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## NEW ROAD TO LOOKING GLASS TO BE ONE OF BEST IMPROVEMENTS IN COUNTY

### Grades and Curves Being Reduced and New Grades Given —One of Longest Stretches of Straight Road in County Is Being Built.

of the leading road improve-  
now going on in the county as  
of the new road bond pro-  
is the improvement of the  
Looking Glass road. This  
important from several stand-  
The Looking Glass district  
of the heaviest fruit producing  
of the Umpqua valley, and it  
erative that there be a good  
connecting this district with  
ipping point. It is also the  
thoroughfare for several other  
communities and a large num-  
taxpayers and valuable farm-  
ty are materially affected by  
construction.

new road which is now being  
within a few years will be one  
best in the county. In con-  
ing this road every possible  
has been eliminated. The  
road was filled with grades  
which constituted contin-  
ance and made travelling both  
and dangerous.

Roseburg to Looking Glass  
be one of the most enjoy-  
ives to be found any place.  
g the main highway leading  
and at a point a short distance  
of the Soldiers home, the new  
roads off to the southwest, go-  
specially through the low land  
climbing to the pass on a very  
ill grade. This section is about  
6,000 feet in length, of which approx-  
imately 2,000 feet is straight, being  
the longest pieces of straight  
in the county. The old road  
went around by the school  
and grades as high as 13 per-  
cent, while the new road has no  
more than 6 per cent, is 20  
feet wide and is perfectly  
smooth for a great distance with  
no turns in any part.

at the top of the hill on into  
Looking Glass there is some very  
ill construction and improve-  
ment under way. The grade of  
old road has been improved in  
places so that there is no grade  
more than 6 per cent at any  
point. For a long distance the route  
old road is followed, but the  
grade being cut down so that the  
width to 20 feet and 25 feet. The  
are being cut down and the  
filled in, so that the general  
is to reduce the curves to  
reasonable possible degree. It is im-  
possible to get a straight road round  
hill, but the work now going for-  
ward is eliminating all dangerous  
places and is making very gradual  
grades of what were formerly dan-  
gerous and rough turns.

places banks more than 30 feet  
are being cut down to level  
ground. All wooden culverts are be-  
taken out and either iron or  
steel put in. It has been found  
that the little wooden bridges which  
country has formerly maintained  
the small streams flowing from  
the mountains is such a continual source  
of expense that it is much better to  
make the initial cost and gain  
something permanent.

When the new road is finished it  
will be safe and scenic and will be  
able to handle very heavy traf-  
fic. It will also be much smoother  
than the old road, as a fine macadam  
will be laid instead of the  
rough road which was formerly noted.  
The contract for placing the gra-  
vel in this road has been let to R. E.  
Hess, who will start work within  
a few days. Mr. Harness has a con-

tract covering more than 5 miles of  
road and will haul more than 6,000  
cubic yards of gravel which will be  
used in surfacing the new grade.  
County Roadmaster Frear states  
that the surface will probably be  
rather rough for the first two years, as  
a new grade breaks down and is eas-  
ily rutted, making continual mainte-  
nance necessary. However, after  
maintenance work has been carefully  
attended to for a couple of years the  
road will be one of the finest in the  
county.

## FORUM LUNCHEON: SUCCESSFUL ONE

A very interesting forum luncheon  
was held at noon today at the Umpqua  
hotel banquet room. Walter Fisher  
acted as toastmaster and guided the  
program through in a snappy man-  
ner. The proposed road up the North  
Umpqua river was the topic under  
discussion today and the several  
speakers made some good points con-  
cerning it. Dr. Lee Wells was the  
first speaker and he talked concern-  
ing road conditions to Rock Creek.  
He stated that the roads were pass-  
able and that cars can be driven to  
that section very easily. He declared  
that the North Umpqua district is far  
superior to the Hood River section  
on the loop road. "Roseburg is miss-  
ing her best bet if we don't develop  
that section and boost for a good  
road," he said. "Tourist travel, the  
commercial value of the timber and  
the summer resorts is enough assur-  
ance to us that we need the road,  
and that the road we build should be  
strong enough to carry heavy trucks,  
which will undoubtedly be used to  
carry out the timber."

