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ANNUAL MEETING.

The sixth annual meeting of the American Association of Railway Surgeons will be held in Chicago, October 20, 21 and 22, 1909.

THE ST. PAUL HOSPITAL SYSTEM.

The Pacific Coast extension of the St. Paul road, or the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound Railway, has organized a hospital system to care for the employes during the building of the road as well as later. The by-laws of this organization will be found elsewhere in this month's issue.

In addition to the chief surgeon, Dr. A. I. Bouffleur, of Chicago, the affairs of the association will be under the direction of division surgeons, as follows:

Dr. F. Epplen, Miles City, Mont.
Dr. H. G. Willard, Three Forks, Mont.
Dr. J. J. Buckley, Missoula, Mont.
Dr. W. E. Stewart, St. Joe, Idaho.
Dr. H. E. Allen, Seattle, Wash.

Arrangements have been made for accommodations for patients in 12 hospitals located at convenient points along the line.

In addition the Hospital Association has just completed the Idaho Hospital at St. Joe, Idaho, which will accommodate 40 patients. This hospital is the property of the association.

A departure has been made in the basis of contributions. In addition to the amounts contributed by the Railway Company all the employes contribute 1 per cent of their monthly earnings, with a minimum of 50 cents, and a maximum of \$2.00. All the officers and employes are contributors to the fund.

The line at present is completed as far as Butte, Mont., while local trains are operated on most of the line from Seattle to Butte. It is expected that the whole line will be open for passenger traffic by July 1st of this year.

With the completion of this line, another transcontinental route will be established, and from reports this one will be not only the shortest, straightest and most level—but the most scenic line to the Pacific coast.