

# The Sandy Post

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## The Plot Thickens on Rail Merger

The Gresham Chamber of Commerce, along with a number of other Oregon Chambers, voted recently to support the Southern Pacific in its efforts to gain control of the Western Pacific line.

That action now seems to have been rather hasty.

Six Western states—including Oregon and Washington—have agreed to oppose not only Southern Pacific but also Santa Fe in their efforts to gain control of Western Pacific. But if the Interstate Commerce Commission is disposed to grant control to one line or the other, all will vote for Santa Fe.

Which means that the Gresham Chamber didn't exactly pick the popular side.

The whole issue has boiled down to just this: how many railroads should serve the area between Central California and Oregon, and between Central California and Utah? If the SP prevails, they will have a complete monopoly. If the Santa Fe wins, competition between the two lines will be continued.

The argument, however, is not so simple as between monopoly vs. competition. SP says "numerous economies and consolidations in the Western railroad system" would result should it gain control of Western Pacific.

Santa Fe, obviously, disagrees. Their representatives at the Monday meeting of the Gresham Chamber argued that only by maintaining the two separate lines will healthy competition be assured. The battle lines are drawn for ICC hearings which begin next week in San Francisco.

The hearings later will be resumed in Portland and Seattle. Our area is involved not only because of shipments to and from California, but also because the proposed acquisition of Portland Traction properties by SP and UP could put the former directly into Gresham.

Western Pacific, incidentally, has come out strongly in favor of Santa Fe. We, too, see no persuasive reasons to eliminate the competitive factor between here and California, and doubt that the hearings will prove otherwise.

## Berlin Crisis May Strike Home

Indications are growing that the Communist-concocted Berlin crisis soon may strike home in backyards all across the nation, including Gresham.

Pres. Kennedy is said to be weighing wisdom of at least a partial mobilization to underscore our determination to maintain rights in Berlin. This would mean calling up some Reservists and National Guardsmen. Our community certainly would be affected.

Most Gresham Guardsmen and Reservists recently concluded summer training programs and other units currently are on maneuvers. Their recall to active duty would affect many homes in our area.

There are those who maintain that any mobilization would hardly impress the Russians, that real Western diplomatic

unity on the Berlin situation is the only thing they will understand.

The London Times last week reported Pres. Kennedy was unwilling to go to war over either a Soviet-East German treaty or elimination of Western rights in Berlin. This we doubt.

With his keen sense of history, Pres. Kennedy surely understands that to retreat on Berlin would be to undermine the Western position everywhere. If we don't hold firm in Berlin, the long line of retreat will never stop.

The Moscow-motivated crisis is likely to come to a head in late October. Perilous times certainly are coming between now and then. Everyone, regardless of his political persuasion, must unite solidly behind the leadership of the President.

## How Will They Learn?

Our national government says it is concerned with the growing number of unemployed in our late-teen age group.

As almost any employer knows, the main—and almost sole—reason these young folks can't get jobs is they lack working experience.

Now, as we said, our federal government tells us this unemployment problem among young folks is becoming critical.

That's on one hand. Then on the other hand, along comes a federal agency and closes a door for many young folks.

For example: The Wage-Hour division of the Department of Labor has recently entered a ruling which prohibits persons un-

der 18 cleaning or even sweeping around presses, even when the presses aren't in operation. Persons under 18 are also prohibited from even cleaning up the presses when they are not in use! This is in the printing business; our guess is similar rules obtain in other industries.

We presume these orders are for the "safety" of the youngsters concerned. It might provide some "safety" in an indirect fashion. If the kids can't work, they can't afford a hot-rod or a cut-down car.

Actually, no one has any argument with child-labor legislation aimed at protecting youngsters learning "dangerous" occupations. But it appears to us, this latest order approaches the level of being plain ridiculous.

## Hooray for This Judge!

A Washington state jurist, Judge George H. Freese of Ritzville, has issued a momentous ruling for long-harassed motorists.

He has ruled that the City of Spokane is liable for the cost of a car towed away for a five-cent parking violation. He observed that "a law permitting seizure of a \$4,000

or \$5,000 car for a five-cent parking meter violation would be unconstitutional."

In other words, policemen don't have the right to haul a car away every time some penny-ante parking regulation is ignored. No one defends the chronic ticket-gatherer, but the judge has struck a blow for freedom!

## Letters to the Editor

An Open Letter to the Editor: To The Sandy Post.

Last week, I received a letter from Friends on the Mountain, enclosed were these clippings from the Sandy Post.

I was a little disappointed, also disgusted after reading through their clippings as I also had sent in my application for the Postmasters Examination, for Rhododendron.

I have nothing personal against Hal Dudley, as we have been neighbors for years, and in all probability would not be writing this letter to you now if I had not received the enclosed letter from the U.S. Civil Service Commission.

Now, before I write more, here are a few personal notes, about myself. I would like you to know I am a Veteran, with an honorable discharge, from World War II. I was discharged with the rank of first sergeant. I am 42 years old, have been a registered democrat for 21 years and I am also a disabled Veteran, drawing a disability pension.

I also want you to know, that I knew, at the time, I filled out the application, and mailed it in, that I was not in the proper district, as I receive my mail at the Brightwood Post office.

But I also knew that two or more from below me toward Sandy had filed.

On the clippings, enclosed, I have circled several paragraphs. I want you to notice and read again, then read my letter received from the Civil Service Commission.

Unless I have read it wrong, it seems to me, that no examinations will even be held, as it states that new qualifications, have now been mailed in and I already have been ruled out.

I have been told quite often and just recently heard that politics are often involved in matters, such as this, but I don't like to believe that's the case. Because although as I stated before, I am a democrat, that is discriminating and in any government position, a person should be hired, because of their capabilities, not their politics, religion and etc.