Lynon Spencer led the songs which  
were sung in a rollicking manner.  
Mrs. Helpline accompanied the sing-  
ers on the piano.  
Carl Neal, forest supervisor of the  
Umpqua forest, was the next talker  
and he stated that Roseburg is the  
only first class city in the state which  
has no outlet to eastern Oregon.  
"You have already been told of the  
natural advantages of the North Um-  
pqua forest units in the northwest,  
with the exception of the Olympic forest  
which covers an area twice as large  
as the Umpqua forest. I believe the  
government will put some money on  
the North Umpqua road next year and  
that they will go on a 60-40 basis  
with Douglas county on the road as  
far as the forest boundary. Boost this  
project by all means. It is the future  
of your city."

The nominating committee intro-  
duced the new members secured for  
the chamber of commerce during the  
week and appointed their successors.

## AMENDMENT TO VETS BONUS BILL

(By United Press.)  
WASHINGTON, June 13.—An  
amendment to the McCumber soldier  
bonus bill calling for the treasury de-  
partment to issue two and a half mil-  
lion legal tender notes to pay the sol-  
diers their compensation was intro-  
duced this morning by Senator Ladd  
of North Dakota. "This is a way in  
which the soldiers can be paid with  
very little expense to the govern-  
ment," Ladd said. The Ladd propos-  
al provides for retiring the treasury  
notes thus issued in 25 years.

## NEW YORK STORM TAKES TOLL OF SIXTY

(By United Press.)  
NEW YORK, June 13.—Sunday's  
storm took a known toll of 60 lives  
according to police figures. Most of  
the victims were drowned, 53 bodies  
being recovered so far.

## TARIFF BILL TO PRECEDE THE BONUS

WASHINGTON, June 12.—Presi-  
dent Harding, it was said today at the  
White House, hopes and expects the  
tariff bill to be passed prior to the  
soldiers' bonus legislation.

## TAKE NO PART IN COAL STRIKE

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, June 13.—A state-  
ment made at the White House today  
indicated that the administration was  
not contemplating any important im-  
mediate or drastic action in the coal  
strike.

## MUSCLE SHOALS UP FOR CONGRESS ACTION

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, June 13.—The presi-  
dent has taken no position in respect  
to the question of Muscle Shoals and  
feels that congress should have a free  
hand in the matter. It was stated at  
the White House today.

## MARKET QUOTATIONS MADE IN PORTLAND

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, June 13.—Cattle prices  
today are weak, the distinction being  
drawn between grass fed and hay fed  
cattle. Range steers are listed at 50  
cents below hay feed stock. Choice  
hay fed steers are quoted at \$8.25 and  
\$8.75. Top hogs are 25 cents lower  
and others steady. Prime light are  
quoted at \$11.75 and \$12. Sheep prices  
remain steady, eggs and butter easier,  
with prices unchanged.

## TORRENS DEED ISSUE SETTLED

Attorney General Says Dis-  
solved Corporation Cannot  
Sign Deed to Property.

## CO. CLERK IS UPHELD

County Clerk as Registrar Has Pow-  
er to Pass Upon Right of Per-  
son Transferring Property to  
Execute the Instruments.

A question of long standing in re-  
gard to the Torrens System of prop-  
erty registration, has been settled by  
an opinion handed down by the  
attorney general to District Attor-  
ney Neuner, upon questions raised  
by County Clerk I. B. Riddle.

It appears that the J. F. Luse com-  
pany was dissolved as a corporation by  
a proclamation of the governor on  
January 8, 1921, and that in Febru-  
ary of this year, they presented a  
deed to certain property which is  
registered under the Torrens sys-  
tem. The county clerk declined to  
file and record the same and make  
out the desired certificate, claiming  
that the company had no right to  
sign such a document.

In his opinion, after citing numer-  
ous authorities and making state-  
ments leading up to the main portion  
of the opinion, the attorney general  
says, "It is, therefore, clear that the  
J. F. Luse company had no authority  
to execute a deed, as such a company  
ceased to exist as a body corporate  
for any purpose other than the en-  
forcement against it and its assets of  
all rights of suit or action." In fur-  
ther explanation of the rights of the  
county clerk in such a case, he says,  
"It is my opinion that the powers of  
a registrar are not merely minister-  
ial, but that the legislature in-  
tended to confer upon the registrar  
the power and duty of ascertaining,  
among other things, that the trans-  
feror is entitled to make the convey-  
ance, and if the registrar finds  
from such investigation as he may  
make, that the transferor is cap-  
able of legally transferring the title,  
he shall thereupon make out and  
register a new certificate, and owner's  
duplicate certifying the title, and  
do all other things enumerated in  
the law. It is my opinion, however,  
that if the registrar finds upon in-  
vestigation that the transferor is  
not entitled to make the conveyance,  
then he has authority to refuse to  
make out and register the new cer-  
tificate, etc., provided for in the  
law."

