

Mammoth Pageant Opens Today

HIGH WAVE OF BUSINESS IS RUSHING ON

Steel Production shows Slight Falling Off; Hot Weather Blamed.

BONDS REPORTED TO BE SOME LOWER

Carloadings Are Still Above the Million Mark; Rails Behaving Strangely.

NEW YORK, July 3.—Steel production showed a slight falling off the past week but this was attributed chiefly to the hot weather.

In running over the million car mark, railroad loadings for the week ended June 16 maintained the gain of 20 to 25 per cent over previous records for the season of the year.

A distinctly harder tone in the money renewed at 6 per cent for the first time this year, and the rate on time loans increased slightly.

Weakness in the chief speculative markets in the face of continued advances of a high wave of industrial activity was the feature of the week in finance and business.

The speculative sentiment was decidedly unsettled, although particular reasons were apparent to most observers.

Selling which attracted most attention in stocks, also was sympathetically in evidence in cotton and wheat.

On extreme reactions good buying appeared, but taken as a whole the markets closed distinctly lower.

A certain amount of emphasis was given to a switch from a bullish to a bearish position by a well known statistical agency.

It was considered typical of the psychology of the moment, that a market which had shown itself sensitive to the extravagant rumors of the past few weeks should be sensitive to an influence of this kind.

Rails Behave Strangely. The extent to which current industrial news was disregarded was considered to be illustrated by the behavior of railroad stocks.

Following excellent earnings statements in March and April, the first returns for May were exceedingly satisfactory.

The first 64 class 1 roads reported net earnings of \$74,400,000 in May as compared with \$71,700,000 in April and \$54,800,000 in May of last year.

These figures suggest that the return on valuation will amount to something like 63 per cent. Yet railroad stocks were sold heavily and sustained substantial losses.

Automobile stocks also were subjected to severe pressure, record output in May being interpreted by the bears as evidence of over production with talk of price reduction taken as confirmation.

GRANGE TO HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC

The granges of Union county will hold their annual picnic at the Eastern Oregon Experiment station on Saturday, July 28, and all farmers as well as grangers in the county are invited to attend.

M. L. Carter, county lecturer, will be assisted with the literary program by the Pomona Grange extension service.

They hope to make this one of the real letter days for the grange in the county.

Geo. A. Palmeter, the new county master, will be present and address the meeting and Mrs. Stella Hook, deputy of Wallowa county, will be on hands with her Wallowa county boosters to help make things move.

Weather Forecast

Generally fair to day and tomorrow with moderate breezes.

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All Night Ride Fatal To Babe

SCHNECTADY, N. Y., July 3.—One infant is dead and another is in a serious condition in a local hospital, in consequence, charity officials say, of an all-night ride of 165 miles with 17 other children, in a hired automobile from Brooklyn.

The children, seven of them five months or under were brought here by Mrs. Anna Siewers, the party arriving Saturday, after a trip of 12 hours.

The woman finally admitted, officials said, that five of the children were here and that she brought the other 14 from her home in Brooklyn.

She said she came to look at farms at Sara Lake and Altamont with a view to a purchase, and later expected to go on to Buffalo.

The children were poorly clad, most of them being without hats or coats and the woman herself was without coat or hat.

SUE ESTATE OF C. E. MURDOCK

Fones and Maher Revive Famous Day Ridge Case, Says Dispatch From Enterprise.

ENTERPRISE, July 3.—Nine years after the beginning of the Fones-Murdoch litigation, and three years after the death of one of the principals, a phase of the case was in court last week at Yakima, Wash. C. H. Fones and J. E. Maher of Portland brought suit for \$35,000 damages for breach of contract against the estate of C. E. Murdoch who died three years ago.

The case was brought in the United States District court, Seattle, and was heard by Judge W. S. Shea.

Shea was summoned by the widow, as he had been counsel for Mr. Murdoch through several suits.

In this latest case, the defense set up that the estate of C. E. Murdoch had been probated and administered on and distributed and the administration had been discharged.

There was nobody to sue. The court held it had no further jurisdiction. Fones and Maher then threatened to renew the litigation by reopening the administration of the estate and starting all over again.

In the early spring of 1914, Mr. Murdoch made a contract with Fones and Maher whereby he was to sell them his large ranch on Day Ridge, with the livestock and implements, and was to receive in payment certain Portland real and personal property, including some securities.

