

Construction News

Construction News Notes are classified under each heading alphabetically by States. An asterisk (*) indicates a project not previously reported.

Recent Incorporation

Independence & Sugar Creek Railway, Independence, Mo.—A charter has been secured by the Independence & Sugar Creek Railway to construct a line from Independence to Sugar Creek. The company has a nominal capital of \$2,000. The line will be built and operated by the Kansas City (Mo.) Railways, but will be financed temporarily by property owners along the route. Officers of the Kansas City Railways are officers of the new company. [June 29, '18.]

Franchises

Santa Rosa, Cal.—The Petaluma & Santa Rosa Electric Railway has asked the Board of Supervisors for a new fifty-year franchise for Sonoma County. The old franchise has twenty years to run. Similar applications for franchises have been presented in the cities and towns through which the railroad passes. The Board of Supervisors directed notice of sale of the franchise next month.

East St. Louis, Ill.—The East St. Louis, Columbia & Waterloo Railway has asked the City Council of East St. Louis for a twenty-year franchise. The present ten-year franchise expires on Jan. 1, 1919. The company uses the tracks of the East St. Louis & Suburban Railway.

Springfield, Ill.—The Central Illinois Public Service Company has filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Illinois for a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct and operate a 16,000-volt electric transmission line from Milford, Iroquois County, through Iroquois, Kankakee and Vermilion Counties to Hoopes-ton.

Camden, N. J.—The Board of Commissioners of Camden has passed an ordinance authorizing the Public Service Railway to install new poles and equipment for its line on Adeline Street, from Liberty Street to Cass Street.

Fort William, Ont.—The Mount McKay & Kakabeka Falls Railway has applied to the City Commission of Fort William for permission to operate over the city lines of the Fort William Electric Railway to the vicinity of the market.

Track and Roadway

Decatur, Ala.—A communication from H. L. Merrill, president of the Decatur Booster's Club, states that nothing definite has been done regarding the construction of an electric railway from Decatur to Florence, Sheffield and Tuscumbia, as it would be almost impossible to construct the line owing to the high cost of material and war conditions generally.

Calgary (Alta.) Municipal Railway.—Plans are being considered by the City Council of Calgary for straightening and shortening the Ogden line of the Calgary Municipal Railway.

Municipal Railways of San Francisco, San Francisco, Cal.—The Board of Supervisors recently adopted the plan of City Engineer O'Shaughnessy to operate the municipal cars over the tracks of the United Railroads through the district west of Twin Peaks Tunnel. The arrangement provides joint privileges by the payment to the United Railroads of \$100,000, without surrendering any rights. Under the new plan city cars will run over the Ocean Avenue tracks from the junction of Sloat Boulevard and Corbett Road to Harold Avenue. The city agrees also to reconstruct the Taraval Avenue line from Twentieth Avenue to Thirty-third Avenue. City Engineer O'Shaughnessy explained that by joint operation with the United Railroads the city would save at least \$150,000 over the plan of building its own tracks.

San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railways, Oakland, Cal.—Work has been begun by the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railways on the construction of a spur track to the site of the Union Construction Company's new shipbuilding plant. The spur will be 900 ft. long and will connect with track on the property of the company. A sidetrack about 1000 ft. long will be constructed alongside of the track on the line running out to the mole. Construction work has also been begun on a line on Chestnut Street to serve employees of the Moore shipbuilding plant.

Colorado Springs & Interurban Railway, Colorado Springs, Col.—An extension will be built by this company from its Broadmoor track to the Myron Stratton Home.

Columbus (Ga.) Railway.—The City Council of Columbus has asked the Columbus Railway to extend its Fifth and Sixth Street line to the Riverdale Cemetery, a distance of about ½ mile.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, Chicago, Ill.—The electrification of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul

Railroad between Othello, Seattle and Tacoma will proceed to completion under the government regime. The Director-General of Railroads has approved an expenditure of \$5,346,606 for this purpose during the current year and an additional expenditure of \$2,811,035 is contemplated for 1919. It is estimated the project will be completed by July 1, 1919.

***Mount Carroll, Ill.**—It is reported that a company has been organized to construct an electric line between Mount Carroll and Freeport, with a probable extension to Rock Island. R. H. Campbell is interested.

Des Moines (Ia.) City Railway.—Work has been begun by the Des Moines City Railway on the reconstruction of its tracks on West Locust Street from First to Sixth Avenue.

Tri-City Railway, Davenport, Ia.—Work is now under way by the Tri-City Railway on an extension in Bettendorf and it is expected that the line will be completed by next fall.

Winnipeg, (Man.) Electric Railway.—It is reported that this company will install a Y at the western terminus of its Logan Avenue West line on Kee-watin Street.

Detroit (Mich.) United Railway.—Operation has been begun on the new line of the Detroit United Railway on Ferry Park and Linwood Avenues to the Joy Road.

Public Service Railway, Newark, N. J.—In connection with the development of the new townsite at Gloucester City by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, plans are being made by the Public Service Railway for the construction of an extension to the new location.

Brooklyn (N. Y.) Rapid Transit Company.—Operation has been begun by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company on the Jamaica Avenue extension from Cedar Avenue, Richmond Hill, to Cliffside Avenue, Jamaica. The extension is double-track, with provision made for a center track to be constructed for the use of express trains at some future time. The line is operated by the New York Consolidated Railway, a subsidiary of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company.

Stark Electric Railroad, Alliance, Ohio.—It is reported that the Stark Electric Railroad is considering the extension of its electric railway service in Alliance.

Steubenville, East Liverpool & Beaver Valley Traction Company, East Liverpool, Ohio.—Plans are being prepared for the construction of a two-arch concrete bridge on Wells Avenue, to be built by the county, city of Wellsville and the Steubenville, East Liverpool & Beaver Valley Traction Company. The cost is estimated at about \$30,000.

Nipissing Central Railway, North Cobalt, Ont.—The Dominion Parliament has granted the Nipissing Central Railway an extension of time within which to construct a number of extensions on its branch lines.