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RAILROAD BUILDING ASKED

MANY MILES OF RAILROAD IS THE DEMAND

Oregon Public Service Commission Files Official Plea in Washington

CENTRAL OREGON TO BE TAPPED

Several Branch Lines Also Asked for; Large Domain of Country Would Be Opened if Roads are Built.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—An order requiring railroads operating in Oregon to build several hundred miles of new lines within the state was sought today from the Interstate Commerce commission in a complaint filed by the Oregon state public service commission.

New lines are necessary, the state authorities allege to develop 22,500 square miles of country, to open up large timber tracts and give the livestock industry proper transportation.

In addition the state contended the present facilities imposed undue burdens on shippers because the freight must move over a circuitous route and that military interests also require a north and south line east of the Cascade mountains.

Lines are asked from Oakridge, Southern Pacific terminal, east to Crane, Oregon-Washington company present terminal. The second line crossing this is asked for from Bend, a Spokane, Portland and Seattle terminal, to Kirk, another Southern Pacific terminal. Several branch lines are also asked for.

MR. HANKS WITH J. C. PENNEY CO.

After quite a long service with the Union Motor company of this city, W. D. Hanks has resigned his managerial position with that concern and has connected himself permanently with the J. C. Penney Co., where he will be found in the future.

Mr. Hanks is one of the best known men in Union county, having a large acquaintance in the Union and Elgin sections and will be a valuable addition to the growing business of the J. C. Penney store.

HOTEL FIRE KILLS FOUR

AMROY, Miss., Nov. 12.—Four were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the hotel here today.

Crites Wins Decision Over Ferron In Main Go

Frankie Crites, of Newberg, won a ten round decision from Ernie Ferron, who substituted for Pete Mische, who was unable to arrive in time for the fight, at the Eagles hall Saturday night. Before one of the largest crowds that has ever attended a boxing card in La Grande Crites demonstrated his superiority in every round of the mix. Crites, with a fast left, had his opponent on the defensive practically all of the time.

From the first round, Crites took the offensive and while unable to land a K. O. punch, punished his opponent throughout the ten rounds. In the fifth Crites knocked Ferron through the ropes which was the only knock down registered.

Crites has fought in La Grande before and earned a draw from Kid Sarp although his right hand was damaged during the final seven rounds. His gameness and clean fighting has won him a high place in the hearts of the local pugilist fans.

Butler Wins

In the six round semi-final Kid Butler won a decision from Fireman West, who is a tough baby and able to take a lot of punishment.

LOCAL TEAM OVERWHELMS BAKER 72-6

Hermiston is Defeated By Athena; Union Swamps Imbler; La Grande High School's Chances for the Championship Are Big.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
La Grande	2	1	.750
Enterprise	3	1	.750
Athena	3	1	.750
Elgin	2	1	.667
Hermiston	2	1	.667
Wallowa	2	1	.667
Pendleton	3	2	.600
Milton-Freewater	1	1	.500
Union	3	3	.500
Baker	2	3	.400
Halfway	1	3	.250
Joseph	0	2	.000
Imbler	0	4	.000
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UNION MAN IS HURT IN WRECK

Two Cars Collide Armistice Day Near Union; Only One Hurt.

Reed Dallen, about twenty years of age, a resident of Union, is at the Hot Lake sanatorium painfully but not fatally injured as a result of an auto accident that occurred Armistice day about 6:30 o'clock in the evening about one-fourth mile from the city limits of Union. Two other occupants in the car that Dallen was in are uninjured.

The car, driven by Pete Kingsley, of La Grande, was returning to La Grande and met a large car. Upon passing them they collided with another car that was directly behind the first car and was unable to discover until the smash occurred. Neither car was driven at a fast pace. The Kingsley car was slightly damaged and the other car, from Baker, with several occupants, escaped without much injury.

The matter was reported to the police and no charges were made against either car as the wreck was apparently the fault of neither. Dallen was rushed to the Hot Lake sanatorium, bleeding profusely, by R. J. Kitchen, of La Grande, who arrived at the scene shortly after the accident. He received injuries about the chin, the head and the right side.

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MILNE COMPANY IS PURCHASED

Williams and Weinke Buy the Stock and Business of Electric Firm.

After a trial at bringing the business to such an extent that creditors would be cared for, the trustees of the Milne Electric company gave it up a few days ago and today a sale was completed to Williams & Weinke for the stock, fixtures and good will of the business.

Both gentlemen have been working for the company for some time and are quite well known in and around La Grande. They enter the business feeling very sure that practical workmen like themselves cannot only handle the business in such a way that it will flourish, but that a profit will be made by diligent work and attention to business.

The business is open today and the new owners are in charge.

WHAT MARKET. PORTLAND, Nov. 12.—Wheat was \$1.14 to \$1.25 today.

A MESSED UP JOB



RULING SAYS JAPS CANNOT BE CITIZENS

Little Brown Men of Japan Can Not Be Made Americans

DECISION ONE OF IMPORTANCE

Question Arose Over Incorporating a Company—States Naturalized Japs But Matter Was Carried Higher.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Japanese are not eligible for naturalization in the United States, the supreme court held today.

The court decided two cases, one from Hawaii and one from Washington state. Two Japanese, Takiji Yamashita and Charles Hokoko had been naturalized by the state courts, but the secretary of state refused to incorporate their real estate firm on the ground that the naturalization was illegal.