The three men drew the contract on themselves while out on Day Ridge at the Murdoch ranch.

Shortly afterward, Mr. Murdoch investigated the property he was to take in payment for his ranch, and he became dissatisfied and concluded it was not worth what Fones had said. He decided to throw over the contract, and he came home to Day Ridge.

Fones and several of his relatives came to Wallowa county soon after this and proceeded to the ranch which they thought they had bought. They took possession and held the fort briefly, until ejected by Murdoch and his friends. That was the real beginning of the fireworks.

With Murdoch as complaining witness, a state action was brought against Fones and his relatives who were accused of acts of trespass. Justice McCrae at Wallowa found them guilty and they appealed to the circuit court, where they were acquitted.

Each of the Fones party thereupon brought a \$25,000 damage suit against Murdoch, alleging malicious prosecution. A trial case was carried through to the Supreme court and Murdoch won.

Then Fones and associates brought suit for performance of contract. This did not come to a hearing.

Another action followed by which Fones sought to enforce his claim to the Murdoch farm, alleging he owned the implements by virtue of the contract and had been dispossessed when the suit was ejected.

This went to trial and again Murdoch came out on top.

Mr. Murdoch sold his ranch and moved to Yakima, where he died. It was supposed the litigation also had died, but it proved its vitality when it came into the federal court with a brand new set of lawyers.

Mrs. Murdoch again summoned Mr. Shea, and once more has a breathing spell.

Newport Highway Open

NEWPORT, Ore., July 3.—The Newport-Corvallis highway was opened the entire distance between the coast and the Willamette valley today. State Highway Engineer Cline and Commissioner Malone inspected the work Wednesday and said that the road work on the highway would be completed in the near future and that no detours would be used after the first of the coming week.

The fourth-of-July visitors are coming to the beach and the usual celebration will be held in Newport.

NATION ENDS FISCAL YEAR WITH SURPLUS

National Debt Is Reduced \$613,674,342 During Year; Customs Receipts Are Increased.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—Complete figures covering the government's financial operations for the fiscal year ending Saturday made public Sunday by the treasury showed receipts for the twelve months of \$4,909,155,489 and expenditures of \$4,295,479,929, indicating a surplus of \$613,674,342.

At the close of business Saturday night the government owed \$22,342,797,265 in outstanding securities. This total represents a reduction in the 12 months of \$612,874,342, of which \$402,850,491 was taken into account in compiling the "ordinary" or budget expenses of the government.

From the surplus on hand, the treasury applied a total of \$210,823,851 to reducing its obligations.

Tariff Given Credit. Part of the success in building up a surplus while at the same time the public debt was reduced was traced by the treasury to the advance tariff policy which it was declared, resulted in the establishment of a record, receipts in customs duties totaling \$561,528,566.

This total is almost 60 per cent greater than for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, when duties of \$356,445,987 were reported, marking a high point for customs revenue to that time.

Income and profits taxes paid into the treasury during the last 12 months like the receipts from customs collections, also exceeded expectations, the total being \$1,878,607,428, while the estimate given in the budget last December was \$1,566,000,000.

Other forms of internal revenue gave the treasury an additional \$445,895,332. The government started the new fiscal year Sunday with \$70,889,121.08 in the treasury's general fund. A year ago the general fund was \$372,163,512.63.

Railroad Crossing Granted

ASTORIA, Ore., July 3.—Following a hearing held here, the state public service commission granted the petition of the Tidewater Timber company, asking permission to cross the main Nehalem highway with its railroad, which is being extended toward the Nehalem valley.

Fourth Plans Made. OREGON CITY, Ore., July 3.—Although there will be no Fourth of July celebration elsewhere, Portland will receive many visitors from Oregon City, due to the presence of President Harding, while many will attend the celebration at Multnomah and the Masons' picnic at Gladstone.

Bever Creek is to have an old-fashioned celebration and a patriotic programme.

Two Convicts Make Escape

(By Associated Press) SALLIS, July 3.—Edward Cunningham and Frank May, prisoners, escaped from the penitentiary wood camp at Sallis Saturday night in a stolen auto which was found late yesterday at Oregon City.

Cunningham was serving a sentence from Clackamas, while May was serving a sentence from Astoria.

