

MANY AUTOS ARE FINDING BUYERS

BAKER, Apr. 18.—When everyone said it could not be done the Baker automobile dealers said it could be done, and they began an intensive advertising campaign, closing it with the automobile show which attracted people from all over Eastern Oregon. The dealers advertised their machines with as much energy as in the days when they could not fill the orders they came so fast.

As a result the following sales were reported as a direct result of the advertising campaign:

The Central Motor company of this city announces a few more sales of cars. A Ford Sedan was sold to

the Baker Floral and Seed company; a coupe to J. F. O'Bryen, and one to G. F. Van Riper.

The Oregon Motor company states that the management has sold a Willys-Knight, a new model sedan, to O. B. Mount.

A brand new Vellie touring car was sold yesterday to F. W. Lowrie, states L. E. Caul of the Duby & Caul garage.

Masters & Perkins announce the sale of a Studebaker 6 roadster to Chris Lee.

G. F. Lockwood, local motorcycle man, announces the sale of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle with sidecar attachment to William Osborn, from his booth at the Auto show.

REBELS IN BELGIAN CONGO

BRUSSELS.—Sporadic rebellions are occurring among the natives in the Belgian Congo. As a result, plans are being made to effect reforms in the methods of government.

PRICES HIGH IN PORTLAND

Investigator Finds That Retailers Charge 10 to 25 Per Cent too Much in the Rose City.

PORTLAND, Apr. 18.—Portland wholesale prices are from 8 to 10 per cent above those of the Middle Western cities of the same size, while the volume of business in Portland is less in tonnage.

Retail prices in Portland are from 10 to 20 per cent higher than the average, and the retail price situation in Portland is the most spotted of 140 different cities throughout the United States visited in the last year.

These are some of the conclusions reached by Franklin Hobbs, statistician of national reputation for about 200 national and state banks over the country, who has been quietly asking prices in Portland for the last few weeks, for the purposes of comparison.

Hobbs, when interviewed at the Multnomah hotel, said that it would be two weeks before he would have his statistics of coast cities worked up, but he told of his observations of Portland prices as compared with other cities.

Impossible Condition. "I find some stores selling some things at pre-war prices," he said, less than wholesale, which is an impossible condition. This is not style change, for I am taking only standard merchandise. My personal opinion is that Western cities are trying to get down to the proper level and find it difficult to do so, with the result they are making price leaders and still making profits on those articles on which they have the best sale.

"Prices on all Oriental goods in Portland are too high. Prices on American-made silks are no higher than in other cities, but Chinese and Japanese silks are.

"Food prices average low in Portland. Restaurant prices here cannot be duplicated with the same quality of food in other cities.

Seattle Still Worse. "Portland is not high on men's and women's clothes, but it is high on men's and women's furnishings, such as lingerie and haberdashery, shoes and hosiery. You are not high on dresses or suits, but you are on neckwear. Sweaters are selling 30 per cent higher here than in San Francisco. Seattle is still higher than Portland."

Hobbs obtained his figures after checking the prices of between 1500 and 1600 standard articles that are sold in every city.

Sales Tax Urged. "We must have some other form of federal taxation immediately after July 1," said Hobbs. "Present forms of taxation will not support the government, and we are facing one of two things, either a sales tax which will produce ample revenue, or another type of surtax superimposed forms are going to fall more than \$1,000,000,000 short. A sales tax is the oldest form of taxation known and good examples of its success are in Canada and the Philippines.

"But the greatest thing about a sales tax is that it encourages thrift. At present, if a man tries to save a dollar, you penalize him. A sales tax would assist him, since there would be no more taxes on what he did not spend."

BAKER TELLS LA GRANDE OF HER PAGEANT

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with Union county people at the Ad Club luncheon.

Manager Nelson announced that for three months the regular luncheon would have to shift to other places than the Foley hotel because of the remodeling and rebuilding of that institution.

Meacham Breaks the Ice.

