

FREIGHT SUBDIVISION POINT IS DEFINITELY PROGRAM FOR KEDDIE — 1930

KEDDIE, Dec. 13. — Possibility that Keddie may soon become one of the largest towns of Plumas county is seen in the action of the Western Pacific Railroad Co., who will establish a freight subdivision at this point, and possibly a passenger division.

A huge steam shovel, with bucket capacity of five yards, will be shipped here to hurry excavation of the mountain side east of the railroad depot. A smaller shovel is already at work, and has made considerable progress.

A six-track railroad yard will be installed. Length of the tracks will be 7000 feet.

Approximately one-half million yards of earth will be moved, according to J. B. Porter, Western Pacific engineer in charge of the work here. Expenditure on the job will be upwards of one million dollars, he said.

Utah Construction Co. and W. A. Bechtel Co., general contractors for the Western Pacific section of the hook-up of the Great Northern Railroad Co., will handle the Keddie work themselves. They will employ 100 men, and it is expected the job will be completed about July, 1931.

A round-house, turntable and general repair shops will be included in the new equipment.

Material has been moved in for the preliminary work. Construction has begun on the foundation for the "Y" bridge at Keddie tunnel.

E. C. Stanton and E. Robertson have a survey party laying out the new trackage.

L. V. Jones, resident engineer for the railroad company with headquarters at Indian Falls, is general superintendent of construction operations between Keddie and Bieber.