

TRACK AND TRAIN.

THE IRON BRIDGE ACROSS DOLORES STREET.

Work on the Los Banos Extension— The Pennsylvania Tourists.

The new three-span iron bridge over the crossing of Dolores and Twenty-seventh streets, on the coast division, will be ready for use in about ten days. The iron work of the last span arrived on Wednesday night, and is now being rapidly riveted together. When finished this span will be 100 feet long. The largest of the three, which is now completed, measures 129 feet. The masonry of the abutments and piers is completed.

The City of Peking brought 300 tons of tea and general merchandise to be sent East tonight, and about fifty tons of raw silk, which was dispatched by passenger train last evening.

The track on the Los Banos extension is graded, ballasted and ready for use to a point seventy-six miles south. There lack only twelve miles for the completion of the line. There is some heavy work to do, and also some bridging, but the heaviest has been done already, so that it is only a question of a few weeks when the line will be opened for traffic.

On the San Ramon Valley line the heavy rains temporarily brought work to a standstill. The water has sufficiently run off now to resume operations, and a good force of graders is at work. The roadbed has been graded and tracks have been laid for ten miles out of Avon. The total line is about twenty-two miles long.

The members of Congress and the Eastern contingent of the travelers who accompanied the body of the late United States Senator Hearst to this city will return by way of New Orleans.

William Bonu of the general passenger department of the Northwestern is in this city on a visit, and W. J. Webber of the St. Paul-Minneapolis was among yesterday's arrivals.

F. W. Thompson, general agent of the Rock Island at Los Angeles, arrived yesterday morning.

The members of the second party of Pennsylvania tourists will spend twenty-four days in this State. An itinerary has been prepared for them, including the most interesting points in California. Saturday and Sunday are to be spent in San Diego and Coronado Beach, Tuesday and Wednesday in Los Angeles, Thursday in Santa Barbara and to-morrow week they will all come up to San Francisco. From here out trips are to be made to San Jose, Mount Hamilton, Monterey and Santa Cruz, while the four last days are set apart for trips across the bay and visits to Chinatown.

So much has been written about retrenchment in the Union Pacific that many of the employes are beginning to wonder where it will stop. The company's employes have been reduced by 4000 and the expenses have been cut about \$500,000 a year. S. H. H. Clarke is the man who has done all the economic work.

The Western Passenger Association is considering the advisability of closing up hotel ticket offices. The move is not meeting with much approval from traveling people, who find them often a great convenience.

The Santa Margarita to Elwood line is still on paper only. The requisite right of way has not been secured, and until it is no Southern Pacific engineer will set foot on the ground.