

**HAS EYE ON CENTRAL PACIFIC**

**Union Pacific Would Like to Own Road for Extension.**

**WOULD UTILIZE IDLE MONEY**

**Stockholders of Harriman System Ambitious to Put Surplus Funds Where They Will Earn Something.**

The Union Pacific has an eye on the Central Pacific, but whether it will ever be able to acquire this stretch of road, now the undisputed property of the Southern Pacific, is a mooted question. The Union Pacific wants the road in order that it may have a direct line from Omaha to the Pacific coast, and, moreover, wants it in order that the Harriman system may be extended from coast to coast.

Just how to get control and possession of the Central Pacific from Ogden to Benicia, Cal., is the question that is giving Union Pacific and its legal department and stockholders a lot of annoyance at the time. It could be done by purchase providing the Southern Pacific would let go of the property, but it is not inclined to do so. The Union Pacific has the money with which to buy if the road was on the market, for, besides the \$200,000,000 of surplus on hand, it has \$88,000,000 more saved up from the sale of Southern Pacific stock when the merger of the Union and Southern was ordered unmerged by the courts. All of this money is on hand and the Union Pacific does not know what to do with the vast sum. The road is in perfect condition and all of the equipment required for the operation of the road is in the best possible shape, so there is no place where the money can be put unless it is used in the construction of new lines, which is improbable, or by the purchasing of the line from Ogden west.

**Profit Sharing Road.**

That the Central Pacific is a good piece of railroad property is indicated by its report for the fiscal year ending June 30, last. That report shows that the gross earnings of the road were \$20,483,772, or a total net income of \$14,488,823.

The Central has a mileage of 2,104 and, while held under a ninety-nine-year lease from the Huntington, is practically owned by the Southern.

Legal representatives of the Union Pacific, not those of Omaha, but the big ones elsewhere, contend that when the time comes, if the Southern will not let go of the Central Pacific, there is another course that may be adopted. They intimate that a divestment, or unmerging of the two roads is not so remotely improbable, in which event, the Union Pacific would be at liberty to come in and make the purchase.

The Union Pacific attorneys say there is a precedent for the unmerging by the court and that the precedent is the decision of the supreme court which divorced the Union and Southern Pacific roads. A belief is current in high financial circles that the big surplus being accumulated by the Union Pacific is being held intact for the purpose of taking over the Central when the time comes.

**Their Mission.**  
A large crowd had gathered at the station to receive the famous statesman. The reporter indicated a group in the foreground. "They are personal friends gathered to see him about speaking here," he explained.  
"Is it necessary to use persuasion to induce him to speak?"  
"Not at all; they are going to try to prevent him."—Judge.

**Prize Baby and Her Ancestry**



Sitting, from left to right: Jacob C. March, 66; Genevieve G. Chapman, 39 months; W. T. March, 70. Standing: Harriet Frahm, 67; Gertrude Ellen Chapman, 28.

Little Miss Genevieve Chapman of Ceresco, although she is only 28 months old, is one of the most interesting young ladies in Nebraska, for she wears honors worthy to commend her to the notice of all societies interested in eugenics in the world. She is not only a great, great granddaughter, but she was a prize winner at the state fair baby show.

When Genevieve was born it was an event which overshadowed in importance to the family any other happening since Jacob C. March, now 66 years old, walked barefoot from Kentucky to Missouri, for she made that patriarch a great-great-grandfather and gave the family the distinction of having living representatives of five generations in direct line of descent.

Genevieve is the daughter of Mrs. Gertrude Ellen Chapman, who is 28 years old. Her grandmother is Mrs. Harriet Frahm, 47 years old, and her great-grandfather is W. T. March, 70 years old, son of Jacob C. March. She lives with her mother and her great-great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. March, at Ceresco.

