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THE RAILROAD MAP

WHAT will happen to Oregon's railroad map if and when the Union Pacific actually does build the cross-state line ordered last week by the Interstate Commerce commission, after an exhaustive hearing in Washington? The order of the commission has to do only with the connecting of Burns and Crescent City. It is generally assumed that although the Union Pacific may see fit to appeal, it will ultimately have to build this line. This construction will open up and serve the vast central Oregon empire, but that is not its only significance. Other changes are then due in the railroad map of this state and what they will be can only be conjectured.

Oregon might be said to be divided into three sections each of which is served by a different railroad system. Western Oregon is served by the Southern Pacific and virtually dominated by it with the exception of the stub of the Oregon Electric which extends as far as Eugene. Central Oregon from The Dalles through Bend and to Klamath Falls is served by the Great Northern. Eastern Oregon, Pendleton, La Grande, Baker, etc., is Union Pacific territory. Several years ago the Union Pacific line was extended as far west as Burns and, no doubt, for this reason was chosen by the I. C. C. to build across the state connecting the east with the west. With common user privilege over the Southern Pacific this will give the Union Pacific direct entrance to western Oregon and Willamette valley points. With the Willamette valley now a part of the northern lines system and served also by the Southern Pacific, it seems doubtful that the U. P. could be interested in going after traffic originating in Eugene and points north in competition with two other systems. Looking to the south, both the Southern Pacific and Great Northern are situated in a more favorable position for tapping the great redwood district near Crescent City via either Eureka or Grants Pass.

Between Eugene and Grants Pass, a distance of more than 150 miles, is a belt of the richest undeveloped section of the entire Pacific coast. Its wealth lies largely along a line drawn east and west and this wealth is not served by any transportation system unless the Shasta route of the Southern Pacific which crosses it could be said to serve it. Would it not seem natural that the great Union Pacific system, after being compelled to build a line across the state, would seek a Pacific coast port and also seek to tap an undeveloped area in which a large amount of tonnage would originate?

Common user privilege of the S. P. line to Coos Bay even if granted, would not answer that demand. Closely interlocking as the ownerships of the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific are said to be, they are still vigorous competitors.

Here is a question built upon hope but nevertheless reasonable: Why would it not be good judgment for the Union Pacific to build from Crescent lake across the Umpqua pass, through Roseburg and to the sea terminating at Coos Bay?

Call it wishful thinking if you will. Say that it is trying to rationalize and make logical a vague possibility. The map of Oregon will support the contention and, to the layman at least, it looks like a reasonable railroad proposition. Railroads have been known to do things much less logical than that.

POEM FOR THE DAY

By LOUIS ALBERT BANKS

A 12,000 MILE FAMILY CHAT

The Associated Press brought this story from Richmond, Virginia: "A mother's voice from the executive mansion of the Old Dominion traveled more than 12,000 miles Nov. 16 to her boy encamped within the fringe of the south pole with Commander Byrd."

The wonders of our modern life
With many tender notes are rife,
How much less lonely is the world
Since sounds around the globe are hurled!
This governor cries, "Hello, old boy!"
And "Dick," fair hugs himself for joy.
That "cross the world they hear their 'Dick'"
Is modern science' grandest trick.

When mother's voice so soft and low
Is tossed in air by radio
Twelve thousand miles o'er land and sea,
Conveying love and sympathy,
This world's become a homelike place—
Annihilated time and space.
How fortunate Commander Byrd
To hear his mother's loving word!

Antarctic regions must seem warm
With mother's voice so cold to charm.
Near all mankind was "listening in"—
Ten million faces were agn.
The while this conference carried far
The gates of earth were all ajar.
And though 'twas meant for Richard Byrd,
The whole round world heard every word.

The radio lets secrets out;
It from the house-tops makes its shout.
We thank the Buffalo Evening News
For this rare treat too good to lose.
How much our modern public press
Helps fill the earth with happiness!
The world, each day, is on front page;
It is chief servant of our age.

BRINGING UP FATHER



The OFFICE CAT

Foreman: "What's the big idea of quitting?"
Riveter: "Oh, I don't mind hammering rivets all day long, but the man that works with me hums incessantly."

Time and tide wait for no man, nor does the Santa Claus special.

"Christmas Bells"
The Christmas bells as sweetly chime
As on the day when first they rung.

So merrily in the olden time,
And far and wide their music rung.

Shaking the tall, grey, ivied tower
With all their deep, melodious power.

They still proclaim to every ear,
Old Christmas comes but once a year.

EDITORIALS ON THE DAY'S NEWS

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from year to year.