"In some cases it is even held that  
the exercise of such judgment is free  
from judicial interference," the at-  
torney general states, in making fur-  
ther comment upon the question.  
"But in the case of the registrar,  
"that any person feeling himself ag-  
grieved by the act or neglect of this  
officer, in any manner pertaining to  
the duties required of him, may file  
a petition in equity in the proper  
court, making the registrar and other  
persons and interested parties  
defendant, and that the court may  
proceed therein as in other cases of  
equity and may make such order or  
decree as shall be according to equity  
in the premises and the purport of  
the act."

## EXPLOSION CAUSES LOSS OF PROPERTY

(By United Press.)  
TACOMA, June 13.—An explosion in  
the engine room of the Mineral Lake  
Lumber company at Mineral, Wash-  
ington, last night caused a fire which  
virtually destroyed the big mill, and  
two dry kilns along with several thou-  
sands of feet of lumber stored in the  
yard. An official estimate places the  
loss at \$300,000. The flames spread so  
fiercely that the employees were forced  
to abandon the fight to save the plant.

## HALL UNDECIDED ABOUT RECOUNT

Has No Statement to Make  
Concerning Future Action  
Regard Check of Ballots.

## MAKE INVESTIGATION

Is Now on Way to Portland Where  
He Says Supporters Have Gathered  
Evidence Which Indicate  
Hall Votes Not Credited.

State Senator Charles Hall, candi-  
date for the gubernatorial nomina-  
tion at the recent primary election,  
arrived in Roseburg at a late hour  
last night, after a hard trip over the  
Coos Bay highway. Mr. Hall was ac-  
companied by the members of his  
family, who are on their way to Co-  
lumbia county for a short vacation.  
Mr. Hall and a number of prominent  
Coos Bay men are going to Portland,  
where they will determine whether  
or not they will call for a recount  
of the ballots cast at the recent elec-  
tion.

Mr. Hall did not desire to make  
any statement as to whether or not  
he will demand a recount. He states  
that at present he is undecided and  
is going to Portland to determine  
whether or not the evidence gathered  
will justify a recount. His support-  
ers there have gathered information  
and evidence showing that he was  
not credited with many votes cast  
for him, Mr. Hall says, and if this  
evidence is strong enough to justify  
the expense a recount will be called  
for.

"I have no statement to make re-  
garding a recount," Senator Hall  
said. "I am now on my way to Port-  
land and will know as soon as I have  
had time to make a short investiga-  
tion, whether or not the evidence  
gathered by my supporters is suffi-  
cient to warrant calling for a recount  
of the ballots. My supporters have  
been very busy in my behalf and  
claim to have gathered some impor-  
tant evidence showing that we were  
not credited with many votes which  
were cast for us and that in reality  
we won the nomination. If this is  
the case we will act accordingly and  
will demand that a recount be made.

"I do not want people to gain the  
impression that we are in any way  
sore or disgruntled by the outcome  
of the election. If it were a per-  
sonal matter we would not even have  
sought the nomination, for there is  
certainly a great deal of worry and  
hard work connected with the of-  
fice. But at this time there is a  
principle involved which we cannot  
overlook. If a recount is asked it  
will be because we have evidence  
and sufficient reason to believe that  
we are entitled to the nomination  
by a vote of the people and if such  
is the case then it is only just and  
right that the people's choice should  
be recognized. We ask nothing but  
justice and if we cannot establish  
that we were nominated in a regu-  
lar and orderly manner, then we are  
ready to submit to the will of the  
voters of the state."

## STRIKE BREAKERS ATTACKED BY GANG

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, June 13.—Six men at-  
tacked R. L. Thomas, aged 62 years,  
and his son, W. B. Thomas, aged 19  
years, as they waited for a car in an  
outlying district preparatory to going  
to work as carpenters on a steamship.  
The elder was struck over the head  
with a loaded hose and received two  
black eyes. The boy was knocked  
through a plate glass window of a  
store and received a gash on his arm  
and body bruises. Both were taken  
to the emergency hospital. The as-  
sailants escaped in an automobile.

