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THE SUFFERING RAILROADS.

Only a little while ago everybody supposed the railroads were straightened out for good, and off the public mind—and here they are again, pleading poverty as of yore, and demanding help. They are filling the country with lamentation. The chairman of the Association of Railroad Executives says 35 lines failed to earn their operating expenses last month, and 25 others, while barely paying for operation, did not have enough left over for fixed charges and taxes. They have laid off 200,000 men, and economized in every other way in their power, they say, and still they are facing ruin.

They want, first of all, to reduce wages. After that, they may ask for various rate changes. Railroad wages, on the whole, are liberal. Inasmuch as they were raised to their present level to adjust them to last year's cost of living it is not unreasonable to expect that they will be scaled down somewhat sooner or later, along with the wages in other industries, to fit new price levels. As President Wilson pointed out recently, the railroad labor board is capable of taking care of that matter, and may doubtless be trusted to do so fairly.

As for rates, they are more likely to be scaled down along with wages than to be jacked up further. There is a widespread impression that lower passenger rates will provide more revenue, by stimulating travel, and the same principle probably holds true of at least some of the freight schedules.

Along with these considerations it may be said, in all kindness, that the railroads seem to be doing an unnecessary amount of "hollering." They are hard hit; but so is almost every other industry. They are suffering, like the rest, from a temporary business slump, and must take their medicine with the rest. If they fail to make a living after the business revival comes and the obvious readjustments have been made, it will be time then to appeal for more help from the government.

The Constitutional Defense League of Racine, Wis., is training students for the explanation to street corner crowds of the true meaning of American institutions. These students when they have taken their training course will preach from soap boxes, fighting the dangerous radicalism from his own pulpit. There has been too little of this sort of Americanization work, and too much of the sort which speaks a language the street crowd does not understand and does its preaching in places they never attend. There is one thing which the new school of soap box orators will need to bear in mind. That is that the true purpose of Americanization is education, not agitation or partisan influence. American institutions need exposition and explanation, much more than defense. The thing will be for the speaker to have such an understanding of American institutions himself as will enable him to present them in terms which the crowd can grasp, to present them so truthfully and hopefully that the agitator around the corner who is preaching destruction cannot score against him. Soap box Americanization may sound simple, but it is in fact one of the most delicate tasks to which the patriotic citizen can be assigned.

Judge Hamilton doled out justice in huge chunks yesterday when he sentenced William Barrow to life imprisonment for his attack on a 6-year-old girl of this city. A fellow who attempts outrages of this nature is deserving of having the law "stretched" to a considerable degree to fit his case. It was not necessary, however, for the presiding judge to do this, as the law prescribed a penalty, but his judgment in giving Barrow a life sentence for his dastardly crime is a fitting tribute to a moral degenerate.

Today the Oregon legislature is supposed to wind up its affairs for the present session, but it is hardly possible this can be accomplished, owing to the great volume of important bills yet to be considered.

It can't be done in 40 days. Neither would 60 days suffice. So why worry about the length of the legislature. The longer the session the longer the bills—and the more of them.

IS YOUR TOWN WORTH DOLLARS?

Say, suppose we put some "pep" into the old home town. Give her the once over, press out the wrinkles, slip into a new wardrobe, hoist the banner of progress and prosperity and get into the front ranks—there to remain forever—loyal to every good cause that will advance the best interests of Roseburg and Douglas county. A whirlwind campaign is going to be set in motion next Monday morning. It has for its sole purpose the making of a bigger and better Chamber of Commerce for Roseburg. A mighty fine idea, all will admit, for without an active commercial body no five city can hope to meet with success. This town has a bunch of live wires who mean business—and they're going to make business for Roseburg and Roseburg merchants. Using a slang phrase, they're going to "start something"—and they're going to see the finish. It's only a dollar a month to make you solid with the Chamber of Commerce and if the privilege of living in this grand old town and enjoying the patronage from its thousands of inhabitants, taking a delight in participating in its growth and progress, is not worth the paltry sum of one big, iron dollar each month in the year—well, just wiggle along until the undertaker gets under your window and hums that little ditty, "I'm Waiting For You, My Darling." There'll be plenty of the "boys" ready and willing to "throw the dirt."

This week everybody honored the prince. Next week let every loyal citizen of Roseburg who believes in its future advancement take out a membership card in the local Chamber of Commerce.

Perhaps it was the elegance of the allies' reparations demands on the Germans, which were printed on gold-edged parchment, that caused the squealing in Germany.