Bole Johnson Not Found ALBANY, July 3.—No trace was found late yesterday of Bole Johnson, alleged slayer of Sheriff Dunlap, who escaped from jail here yesterday.

BOYDEN HANDS IN RESIGNATION

American Observer With Reparations Commission Will Return to Law Practice.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—The resignation of Roland W. Boyden, an American observer with the reparations commission, which was announced in Paris Sunday is due to his desire to resume his professional practice at the bar, the state department said in a formal statement.

His duties, it was added, will be taken over by his assistant, Colonel James A. Logan, Jr.

Mr. Roland W. Boyden, American observer with the reparations commission, the department announced Sunday, is leaving the commission to resume his professional practice at the bar.

He has rendered his resignation and expects to return to the United States in August, next. Upon his departure from Paris, his duties will be taken over by his principal assistant, Colonel James A. Logan, Jr.

Long With Commission. Both Mr. Boyden and Colonel Logan have been sitting with the commission virtually since its organization under the terms of the Versailles peace commission and is there highly valued in all details of questions coming before the commission.

Whether an assistant will be named to Colonel Logan was not indicated here Sunday. Both officials have been maintained at the expense of the United States, but their staff of 21 persons has been provided for at commission expense.

Mr. Boyden was appointed from Beverly, Mass., where he has had a considerable legal practice as well as banking and other connections. He is in his sixtieth year, and was graduated from Harvard college in 1885 and from the Harvard law school in 1888.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF CROPS GIVEN

County Agriculturist Gives Detailed Statement in Report to Union County Crops.

County Agriculturist H. G. Avery, when questioned today by a reporter of the Evening Observer staff in regard to the condition of crops in Union County, spoke as follows.

Winter Wheat. "Winter wheat throughout the county, where good lands exist, promises an excellent crop. At the present time many fields in the Sand Ridge country near Imbler and Alsea are standing from 3 and 4 to 6 feet high. The ground underneath this heavy crop is quite moist, an exceptional condition with the winter wheat crop at this time of the year.

Looking on account of weather conditions is not nearly as serious as was anticipated. Low spots which lodge nearly every year and some of the fence rows which are cut for hay are the only spots where a great amount of lodging has occurred with the wheat crop at this time of the year.

Spring Wheat. "Spring wheat is good throughout the county and growing conditions are excellent. Plenty of moisture exists in the ground at the present time for carrying much of the spring wheat to the maturity of a good crop. Hard Federation wheat seeded on approximately 9000 acres this year is much of it heading at the present time and will be ready for harvest as early as some of the winter wheat crop in the ground at the present time.

Other varieties are also doing well and many fields will mature a good crop whether any more moisture comes or not. As compared with the past two years, it is safe to say that this year's crop in dry farming sections in the county promises a 25 per cent greater crop than either of the previous two years.

Alfalfa Hay. "The hay harvest is in full swing on the smaller farms in the Grande Ronde valley and all larger farms raising alfalfa will be harvesting this crop immediately after the Fourth of July. The crop, while not as large as two years ago, can be said to be 100 per cent normal.

Hay Harvest in the North Powder section, which produces the largest tonnage per acre, is not so far along, but prospects are good there also.

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People Flock To Pageantry

With Top O' Blue Mountains as their destination, the final quota of visitors at the Old Oregon Trail pageant today and Wednesday are on their way to Meacham, over the Old Oregon Trail which will be dedicated today by none less than President Warren G. Harding.

Special trains are leaving La Grande this morning, loaded to capacity and all yesterday a steady stream of cars passed through Meacham town. Reports from Meacham state that a continuous parade of vehicles is coming in via Pendleton also.

Idaho, Washington and Oregon are each sending hundreds and thousands of their citizens to witness the greatest pageantry of the west which begins this morning with President Harding's arrival at 9 o'clock.

Unofficial reports from Top O' Blue Mountains late last evening placed the crowd already assembled at between 10,000 and 15,000, possibly more, which includes nearly 1,500 cars that arrived yesterday and Sunday. As the Evening Observer is ready to go to press, early this morning, the Old Oregon Trail from both east and west, is crowded with motor and horse-drawn vehicles that are being urged on to Meacham under the expert supervision of the State Traffic and Highway departments.

