

Corvallis Times

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THE CAR SHORTAGE.

Factories and mills all over Oregon, are being forced, one by one, to close down on account of the car shortage. It is a queer condition when a state actually yields products faster than the railroads can transport them. In the ordinary state, it is more often the rule that the railroads lack products to carry and that agents are afield constantly canvassing for traffic.

Here in Oregon however, the rule is reversed and the shipper is clamoring for cars that the railroad does not furnish. It is a condition that has endured far beyond the point of eternal fitness. It is a neglect of the material interests of Oregon by the one line that controls the traffic to the southward, a neglect doubtless born of a better service in some other state where competition is keen and rivalry for business more alert. This territory the railroad has in its grip, with the privileges of moving its products at its own convenience, and hence when the mills and factories plead for cars, they largely plead in vain. It is the price Oregon pays for having its railroad lines under one management, and it makes welcome the tidings that one big transportation line after another is seeking entrance to her borders.

A perfect solution of the problem would lie in the advent of some other line, with the consequent rivalry for business that would result. Meantime, too, a little pressure by legislative enactment to compel a better car service would not, because it could not, be amiss. It could not harm the railroad because to compel it by law to supply more cars would be to require it by law to increase its own income.

Ex Governor Geer's purchase of a newspaper as an alleged means of electing himself United States senator, is an unexpectedly new route to Washington. In Oregon, an editor has seldom been allowed to rise above the postmaster's rank, and it has been but rarely that he has attained to that distinction. If Mr. Geer is really seeking the senatorship, it might aid him in his enterprise to say that, until Francis Heney struck Oregon, the shortest cut to Washington seemed to be through the timber.

The number of Corvallis people that "had business" in Albany yesterday was amazing. A whole lot of them had to go on the early morning train, and stay all day, and half the night, "business" was so pressing. Some of them went to "take the children" over to see the circus. Along with the excuses it was delightfully amusing to see them all mounted on a reserved seat, waving a hat or throwing a kiss at the female trapezist or lady rider, or observing with intense hilarity the antics of the clowns or the intelligence of the monkeys. It is worth a whole lot more than a dollar to be a boy again, and go to the circus, or a girl either.

In a land fraud trial at Portland yesterday Captain Ormsby, ex-supervisor of the Cascade Forest reserve swore that, for making a certain report as to the Blue Mountain reserve, he received two sections of land. The captain was evidently an apt student of Oregon statesmanship as taught by his illustrious patrons, Congressman Hermann and others.

FOUND. A sack containing wearing apparel. Owner can have same by paying for this notice and proving property. Call at this office.

In Self Defense.

Major Hamm, editor and manager of the Constitutionalist, Eminence, Ky., when he was fiercely attacked, four years ago, by Piles, bought a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, of which he says: "It cured me in ten days and no trouble since." Quickest healer of burns, sores, cuts & wounds. 25c at Allen & Woodward's drug store.

LET THEM ALONE.

And Tell Children to do the Same—Danger From Live Wires.

It is not only in Portland, but in Corvallis that danger lurks in overhead electric light wires. In all parts of town now the light wires, day and night, carry 2,200 volts, a current sufficient to kill a man easily by a single contact. Within a short time as soon as the switch board of the light company is installed, a portion of the circuit will carry 10,000 volts. A larger voltage than that in use at present is necessary because of the poor character of the present lights, over which many people complain. When the higher voltage is in, the company expects the lights to be much improved.

In the case of the danger from live wires, it is heightened by the fact that in many cases the insulation is worn away. Such work as the new company is putting in is substantial and the insulation complete. But the old work includes almost the whole area of the town, which means that a measure of care is necessary to avoid possible tragedies. When an electric wire falls to the ground it must not be touched. It is death to do so. When such a wire falls across a telephone wire and either or both are touched the consequences are apt to be equally fatal, though a poor contact might lessen the danger from touching the phone wire. In every household, the children should have explained to them the danger there is in all these wires, and be instructed never on any occasion to touch them. In the dispatches of almost every daily paper there is an account of a tragedy from touching live wires. In one case a day or two ago, a boy seized the wire to remove it from his bicycle with which it had fouled. The deadly voltage gripped him with terrible embrace and he was instantly killed. His mother hastened to his rescue and as she touched him a new circuit was formed, and she too was killed. A third person came along and in an attempt to render aid, was so badly shocked that he had to be taken to the hospital.

And so it goes. Danger constantly hangs suspended from the overhead wires, and while no tragedy may result for years, one may come tomorrow. The point is for all to come to an understanding of the necessity of letting the wires alone, whether they be on the ground or in the air, and trouble will be the longer postponed. Portland has had no less than four live wire electrocutions within just a few weeks.

A thing that heightens the importance of the foregoing is, that small boys all over town are in the habit of climbing electric light and telephone poles.

MANY WENT.

To the Circus—Strange and Wonderful Things were There.

Eight huge elephants walking through the figures of a quadrille with as much precision as human beings do it, was a remarkable scene in the circus at Albany Thursday. A man called the figures, "first four forward and back; forward and cross over" and the like and the fidelity and patience with which the big animals went through the dance aroused intense admiration from the thousands of onlookers.

Even more remarkable was the performance of trained seals. With intelligence that seemed human, they balanced balls on their noses, tossed them from their noses to the trainer, balanced and twirled on their noses a stick with a lighted torch at each end, beat drums and cymbals in a brass band act, and did almost everything else but talk.