It is doubtful if so-called "emergency legislation" was ever intended to do more than make folks think they could get something for nothing.

Press reports announce that the legislature is "speeding up." The "boys" will have to hurry in order to get home for Sunday breakfast.

Now that a lot of men have been given some inducement to let it alone, they are contrary enough to pay \$20 a quart.

It usually happens that the man who "goes up in the air" has not been thoughtful enough to provide landing facilities.

Seventeen thousand people read the News-Review every day in the week. No wonder it pays to advertise in these columns.

Reparations is the term applied by the French to the demands made on Germany, but the Germans use a different term.

Well, everybody filled up on prunes. It would be a good idea to repeat the dose—every now and then.

Let's all get behind that playground movement for the kiddies.

MICKIE SAYS:

YEAH, THIS IS THE WORSTEST OFFER—YEAH, NOW, DON'T GET SO ROUGH—IF WE SENT YOU A STATEMENT, IT WOULD BE JUST A STATEMENT, AINT IT?—WELL, WHAT YA HOLLERING ABOUT THEN?—SURE WE KNOW YOU GOT THAT MUCH GOIN' ON IN YOUR MIND, BUT THAT DON'T PAY NO BILLS FOR US—SURE! NOW YA GOT THE IDEA? YEAH, A GUY WILL DO NAUGHT COUSIN—GUY!



Appropriations Are Shock to the People

Editor News-Review:
 The various interests in the state, fruit growers, farmers, dairymen and others, were prepared by a great deal of talk before the legislature met to expect little in the way of appropriations for crop pest investigations, soil surveys and other measures for the benefit of the agriculture of the state.

The farming interests went to Salem with very moderate ideas, but there were some things that were desperately needed in the way of assistance in emergencies. For instance, the sales of dairy products in the state amount to some \$24,000,000 a year. But the life of the business is threatened by the alarming spread of contagious abortion. Some of the finest herds are being wiped out. The state has been appropriating \$5000 a year for dairy investigation and aid by the experiment station, but that was too small to meet the emergency and the dairymen asked the legislature for \$15,000 a year for this work. They were told that the state simply didn't have the money, owing to the six per cent limitation and other things, and the ways and means committee voted this important industry in its hour of need an increase of \$2500 a year, or just half of the amount which the work would require.

On the same night this committee voted a \$2500 annual increase to the dairy industry it voted to expend \$100,000 during the next two years to encourage tourist travel in Oregon. The hotel men's lobby asked \$100,000 and got it. Nothing was said about the desperate poverty of the state. The farmers asked for \$15,000 a year for help in an emergency and were granted \$7500 and a fine line of talk on economy.

One more example. Ten years ago the state appropriated \$15,000 a year to fight crop pests and diseases, apple scab, prune root-borer, alfalfa weevil, and all their tribe. During these ten years the fruit industry has doubled and trebled and become one of the state's greatest industries but till this year has not asked an increase in the crop pest fighting fund. This year the ways and means committee of the legislature was told that the fruit industry has outgrown this appropriation fixed ten years ago and was fighting for its life against innumerable pests and diseases. It was told that to simply continue the work now being done would take forty per cent more money. It was urged to at least continue the present work, and to increase it if at all possible.

What was the result? A few evenings later this committee, which holds the purse of the state, announced that the protective work being done by the experiment station for the fruit industry would have to be cut down, that the appropriation of ten years ago could not be raised because of insufficient funds. The same evening this committee made an appropriation of \$175,000 to the Pacific International Live Stock Co. to help it conduct a great stock show in Portland one week each year.

The state, they said, was too short of money to fully continue the protective help to the great fruit industry, but when the promoters of this excellent Portland stock show asked for a gift of \$175,000 there was no talk of poverty. That talk was reserved for the little appropriation needed by the fruit interests of the state.

Such gross failure to appreciate relative values is inexcusable in any member of a state legislature, and comment is unnecessary. But the farmers, fruit growers, stock men and dairymen of the state have served notice that this treachery to the real vital interests of the state is never to be repeated and that the men responsible for it shall never again be in a position where they will have a chance to repeat it.

DOUGLAS COUNTY FARMER AND FRUIT GROWER
 —JOIN THE C. OF C.—

Business Women to Meet in Portland

Information concerning a conference at Portland, Oregon, for the purpose of organizing a State Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs of Oregon has been received by Mrs. William Bell. The conference will be given under the auspices of the Business Women's Clubs of Portland, Oregon, February 22 and 23rd in Portland, and all business or professional women of this city are invited to attend. It is possible that several delegates from this city will represent the Roseburg women at this convention.

