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RAILROAD MERGER CONTROVERSY.

The recent decision of the United States supreme court dissolving the Central Pacific railroad from the Southern Pacific seems to be a grave question to the people of Oregon and the future development of this state. The properties have been operated as one since 1865, and now comes the decision that the two railroad companies must be reorganized into distinct and separate systems. The Southern Pacific owns the line from Sacramento to Sacramento. The Central Pacific owns it from Sacramento to Ogden. The Southern Pacific owns one branch of the line from Sacramento to Tehama, and the Central Pacific owns the other. From Tehama to the Oregon line is owned by the Central Pacific, and the road from the California line to Portland is owned by the Southern Pacific. In case of complete dissolution of these properties, the Southern Pacific system would be left with its rails in Oregon running from the California line to Portland, and no lines on either end.

It is the contention of those who have given the decision careful study that it will result in closing the Ogden gateway and that Eugene, Roseburg, Ashland, and all main line towns in western Oregon that now enjoy through transcontinental rates on the same basis as those of Portland will be deprived of the rates, due to the fact that they are considered as intermediate points of a through transcontinental line to Portland, of which through transcontinental line the Southern Pacific line from Ogden, Utah, to Portland, Oregon, is a part. With the closing of the Ogden gateway to Oregon traffic, parties receiving freight from the east would be compelled to pay the transcontinental rate from Chicago, for example, to Portland, plus the local rate from Portland to, say Roseburg or Medford.

The supreme court's decision is furnishing a whole lot of comment from many different points of view and at this time it seems to be the general opinion that if the decision is carried out it will be a great set back to this state in particular.

THE AMERICAN FLAG.

Much has been said during recent years about paying honors to the American flag. Formerly this idea was confined largely to military men and war veterans. But nowadays the man who does not rise when the "Star Spangled Banner" is played is likely to be forcibly reminded of his negligence and perhaps assisted to stand. The man who fails to take off his hat as the flag passes by may get the same knocked off by some exuberant young patriot.

Flag Day, observed June 14, is an anniversary noted in many schools, and this occasion has furnished a chance for teachers to talk to children about what the national colors stand for.

Any loyal American ought to find our stars and stripes a sign having deep meanings. Symbols have always had a tremendous power over human hearts. The martyrs looked to the cross of Christ and from the courage and faith derived from that sight have had the strength to brave torture and death.

The flag of one's country stirs emotions not wholly unrelated to that sacred emblem. Its red suggests the blood of patriotic martyrs, who like the Christian saints gave their lives for a noble ideal. Its white suggests the purity and honor that were the ideals entertained by the fathers who founded this country. Its blue suggests the favor of heaven, which has guided and preserved this fair land.

Thoughts like these then should come into the mind when the flag of the country passes by. Our people do not use it to decorate their homes as they should. When July Fourth comes let us all this year throw it to the breeze. If our copy of Old Glory is dull and tarnished, let's get a new one, and clothe our sentiment in a clean and shining form.

Students of history will remember the pictures of how old Richard Coeur de Lion, king of England, and a redoubtable leader of the Crusaders for the Holy Sepulchre, used to batter down the city gates of the infidel Saracens by the terrific blows of his great battle axe. Prosaic souls may say that those old days of chivalry are all dead. Yet you see about the same thing day by day in the newspapers. Instead of Richard and his doughty knights, clad in their coats of mail, hammering down the barriers with their mighty weapons, you have the modern raiding party under the Volstead act, using sledge hammers to smash in the door of the suspected maker of hooch. The people who like the knights of old are looking for adventure can find all they want of it by joining the prohibition agents. It may not be quite as dangerous as crusading against the Saracens in the days of Richard, but it calls for some courage to meet the desperate men in the bootlegging business, and it is a job that calls for the strategy of a general and the sleuthing gifts of a Sherlock Holmes.

A bill prohibiting trade bribery, or the offering of rewards or bribes to agents to influence their action in business matters, has passed the lower house of Congress. Business men will hope their measure becomes law, as it should make competitive conditions fairer. It is pretty discouraging to an honest salesman or dealer, when he has done his best to put over a line of stuff on its merits, to lose business because some slick rival offered financial inducements to the buyer. Goods must cost more under such methods, as the inducement offered the buyer must be added to the price the consumer pays.

The next big attraction for Roseburg will be the annual chaunatqua program—and it is a good one, too.

If business is a little slow with you try advertising. It's a wonderful business getter.



By BERT G. BATES.

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—
 A lot of the girls
 Who've never taken
 Domestic Science
 Can throw a rolling pin
 As straight as
 Those who have.

