mines are exceptional and they will make a heavy production when more fully developed.

"I am alone in the enterprise," continued Mr. Hall, "but I tell my friends that, if I were to pass away, it would make no difference with the road; it would go ahead, for the business is there for it and it would be pushed on. The country is rich in resources that make railway traffic and those resources are going to be developed."

Mr. Hall said the wealth of Idaho was only beginning to be understood.

Night of Way Granted.

Washington, March 29.—In the House today, a bill was passed granting to the Minnesota & Manitoba Railroad company right of way across the ceded portion of the Chippewa and Red Lake Indian reservation.

Santa Fe Official Dead.

C. K. Holliday, one of the directors and founders of the Santa Fe railway, died noon Thursday at Topeka, Kas., aged 76.

Abandon Third Avenue Investigation. The New York grand jury has abandoned its investigation into the alleged wrecking of the Third Avenue railroad company.

This fact was announced today by Assistant District Attorney Unger, who said he had advised that body to discontinue the inquiry because there is nothing to show the violation of any criminal law. Expert accountants who were employed by Receiver Grant to look into the books of the company, testified before the grand jury they had found nothing irregular in the books.

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RELIEF SOCIETY CONFERENCE.

The general conference of the Relief society will be held in the Salt Lake Assembly hall in this city, on Thursday, April 5, commencing at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. It is desired that there should be a large attendance of the members, and that each Stake organization should be represented by its president, or some one authorized to act for her. A cordial invitation is extended to the Bishops and all brethren interested in the welfare of the society.

JANE S. RICHARDS, President.
BATHSHEVA W. SMITH, SARAH JANE CANNON, Counselors.
EMELINE B. WELLS, Secretary.

GROSS HEARING POSTPONED.

The case of the State vs. Mary Gross, accused of procuring, has been continued and the hearing will begin before Justice Timmony next Monday at 2 p. m.

She will be defended by Attorney J. M. Hamilton.

Dr. Sanford's Liver Invigorator.
The best Liver Medicine. A Vegetable Cure for Liver Ills, Biliousness, Indigestion, Constipation.

AMUSEMENTS.

At the theater tonight Hoyt's "A Contented Woman," with Belle Archer at the head of the company, begins a three night's engagement. Hoyt's plays are always liberally patronized in Salt Lake and the outlook is that "A Contented Woman" will be given the usual welcome.

The Grand closed its run of "Paul Jones" last night and this evening "The Bohemian Girl" will be the bill. It will be repeated Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Goddard deserves much commendation for the successful concert over which he presided in the Thirtieth ward hall last night. It was a gathering of the home talent, and the entertainment provided was of an unusually high character. The people were mostly drawn from the local opera company and a warm welcome was extended to Mr. Goddard himself, Miss Savage, Miss Fisher, Miss Barrow, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Pyper, Mr. Whitney, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Ayer, Miss Campbell, Miss Judith Anderson, Miss Grant, Mr. Sibley, Mr. Shepherd and Della Lyon. No encores were allowed and the entire affair was pushed in the professional style with which Mr. Goddard always handles his entertainments. A handsome sum was raised for the benefit of the Mutual Improvement association and Elder Thos. Naylor who is about to leave for Mexico.

The Herald reporter gave a very handsome send-off to Miss Babcock for her recitation and said she was warmly applauded; the only trouble was that she didn't appear, having been detained by illness.

George W. Gallacher, representing the "Devil's Auction," which comes to the Salt Lake theater next Wednesday night, is in the city arranging for his spectacular entertainment.

J. T. West, of the William West's Minstrels, is in the city and the bill boards will soon show that the great minstrel show is coming to town.

REALTY AND BUILDING.

A warranty deed has been filed for record conveying from William E. Hubbard to J. A. Pritch and E. B. Wicks, for \$22,000, 79 feet by 170 feet of ground facing south and west on Third South and Fifth West streets. The conveyance is made subject to a mortgage of \$5,000 in favor of Ray L. Davis, John Smith, the former owner of the land, deeded it to Mr. Hubbard for \$3,195.

E. S. Whitler, a close relative to the great poet, John G. Whittier, has purchased, through J. T. Whittier, G. R. Bothwell & Co., 49 1/2 feet of East street for \$3,500. The house is a two-story brick, with 24x14 1/2 feet of ground. Mr. Whittier is now a resident of Portland, but expects to move his family to Salt Lake shortly.

A release of mortgage was filed for record today by the Greenback company, whose property lies on the east side of East Temple street, fronting North on Second South street. The premises were pledged to the Provident Life and Trust company five years ago to secure a note for \$10,000.

Any Weak Person can gain strength on Grape-Nuts

A member of the Chicago Press Club, Mrs. F. M. Mack, 75 25th St., Chicago, says she has obtained so much benefit from Grape-Nuts food that she wishes to offer a voluntary testimonial: "Three months ago I had an illness which reduced me greatly, when I valued I wanted a great deal to eat, but nothing seemed to satisfy me."

"Very soon after a meal I felt that sense of emptiness, an aching void, it was, though by the Greenback company, who properly assimilated and I was properly nourished, which accounted for my lack of vitality and weak condition. I felt a great sense of satisfaction. I have now been using Grape-Nuts a week; have gained several pounds, the old gnawing has gone entirely. I retire and sleep well at night, whereas I used to awake in the night and was unable to sleep again until I had taken some sort of food."

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JUDGE TIMMONY'S COURT.

C. and G. Ballschweiler forfeited \$2 each for violating the bicycle ordinance.

James Farron, young man of decent appearance, but according to the police, has been leading a most depraved life, was tried today on the charge of vagrancy. Officers Johnson and Hemphel testified that Farron has been hanging around the streets and saloons with women of ill-repute for a month past. Farron told the court that he had made arrangements to go out of the country and intended to go on the 24th. The young man was slightly mixed in his dates for the reason that he was arrested on the 26th. Farron was sentenced to thirty days in the city jail.

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