

LOCAL OFFICES TO CONSOLIDATE

Another Big Railroad Merger Hits
Salt Lake August 1.

ROCK ISLAND AND FRISCO.

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Of—Cities Affected.

As a result of the recent visit here of H. H. Emory, general freight agent at Kansas City, and L. F. Kimball, assistant general freight agent of the Rock Island at Denver, and G. W. Martin, commercial agent for the Frisco at Denver, the offices of the two roads in this city will be consolidated Aug. 1 upon lines recently put into effect on the Gould and Harriman lines throughout the country.

J. E. Oglesby, the popular Rock Island veteran, will be in charge of the combined offices with the title of commercial agent.

James G. Doolittle, at present traveling freight and passenger agent for the Frisco system here, will in all probability be made contracting agent for the Rock Island and move his desk into the local offices of the company.

The merger of offices, it is understood, will be universal wherever practicable. Among those effected will be Salt Lake, Denver, San Francisco, Atlanta, Cincinnati, City of Mexico, Louisville, New York and Pittsburgh.

It is stated that all the officials involved in the consolidation, with but few exceptions, will be taken care of.

The move has been anticipated for some time by the local Rock Island and Frisco men, in fact, ever since the news came of the consolidation of the two big systems. The Frisco agency has been simply maintained here for freight purposes. Now that Mr. Doolittle is to be added to the Rock Island forces the line up will be a strong one.

In Denver, it is understood, G. W. Martin, will take a similar position with the Rock Island under Mr. Kimball.

HARRIMAN'S NEXT MOVE.

May Build a Cut-off to Portland—
Surveyors Working.

In connection with the San Pedro deal it is stated in New York that E. H. Harriman will on his return from Europe turn his attention toward the development of the northwest coast traffic producing territory. In this connection, two months ago President Mohr of the Oregon Navigation company went west to lay before Harriman a plan for building a line east of the Des Chutes river into central Oregon. The route was to follow the lines of the Columbia and Southern. From Biggs southward as far as the Columbia and Southern extends, and continue to the south and east to form a connection with the main line again at or near Boise City. Such a line would form an alternative route to the coast for Union Pacific traffic, and would at the same time open up a territory rich in lumber and grain resources.

Since that time surveys have been in the field, both on this line and north-east of Boise, toward the Butte extension. The latter survey is through difficult territory, at its eastern end, but through a good grain belt toward the west.

If both these plans were carried out it would entail an addition of something like 60 miles to the road, or about 100 miles more to the mileage sold to Clark. The line would shorten by some 200 miles the route via Harriman lines from Montana to Portland, and by about 100 miles the distance from Salt Lake City to the same port. It would bring Harriman into a better position to compete for the northwestern traffic with the northern lines, and feed his oriental fleets. Last year the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company succeeded in chartering a permit of operation of Pacific ships.

It is understood the surveys mentioned are tentative, and that upon the reports of the crews depends the question whether the second trunk line will traverse Idaho and Oregon in the interests of Harriman and Portland, Ore. The sale of a portion of the Utah division appears to be a step in centralizing the Harriman efforts toward the north.

RATES TO THE WEST.

Number of Cheap Excursions to be inaugurated to Coast.

Chicago, July 17.—James Charlton, chairman of the transcontinental passenger association, announces reduced rates on the basis of one fare for the round trip for the American Pacific association, San Francisco, Oct. 25 to 28; to the triennial convocation, Knights Templars, San Francisco, Sept. 1 to 5; to the National Livestock association, Portland, Ore., Jan. 12 to 15; to the Transmississippi Commercial congress, Seattle, Aug. 16 to 21.

SPIKE AND RAIL.

The Federated Trades will go up to Park City on Sunday on a special leave here at 9 o'clock. It is anticipated that the Rio Grande will haul a big excursion.

W. L. Fox, superintendent of the Chicago Northwestern stock yards at La Fox, Ill., is in the city today.

The Salt Lake Route has received from the hands of the printer a very neat pocket time card embracing its Utah lines.

H. S. Johnson, formerly dispatcher on the Rio Grande Western and now doing a trick for the Santa Fe at Los Angeles, is in Salt Lake shaking hands with old friends.

Vice President J. Ross Clark of the Salt Lake Route, accompanied by General Manager H. E. Wells and Assistant Chief Engineer H. M. McCartney, inspected the Leamington cut-off this morning.

A. E. Margrett, stenographer at the local Milwaukee office, has accepted a similar position with the Salt Lake Route. On Monday he will go over to the Clark road as stenographer to Chief Clerk Monroe of the traffic department.