Mrs. Lena Lohr, president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs will be in Portland for two days to help organize the federation.

Local Resident Dies Suddenly

Vernon S. Patterson, Jr., aged 34 years, a resident of South Stephens street, died very suddenly at an early hour this morning. He was slightly ill yesterday and last night, but his condition was not thought serious. At an early hour this morning his death occurred very suddenly, apparently as a result of acute indigestion.

He was born at Rochester, Minnesota, and came to Roseburg when a child. He had made Roseburg his home for the greater part of his life and for a number of years was employed with the Roseburg Steam Laundry. Recently he resigned his position there and accepted a position at the local railroad shops.

He is survived by a wife and two children; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Patterson, Sr., and two sisters, Mrs. Charles G. Stanton of this city, and Mrs. L. W. Myrick of Portland. The bereaved family is extended the sympathy of the entire community.

—JOIN THE C. OF C.—
 A good bumper is an asset to any car. We will put one on for you. H. Merten.

—JOIN THE C. OF C.—
Realty Firm Is Dissolved

A. T. Lawrence and Guy Cordon, who have been in the real estate business under the name of Lawrence and Cordon today dissolved partnership. Mr. Cordon leaving the real estate business to take up law practice, while Mr. Lawrence will continue the realty office. Mr. Cordon will be associated with Attorney Carl E. Wimberly, and will maintain offices in the First State and Savings Bank building. Mr. Cordon was recently admitted to practice, and has already built up a good law practice. He served for a number of years as county assessor before resigning from public work to go into business for himself. Mr. Lawrence, who has proven himself to be a progressive and efficient real estate dealer, will continue the business and will retain the present office on Cass Street.

—JOIN THE C. OF C.—
 The windshield visor will give you protection from headlight glare and rain now, and the only thing for summer later on. H. Merten.

—JOIN THE C. OF C.—
OPENING OF 200 ACRES OF LAND

Notice is hereby given that the following described lands embraced in a power site reserves, have been restored to entry under the provisions of Sec. 24, of the Federal Water Power Act of June 10, 1926, which reserves the right of the United States to lease the lands for power purposes. From March 1, to May 1, 1927, inclusive, the said lands will be subject to Homestead entry under the provisions of the said Water Power Act, by qualified ex-service men of the late war with Germany. Applications by such ex-service men may be filed in this office from this date, and all such applications received up to and including February 28, 1927, will be considered as filed simultaneously, and a drawing held to determine any conflict in applications. From March 1 to May 2nd, applications by ex-service men will be acted upon in the order filed.

Any of said lands not taken by ex-service men on or before May 2, 1927, will become subject to settlement and appropriation under any applicable public land law beginning May 3, 1927, subject to the provisions of the said Water Power Act.

The lands opened to entry are the SE 1-4 of SE 1-4, of Sec. 14, Tp. 20 S. R. 11 W. W. M.; W 1-2 of NW 1-4 of Sec. 8, and the E 1-2 of NW 1-4 of Sec. 18, Tp. 34 S. R. 11, W. M.; 200 acres in all.

W. H. CANON, Register.
 R. R. TURNER, Receiver.
 —JOIN THE C. OF C.—

He was accompanied by Mr. Strawn who will spend a week or ten days resting in that city.

SUITS \$25—AND UP light now is the time to enter your new spring suit from Bill's. A stylish, beautiful line of all wool suits to select from. We clean and press both men's and women's clothing. Phone 472

—JOIN THE C. OF C.—
Leave for Marshfield
 R. F. Whitman, Jr., who has been in this city attending the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. W. B. Strawn who was buried yesterday left last night for Marshfield, where he is manager of a branch J. C. Penney store.

—JOIN THE C. OF C.—
Millinery on Display
 The millinery department of the Peoples Supply company has just been opened with Mr. and Mrs. W. Gray in charge. They have but recently returned from San Francisco where they purchased their spring stock of goods.

—JOIN THE C. OF C.—
Attending to Business
 Mac Butner left yesterday for Medford where he will attend to business and also attend the basketball game to be played there tonight.

—JOIN THE C. OF C.—
Visiting Relatives
 Mrs. Ora Woody and Mrs. Ernest Wilkins of Winchester are spending a short time in the city today visiting with relatives.

—JOIN THE C. OF C.—
Here From Corvallis
 Arthur Davis and Clifford Sherrill who are attending school in Corvallis, are spending the week end in this city at their homes.

