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THE NEW COMMANDMENT—A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.—John 13:34, 35.

A local professional man objects to planes flying low over La Grande's residential and business districts, pointing out the dangers of a crash following an engine stall. Legislation to protect life and property from just such emergencies is being enacted in many cities. An aviation ordinance here would be most timely.

One can imagine how much co-operation the new Senator Grundy will be able to secure from colleagues of the "backward states" when he has a pet project to work on. After expressing his views of western states and their importance, as a lobbyist, Mr. Grundy will be wise to restrict his association to those of his own kind.

Those aging adults who can remember the penny arcades of the "good old days" and the first traveling motion picture shows can be excused for marveling at our present mechanical age if they attend the present show at the Arcade. The jerky, crude movies of twenty and twenty-five years ago were marvelous then. Now we see an extravagant theatrical production, with all the color, hear the music and voices in perfect reproduction, and soon take it very much as a matter of course. The "Gold Diggers of Broadway," poorly named, is a beautiful production. Marvelous improvement in the use of color film and in color register has been effected in the last few months. And it is good entertainment, too, both in comedy and music. All in all, we can safely say for the benefit of those who indulge in musical shows that it is at least fifty times better than the road version of Rio Rita that is being inflicted on the Northwest. And, speaking of good shows and good comedy, the Will Rogers feature, "They Had To See Paris," coming the first of the week, should be seen by crowded houses. It is a riot of good fun and Rogerish philosophy. And thus endeth the free advertising for the movie industry. Goodness knows there are so many rotten and boring shows that two productions as good as these deserve a little special mention.

### ORDERING A NEW RAIL LINE

The Interstate Commerce Commission says that Oregon needs a cross-state line and orders the Union Pacific to build 180 miles of railroad and to spend nine million dollars to provide it. Needless to say, the U. P. is not enthusiastic about the project. They have opposed it strenuously and will carry the commission's decision into the courts. Even if they lose finally, it will probably be two or three years before the issue is settled and a few more before the road is constructed. Eventually, the country to be opened up will benefit, and therefore the whole state will progress. Now these seems to be no great traffic volume or public needs to be relieved by the new line. The decision will, however, serve two distinct purposes. It will eliminate the Snake River line from serious consideration for a good many years, and it will definitely decide whether or not the interstate commerce commission really has the authority to force railroad construction against the will of the carrier. That has never been done before and one is inclined to question the wisdom of such a law, if that is the correct interpretation. If upheld, it means that governing agencies have a stronger hold on business. In spite of the possible returns from the investment, it means that the government can tell a big corporation to spend its money in certain specific ways to provide certain specific public benefits. Wisely administered, the stockholders of the corporation would receive fair consideration of their investment as well as their obligation as public servants. But it is conceivable that a prejudiced commission might easily jeopardize a stockholder's interest and thus remove the advantages of thrifty operation and consistent enterprise from private business. Of course there are many who will argue that a railroad, by the very nature of its business, is not private; that public interest demands its control and direction by governing agencies. Perhaps true, but then there are numerous other business activities in line for similar direction for the same reason. And one thing is deserving constant attention, regardless of each individual's opinion: Rail transportation is vital to American life and prosperity. It would be unfortunate if we endangered the benefits of that transportation by expecting and exacting too much from companies providing it.

### Abe Martin



SPECIAL NEW SPARK WINNERS FOR THOSE OVER FIFTY  
HOT DOGS

### I. C. C. ACTS ON CENTRAL OREGON PLEA

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ing law "we find that authority has been vested in us to authorize or require the construction prayed for."

"The view of the public service commission of Oregon is that the development of Central and Western Oregon is being seriously hampered due to the absence of an east and west line of railroad across the state," the commission commented. "Traffic now originating in Western Oregon and destined to eastern points must move either south or north before eastward movement begins. It is urged that Oregon's development has been held back and seriously hampered by lack of direct routes."

Difference of Opinion  
As to the amount of traffic probably available to the new line, the commission indicated there was wide difference of opinion.

Majority declared, however, that "case after case might be cited where applications of carriers for certificates covering construction under less favorable circumstances as related to probable traffic, revenues and public benefits than are present in this case have been granted."

Since railroads undertaking to build have been allowed to go forward where earnings on contemplated investment were in doubt, the commission said "there can be no justification for denying appeals of the people for relief and for reasonable chance to develop a great state."

