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Old Man Closed.
"The birds form the choir," said the youth, reclining in the shade. "and the trees are preaching sermons to me."
"I thought as much," said his parent, fresh from the plough handles. "so I've come to pronounce the benediction Meeting's out, an' the mule's waitin' at the end o' the furrow."—Atlanta Constitution.

Federal Inquiry or Railroad Strike?

Faced by demands from the conductors, engineers, firemen and brakemen that would impose on the country an additional burden in transportation costs of \$100,000,000 a year, the railroads propose that this wage problem be settled by reference to an impartial Federal tribunal.

With these employes, whose efficient service is acknowledged, the railroads have no differences that could not be considered fairly and decided justly by such a public body.

Railroads Urge Public Inquiry and Arbitration

The formal proposal of the railroads to the employes for the settlement of the controversy is as follows:

"Our conferences have demonstrated that we cannot harmonize our differences of opinion and that eventually the matters in controversy must be passed upon by other and disinterested agencies. Therefore, we propose that your proposals and the proposition of the railways be disposed of by one or the other of the following methods:

1. Preferably by submission to the Interstate Commerce Commission, the only tribunal which, by reason of its accumulated information bearing on railway conditions and its control of the revenue of the railways, is in a position to consider and protect the rights and equities of all the interests affected, and to provide additional revenue necessary to meet the added cost of operation in case your proposals are found by the Commission to be just and reasonable; or, in the event the Interstate Commerce Commission cannot, under existing laws, act in the premises, that we jointly request Congress to take such action as may be necessary to enable the Commission to consider and promptly dispose of the questions involved; or
2. By arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Federal law" (The Newlands Act).

Leaders Refuse Offer and Take Strike Vote

Leaders of the train service brotherhoods, at the joint conference held in New York, June 1-15, refused the offer of the railroads to submit the issue to arbitration or Federal review, and the employes are now voting on the question whether authority shall be given these leaders to declare a nation-wide strike.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is proposed by the railroads as the public body to which this issue ought to be referred for these reasons:

No other body with such an intimate knowledge of railroad conditions has such an unquestioned position in the public confidence.

The rates the railroads may charge the public for transportation are now largely fixed by this Government board.

Out of every dollar received by the railroads from the public nearly one-half is paid directly to the employes as wages; and the money to pay increased wages can come from no other source than the rates paid by the public.

The Interstate Commerce Commission, with its control over rates, is in a position to make a complete investigation and render such decision as would protect the interests of the railroad employes, the owners of the railroads, and the public.

A Question For the Public to Decide

The railroads feel that they have no right to grant a wage preferment of \$100,000,000 a year to these employes, now highly paid and constituting only one-fifth of all the employes, without a clear mandate from a public tribunal that shall determine the merits of the case after a review of all the facts.

The single issue before the country is whether this controversy is to be settled by an impartial Government inquiry or by industrial warfare.

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Important Occurrences of Past
Week Briefly Compiled for
Our Readers.

Yamhill county will expend \$108,000 this year on its roads.

Gasoline is fast replacing horses in all lines of industry in Grant county.

The official opening of the highway between Astoria and Seaside took place last week.

In spite of the heavy rains of the past week the Mosier cherry crop is exceeding estimates.

Buyers are in the market around Union for cavalry horses, and all available animals of that class are being eagerly sought.

No report of injury to the Oregon hop crop from the severe rain storms has been made and on the whole the crop has been much benefited.

Clarence E. Albin, claim agent for the state industrial accident commission, will succeed Major Carle Abrams as a member of the commission.

Employees of the state who have left their places to go with the militia are to be paid one month's salary, in lieu of their regular vacation on pay.

Joint committees of Marshfield and North Bend have decided to call the railroad celebration August 24, 25 and 26 the Coos Bay Railroad Jubilee.

Albany's new plant for the manufacture of fruit juices was placed in operation Friday, and the first Albany-made loganberry juice came from the presses.

The continued downpour of rain in Lane county has resulted in a loss of thousands of dollars to cherry growers, according to statements made by growers.

Roseburg is about ready at last to go ahead with its railroad project from that place to Rock Creek, after having one bond issue declared illegal and voting another.

More than 100 jewelers from all sections of Oregon will attend the ninth annual convention of the Oregon Retail Jewelers' association at Albany July 24 and 25.

The annual conventions and camp-meetings of the Evangelical association of Oregon will open at Jennings Lodge, near Portland, July 24, and continue for 10 days.

Only 124,444 yards of material have to be removed from the Columbia river entrance channel before there will be a fairway 40 feet deep and 700 feet wide into the river.

An effort to repeal certain features of the Oregon lien law and substitute for them the law as in force in Washington will be made at the next session of the legislature.

There are at present 1152 Indians living on the Umatilla reservation, according to a compilation of records by Major E. L. Swartzlander, superintendent of the agency.

Four members of the fifth company, Coast Artillery Corps, Oregon national guard of Albany, refused to take the oath when the company was sworn into the federal service.

Unofficial reports from the survey of the Siuslaw river bar, being conducted by the United States engineers, show that there is a depth of 16 feet on the bar at low tide.

The heavy rains, which have been repeated every day since June 24, practically have insured the largest wheat crop to Morrow county since the bumper crop of 1894.

The Silverton pool of 60,000 pounds, one of the largest unsold lots of wool in this state and largest in the Willamette valley, was sold at private sale to a Boston firm for 35 cents.

In the past six weeks George M. Newman of Albany and C. M. Flickinger, who resides north of Albany, have captured 68 skunks for the purpose of starting a skunk farm near Albany.

Rev. Louis S. Cupp, pastor of the First Christian church in Eugene, the largest of the denomination on the Pacific coast, has accepted the position of chancellor of the University of Kansas City.

George G. Brown, clerk of the state land board, was also made secretary of the desert land board by the state board of control, the board concluding that Mr. Brown could easily fill both positions.

Cloudbursts struck in several places over Umatilla county and did considerable damage. The town of Helix was almost inundated, basements filling and streets running waist deep with water.



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What will be probably the largest silo in Oregon is now under construction at the grounds of the beet sugar factory of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company at Grants Pass. It will be 150 feet wide by 300 feet long and will be excavated to a depth of 18 feet. The silo is to be used for the storage of pulp from the manufacture of sugar.

Complying with the request of Representative Hawley, the postoffice department has advertised for bids for motorboat mail service from Reedsport to the new postoffice at Winchester, at the mouth of the Umpqua river.

Employees of the O. W. R. & N. company who now are in the federal service as members of various units of the Oregon national guard will be granted full pay during their absence, if they are married, and half pay if they are unmarried.