Most everyone knew that the Baker crowd was ready to spring a little surprise and it came when Walter Meacham, secretary of Baker's Chamber of Commerce and president of the Old Oregon Trail association, gave a classical address on the history of the old trail, following it through the different states and telling in excellent language of the experiences of the pioneers who found this great north-west through the old trail that led from St. Louis to Council Bluffs and then to Oregon. Closing in an eloquent manner, the speaker announced the Old Oregon Trail and Pioneer Pageant to be held in Baker on Independence Day and issued an invitation for all La Grande and Union county not only to participate but to preserve any old relic that will add to the quaintness and historical value of the occasion.

Oscar Correll, a prominent attorney, also spoke and reiterated the invitation of Mr. Meacham.

Senator Colin R. McHardy in speaking for the Ad Club expressed appreciation of the invitation and offered a motion, which carried, that La Grande and Union county celebrate in Baker this year. Judge Crawford, president of the Union County Pioneer Association, followed with the expression that he would endeavor to get the society to hold its annual meeting during the pageant at Baker.

"Dollar Bill" Ellis of Baker told of the great co-operative features which the completing of the Oregon Trail highway means to all the towns and cities of Eastern Oregon. "Closely Mr. Ellis recited that life is not found at best and to know one's neighbor and enjoy him is one of the pleasures

of this life, and this is brought about by the completion of the highway."

In the Baker party attending the luncheon were: Judge William Duby, Jos. Stoddard, I. B. Bowen, Jr., K. L. Burke, George Huntington Curry, W. H. Ellis, W. A. Southard, A. L. Dehny, Prescott Lilly, Oscar Correll, William Heinman and Walter Meacham.

INTERIOR IS WINNER IN RAIL REPORT

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tive policy in this respect is required. Water lines are entitled to thrive; not merely to exist. Furthermore, such rates, especially if on an out-of-pocket basis, should not be allowed if they would result in injury to intermediate points. Rail carriers, in protecting themselves against competitors, should not by fourth section departures lay substantially increased burdens on third parties.

"An exhaustive study of the legislation and the subject dealt with indicates that these were the fundamental and ultimate purposes of the amendment. Many applications for relief that formerly would have been granted almost as a matter of course may have to be denied. The amendment, as above interpreted, should accomplish practically all the benefits that a rigid long-and-short-haul rule would be expected to accomplish without the serious disturbances that such a rule would entail."

Pursuant to this line of reasoning, Mr. Disque concludes that the application of the railroad companies for permission to depart from the absolute long-and-short-haul rule in respect of various commodities to Pacific coast terminals and to fix lesser rates than those imposed upon the intermediate or so-called intermountain sections should be denied.

The amendment to the fourth section of the commerce act upon which this important determination is based reads as follows:

"The commission shall not permit the establishment of any charge to or from the more distant point that is not reasonably compensatory for the service performed."

The report of Examiner Disque is a comprehensive and thorough analysis of the whole problem, going into detail with respect to the several contentions submitted by the conflicting interests involved and discussing at length the history of the question. It covers, without appendices, 103 unusually large typewritten pages.

In the same report the carriers were authorized to establish lower rates on coffee from New York, New Orleans and Galveston to Pacific coast terminals than from and to intermountain points, but the restriction is imposed that the terminals must be kept on a parity.

MIDDLE WEST STATES ARE INUNDATED

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persons are known to have been killed north of here Monday evening when a tornado swept the northern part of Madison county.

The storm struck Alexandria, Orestes and Summitville, and was a part of the tornado that cut a wide path across Indiana late Monday.

Series of Storms. (By Associated Press.) INDIANAPOLIS, Apr. 18.—A series of electric and wind storms passed across Indiana Monday leaving ruined farms and isolated villages in their wake.

Communication in the state is difficult. Washouts have caused delayed or suspended service on many interurban and steam railway lines and telegraph and telephone service is seriously crippled.

WELLS WILL MAKE ACTIVE CAMPAIGN

John Wells of Alice announced today that he intended to make an active campaign for the Democratic nomination for county commissioner.

"I am not seeking office," said Mr. Wells, "only for the purpose of doing some good. I believe that there can be some material reductions in county expense and for that reason I am going to run."

Spring Wash Fabrics

We are indeed fortunate to be able to offer at this time complete new stocks of Gingham, Percales and Devonshire Cloths at these low prices.