A. H. Parsons has been appointed a clerk in the claim department of the Salt Lake Route.

An engine of the San Pedro on a material train from Rockford, jumped a frog at the corner of Fifth West and South Temple last evening. The engine narrowly missed two telephone poles. This accident blocked the Salt Lake line temporarily so that passengers had to leave the train at the corner of the city, starting a wild rumor that a Salt Lake train loaded with passengers had been wrecked.

ON THE FOURTH.

The annual outing of the Relief society of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion

Quality price—Schilling's
Best—don't waste your money
trying to make it go further.
Your grocer's; moneyback.

to Salt Lake will take place on August 4, 1903, and not on Aug. 1, as previously published in the "News."

The officers and members of the ward societies will please take notice of the correction, and arrange for a general gathering at the beach on August fourth, when a fine program will be rendered. The public are invited.

KENNETH C. KERR RESIGNS.

After 11 years of continuous service on the editorial staff of the Salt Lake Tribune, Kenneth C. Kerr will sever his connection with that paper tomorrow.

Mr. Kerr, who has been with the Tribune since 1892, has been identified with the railroad, society and music columns in a very successful manner.

STEAK ELDERS IN CONFERENCES.

The Elders living in the Davis stake held a very important conference in the stake meetinghouse at Farmington, on the 14th inst.

President, Hovis and counselors were present and imparted valuable instructions regarding the keeping of their records and taking minutes when leaving the stake.

A liberal turnout of Elders was evident and a good time generally was had.

CHARGED WITH INCORRIGIBILITY.

Mr. Minerva A. Parratt of 523 west Sixth street, appeared before the county attorney this morning and swore to a complaint charging him with incorrigibility.

The boy has become unmanageable and has taken part in some petty larcenies recently.

CONNORS CAPTURED.

Jack Connors, who escaped from the county jail yesterday, was captured in Ogden this afternoon by an Ogden detective.

COUNTIES BEING HEARD.

Object Strongly to Contemplated Increase in Assessment Rate.

The state board of equalization published a notice not long ago deciding on a raise in assessment in Cache, Davis, Morgan, Tooele, Wasatch, Sanpete, Grand, Garfield, Summit, Uintah, Weber and Piute counties.

It was argued that as there had been no increase in assessment for some years, and as these counties had enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity, it was only fair for them to bear a proportionate increase in taxation for the general good.

However, the counties object, and hearings are now on the objecting counties being heard through their commissioners.

The Weber county commissioners protest against the raise of 15 per cent on real estate, and the board reduced the increase to 12 1/2 per cent. The Davis county commissioners are on tomorrow, and Utah county comes on tomorrow.

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Bryan's Bail Reduced.

Judge Lewis, upon motion of Dist. Atty. Elephor, today reduced the bail of W. J. Bryan to \$100.

Bryan was arrested on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon upon a man named McDonald. His bail was fixed at \$200 by the county magistrate, but it was today reduced to \$100 as stated above. Bryan furnished bail and was released today.

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RIGHT OF COUNTY TO TAX CHARITY

Question Involved in Suit Filed in Court Today.

A RELIEF SOCIETY CASE.

In Which Fifteenth Ward Organization Claims Exemption on Property Bringing in Monthly Rental.

The right of the county to levy and collect a tax on property owned by a charitable and religious organization and used for such purposes, even though part of the property is producing an income from rentals and not used exclusively by such organization, is involved in a suit filed in the district court today by Jeannette E. Griggs, Elizabeth Ashton and Annie E. Griggs, trustees of the Fifteenth ward Relief society, against Edwin S. Hallock.

The property involved is a part of lot 1, block 79, plat A. There are two two-story buildings on the property, the second stories of which are used by the society for meeting and work rooms. The first floors are store-rooms and a rental of \$25 per month is received from them. The statute provides that the property of religious and charitable organizations used exclusively for those purposes is exempt from taxation. The fact that the store-rooms of the society's buildings were being rented and an income was received from them accounts for the tax being levied against the property.

The contention of the society is that the income received is distributed for charitable purposes and the society is not benefited thereby, hence it is claimed that the property should not be taxed. The property was sold to defendant herein at tax sale for the taxes of 1901 and 1902. Plaintiffs ask that the sales be set aside and decreed to be null and void.

FOUR DIVORCES.

The Rogers, Browns, Johnsons and Arnolds Legally Separated.

Judge Hall today severed the bonds of matrimony which bound three unhappy couples. Albert H. Rogers was granted a divorce from Lucy Rogers on the ground of cruelty. They were married in Salt Lake in February, 1902.

In April of this year defendant drove her husband from their home and refused to allow him to return.

Harriet Brown secured a divorce from James S. Brown on the ground of failure to provide. They were married in Provo on June 27, 1898. Plaintiff's maiden name, Harriet Folland, is restored to her.

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