Jacob C. March was born in Clark county, Kentucky, July 15, 1817. In the fall of 1839 his parents decided to make an attempt to improve their lowly fortunes and started with a camping outfit for Boone county, Missouri. They had only two horses, one of which the mother rode, while the other pulled the father and two smaller children in a buggy, so Jacob and his brother walked all the way.

As the result of the death of his father and the poverty of the family during his boyhood, Jacob C. March never learned to read and write until he was 28 years old, when he taught himself to do so. When he was 30 years of age he enlisted in the army following the call for soldiers to go to Florida to quell a rebellion of Seminole Indians. His company was commanded by Ulysses S. Grant, then captain, and the regiment was under orders of Colonel Gentry. His service in the army lasted six months. The



GENEVIEVE G. CHAPMAN.

vessel in which they embarked at New Orleans required twenty-one days to make the trip to Tampa, Fla.

On May 26, 1841, Mr. March was married to Harriet Kelly and to them were born eight children. He came to Nebraska in 1873 and settled near Ceresco. Since that time he has always lived either in Saunders or Lancaster county. He secured a pension twenty years ago through the assistance of The Omaha Bee. His wife died several years ago at the age of 90 years.

Genevieve Chapman was born March 18, 1911, and from the first gave evidence that she was an unusually strong child. Her growth was rapid and she had no serious illness. The only special attention that has been paid to her food has been care that she should eat little candy or foods containing much sugar. All she wants of plain food, which she selects herself from the table, has been the usual prescription for her diet.

Plenty of sunshine and fresh air and

frequent baths are other features of her mother's system which are believed to have assisted in giving the little girl such an excellent start in life so far as physical conditions are concerned. She has learned to enjoy a daily bath and is allowed to run out in the yard at will during nice weather.

**INVENTED BASE BALL MASK**

**Tribute to the Man Who Saved the Face of the Man Behind the Plate.**

Of all the Harvard men and base ball lovers the world over who mourned the loss last week of Frederick Winthrop Thayer of Cohasset, Harvard, '78, captain of the famous 'varsity' nines of 1878, 1877 and 1878, and inventor of the catcher's mask, none felt it more poignantly than General William A. Bancroft, president of the Boston elevated.

A chum and classmate of "Fred" Thayer in the days when he himself was known as "Foxy" Bancroft the news of his former comrade's death recalled many of the details of their life at Harvard. He was one of the first to learn of Thayer's invention of the mask—in fact, was one of those who was shown it before either player or "fan" ever dreamed of such an innovation.

"The days when Thayer entered Harvard base ball differed somewhat from the present. A pitcher had to throw underhanded and end his throw with arm stretched out. Then that changed and as a consequence the ball was thrown much more swiftly. Dr. Harold G. Ernst, a professor in the medical school, was pitcher on the 'varsity' nine, and James A. Tyng, the real estate dealer, was catcher. They made a wonderful battery.

"Thayer noticed that the more freedom given the pitcher the greater became the risk of the catcher. One day he let a few into the secret. He was going to make a mask. A few days before the Yale game of 1878 he came on the field with it. Save for the fact it was made more heavily it was much similar to the masks in use today.

"Thayer attached it to Jim Tyng's head, and from that moment the mask entered

base ball. At first the players, other than those in the 'varsity, and the spectators, were inclined to ridicule it, and it caused no end of comment when it was worn by Tyng at the Yale game that year. Harvard won and two years later team after team adopted the mask.

"As I recall Thayer in those days he was the sort of a man that would have caused a sensation now. He was about

five feet nine weighed about 150, and at first gave no sign of what he really could do. His eyes were his charm. Bright and alert as they looked out from beneath a heavy shock of dark, curly hair, they sensed every move in a base ball game. Fred played, directed and dominated the nine. He said little, but what he said meant much.

"Why, if Fred was a player today the

newspapers would take so much space to tell of him that there would only be three lines left to recount the troubles of the New Haven, two lines for Governor Foss, one for the mayor, and no room at all for the elevated."—Boston Herald.

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