Today's Flag Day! It's all right to wear a flag in your button hole one day of the year—but wear Old Glory in your heart 365 days of the year.

The national guard boys leave tonight for Camp Lewis, where they will enjoy their annual outing eating slum.

LOGICAL QUESTION.
 Millionaire, speaking to a body of students—"All my success, all my tremendous financial prestige I owe to one thing alone—pluck, pluck, pluck."
 Student—"But how are we to find the right people to pluck?"

GOT HIS NUMBER.
 Jack—"What kind of a fellow is Blinks?"
 Bill—"Well, he's one of those fellows who always grabs the stool when there is a piano to be moved."

YEA BO!
 Beware the deadly sitting habit,
 Or if you sit like a rabbit,
 Who ever keepeth on the jump,
 By springs concealed beneath the rump.
 A little ginger neath the tail,
 Will oft for lack of brain avail.
 Eschew a dull and slothful seat,
 And move about with willing feet.
 Man was not meant to sit a-trance,
 And press, and press, and press his pants,
 But rather with an open mind,
 To circulate among his kind.
 And so, my son, avoid the snare,
 That lurks within the easy chair;
 To runlikehell, it has been found,
 Both feet must be upon the ground.

THE BUTCHER'S ANTHEM.
 "I never sausage such eyes as thine,
 And if you'll butcher hand in mine,
 And liver round me every day,
 We'll sever some hamlet far away,
 We'll meat life's frown with life's career,
 And cleaver road to happiness."
 Kansas "Buzz Saw."

Some organizations do nothing but pass resolutions.
 And some people do nothing but second the motion.
 Three aged Scots were in the habit of meeting on Saturday evening at the home of first one and then another of the group for social purposes, said Irvin Cobb. Their social demands were simple, just as their tastes were similar. All they craved was an opportunity to sit by a fire with their pipes lit and their whiskey glasses handy, in silence.

One evening there had been an especially enjoyable session. Two quarts of liquor had been consumed and hardly a word had been spoken. At the approach of midnight two guests stood up to go. One of them, with difficulty focusing his vision upon his host, who sat in the inglenook, remarked to the third member of the party in an undertone:
 "What an awful look Sandy has on his face."
 "Aye," said his crony. "He's dead."
 "How long has he been dead?" inquired the first speaker in shocked tones.
 "The better part of two hours."
 "Why did ye nae tell me before?"
 "Hoots, mon," said his crony, "I'm nae the one to break up a pleasant evening!"

(Mother)—Children, here's a quarter. Go down to the saloon and get your ice cream cone and soda water. And on your way back, stop in the drug store and bring your father home.

"My dog is bigger at night than he is in the morning."
 "How's that?"
 "We let him out at night and take him in in the morning."

(Young Wife)—The postoffices are very careless sometimes, don't you think?
 (Friend)—Why do you think so?
 (Young Wife)—Fred sent me a note yesterday from Philadelphia where he is staying on business, and the silly postoffice people put an Atlantic City mark on the envelope.

Another thing that makes the decision to throw the old straw hat away and start out with a new one is the discovery that the old one has been living under one corner of a trunk in the garret all winter.

LAFE PERKINS SEZ:
 "If you can't boost the ol' home town why not move to one you can brag about?"

THE HOME RADIO

How to Make and Use It By A. HYATT VERRILL

XVI. SIMPLE CRYSTAL DETECTOR RECEIVING SET

A very simple and effective little set (Fig. 43) under favorable conditions and with a good aerial, will pick up the broadcast music, signals and other sounds from stations at considerable distances. No specific range for this or any other set can be given, for the efficiency of any set depends upon a great many conditions and influences. The length and height of aerials, the proximity of high buildings, electrically charged cables or wires, the perfection of insulation of aerial, adjustment of instruments; all affect the range of a receiving set and, in addition, there are climatic and other conditions to be taken into consideration.

In the diagram A represents the aerial, which should be a single wire as nearly 150 feet in length as possible and as high as it can be placed. B is the ground which should be made by scraping a spot on a gas, water or radiator pipe and soldering the wire in place. C is a variable condenser in the ground lead, and for this set should be about .0005 microfarads. D is the crystal detector. E the telephone head set and F a voltmeter.

