

### New York.

A project is under consideration for the construction of an electric railway from Riverhead (L. I.) to Orient Point, a distance of 30 miles, the route passing through Riverhead, Aqueboque, Jamesport, Laurel, Mattituck, Cutchogue, Peconic, Southold, Greenport, East Marion and Orient. Edward B. Eaton and W. S. Davis of Hartford, Conn., are interested.

The Goodyear Lumber Co., 906 Ellicott Sq., Buffalo, N. Y., has made surveys for a railroad to extend to Newport and to be used for bringing out lumber.

The Public Service Commission for the First District has approved the plan of reorganization of the Pelham Park and City Island Railroad Companies as one company under the name of the Pelham Park & City Island Railway Co., Incor. It has also granted that company permission to issue its capital stock to the amount of \$117,000, for the acquisition of the property of the two old companies and reconstruction as a standard gauge trolley railroad. This road runs from Bartow, or City Island, station on the Harlem River branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R. to Belden's Point, City Island.

The Interborough Rapid Transit Co. of New York City has been ordered by the Public Service Commission for the First District to build a new station on the 9th Ave. elevated railroad at 99th St. and Columbus Ave., Manhattan, and to have the same completed and ready for operation by Dec. 1, 1913. At present there is no station between 93d St. and 104th St., a distance of 11 blocks.

### North Dakota.

Work is now being started for the completion of the Niobe North Line of the Great Northern Ry. A. Guthrie & Co., St. Paul, Minn., have the contract, and did the grading last season. The present contract covers the tracklaying and ballasting and construction of depots, section houses, etc. The line is to extend from Niobe north to make a connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry.

### Oklahoma.

Surveys are to be started shortly for the interurban line to be built to Nowata, Okla., by the Kansas-Oklahoma Traction Co. of Wert. D. H. Siggins, Coffeyville, Kan., is President.

Graders on the Mountain Valley & Plains R. R. in western Oklahoma have started work toward Guthrie, the eastern terminal, where connection will be made with the Santa Fe, Katy, Rock Island and Fort Smith & Western. The road was chartered in February, 1909, with \$500,000 capital stock. During that summer the company secured bonuses from various towns along the proposed line, Guthrie giving \$75,000, Taloga \$25,000, Dalhart, Tex., \$125,000 and other places in proportion. Other Texas towns on the proposed line are Higgins and Clarendon, and other Oklahoma towns are Arnett, Watonga and Kingfisher. H. S. Wannamaker of Amistad, N. Mex., is the head of the company.

Advices from Cheyenne state that active construction work has again commenced on the Cheyenne Short Line, which is being financed by Levy & Levy of Muskogee, Okla. The line was promoted by Cheyenne business men to build east from Cheyenne to a connection with the newly constructed Wichita Falls & Northwestern, which passes through the eastern part of Roger Mills county. Cheyenne is one of the old territorial county seats, but is still without railroad facilities.

### Oregon.

Good progress is being made with the construction work on the Oregon & Eastern R. R., west of Vale. One of the most difficult pieces of work on the line, the 2,500 ft. tunnel at Milepost 39 in the Malheur Canyon, will probably be completed next month, and track laid through it by July 1. The Utah Construction Co., Ogden, Utah, has the contract for 200

miles of the line east of Coos Bay on the west coast of Oregon to the east slope of the Cascade Mountains.

### Pennsylvania.

©Brocklehurst, Potter Co., Providence, R. I., who have the contract for constructing a railroad from Van Emaus to Marianna, Washington County, Pennsylvania, for the Chartier Southern Ry., as previously noted in these columns, has sublet the masonry work to the following: Fogle Bros., Toronto, O.; H. J. Zevely, Morgantown, W. Va.; W. J. Torrington & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; N. C. Hunter & Co., Washington, Pa. Sub-contract for tunnel work was let to Patton & Richardson, Newport News, Va. All sub-contracts have now been let. The general contract includes 1,500,000 cu. yds. earth and rock excavation, 1,300 lin. ft. earth and rock tunnel, 40 concrete bridges and 40,000 cu. yds. concrete masonry.

The Wayne County Ry. Co. of Honesdale, Pa., has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000 and proposes to construct a 15-mile electric railway. Martin B. Allen, Honesdale, Pa., is President.

©Irwin & Leighton, 126 N. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa., have been awarded the contract for extensive addition to the Arcade, Broad St. and South Penn, Philadelphia, for the Pennsylvania R. R. Co. at a price exceeding \$300,000.

The Chambersburg & Shippensburg Ry. Co. (electric) rejected all bids received May 12 for the graduation, track-laying and ballasting, masonry and culverts for extension from Red Bridge Park, Franklin Co., Pa., to Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., Pa., approximately 8.4 miles, and is doing the work by its own forces. J. G. Schaff, Chambersburg, Pa., is Secretary.