## BRUNEN'S WIFE HELD ON MURDER CHARGE

(By United Press.)  
MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., June 13.—  
Alleged to be implicated in the murder  
of "Honest John" Brunen, cir-  
cus man here last March, Mrs. John  
Brunen, his wife, was arrested and  
jailed today, charged formally with  
the murder. Brunen, a friend of  
William Desmond Taylor, the mur-  
dered movie director, was killed by  
a shotgun charge fired through the  
window.  
Police Get Information.  
MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., June 13.—  
(Associated Press.)—Mrs. Doris Brun-  
nen, widow of John T. Brunen, cir-  
cus owner, who was shot and killed  
on March 10, is under arrest here  
charged with the murder. The auth-  
orities said she was arrested upon  
information furnished by persons al-  
ready held in connection with the  
case.  
Vivian McKay, who has been vis-  
iting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.  
E. McKay, left last night for Sa-  
lem.

## HARDING WANTS SHIP BILL PASSED

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, June 13.—Presi-  
dent Harding has notified Chairman  
Campbell of the house rules commit-  
tee that unless the ship subsidy bill is  
passed before adjournment he would  
feel obliged to call a special session  
solely for its consideration.

## SIX KILLED IN TANK EXPLOSION

(By United Press.)  
DETROIT, June 13.—Six men were  
killed in an ammonia tank explosion  
at the Parker-Webb packing plant  
here today. The fire raged through  
the plant following the explosion,  
forcing the firemen to relinquish ef-  
forts to explore the structure for pos-  
sibly trapped workers. All except  
four are believed to have escaped,  
however.

## ALLEGED MORAL PERVERT CAUGHT

Salem Girls Identify Man as  
One Who Assaulted  
Them March 5.

## TO FACE FIVE CHARGES

C. A. Sloat Recognized as Perver-  
t for Whom Reward of \$1200 Is  
Offered in Salem—Was School  
Teacher at Oakville.

SALEM, June 12.—The two little  
Salem girls, aged 8 and 9, who on  
March 5, were lured away from a local  
church by a moral pervert who  
later assaulted them in Bush's pas-  
ture, on Mission street, this morn-  
ing definitely identified as their as-  
sailant C. A. Sloat, Oakville school  
teacher, 34 years of age, who, at the  
present time, is held in an Albany  
jail on a charge of contributing to  
the delinquency of a minor child.

Five Charges Contemplated.  
District Attorney John Carson an-  
nounced his afternoon that in all  
probability five charges will be pro-  
duced here against Sloat. Two of  
these will be rape charges, two will  
be crime charges against nature and  
one will be a delinquency charge. If  
arrangements can be made, Carson  
said, Sloat will be brought to Salem  
this week and will be taken before  
the Marion county grand jury at a  
special session. At his hearing in Al-  
bany, Sloat waived a preliminary  
hearing and was bound over to the  
Linn county grand jury.

Sloat, it was heard this afternoon,  
is a former resident of Salem and  
has made many visits to this city. Of-  
ficers said they have definite in-  
formation that he was in this city  
on the morning when the two little  
girls were encouraged to abandon  
their visit to Sunday school and to  
accompany the middle-aged man to  
an unfrequented spot in Bush's pas-  
ture.

Attended School Here.  
Sloat, who has taught school for  
many years, formerly was an instruc-  
tor in a rural school on the Santiam  
and, it was said this afternoon, at  
one time attended Willamette uni-  
versity. He was always a mediocre  
teacher, state school officials said,  
but, at that time had no questionable  
record. He made his home in Mar-  
ion county about eight years ago.

The two little girls assaulted in  
Salem are daughters of a prominent  
Salem family residing in North Sa-  
lem. Accompanied on the morning  
of March 5, they were about to enter  
the First Methodist church when they  
were accosted by the stranger and  
lured into Bush's pasture.  
That afternoon the elder of the  
two girls was taken to a local hospi-  
tal where, as a result of the assault,  
she was forced to undergo a minor  
operation. Neither of the girls was  
gravely injured.

Won't Face Girls.  
When the two girls were taken  
before Sloat in Albany this morning,  
he refused to look at them, accord-  
ing to Chief of Police Moffitt who  
was a member of the party. When he  
was forced to turn his head so that  
they might see his face they announ-  
ced immediately that he was the man  
sought, Moffitt said.