The variable condenser and voltmeter may be purchased ready-made from any dealer in radio supplies and while they may be made at home yet it is far more satisfactory and just about as cheap to purchase the stock instruments. The same is true of the crystal detector and lead set. You should, however, be careful in selecting the galena crystal to be used with such an outfit as this mineral varies greatly in its sensitiveness. The best plan is to purchase a pound or two of the crystals and test a number of pieces by means of a buzzer. You will probably find that while some crystals are absolutely useless others are fast and a few are very sensitive. To make up such a set is very simple, as the various parts are merely connected with insulated copper wire, as shown in the figure, using binding posts which may be purchased for a few cents. The whole may then be mounted on a piece of fibre-board or bakelite or it may be set up on a neat board of block and enclosed in a case with a hinged cover. Such a set, including all connections, wires, insulators for aerial, etc., should not cost over \$20, and will be found far superior to many ready-made sets costing much more.

Crystal Detectors and How to Make One.—The crystal detectors used in sets such as described are of various forms, Fig. 44, but in all the principle is the same and they all consist of a crystal cup or holder, binding screws and an adjustable contact of fine wire. They are not expensive instruments and it is usually easier and cheaper to purchase them ready made than to make them, but they are very easy to construct and any boy can make a practical detector in a few hours. One of the simplest is shown in Fig. 45, and consists merely of a fiber base, a strip of brass about 1-16 or 1-8 inch thick bent in the form shown; a brass plate which can be moved from side to side on a pivot, to hold the crystal; a fine coiled wire and binding-posts. The plate holding the crystal is connected with one post and the brass strip holding the wire to the other post. If possible, use platinum wire for the contact, but this is not essential.

Students to Enjoy Picnic

The Daily Vacation Bible school now being held at the Baptist church, plans to go on a picnic next Friday. That is a part of the program to make the children have a good time. They are having good times every day, but better than that, they are learning a great deal of the Bible every day, and are hearing some of the finest stories in all literature which are found in the Bible. In the singing, they are developing confidence as well as capacity. Some say that they can hear them a block away. The boys have about decided that they can compete with the Whitney boys' chorus.

The craft work which is a part of each day's program is very popular with the children. The girls do sewing, basket weaving, and such, while the boys make things that boys like to make, such as boats, magic windmills, and animal circuses. The use of the sheds behind the church have been donated by Mr. Young, and there the boys howl and whistle to their hearts' content.

The enrollment of the school has steadily risen till it is now over 170. The attendance is voluntary, but it has kept remarkably high. Visitors at the school are always welcome. At the close of the school there will be an exhibition night, when the parents and public will be especially invited to come and hear a part that the children have learned, and to see the things that they have made. Each child will then get the things that he or she has made.

The picnic next Friday will be for all of the children of the school. The details will be explained to the children on Thursday morning.

SEASON IS PROSPEROUS FOR GROWERS OF FRUIT

(International News Service.) DENVER, June 14.—Reports received here from the orchard districts of Colorado and Utah indicate that fruit growers will enjoy a prosperous season, with good crops of apples, pears, peaches and plums. The campaign to "fight worms, prunes for quality and keep trees healthy" has resulted in cleaner orchards than have been seen in several years.

MERCERIZED HOSE—3 FOR \$1.
 Ladies fine mercerized hose, extra long, extra quality and extra price, at 35c or 3 pair for \$1 at Carr's.

HAND IS INJURED
 W. T. McKay sustained a severe injury last night while engaged in opening a bottle. The bottle was broken and a sharp piece of glass cut the wrist, severing the artery. The injured man was rushed at once to the office of Dr. Hoover, where the artery was tied and the wound closed, six stitches being necessary. Much blood was lost, and the wound is quite painful, although not necessarily serious.

H. S. ASSOCIATION MAKES PLEDGE TO LIBRARY FUND
 At a meeting of the High School Parent-Teacher association is was voted to donate the sum of \$500 to the public library building fund. This is the first pledge which has been made to this fund. The association expects to raise the money in various ways, and will probably give more. In fact some of the members wanted to make the pledge much larger, but it was thought best to pledge a smaller amount at first and

Cadman Praises Art of Stearns-Hellekson Trio

Noted Composer Says Their Interpretation Is One of the Best He Has Heard



That a musical program of real worth is scheduled for Chaunatqua when the Stearns-Hellekson Trio appears on the afternoon and evening of the second day, is shown from an interesting telegram from Charles Wakefield Cadman, noted composer, to Miss Ethel Stearns, manager of the company. The wire is quoted here: "It is with sincere pleasure that I find you are to play my trio on your program for your coming tour. I consider your interpretation one of the best I have heard so far. I wish you great success." It is a remarkable tribute when one considers the fact that Cadman has heard practically all of the country's leading chamber music groups.

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Herr From Canas Valley—Mrs. F. F. Northrop, of Canas Valley, came to this city to spend a few days transacting business and with friends.

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 General Manager

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