HERE is another thought: When the Oregon public service commission first proposed to seek an order from the interstate commerce commission requiring the construction of the east and west line, it was said again, and loudly, that it couldn't be done.

But it HAS BEEN DONE. The order has been issued.

THE lesson is plain. Nothing worth while was ever accomplished by those who say IT CAN'T BE DONE. But MUCH has been accomplished by those who say IT CAN BE DONE.

Maybe I'm Wrong

By J. P. MEDBURY

A Harvard student was expelled the other day for treason. They found a Yale lock on his trunk.

EFFICIENCY EXPERTS
The fellow who always leaves the latch off the door so that opportunity can come in without knocking.

MATRIMONIAL MARTYRS
Two can live cheaper than one, but the average bachelor would rather pay the difference and stay single.

AGE OF CADS
The polygamist who said he was on his way to Leavenworth to be demobilized.

WONDERS OF NATURE
A conceited man doesn't worry about birth control. He knows there'll never be another born like him.

AMONG THE ILLITERATI
Many a fellow who went to correspondence school must have graduated from the dead letter office.

JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE
When a fumbler rubs slippery elm over his hands so that the dinner check will slip out of his fingers.

NULL AND VOID
The nervous guy who always puts soothing syrup on his hot cakes.

YOU'RE RIGHT
The attic is the average phost's happy hunting ground.

OUR OWN VAUDEVILLE
Rob: My fiance is a girl after my own heart.

Tom: You're lucky. Mine's after my money.

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GUARD AGAINST QUICK CHANGES IN WEATHER

At the First Sign of a Cold, Take Steps to Check It, Warns Dr. Copeland, Otherwise It May Lead to More Troublesome Maladies.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D.
United States Senator from New York.
Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

OF LATE there have been increasing attempts to find out the cause and cure for that troublesome thing, the common cold. There is probably no other "below par" condition so prevalent among every type of the civilized race as this one.

The chief danger about this condition is that it so often leads to even greater troubles and more serious disease. It affects many thousands of persons in every State and country. We must find a means to check this common tendency to have colds.

Good health is a strong chain, but it has been said, "the strongest chain is no stronger than its weakest link." A man may pride himself on his robust, good health. Yet, when he least expects it, along comes a cold. Something depresses him, he has a slight indisposition, but he thinks lightly of it. If it is neglected, this "weak link," the cold, may bring him to something much worse, "a malady with a name."

It is not generally recalled that the nose and mouth are directly connected by the alimentary canal with the stomach and the whole digestive tract. What affects one is apt to affect all of these functions.

When the delicate membrane of the nose or throat is inflamed, when any bad feelings in this region are felt, then you may look for trouble in the digestive functions of the body.

Over-feeding, under-feeding, over-tiredness and insufficient exercise are among the chief factors for lowering vitality. They are the factors that it would be impossible to advise you along these lines.

If A. H. Q.—What foods may be taken for breakfast? Is it harmful to have bran flakes and a soft-boiled egg every morning?

2.—What are the symptoms of arthritis? What treatment is advised? Is the diet a factor?

3.—This is entirely a matter of personal choice. No. 2.—Cautious and sensible habits, such as avoiding over-exertion, are among the outstanding symptoms. The treatment depends upon the source of infection. Yet the diet is an important factor in many cases.

A READER. Q.—What causes broken veins on the side of the nose?

A.—This condition is probably caused by poor circulation. Build up the general health and increase your circulation.

WOHLFED. Q.—What do you suggest for bleaching superfluous hair?

A.—Try using a mixture of hydrogen peroxide and water. This will make the hair less conspicuous and may retard the hair growth.

M. A. W. Q.—What should a girl weigh who is fifteen years old and five feet two inches tall?

2.—What can be done for pimples that appear on my back and upper arms?

A.—For her age and height she should weigh about 110 pounds. 2.—Every day she should be cutting down on sugar, starches and coffee, and only simple foods and avoid constipation.

J. M. G. Q.—What do you advise for catarrh of the bladder?

A.—Hospital treatment to clear up the nasal catarrh is advisable. For full particulars send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and repeat your question.

I. D. N. Q.—Are bananas and milk wholesome?

A.—Yes, this combination is wholesome and nutritious.

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Good Manners

By MRS. CORNELIUS BECKMAN

Gifts Offerings for 1929

DEAR MRS. BECKMAN:

Would you name several presents that you think of especial interest this year? As you know, styles of presents vary from year to year, and I am wondering if you have come across some gifts that are especially interesting. Have you?