The question turned largely on whether section two of chapter 149 of the revised statutes restricting naturalization to "free white persons" and those of African descent was still in force.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Federal and state courts in almost an unbroken line have held that the words, "white person," were meant to indicate only persons of what is popularly known as Caucasian race, with a conclusion reached in these several decisions we see no reason to differ, moreover, that conclusion has become so well established by judicial and executive concurrences and legislative acquiescence that we should not at this late day feel at liberty to disturb it, in absence of reasons far more cogent than any that have been suggested.

TELEPHONE CASE IS STARTED AGAIN

PORTLAND, Nov. 12.—Three federal judges today began hearing evidence offered by the Portland Telephone and Telegraph company in their suit against the recent emergency rate increase ordered by the Public Service Commission of Oregon.

HIGH SCHOOL TO PRESENT AN OPERETTA

The first dramatic production to be presented to the people of La Grande by the high school is scheduled for November 24th and 25th, when "The Maid and the Middy", a two-act comic operetta, by Stevens and Tracy, will be given in the high school auditorium. The operetta is one of the best ever selected by the local high school and is expected to be big success.

About 60 people will take part in the operetta, including 15 principal parts, and a chorus of maids and midwives. Other parts include characters and small parts. Miss Frederika Schilke is in charge of the work and practice has already begun. A complete cast has not yet been selected but will be chosen within a few days. The performance will be about two hours in length with appropriate selections between acts.

RUNYAN'S WORK ATTRACTS MANY

Recently two travelling men were walking up and down the La Grande depot platform and the following conversation took place: "That sign on the building occupied by the Grande Round Meat company is certainly one of the finest of its kind I have ever seen," one remarked. And the other corroborated him.

The above conversation certainly indicates that the sign is of exceptional merit. It is located on the new building now occupied by the Grande Round Meat company, a wholesale establishment, and was painted by Charles Runyan, local card writer and sign painter, who enjoys a high reputation for the quality of his work.

Mr. Runyan painted the sign a short time ago and many consider it one of the largest and best signs of its kind in the northwest. It is clear in design, shows a thorough artistic ability and is a sign that attracts attention to all who see it.

Mr. Runyan has been in La Grande for several years and has always turned out work that was meritorious and since he has been here, no adverse comments in regards to his work have been heard.

LITTLE GIRL IS A FINE RIDER

Niece of L. J. Terry of La Grande Wins First Honors at Exposition.

Little Mary Stewart Norton, who stopped with her parents and visited Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Terry on their way to Portland from Chicago to attend the Pacific International Live Stock Exposition, left Portland a very much honored young lady. Although only 13 years of age, she was awarded the high honors in the ladies' riding contest. Naturally Mr. Terry is mighty proud of his little niece.

Spencer Sees No Harm in Results of Election

"I just dropped off for the day," said Arthur Spencer, head of the U. S. Forest department, who had been in Graceland on official business and is now returning to Portland.

Mr. Spencer was out in the state on election day and therefore had to be held much of the detail regarding Oregon's election. After he had returned to the names of those who had been elected, head of the department that resided in Portland, he expressed the views in that city he enumerated the dead initiative bills, including the exemption bill, income tax, single tax and a few others.

"Well," remarked the seasoned attorney, who has ceased to grow excited when a boy on a half million dollar loan goes out to allege it is a mistake. "Well, it is a mistake. There is no mistake in anything that has happened, or that is going to be done, and well advised. Even the agricultural problem, which is the most important of all national affairs right now, is going to be ignored on a way that the great Eastern Oregon will continue to grow cattle and wheat at a profit. It is going to be done, and the only way to do it when anything just really has to be done is America, it is always done."

Mr. Spencer belongs to that school of sensibility which teaches and practices the word, "He sincerely thinks the county must get over the special tax and settle down to some thing, but he sincerely thinks coming across the bill, and therefore is not worrying at all about such a thing, but wanting for he feels sure it will happen."

In discussing some of the things that shock people now Mr. Spencer remarked, "The American mind is the toughest and best mind humanity has ever known. It has revolutionized the world in many things of late, and don't tell me that this American mind—the greatest institution ever known—will not, with its resourcefulness, find a way to cope with all conditions that arise. The country is all right and all Oregon is all right, no matter how the election turns out."

MANY PLACES TO BE FILLED BY MR. PIERCE

Pierce Followers Will Have Chance at State Patronage, is Belief

OLCOTT APPOINTEES READY TO PACK UP

Speculation is Broad as to Where the Different Paying Jobs Will Be Placed By Oregon's New Executive.

According to the Salem correspondent for the Portland Journal, assumption of the executive chair by Walter M. Pierce, victorious democratic candidate, next January, is expected by state house attaches here to be followed by general exodus of department heads and state employees who owe their attachment to the state payroll to appointment by Governor Olcott.

In fact, many Olcott supporters now holding derivative positions in the employ are already casting about for soft spots on which to alight when the general house cleaning, which they confidently expect, is undertaken. Many of those occupying the most desirable state offices at the disposal of the governor are expected to tender their resignations immediately upon the advent of the new administration, rather than await the inevitable descent of the executioner's axe.

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BULLETINS

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