Sloat is at present held under  
\$3,000 bail which he has, to date,  
been unable to furnish. District At-  
torney Carson said this afternoon  
that arrangements will be made to  
have the amount raised if Sloat seeks  
his freedom.  
The Linn county grand jury does  
not convene until August and in view  
of that fact, Carson will make every  
effort to have Sloat brought here  
immediately.

On at least one other occasion  
Sloat was faced by a criminal charge.  
On November 22 he was tried at Sac-  
ramento for assault with intent to  
rape. His case was heard by a jury  
and Sloat was acquitted.

## SEGREGATION OF SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC WILL INJURE WESTERN OREGON

### Local Freight and Passenger Agent Gives Clear Discussion of Problem Which is so Seriously Menacing Traffic Along the Pacific Coast.

## ACTION IS DEFERRED

The following telegram was  
received this morning from Sen-  
ator Stanfield in answer to the  
resolutions passed by the cham-  
ber of Commerce:  
"A stay of proceedings for 60  
days has been granted by the  
supreme court under an order  
dated June 5th, which will give  
an opportunity for a filing of a  
motion for a rehearing. If this  
motion is filed the proceedings  
will be automatically stayed un-  
til the court passes upon the mo-  
tion. The court having adjourned  
until October it will be some  
time after that before it can pass  
on this motion. This should give  
an opportunity for adjustment."  
ROBERT N. STANFIELD.

At a recent meeting of the Rose-  
burg Chamber of Commerce, the fol-  
lowing resolutions were passed and  
sent to the Interstate Commerce  
commission and to the senators and  
representatives of Oregon in con-  
gress:  
"It is the sentiment of the Rose-  
burg Chamber of Commerce, repre-  
senting a part of Southern Oregon,  
that the decree of the United States  
supreme court, dissolving the alleged  
merger of the railroad lines affect-  
ing the Southern Pacific, Central Pacific  
and other lines may be held in abey-  
ance a reasonable time awaiting set-  
tlement of matters involved which  
are deemed to be to the best inter-  
ests of the citizens of Western Ore-  
gon. To separate these roads would  
be disastrous to the people of South-  
ern Oregon, and no doubt, in our  
minds, would set us back many years,  
in railroads.

"ROSEBURG CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE."  
In explanation of the existing situa-  
tion, L. B. Moore, local S. P. pas-  
senger and freight agent, who has  
been studying this matter quite  
thoroughly, says:  
"The supreme court passed upon  
the Southern Pacific-Central Pacific  
merger case, as it was submitted to  
the lower court in February, 1913.  
The decision therefore relates to that  
property only as it is affected by the  
Sherman Anti-Trust law of 1890. In  
March, 1920, congress passed the  
transportation act of 1920, known  
as the Esch-Cummings bill, author-  
izing and instructing the Interstate  
Commerce commission to prepare  
plans for the consolidation of rail-  
roads into a limited number of uni-  
fied systems, keeping in mind re-  
tention of competition and where-  
ever practicable to maintain exist-  
ing routes and channels of trade and  
commerce.

"The commission has published a  
tentative plan for the consolidation  
of railroads under this plan, the  
Southern Pacific and the Central Pa-  
cific are retained in the same sys-  
tem, and the commission has already  
begun a series of hearings on these  
proposed consolidation plans. To  
these hearings, states, communities,  
and the public interested will have  
opportunity to present objections or  
other data desired, after which the  
Interstate Commerce commission will  
formulate a definite plan of consoli-  
dation.  
"To disrupt the Southern Pacific-  
Central Pacific lines now would work  
a serious hardship, and the Pacific  
coast states would suffer, whereas  
under the operation of the transpor-  
tation act of 1920 the question of  
the other disposition of these lines  
would be taken care of in an orderly  
manner and with the minimum dis-  
turbance to finance and commerce.

"If these lines should be thrown  
into court under a receivership, ex-  
penditures for all improvements  
would necessarily be suspended, ex-  
cept those items immediately im-  
portant to the operation of the  
property. This situation would  
entail financial loss throughout the  
whole Pacific coast. During the 52  
years of common ownership and con-  
trol of the Southern and Central Pa-  
cific properties, branch, main-line,  
terminal, and other facilities have  
become so interwoven that in the  
event of separation of these prop-  
erties a great deal of time would be  
consumed in arriving at a workable  
arrangement for the segregation of  
the property without seriously in-  
terfering with public service.