It all happened under a canvas tent big enough to cover two Corvallis blocks. There was a huge army of employes, three trainloads of appliances and an investment of a vast fortune in the outfit. It takes \$7,000 a day to pay the salaries. There were three rings and two platforms with acts going on in all of them at once, nearly all the time. To do justice to all of them the onlooker ought to have a dozen eyes and an Indian rubber neck. In many an instance half a dozen seemingly impossible feats were whirling through the air at once and to keep track of them made several people gibber like as many mad chickens.

Of clowns, instead of one as there used to be, there were more than a dozen. One of them whispered several times in a mule's ear as though there were several eyes between the two.

paid no attention, which helped immensely to make the scene funny. Another claiming to be the best pistol shot in the world, attempted to shoot a potato from another clown's head, and apparently missed the potato and shot him through the head. A clown doctor came along, examined the wound with much gusto, and then, with a squirt gun, shot a huge stream of water into the wound in such a way that it seemed to pass through the head and issue in a big stream from the other side. Two others in a simple Simon act, played on a silly little drum and an equally silly tin whistle and with an ordinary goose marching between them, made the circuit of the tent.

Lots of people went from Corvallis and the country to the westward to see the great show. Trains left for Albany at 6:30, 9, and 11 a. m., and at 1, 1:30, 6 and 8 p. m., and returned as many times. None who went had occasion to complain, for the show lacked nothing to make it a circus. If criticism could be offered, it was because there was too much. One feature alone was worth all and more than its cost, and that was to see the magnificent horses, beautifully shaped, and beautifully kept, splendid reminders to man of what the animal world is and what can be made of it, overtopping in some respects the very claims of man himself to merit and superiority.

WANTED A THOUSAND.

In Cash on his Check—Queer Freak of a Crazy man—Sent to Asylum.

A crazy man got loose from the asylum at Salem Wednesday, and after coming to Corvallis, essayed yesterday to do frenzied finance with local bankers. He gave the name of C. E. Meek, which subsequent developments proved to have been his own cognomen. He was 38 or 40 years of age, and though his lack of sanity was marked, it was of the quiet order and easily escaped general attention.

His first appearance in town was yesterday morning when he approached the window of the Willamette Valley bank and addressing the cashier, proposed to draw a check for \$1,000 on the bank of Yakima, Washington, saying he had such a sum in the Washington institution. Mr. Wilkinson assured him that that kind of business could not be done, but that if desired his check against the Yakima bank could be taken for collection. Very early in the game Mr. Wilkinson divined the man's lack of mental balance, and after the interview was concluded he reported his suspicions to Chief Lane.

At the First National, Meek also made talk in an effort to get money, but at that institution the queerness of action attracted the same attention as at the other bank and he was gotten rid of as decently and respectfully as possible. During the interview at each place, the stranger did considerable talking to himself, which with his general appearance excited suspicions as to his mental derangement.

In the afternoon, after taking dinner with Mr. Thompson north of town, he applied again at the Willamette Valley bank to inquire if returns had been received from the Yakima bank, as a result of the transaction of the morning. At Thompson's the same suspicion of insanity was aroused and Mr. Thompson telephoned Mr. Wilkinson, suggesting his surmise to the latter. After an investigation of the facts, Chief Lane reported the matter to the sheriff's office, and late in the afternoon, Deputy Wells took the man in custody and reported the facts to the asylum authorities. It turned out that Meek had escaped from the asylum Wednesday, and that the authorities were after him. Meek was taken in custody pending the arrival of an asylum attendant, who came up on the evening train and returned to Salem at 6:30 this morning with his man.

Meek's name was stamped on the inside of his vest, and the number of his ward appeared on his underclothing, as is the rule, and it was by these marks that he was identified. He made his way from the asylum to Corvallis on foot.

—Miss May Meagher of Portland representing the new Ear phone for very deaf persons will be at the residence of B. F. Irvine tomorrow, Saturday afternoon, where she will be glad to show the instrument to all interested.

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On and after June 1, 1906, the Southern Pacific, in connection with the Corvallis & Eastern railroad, will have on sale round trip tickets from points on their lines to Newport, Yaquina and Detroit at low rates, good for return until October 10, 1906.

Three-day tickets to Newport and Yaquina, good going Saturdays and returning Mondays, are also on sale from all East Side points, Portland to Eugene, inclusive, and from all West side points, enabling people to visit their families and spend Sunday at the seaside.

Season tickets from all East Side points, Portland to Eugene, inclusive, and from all West Side points, are also on sale to Detroit at very low rates, with stop-over privileges at Mill City or any point East, enabling tourists to visit the Santiam and Breitenbush Hot Springs in the Cascade Mountains, which can be reached in one day.

Season tickets good for return from all points until Oct. 10. Three-day tickets good going Saturdays and returning Mondays only. Tickets for Portland and vicinity good for return via the East or West Side. Tickets from Eugene and vicinity will be good going via the Lebanon-Springfield branch. Baggage on Newport tickets checked through to Newport; on Yaquina tickets to Yaquina only. Sunday excursions to Newport on the C. & E. will begin June 10th or 17th and run every Sunday thereafter, leaving Albany at 7:30 a. m., leaving Corvallis 8 a. m.

S. P. trains connect with the C. & E. at Albany and Corvallis for Yaquina and Newport. Trains on the C. & E. for Detroit will leave Albany at 7:30 a. m., enabling tourists to the Hot Springs to reach there the same day. Trains from and to Corvallis connect with all East Side trains on the S. P.

Full information as to rates, time tables, etc., can be obtained on application to J. C. Mayo, Gen. Pass. Agt., C. & E. R., Albany; A. L. Craig, G. P. A. S. P. Co., Portland, or to any S. P. or C. & E. agent. Rates from Corvallis to Newport, \$3.75; To Yaquina, \$3.25. Three-day rate from Corvallis to Newport, \$2.50.

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