G. P. D.

YOUNG man right—certain years have certain values in certain kinds of presents. Color, this

year, has indeed come into its own, and we find many thrilling items in colors that heretofore have appeared only in white, or that were in color but have such a different effect on the eye. Table linens, for instance, never have we been offered such beauty of shades in all kinds of table coverings as this year—in linen damasks in novelty weaves, and in the new rayon for sheer table-coverings, such as organdies, crepe de chine, organdies and other materials that formerly we did not associate with table coverings. In color, too, the sets of lovely hand towels and pillow cases, packaged this year in special Christmas gift boxes. Lovely colors are also seen in

Attractions AT THE MOVIES

ANTLERS—Today, "Fast Company," Ring Lardner story, Tuesday and Wednesday, "Wonder of Women," part talking, with Lewis Stone, Lella Hyams; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, "Madame X," all talking, with Lewis Stone, Ruth Chatterton and Raymond Hackett.

LIBERTY—Today, "Madonna of Avenue A," with Dolores Costello; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, "The Road to Ruin."

"Road to Ruin" to Appear at Liberty

Problems Facing Modern Youth Form Theme of Picture Which Starts 3-Day Run Tuesday.

A PICTURE that is destined to be one of the greatest successes of the times, according to many critics, will be shown in Roseburg at the Liberty theatre for three days beginning tomorrow. This picture is entitled "The Road to Ruin." Its great strength lies in the fact that it is not only a good motion picture, but a clear, vivid, honest reflection of a phase of present-day life.

It has all the elements that go toward making a great picture drama. First of all it presents a strikingly interesting story—a story of the youngsters of today. It is admirably acted and deftly directed. It is a simple, straightforward presentation of a theme with which everyone is familiar, but the theme is expounded in a most fascinating and effective fashion.

The picture also has that element of evading controversy which is strong and vigorous and under discussion in all places and at all times. It is the sort of picture that is bound to create discussion everywhere.

High school boys and girls are the leading characters in the usual picture. The story is so simple that it is a pretty little bedtime story. It means more, that it is a story of recklessness and animated action, for there are qualities of modern youth. J. E. Lake.

new sets of pens and pencils, as well as in desk sets. Handsome sets appear, too, in gold and silver, some of which can be monogrammed. Never have I seen so many sets of pens and pencils, and pencils and pens for all sorts of uses and occasions.

Cameras have gotten themselves beautifully designed and boxed this year. An especially attractive one that I have seen comes in a handsome ostrich case. The camera, there is the ensemble camera, with its feminine appointments, vanity case, lipstick and so forth.

In silver we find two new pieces that have been added during the year: the cream soap spoon bowl; and the salad knife, to be used with the salad fork. You will find these in several of the newest patterns, and also you will find them added to several of the old patterns. Each is attractively boxed in sets of six or twelve.

Powder has held its own also in popularity, and because of the unusually active dealers that are offered, has even gained in value. Serving dishes are especially lovely in this material, famous for not needing much care and for having a beautiful lustre.

A coffee table is another useful and delightful gift, and the late designs have great style. I have also seen a set of after-dinner coffee cups and saucers, gold lined, and with varying colors on the outside. They are charming. This gives every member of the dinner party a different color.

Wrist watches, of course, we always have with us, and there is a delightful thrill in so many of the new designs. And perfume—I wonder how it has been possible for the designers to think up so many beautiful bottles. With perfume, think of all the different kinds of boxes of soaps, bath salts, sets consisting of various beauty products and traveling sets.

Black glass is especially modish this year. We are offered lovely black glass vases, tall and short, large and small; black glass salad and dessert plates; table glasses of varying sizes, with white glass tops and black glass bases; salt and pepper shakers, and ash trays, and novelty boxes of all kinds, plain and etched.

Letter paper, too, has I'm glad to say, taken on dignity and a plain whiteness or light grayness or ivory tint, and therefore becomes a gift that is appropriate for almost everyone. This year the manufacturers have realized that the blarney papers they have been offering weren't selling, they have reformed, and are giving us papers that are dignified and very handsome. And here, again, we are offered especially lovely gift packages.

I've seen offered, too, a gift that I think shows excellent taste for a small but perfect present. I'm referring to the very attractive candles, cream or ivory for general use, or especially decorated Christmas ones. They come in boxes of two or four, or more. If you want to make a more consequential present.

The Proper Salutation

DEAR MRS. BECKMAN:

Which is proper for a salutation on a letter to a person of acquaintance—"My dear Mrs. Brown" or "Dear Mrs. Brown"?

MISS V. C.

"My dear Mrs. Brown" is in better form. In this country, it is accepted that "My dear Mrs. Brown" is more formal than "Dear Mrs. Brown." In England, for instance, it is the reverse.

(Mrs. Beckman will be glad to answer questions on etiquette submitted by readers.)

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