Roseburg and Western Oregon  
would be denied the only real com-  
peting route which they have, nam-  
ely the Southern Pacific, to and from  
the middle west and north central  
states. The effect of this on West-  
ern Oregon towns would probably  
mean the closing of the Ogden gate-  
way. As to what this means, Eug-  
ene, Roseburg, Ashland, and all  
main-line towns in Western Oregon,  
now enjoy through trans-continental  
rates on the same basis as those of  
Portland, due to the fact that they  
are considered intermediate points of  
a through trans-continental line to  
Portland, of which the Southern Pa-  
cific from Ogden, Utah, to Portland,  
is a part. With the closing of the  
Ogden gateway to Oregon traffic,  
Roseburg people receiving freight  
from the east would be compelled to  
pay the through rate from Chicago  
to Portland plus the local rate from  
Portland to Roseburg. Between seven  
and eight million dollars expended  
annually in Oregon for ties and lum-  
ber would be reduced to a very small  
amount, for instead of the Southern  
Pacific purchasing this material in  
Oregon for its lines in California,  
Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico in  
addition to Oregon, as at present, it  
would be compelled to restrict its  
purchases to its Oregon lines only.  
Due to the fact that since 1906 the  
Interstate Commerce commission has  
decreed that shipments of railroad  
material moving over other than the  
purchasing line must pay the full  
published rate paid for that portion  
of the division of revenue which the  
foreign line would receive out of the  
freight charges.  
"H. H. Corey, a member of the  
Oregon Public Service commission,  
says with Mr. Moore: 'Common own-  
ership and control of the Central Pa-  
cific and Southern Pacific covering  
more than fifty years are so inter-  
woven that to separate them would  
interfere with public service through-  
out Western Oregon. The lines of  
the Southern Pacific in Oregon are  
separated from those of California.  
The Central Pacific owns a large por-  
tion of the main line south from  
Ashland. Thus the Southern Pacific  
in Oregon would be isolated, there  
being no connection between them  
and the remainder of the Southern  
Pacific system. There would be sev-  
enteen or possibly more new junc-  
tion points and tolls accordingly.  
Thousands of new joint rates would  
replace the single rates of the sys-  
tem now in effect. Train service con-  
fined to railways of one ownership  
as competitive measures would re-  
sult in disruption to a large degree  
of existing service, and roundabout  
routes would replace direct routes."

The following telegram relative to  
the resolution adopted by the local  
chamber of commerce, was received  
this morning from the Portland cham-  
ber of commerce, stating that execu-  
tion of the supreme court's decision  
has been deferred for sixty days:  
"Your wire relative to the South-  
ern Pacific-Central Pacific issue re-  
ceived. Thanks for the interest and  
suggestions. We are informed that  
execution of the supreme court de-  
cree has been deferred sixty days  
pending an argument for rehearing,  
giving ample opportunity for a careful  
study of the case by Oregon. We have  
named strong committees to investi-  
gate the case fully, giving full hear-  
ings to both sides. Preliminary hear-  
ings suggest issues of profound im-  
portance to all Oregon and before we  
reach a final conclusion we hope to  
get a more complete statement of ac-  
tual facts and be able to draw more  
accurate conclusions as to what course  
would be of largest interest to the  
state. It would be more effective if  
all territory affected acted with fair  
unity as to the ultimate recom-  
mendations. One side of the issue  
holds that the execution of the decree  
would disrupt western Oregon trans-  
portation while the other maintains  
that the probable result would be im-  
proved transportation with a condi-  
tion of competition. We are yet open  
minded and hope for cooperation  
among the people of all territory af-  
fected. We are yet intently studying  
conditions and are not ready to sug-  
gest any procedure except quietly  
and exhaustively studying all facts  
available. This is more an Oregon  
case than for Portland only."  
Portland Chamber of Commerce.

## U. S. APPROACHING BALANCE OF TRADE

(By United Press.)  
WASHINGTON, June 13.—The United  
States is approaching a balance of  
trade with the rest of the world, the  
commerce department important ex-  
port figures for May showed. The  
value of the export exceeded the im-  
ports by only \$4,000,000, the closest  
balance to trade since the war, the  
department report showed.