

RAILROADING IN THE SOUTH

Many New Undertakings During First Four Months of Year—Industrial Enterprises Are Announced.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Baltimore, May 7.—Interest of the South in new railroad undertakings is shown by the fact, noted in this week's issue of the Manufacturers' Record, that during the first four months of this year there have been organized in that section 76 new railway corporations, which propose to construct altogether 5,214 miles of line. Including Missouri and Oklahoma, the total number of new companies is 90 and their total projected length 7,330 miles. None of these figures includes street railways, although electric interurban lines have been taken account of, besides others which intend to use gasoline motive power. All are entirely new enterprises, none chartered or formed previous to the period under consideration, being enumerated. Among the Southern industrial and other developmental plans reported in this week's issue of the Manufacturers' Record are: Doe River Lighting & Power Co., Elizabethton, Tenn., awarded contract for construction of its 300 foot Watauga River dam to develop 3,000 horse power for transmission by electricity; distribution to be by Bristol (Tenn.) Gas & Electric Co., with which corporation the Doe River Company has a contract; total cost of plant about \$250,000. Asher Coal Mining Co., Wasboto, Ky., was incorporated with \$350,000

capital stock to develop 14,000 acres of coal land, one of the mines already equipped having a \$150,000 plant. Choctaw Coal Co., Wilburton, Okla., was organized with \$350,000 capital stock to develop 3,480 acres of coal land. Hutchinson Coal Co., Fairmont, W. Va., was incorporated with \$1,000,000 capital stock to acquire various coal properties and mining plants. West Virginia capitalists closed contracts at \$100,000 for 10,000 acres of coal land in Magoffin county, Ky., with a view of developing. Greasy Fork Coal & Timber Co., Louisville, Ky., was incorporated with \$250,000 capital stock to purchase and develop coal and timber lands in several Kentucky counties. Osage Manufacturing Co., Bessemer City, N. C., was reported as to expend \$75,000 for additional carding machinery, looms, electrical motors and other equipment. P. H. Hanes Knitting Co., Winston-Salem, N. C., engaged an engineer for proposed 10,000 spindle mill to furnish yarns for its knitting plant; cost of yarn mill, about \$250,000. Valley Reservoir & Canal Co., Chapin, Texas, awarded contract for construction of the first eight miles of canals for irrigating 100,000 acres of land in Hidalgo county. Gillespie Lumber Co., Jacksonville, Fla., was organized with \$50,000 capital stock. Oklahoma Gravel Co., Oklahoma City, was incorporated with \$50,000 capital stock. D. A. Carter and associates of Atlanta plan expending \$80,000 to build a cotton seed oil mill at Tifton, Ga. Frederick City Abattoir Co., Frederick, Md., was organized with \$50,000 capital stock. Reoss Lumber Co., Ocala, Fla., was incorporated with \$50,000 capital stock. Denver, Kingfisher & Gulf Railroad,

main offices at Kansas City, plans constructing \$100,000 shops at Oklahoma City. Pridden Manufacturing Co., Warrenton, N. C., was organized with \$50,000 capital stock to manufacture sash, doors, etc. Among the buildings contracted for were the following: \$18,000 hardware store at Palestine, Tex.; \$135,000 administration and dormitory buildings for country school at Roland Park, Md.; \$25,000 college building at Jacksonville, Fla.; \$18,000 school at Norfolk, Va.; \$85,000 office and store building at Atlanta, Ga.; 150-room fire-proof hotel at Seabreeze, Fla.; \$13,000 auditorium at Rock Hill, S. C.; \$20,000 business building at Lockhart, Tex.; \$89,000 court house at Altus, Okla.; \$30,000 store and office at Birmingham, Ala.; \$50,000 business building at Tulsa, Okla.; \$50,000 dormitory and gymnasium at Blackwell, Okla.; \$16,000 school at Cleveland, Okla.; \$25,000 theatre at Lake Charles, La.; and others. "MINER DOCTORS." First Aid to the Injured Crew in an Atlantic Region. New York, May 7.—The "miner doctors," officially known as the First Aid to the Injured Corps, have turned out a pronounced success in the anthracite region of northeast Pennsylvania. One after another all the large companies have adopted the system, and it has grown steadily in importance. The First Aid Corps is composed of young men who work in the mines. They are trained by a physician to give prompt treatment to fellow workers who are injured. Their skill has prevented much suffering, and in many cases have saved lives. The first organization of the kind was started at the Jermyn Colliery of the Delaware & Hudson Company. After that the Philadelphia & Reading,

the Lackawanna, the Lehigh Valley, the Pennsylvania Coal Company, the Hillside Coal & Iron Company, the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre, the Susquehanna, the Ontario & Western and other companies had first-aid corps and organized and trained. The company retains a physician to superintend its first-aid work. He becomes a teacher and drill master, putting the squad through their paces at stated times. He shows them how to put splints on broken limbs, induce artificial respiration, stop a flow of blood, dress burns, bandage wounds, and carry an injured miner gently along steep gangways. They are also taught where first-aid ends and a physician's work begins, so that they will not venture to administer drugs. Every now and then there are contests, for prizes, between the various first-aid corps of a company. Occasionally public exhibitions are held, where the men's families and friends may see them display their skill. These exhibitions cultivate a spirit of friendly rivalry and tend to keep up the standard of efficiency. GOOD ROADS AUTOS. Endurance Run in Virginia Thursday —35 to Take Part. Washington, May 3.—In the interest of good roads, the "Virginia endurance run" from Richmond to this city and back will begin early Thursday morning when about 35 automobiles will leave Richmond on the first leg of the trip. The run from Richmond will be through Louisiana and Orange, while on the return the party will go by way of Winchester, Harrisburg and Charlottesville. Three days will be required for the run. Sixteen cups have been offered as prizes for the run, which is under the auspices of the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

EXPERT INVESTIGATION (Continued from Page 9.) Galveston, and reported that the quick dispatch of business and harmony in operating the city government were remarkable, and among the most commendable features of the commission form. The charter itself would seem to indicate that there would be little "red tape," for it does away with the cumbersome and complexity found in most charters. Galveston has not introduced any of the newer features—the initiative, referendum and recall, which so many cities are now trying. It will take time to determine whether it is safe to concentrate so much power in the hands of a few without providing some of the features giving the people more direct control over their affairs. 11,000 MINERS RETURN. End of Strike in Indiana Coal Fields. Agreement. Terre Haute, Ind., May 3.—Eleven thousand Indiana bituminous coal miners will return to work tomorrow, thereby ending a strike which has been on in the Indiana coal fields for 33 days. Such was the temporary agreement reached tonight by a joint conference of miners and operators. The temporary agreement made tonight gives the miners a 5.55 per cent. advance. What Everybody Wants. Everybody desires good health which is impossible unless the kidneys are sound and healthy. Foley's Kidney Remedy should be taken at the first indication of any irregularity, and a serious illness may be averted. Robt. R. Bellamy.

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