H. H. COREY RELATED  
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 12 (AP)—H. H. Corey, member of the state public service commission who initiated the movement for an east and west railroad line across Central Oregon, expressed elation today when informed by the Associated Press of the order by the interstate commerce commission, directing the Union Pacific system to build from Crane to Crescent Lake. Corey will prepare a statement later in the day.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 12 (AP)—Union Pacific officials here were non-committal today on an order of the interstate department commission, requiring the system to build 181 miles of line in Oregon. It was learned reliably from

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The new smart colors are well represented in this gorgeous collection.

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\$1.95 to \$3.95

unofficial sources at the system headquarters here however, that the railroad is considering an appeal from the commission's order.

The order directed construction started on or before July 1, 1929, and completed by July, 1932. The Oregon commission estimated the cost of the construction desired to be about \$8,000,000, but railroads opposing the project estimated the cost at \$11,000,000, and inserted testimony indicating a return on that investment would not be earned.

### IDAHO PLEASED

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 12 (AP)—Construction of the Crane to Crescent railroad across south central Oregon, ordered today by the interstate commerce commission, will open a short route from south-western Idaho and eastern Oregon to coast points that will be worth "vast amount" the Idaho public utilities commission said today.

In addition it will permit rapid development of the south central Oregon country and give western Oregon timber territory a shorter through haul to eastern markets.

### NEW CHRYSANTHEMUM CALLED "NUMBER 29"

ST. PAUL, (AP)—A new chrysanthemum, christened "Number 29," has been produced by botanists at the Minnesota college of agriculture.

The plant is being watched closely in the hope it will be possible to make of it the parent of a new breed.

### SUGAR AND FLOUR

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12 (AP)—Cane sugar (packed basis)—Steady. Cane fruit or berry, \$5.45 per cwt; beet sugar, \$5.55 cwt.

PORTLAND CASH  
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12 (AP)—Cash wheat: Big Bend bluestem, Hard white, \$1.26; soft white, \$1.23 1/2; western white, \$1.23 1/2; hard winter, \$1.22; northern fall spring, \$1.22; western red, \$1.22. Oats—No. 2, 38-lb. white, \$35.

### Overnight News Briefs

By the Associated Press  
PORTLAND—P. Y. Parker, 75, Portland, suffered internal injuries when he was struck by an automobile driven by W. E. Wilson and may die.

MEDFORD—A movement looking toward the retention of Cal U. Wells as deputy United States marshal in Southern Oregon has been started.

ALBANY—An automobile accident early this year, in which two people were killed, re-echoed in court here when Justice Kelly refused to grant a non suit in the \$22,278 suit brought by Evelyn Fish against Mrs. Margaret Ackerman.

OREGON CITY—R. B. Stanton,

former Eugene policeman and Flossie Munn, Eugene, pleaded guilty to charges of stealing a radio and were sentenced to the penitentiary but paroled.

EUGENE—Benjamin McElfresh, 7, died in a hospital as the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident October 21. He was struck by an automobile driven by W. D. Morgan, Eugene.

SALEM—Grover Hillman was elected King King of the Salem Cherrians.

GRANTS PASS—Funeral services for A. Alberts and his wife, one murdered, the other a suicide, were held here.

PORTLAND—Some ripe tomatoes picked in a garden at Yachats, Lincoln county, on Thanksgiving day were displayed here.

WHEELER—The Wheeler single mill has been sold to the Lewis Shingle company of South Bend, Wash.

### 1929 SCHOOL POPULATION SHOWS GAIN

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is not true of the county, according to figures available in the county school superintendent's office. Although these figures are not final, inasmuch as they will have to be checked with the La Grande figures to avoid duplication along the border points, the population for the county this year is about 5,532, compared with 5,532 last year, a decrease of about half a hundred.

Last year's county population also had more boys than girls, with 2,874 boys and 2,709 girls. How the standings are this year has not yet been announced by Mr. Sayre.

Wallowa county shows an even greater loss in school population, with a total of 113 less children of school age in 1929 than in 1928, according to Supt. J. H. Conley. The Wallowa county total for 1929

is 2,516 compared with 2,625 last year.

While changes are scored in nearly every district in Wallowa as pronounced trend of population is shown by the census. Towns and rural districts have fared alike in the changes, with a tendency for the out valley farm areas to hold their own.

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