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Mr. Noel Smith,

Anorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir.

Please find enclosed a few photographs showing pictures of a new railroad with a single rail - the overhead railway. This system is suitable for transportation of goods as well as passenger traffic.

Several cars can be coupled together and can carry a load of about ten tons per car. The pulling engine is placed on top of the leading car. Considerable speed may be attained without danger of derailing the cars or other accidents.

This system has lately been patented in this country and a number of other countries. Several roads have been built in Norway for different kinds of traffic. These roads have been very satisfactory and have received most enthusiastic recommendation.

This kind of railway is particularly suitable for mines and timber tracts which are situated far away from other means of transportation and communication and where roads constructed at a low cost are needed.

It will assuredly also become of great importance in the settling and development of new regions, for transportation of mining - stuff, timber, lumber, grains, livestock and other kinds of goods and also passenger traffic.

It has even the advantage of not being affected by heavy snow fall during the winter, an obstacle that often interferes with the traffic on other roads and railroads.

The cost of constructing this kind of railroad is only from \$ 1,500 to \$ 3,000 per mile, depending, of course, on the kind of territory, timber for materials or ground through which it is built. The cars need only to be of cheap construction.

According to statements made by many competent authorities and experts this is the cheapest and most economical railway system in the world.

I am very anxious to demonstrate the advantages of my railroad and would esteem it a great favor if you would give this method a trial and allow me to construct a sample road for you at suitable location.

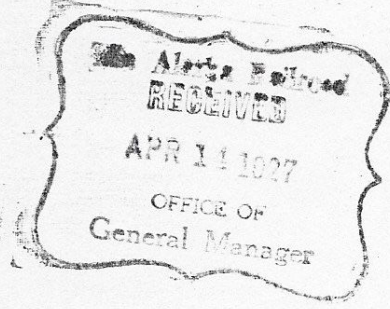
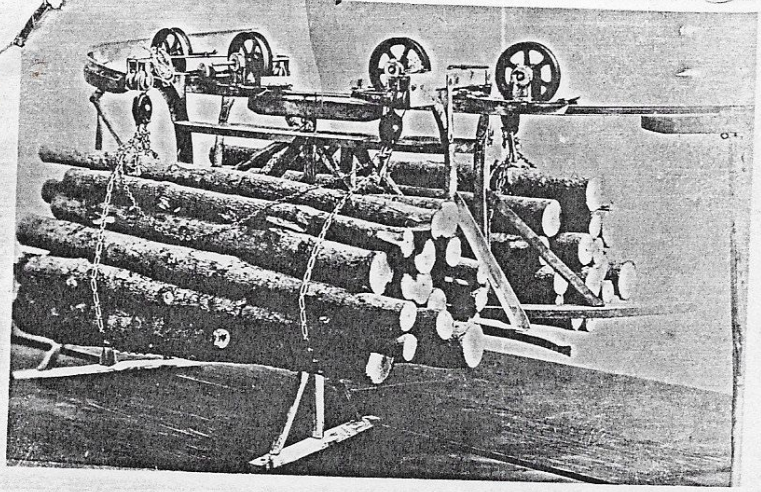
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Yours very truly

*E. Brokke*

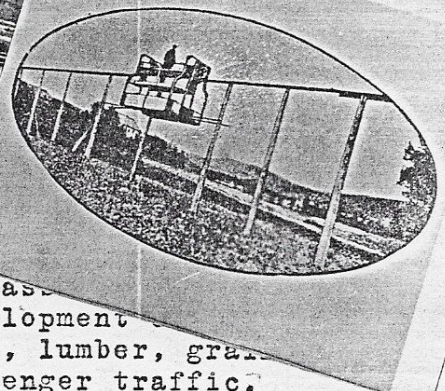
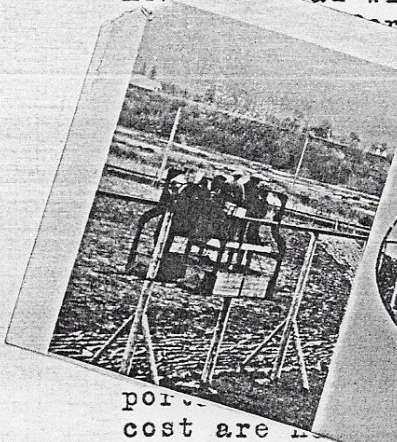
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