—JOIN THE C. OF C.—
Return Home
 Miss Lois Hervey and Miss Valdia Cripps, of Riddle, who have been visiting for a short time in this city, returned home yesterday.

—JOIN THE C. OF C.—
Returns Home
 Mrs. M. E. Eberle who has been visiting with her daughter Mrs. I. C. Lewis in this city, returned home to Glendale this morning.

—JOIN THE C. OF C.—
Returns from Salem
 Mrs. Evelyn Johnson who has been acting as stenographer for Joint Representative Hopkins at Salem, returned home last evening.

—JOIN THE C. OF C.—
Visit Brother
 Mrs. Bruce Stephenson and Shirley Gilmore left yesterday evening for Grants Pass where they will visit Mrs. Stephenson's brother, H. Nutt.

—JOIN THE C. OF C.—
From Eugene
 Miss Maybelle Miller, who is attending the University of Oregon, arrived in Roseburg last night to spend the week end visiting with her father, Dr. K. L. Miller.

—JOIN THE C. OF C.—
To Attend Institute
 Mrs. Kittie Masters, Miss Evelyn and Verne Strader left this morning for Myrtle Creek where they will attend the local teachers institute being conducted there today.

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Returns from Portland
 Dr. A. P. Sether returned this morning from Portland where he has been transacting business matters. He was accompanied by Mrs. Sether who has been attending the concerts and operas.

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One of the principals in the cast of Kolb & Dill at the...

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 We pay the highest market prices for chickens and turkeys.
 WRITE FOR QUOTATIONS.

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WANTED.

WANTED—Will pay cash for used Ford, L. L. Roberts, Motor Shop Garage.
 WANTED—To borrow \$1500 on good improved farm. Box 213, Myrtle Creek, Ore.
 WANTED—To buy old style four poster bedstead. Call at 925 Cobb St. or address P. O. Box 634 Roseburg, Ore.

WANTED—Furnished home or up-to-date homekeeping rooms by reliable couple, permanent. P. O. Box 614.
 GENTLEMAN would like table board in congenial private family; please give full particulars in first letter. Address T. H. care News-Review.

WANTED—Two or three furnished also garage. Address H. G. care News-Review.
 VIOLINIST and PIANIST wish work in picture theater and dances especially. Fifteen years at it. Address P. F. Hirsch, Accountant, Dixonville, Ore.

WANTED—Horses, mares and mules, will be at the Empire stables, Roseburg, Ore., Monday, February 21, 1927, to buy horses, mares and mules, ages 2 to 12 years, weight 1200 up. This stock must be in good order and gentle to work. I will be there rain or shine, to buy all the stock you bring in if price is right. Charles Eugene, Oregon.

FOR RENT—A pleasant sleeping room 311 East Oak St.
 FOR RENT—Furnished room with bath. 491 South Main St.
 FOR RENT—Safety deposit boxes Roseburg National Bank.
 FOR RENT—Large front room furnished, gentleman preferred. Phone 12-5.
 FOR RENT OR SALE—5-room modern house on Mill St. Ask Sam Ben Real estate office. "Zipp".
 FOR RENT—Rooms and apartments, 227 W. Douglas St. Phone 88-L. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Nash, Props.
 FOR RENT—100 acres of land to be cropped this spring. All free soil either cash or portion of crop. F. A. Stewart, Roseburg. Phone 4-P4.

MISCELLANEOUS.
 TAILORING, dressmaking of all kinds. Phone 187-R. Mrs. Guthridge.
 ACCOUNTANT wishes about two or three sets of books to keep, charges about \$50 per month—no more. Can handle about three sets regularly unless too large a concern. Mercantile stores doing not over \$100,000 sales about the limit. How about your tax return? Address P. F. Hirsch, Accountant, Dixonville, Ore.

LOST AND FOUND.
 FOUND—Gold wedding ring. Inquire the Hat Shop.
 FOUND—Check on Eldridge Dairy Products company. Owner have same by calling at this office and paying for ad.

The
Clancy Kids
 The Idea!
 By PERCY L. CROSBY
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Comic strip panels by Percy Crosby:

- Panel 1: A boy and a girl are talking. The boy says, "TIMMIE, HOW MANY RIBS HAVE YOU?"
- Panel 2: The girl replies, "I-I DON'T KNOW."
- Panel 3: The boy says, "IM SO AWFUL TICKLISH I NEVER COULD COUNT 'EM."