

TO REDUCE BIG IOWA HILL

Murray Hill, on the Burlington Line, Will Be Graded This Year.

CONTRACTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS ARE LET

Reduction of Grade, Straightening and Shortening of Line and Double Tracking Twenty-Four Miles Will Cost \$2,000,000.

For the purpose of lowering the distance between Murray and Creston, Ia., by two miles and further to improve its road by double-tracking and grading a steep hill, the Burlington has appropriated \$2,000,000. Contracts for these improvements have been let and the work will be started this week.

The stretch of twenty-four miles between Murray and Creston is considered the most unsatisfactory piece of road on the entire system of the Burlington between Denver and Chicago. A traveler, unaided of his surroundings, peering through the window of a train passing through that particular section could easily imagine himself in the heart of the Allegheny mountains instead of the eastern portion of a prairie state.

CLOVER LEAF ROAD IS SOLD

Spirited Contest Occurs at Toledo to Acquire Possession of the Line.

TOLEDO, O., March 27.—The Clover Leaf railroad was sold here today for \$120,000 to Messrs. Hartshorn and Peyton, representing the bondholders' reorganization committee. Samuel Untermyer of New York bid \$120,000. He represented William C. Taylor, who, it is said, is at the head of a syndicate of New York bankers.

BRADBURY TO HEAD THE ROAD

Positive Statement at Chicago that He Will Be President of Kansas City Southern.

CHICAGO, March 27.—The Times-Herald tomorrow will say that Bradbury is to become the president of the Kansas City Southern railroad, formerly the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf, on May 1. Confirmation or denial could not be secured from Bradbury, as he is now on a trip through Colorado with members of the Philadelphia reorganization committee.

CREDITS PARTY RATE ABOLITION

Operation of This Increased Tariff Has Been Unsatisfactory.

The controversy that has arisen between the government and the western railroads relative to the payment of transportation of troops at party rates will likely result in the entire abolition of the rates in question," stated the general passenger agent of an Omaha road yesterday. "Party rates have been furnished by the railroads exclusively to the railroads to constitute the provide a rate of 2 1/2 cents per mile for a party of ten and 2 cents per mile for a party of twenty."

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