### Panama.

The Republic of Panama has entered into a contract with R. W. Hebard & Co., San Francisco, to make plans and surveys for proposed railroad lines in the interior. The contract calls for a thorough examination of the Province of Chiriqui, with a view of constructing a railroad from Pedregal, its chief port, to Boquete, the largest coffee-producing district on the isthmus, situated in the mountains, 35 miles inland. In addition, the Chiriqui surveys will include such other lines as it may be found advantageous to build. The other projects to be given attention are those in the provinces of Los Santos and Cocle. The work of the engineers will also include port works and a special investigation of available water-power sites. The engineers are to conclude their labors in six months from April 1 and submit a report to the president, with their recommendations as what lines it may have been found advisable to build, together with estimated construction cost, cost of operation and maintenance, what sources of revenue are available and what developments may be expected upon the termination of the projects.

### Tennessee.

©The James Alexander Construction Co., Memphis, Tenn., will probably sublet the pile driving in connection with its contract for the Central depot of the Illinois Central R. R. at Memphis, Tenn. Practically all the excavating and masonry work will be done by the general contractors. The contract includes 7,000 cu. yds. earth excavation, earth tunnels, concrete, masonry and 42,000 lin. ft. pine pile, 9 in. point, 14 in. butt.

The Silca Construction Co., Tracy City, Tenn., has the grading contract for a railroad from Cape Springs to Johns Ridge, a coal hill, 4 miles from Tracy City.

### Texas.

©Morey-Faulhaber Construction Co., St. Louis, Mo., has been awarded the contract for revising several grades between Temple and Cleburne, Tex., for the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Ry.

The State Railroad Commission has granted the Aransas Harbor Terminal Ry. Co. a two-

years extension of time in which to complete improvements on its principal survey on Harbor Island.

The Temple, Northwestern & Gulf R. R. Co., chartered recently with a capital stock of \$100,000, has been organized to take over the property of the Temple & Northwestern R. R. and complete the line to Gatesville. In addition it is proposed to build the line on to Dublin. The capital for construction is reported to be assured and it is stated that construction work will be started this month. James F. Sadler, Jr., Houston, Tex., and W. S. McGregor, Temple, Tex., are interested.

### Utah.

Hanson Bros. and Cowan & Loveless, Payson, Utah, have the contract for grading the Salt Lake & Utah Interurban R. R. from Lehi north to Jordan Narrows. The Utah Construction Co., Ogden, as previously noted, has the contract for construction work through the Narrows.

### Washington.

©It has been announced that the Great Northern Ry. Co. has let contracts for constructing snow sheds near Scenic, Wash., to include 8,900 ft. of timber sheds, 4,000 ft. combination sheds with concrete and rubble back wall with timber posts and roof and a 1,200 ft. double track tunnel. Contracts have been awarded to Grant Smith & Co., Henry Bldg., Seattle, for tunnels and all timber sheds, at about \$1,000,000, and for combination shed to Guthrie, McDougall & Co., Spokane, Wash., for about \$500,000.

Citizens of Tacoma, Wash., have voted in favor of the proposition that the city construct and equip an electric street railway in S. 11th St. Estimated cost is about \$87,000.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. has been investigating the possibilities of constructing a line from Neppel, the new Milwaukee townsite on Moses Lake in southeastern Douglas County, north through the rich grain country lying south of the Colville Indian reservation to Foster Creek, thence along the creek to Bridgeport on the Columbia River and west to Bellingham.

### West Virginia.

Stockholders of the Wheeling Traction Co., Geo. O. Nagle, General Manager, W. Va., have authorized a mortgage for \$10,000,000, part of this amount to be used for improvements. The improvements contemplated include extensions of the Barton division to St. Clairsville, the Bellaire division to Neffs, O., the enlargement of the company's power house and the building of sub-stations at Warwood and McMechen. A portion of the bonds will be used for the purpose of retiring outstanding bonds of the Wheeling Traction Co. and subsidiaries.

### Canada.

Bill has been approved by the Railway Committee of the House of Commons to incorporate a new western railway to be known as the Canadian Northwestern Ry. Co. The directors include Lord Howard De Walden, Lord Clinto and Lord Montague de Beaulieu, W. F. Morgan, Jr., of Paris and New York is another director; Frederick W. Baker and Harry E. Brittain of London, both described as directors of companies, are also named as directors. The capitalization of the company is \$15,000,000. As proposed, the road is to run from Winnipeg to Manitou, thence through southern Manitoba and Saskatchewan to Lethbridge. The road then strikes northeast to North Battleford, across to Prince Albert to Le Pas, thence south through Dauphin to Brandon, across again to Manitou and to Dominion City. The line proposed thence goes northwesterly to Glencross and Altona and back to Winnipeg.

City of Toronto, Ont., has retained R. A. Ross, Montreal, Que., J. W. Moyes, Toronto, and J. C. Forman, Toronto, to report on the value of the properties of the Toronto Ry. Co. and the Toronto Electric Light Co. with a view to their purchase by the city.