RENFREW

Devonshire Cloth

32-inch
35c yd.

For Jumpers, Rompers, Aprons and Wash Suits. Tub proof, sun proof. A yarn dyed fabric, plain shades, stripes, small checks and white. Twenty patterns.

AMOSKEAG

Chambrey Gingham

32-inch
19c yard

A good quality 32-inch gingham at an exceptionally low price. Checks, stripes, plaids and plain shades. 42 patterns.

AMERICAN

Printed Cambrics

36-inch
21c yard

Extra fine quality 36-inch percale in a wide range of attractive lights and darks. 30 patterns.

AMOSKEAG

Utility Gingham

32-inch
22c yard

This well-known gingham we now show in the 32-inch width. Plaids, checks, stripes and plain shades. 42 patterns.

36-inch
17c yard

Gladia Percales

A truly great value is this 36-inch percale in all the most wanted patterns and colors. 48 patterns.

THE LARGEST CHAIN DEPARTMENT STORE ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD

Pure Silk Hose

At 95c a pair

Get Your Hose during this Unloading Shoe Sale—regular \$1.50 for 95c, black and brown.

Our sale is still on all of our stock of Shoes, Oxfords, Strap Pumps and High Shoes. Lots of good styles to pick from.

Buy Now and Save Money

The Bootery

LA GRANDE'S ONLY EXCLUSIVE SHOE STORE

206 Depot St. Phone Main 118
GROVER SMITH, Manager

Special Sale on Dolls

For 43c—Values to \$2.00

For 23c—Values to 85c

See Our Window Display

Newlin Book & Stationery Co.

S.H.E.R.R.Y.'S

TODAY AND TOMORROW

Don't Go Wrong

A Cosmopolitan Production with a laugh or a happy tear at every step

"STRAIGHT IS THE WAY"

A Paramount Picture

With Matt Moore and Gladys Leslie

COMEDY—"As Others See Us"

EASTER SERMON FOR KNIGHTS

The Knights Templar of the local commandery went to Island City Easter Sunday for their annual Easter sermon, which was delivered by Rev. Jas. Leitch. He chose as his sermon topic, "The Spirit of Masonry, What It Is and What It Stands For."

The church was crowded to its full capacity and there were 55 knights present in full uniform. An illuminated cross, the emblem of the order, was used for the first time at similar services here.

The members of the order complimented Rev. Leitch very highly on his sermon.

U. S. WINS CASE

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18.—The government today won in the supreme court the case brought by the United States Machinery corporation and others to have set aside the rescinding order prohibiting them from using certain lease clauses in contracts for rental of patented shoe machinery. The supreme court affirmed the decree enjoining the corporation under the Clayton Act.

Complaints Acted Upon by Bartlett

WASHINGTON, April 18.—One of the first official acts of John H. Bartlett, newly appointed first assistant postmaster general, was to give attention to complaints upon the part of publishers of delays in the handling of newspapers by the Postoffice Department. Recently Mr. Bartlett issued instructions to postal employees urging a more expeditious movement of second-class matter, particularly newspapers.

"Despite repeated instructions for the prompt handling of daily papers," said the statement issued by Mr. Bartlett, "many complaints are made of delay in the receipt of this class of mail. Postmasters are therefore urged to see that all daily papers both outgoing and incoming, are handled immediately upon receipt in their offices to the end that we may have a satisfied public and an appreciative press."

NEWSBOY MUSICIAN

LIVERPOOL.—Ben Loman, until recently a Winnipeg newsboy, has arrived here for two years of study at the Royal Academy of Music. He is a gifted violinist.

National Biscuit Co.

Is the largest manufacturer of fine Crackers and Cakes in the U. S. A.

The merits of their products alone established this leadership—many a cracker company has imitated this famous line, but at the best are only imitators. The Hooverized recognized these self-evident facts long ago and handle this line exclusively. And, by the way, the Hooverized is the only store in La Grande that carries a complete stock of these superior products. If you are not acquainted with all these original creations, call in tomorrow—we have a factory sampling demonstration of the entire line.

Be sure to call and try them.

HOOVERIZED

Where The Thrifty Shop