The pageantry opens this morning at nine o'clock when the special train bearing President and Mrs. Warren G. Harding and party, arrives at Meacham depot, ready to be transported to the pageant grounds in Joe Woods' Concord stage, following the official salute of 21 guns to the president and the reception.

That 60,000 people will attend the pageant seemed certain late Monday. Reports from every corner of the Northwest indicate that vast crowds are on their way to Top O' Blue Mountains.

Indians at Meacham. The Umatilla Indians, who will stage their annual dance, called the "poltah," at the celebration are already on the grounds with the thousands of others who will either witness or participate in the dedication.

WILL ATTEND ELK MEETING

District Deputy Colon R. Eberhard to Be at National Convention at Atlanta.

District Deputy Colon R. Eberhard of this city, leaves on No. 18 tonight for Atlanta, Georgia, where he will attend the national convention of Elks lodges of the United States, and be present to advise the officers and trustees of the Grand Lodge of the state of the order in his district, which comprises all of the Elks lodges in Eastern Oregon and a number of the larger ones in Western Oregon, including Portland.

Mr. Eberhard states that the financial and numerical standing of all the lodges in his district is excellent. The principal item of general interest to come before the Grand Lodge, in the opinion of Mr. Eberhard, is a final conclusion as to the manner in which the Elks lodges of the United States will interest themselves in the movement to assist young men. One proposition is to foster a junior Elks organization, and there is also strong sentiment in favor of committing the Elks lodges to support and co-operate with the Boy Scout movement, rather than organizing a Junior Elks.

En route to Atlanta, Mr. Eberhard will stop off at Kansas City, and before returning he will look after some business matters in New York City. He also plans to make brief visits at Gary, Indiana, and Chicago.

Salem Auto Races July 4. SALEM, July 3.—Many Portland people are expected to attend the automobile races here on July 4. Representative Watkins of the American Automobile association, is coming as one of the officers for the races and other Portland men experienced in the game, will serve as timers and judges.

Prisoner Kills Sheriff. BRECKENRIDGE, Minn., July 3.—Sheriff R. E. Baker of Aberdeen, S. D., was shot and killed by a prisoner he was taking on a Great Northern train to Aberdeen at Wapeton, 14 miles from here, Sunday night. The sheriff died as the train passed through Wapeton, N. D., and the body was brought to the county morgue here. The prisoner escaped by leaping through a window of the train.

Polish Minister Resigns. PARIS, July 3.—A Havre dispatch from Warsaw reports the resignation of Ludwik Grabski, minister of finance in the Polish cabinet.

Modern Parent Is Given Praise By Miss Binzel

(By the Associated Press) OAKLAND, Calif., July 3.—Mayor John L. Davis of Oakland in extending a welcome to the delegates of the National Education Association convention here Monday, said Oakland has the present distinction of having one of the most progressive and best known school systems in the United States.

Mayor Davis said: "Oakland as a city has such a wonderful future that we of today must face the problems of a metropolitan of the future to meet particularly the continual growth of our population. We have just completed a construction program involving more than \$5,000,000 for building of new schools. They are not more than completed than we find ourselves faced with the necessity of another bond issue to provide additional adequate facilities for the children of the people who are coming here in ever-increasing numbers."

by these members of the learned professions, voted through the mayors of fifty or more cities their conviction that the lack of parental control is the first of the four great evils responsible for the questionable quality of the young people of today. If the parents of these young people but understand the significance of that mechanism of human behavior, commonly described as "parenting," they could make out a pretty case for themselves which would open the eyes of the critics to some facts, from which these critics are hiding.

"Courses in the mental health of children are coming to be recognized as essential to good parenthood as courses in physical health. Laboratory work in the form of actual care and management of young children by home economic students has already been provided in eight universities. This work will be increased in variety and amount as soon as the distributors of university funds realize that adequate laboratory practice is an essential in this field as in any other."

Miss Binzel quoted a number of distinguished representatives of the various professions, all of whom explain that their inability to solve the problems in their own fields is due to the "disintegration of the modern home"; the "failure of parents to do their duty to their children"; and the "desertion of women of their responsibilities as mothers."

Miss Binzel said: "The politicians, not to be outdone

MAKING THE TRIP FOR HIS HEALTH



Illustration of a man sitting on a large stack of boxes labeled 'W.G.H.' and 'ALASKA', with a globe in the background.