I would also like to state, and you can quote me, although I voted for Maurine Neuberger last election, if this is her policy of fair play, my vote in the future will be cast differently.

Not only for myself, am I up arms over this, but for anyone else, outside that mailing district that filed an application.

Should have had a fair chance, at the position as long, as they were going to go outside the district to fill the position.

Sincerely,  
Ralph M. Muldoon  
Box 119  
Brightwood, Ore.

Editor's note: The letter from the U.S. Civil Service Commission referred to above is the one described on the front page of this issue of the Post. The clippings mentioned are those concerning the appointment of Hal Dudley as postmaster at Rhododendron in the June 15 and 22 Posts. The portions encircled dealt with (1) the unannounced results of the competitive examination this examination has apparently never taken place; (2) Dudley's understanding that the resident requirement was waived because of his veteran standing; (3) Residents' speculation that Dudley was the only Democrat available for the post.

To The Editor:

The editorial in June 29th issue of Sandy Post attempting to saddle the Standard Time advocates with responsibility for our present confused time easily tops all the fuzzy thinking, unsubstantiated arguments on the subject that I've read or heard to date.

Facts are the Standard Time advocates were for state wide uniform time in the election last fall when they voted for state wide standard time. It was the Daylight time advocates, determined to have fast time in spite of the election—by hook or crook—and their lobbying representatives who high pressured the state legislature with the double cross that permitted the five rebel counties to disregard established Standard time and switch to Daylight time that saddled Oregonians with a mixture of both fast and slow time and this resultant confusion.

In the editorial, the implication that the Standard time advocates are responsible for this

time confusion because they didn't all immediately forget the election, disregards already established Standard time and switch to Daylight time along with the rebels is just too preposterous for comment.

As correctly stated in the editorial it is "all much ado about nothing." Which of the two opposing times we finally end up with is not of too much importance.

Since the majority voted for Standard time that should have settled the question for the next two years. So Standard time should rightfully be in effect at present. What really matters is how we go about settling on one or the other. If trickery and legislative action are to decide the issue in Oregon, why have elections. Why bother to vote just what has become of Government by, of and for the people in the state of Oregon?

The recent legislative skullduggery made a farce of Oregon elections and donkeys of Oregon voters.

James L. Miner  
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To the Editor:

The people don't recognize the speed limit on Hi-way 26. I was traveling 35 MPH in a 35 mile zone, when people tried to blow me off the road with their horns. I blew back at them to let them know you're supposed to recognize the speed limit. They aren't supposed to do 50 in a 35 mile zone.

Where I learned, the law was to recognize the law if not the car. In a month's traveling time this is the worst I ever saw. You must recognize the cars on the Hi-ways and you'll save many lives.

Signed  
Henry Nolan

## Dangers Involved In Oven Canning

Each year questions come to the county extension offices asking for time tables for oven canning of foods. Oven canning is not safe and should never be considered. The temperature in the interior of the jar is not high enough to destroy all the organisms that cause food spoilage or poisoning, says Mrs. Helen McDowall, Clackamas County Home Extension Agent.

In addition, steam may build up in the jars and cause a serious explosion. Many cases of near misses are reported where home makers have escaped the flying glass. Others have been severely cut.

Oven canning just isn't worth the chances involved, according to Mrs. McDowall.

## List of Classes, Awards Expanding In State Fair Land Products Show

A five-piece carving set and a dozen steak knives will be awarded the exhibitor of the finest maffing barley in the Oregon State Fair's grain show, Sept. 1-9.

Great Western Malting Company of Vancouver, Wash., has made the award for many years, and competition for it has become the highlight of the land products division.

Warren Burnett, Jr. of Salem is serving as superintendent of the land products show for the first time, and he has added many new classes and instituted additional special awards for the finest specimens of various products from the family garden and the large farm.

The exhibitors of the tallest cornstalk and the largest sunflower will both receive \$25 awards of merchandise from Meier and Frank's of Salem. Smaller cash awards are given for the largest mangel or sugar beet, heaviest pumpkin, heaviest squash and tallest sunflower.

Potato growers will be competing for a handsome silver tray to be awarded by the Oregon Potato Commission for the best single exhibit of ten white-flesh potatoes.

One of the largest divisions of the land products show is they honey and bees department. The display area for these two products has been expanded for the second straight year, and 17 different classifications plus a sweepstakes award are expected to attract a record number of entries.

There will be 12 classes for arrangements which utilize produce, with "Pride of Autumn" the selected theme for the division. Four classes will be on exhibit the full nine days of the Fair, with the remainder to be exhibited either four or five days. Burnett points out that a person need not be a farmer to enter the competition. The backyard gardener is eligible for 11

prizes, and in the past has fared satisfactorily against his more experienced competition.

The complete list of rules and prizes may be obtained by writing to Oregon State Fair, P.O. Box 1507, Salem.

## Woman Reports

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six feet tall and weighed around 180 pounds. He has rust colored hair and dark eyes. He wore a red and blue V-necked shirt and sun tan pants.

The second suspect was described as being about 5'9", weighing 155 pounds, and missing one tooth. He has grey hair and dark eyes. He wore a blue-grey sport coat and jeans. He carried a cigarette lighter with a nude woman portrayed. He had the habit of crushing out his cigarettes in the cuff of his trousers.

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**Most Routes Open In Hood Forest**

All roads on the Mt. Hood National Forest are now open, according to the last Forest office weekly report for 1961.

Roads listed in poor condition are Skyline Road from Olallie Lake to Breitenbush Lake, Badger Lake via High Prairie Road and Razier Forks from High Rock. Passage is described as difficult. The road to Badger Lake has a small snow block.

Most of the trails are also passable. However portions of Timberline Trail are still closed by snow.

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