

QUAINT LETTER ON RAILROADS FOUND

Old Letter States It Is Impossible to Run Trains at Night

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—A letter on railroading that is quaint and interesting in these days of Jim Hills and Harrimans was dug up in the old records of the postoffice department a few days ago. It was written at Charleston, S. C., December 29, 1838, by General P. T. Hayne, president of the S. C. & C. R. R., to George L. Flitt, agent of the "general postoffice." Flitt had been trying to induce Hayne to facilitate transportation of the mails by reducing from nine hours to eight the running time of trains between Charleston and Hamburg, S. C., a distance of about 150 miles. The answer Flitt received from Hayne read like this:

"Your favor dated 28th, 9 o'clock p. m., was received this day and has been laid before the Committee charged with making a contract for the transportation of the daily mail on our railroad between Charleston and Hamburg. I am instructed by the committee to say that they cannot consent to contract for the departure of their cars at a later hour than half past 4 in the afternoon. It was stated to you frankly in the beginning and has been repeated in all our communications, that from the character and condition of our road and the nature of the country it was deemed safe to undertake to convey passengers upon it in the night and that in the present state of the road it would be impossible to make the run with certainty so as to meet the hours of 8 and 4 as proposed by you. In particular seasons and under favorable circumstances it might be done, but we know we would frequently fail and we could not contract to do that which we knew beforehand could not be performed, and

COOS BAY WILL PROSPECT FOR OIL

Perkins-Mundy Company Entering New Field Together With Other Firms

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 28.—That there may be developed on Coos Bay an oil field which will attract the attention of this part of the country, seems not impossible now that large outside interests are taking hold of this particular resource. The Perkins-Mundy Company, a firm from Douglas county, and another outside concern, all three are figuring on starting boring. It is announced that work may be started before the close of September.

BIG VALLEY NEVER HAD BETTER CROPS THAN NOW

ADIN, Cal., Aug. 28.—The vanguard of the thousands of emigrants headed for the Oregon Valley Land Company's colonization lands near Lakeview, Or., are beginning to arrive, and those passing through Big Valley universally ask, "Is that country as good as Big Valley?" They all speak highly of the appearance of the valley, and well they may, as the valley never had finer crops, nor were her people more prosperous. The hay and grain crop is gathered, and many are estimating their wheat crops at from thirty to forty bushels per acre, and barley as high as eighty bushels per acre. The hay crop was exceptionally heavy, yielding two and a half tons per acre for natural grasses, with two and a half tons of alfalfa for each of two cuttings, with a fine third crop for pasture. Tens of thousands of acres of these rich bottom lands lie within the boundaries of the Big Valley reservoir site.

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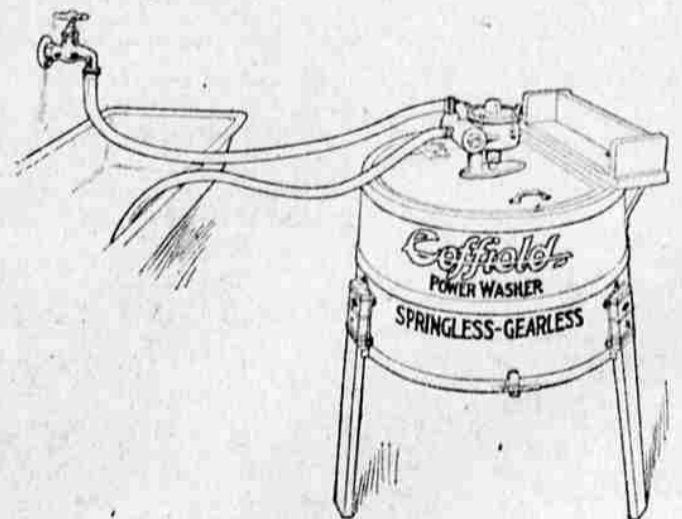
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