

UNCLE SAM'S AID AGAINST ADVANCE

Traffic League Appeals to Commission to Prevent Increase of Rates.

RAILROAD MEN ALARMED

Strong Resolutions Sent to Roosevelt Urging That Higher Rates Would Retard the Return of Longed-for Prosperity.

CHICAGO, May 11.—(Special.)—The National Industrial Traffic League, one of the largest and strongest commercial organizations in the United States, at a meeting held today decided to ask the Interstate Commerce Commission to make an informal investigation into the proposed increase in freight rates.

Enlist Roosevelt's Help. The resolutions will be generally distributed throughout the country and copies of the address of the Traffic League will be conveyed to President Roosevelt, in the hope that he will ask the Commission to take the matter up.

Railroads Getting Scared. The sessions of both organizations were characterized by temperate speech and action. It was stated that the railroad presidents and traffic officials were still maintaining the air of deep mystery which has surrounded their movements from the first moment they considered the advisability of making a general increase in rates.

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The Commission finds that for the handling of perishable commodities the express companies have established order and commission departments. The agents of the companies undertake to find a market for producers and to handle the products offered. The products are marketed and the proceeds, less the express charges, are turned over to the producers.

Accordingly it recommends that all express companies and their agents be prohibited from buying or selling on their own account commodities transported by express, but that express companies be permitted to continue their present methods of conducting interstate business through order and commission departments, subject to the prohibition of law against unjust discrimination.

PLANS FOR WATERFRONT

San Francisco to Take Care of Increasing Commerce.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—The Federated Harbor Improvement Association met today to receive the report of its engineers on a plan for the permanent improvement of the San Francisco waterfront. The report, which contained about 15,000 words, was prepared by Colonel Hever and Luther Waggoner, after an investigation extending over a period of several months and an examination of the principal harbors of Europe and America.

HER ADMIRERS WERE MANY

Mrs. Gordon, Once Beautiful, Figured in the Racing World.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—(Special.)—Mrs. Gordon, victim of the Marshallfield

tragedy, was a well-known figure on Kearny and Market streets ten years ago during the famous matinee parades in San Francisco. She was strikingly beautiful at that time. She became the wife of a clothier, whose name she now bears, but their domestic life was not happy. A sensational divorce suit followed.

Mrs. Gordon had attracted a large number of admirers, among them several men prominent in the racing world. She was "on the inside" in racing matters in San Francisco for some time and is supposed to have made a considerable amount of money through her operations.

MAY INVALIDATE ELECTION

Question of Error in Posting Local Option Notices in Union.

LA GRANDE, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—Considerable agitation has been going on among both friends and enemies of the "dry" county movement in this county over the rumor that the election notices were incorrectly gotten up. The rumor came up last week, but was temporarily dispelled only to come up again today. The saloon forces are jubilant over their belief that County Clerk Gilham has made an irreparable error in not including the notice of saloon liquor election with those of the June election. The notices are posted on two separate sheets. This the saloon element believes will invalidate the question at the June election. Many attorneys of the city affirm that the clerk has adopted the proper course and that the notices are legal.

CAKE AT COTTAGE GROVE

Explains Necessity for Sending Republican Senator to Washington.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—Completing a tour of Southern Oregon, H. M. Calk, Republican nominee for United States Senator, began his campaign in this county here this afternoon. He spoke in the Armory and a number of candidates for county offices came from Eugene. Owing to an error in advertising the meeting, few were present. He began his speech, but before concluding he had a big crowd and much applause. He outlined his position on various public questions and explained it would be impossible to secure results for Oregon by a Democrat or nonpartisan Senator. Since the convention at Eugene Saturday, Republicans in this county have forgotten their differences and a big victory for the entire ticket is predicted.

COLD IN THE GRAND RONDE

Fruit Retarded, but Not Injured. Bumper Crop Expected.

LA GRANDE, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—There is sign of a let up in the long run of disagreeably cold weather that has chilled the residents of the Grand Ronde Valley and retarded the growth and development of the fruit. However, the cold weather has not been of the killing kind, and no fruit in the least injured, except that its development is retarded. It would require a very severe frost to injure the cherry crop now, and local growers are confident that the extraordinary crop of last year will be duplicated again this year. Unless all signs fail, the Grand Ronde Valley will have the most bountiful crop in all classes of fruit that has been grown here.

Governor Chamberlain at Hermiston

HERMISTON, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—Governor Chamberlain and Joseph N. Scott, independent candidate for Joint Representative for Morrow and Umatilla counties, spent Sunday at Hermiston, leaving here for Heppner this morning. John T. Whistler, engineer, tendered a reception in honor of Governor Chamberlain at his residence Sunday evening, when many citizens took advantage of the opportunity to shake hands with the Governor. No speeches were made, but Governor Chamberlain and Mr. Scott both spoke enthusiastically of the irrigation project and the progress made.

Clark Delegates to Spokane.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 11.—(Special.)—E. A. Board, editor of the Columbian; ex-Senator E. M. Rands, ex-Judge A. L. Miller and J. Westhoff, delegates from Clark County and southwestern Washington, left tonight for Spokane to attend the state Republican convention. The delegates are said to be favorable to Taft and Ankeny. An effort will be made to select ex-Judge Miller as a delegate to the National convention in Chicago.

Train at Hermiston Wednesday.

HERMISTON, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—The farmers' demonstration train on the O. R. & N. will arrive at Hermiston Wednesday, May 13, at 9:45 A. M., remaining here one hour. The O. R. & N. will run an excursion to Hermiston May 27. Preparations are being made for the handling of the people so that all may be well fed and as many as wish can make a trip to Cold Springs Dam.

Spokane Negroes Indorse Taft.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 11.—The Lincoln Centennial Association of this city, an organization of colored men, at a meeting attended by 35 members, unanimously adopted resolutions indorsing President Roosevelt's course in dealing with the negro regiment at Brownsville, Texas, and indorsing Secretary Taft for President.

THE DAY'S DEATH RECORD

Frederick H. May, Newark, N. J.

NEWARK, N. J., May 11.—Frederick H. May, formerly vice-president and general manager of the American Rapid Telegraph, died yesterday at his home in this city. He was prominent in railroad construction in the Middle West and West in the '70s, and won fame during the Civil War by keeping the Illinois Central, north of Cairo, Ill., open for troops and supply trains for General Grant.

John A. Quackenbush.

TROY, N. Y., May 11.—John A. Quackenbush, a prominent member of the 52d Congress, died at his home near Stillwater today, aged 80 years.

Mrs. Helen E. Moses.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 11.—Mrs. Helen E. Moses, national president of the Christian Women's Board of Missions, died today.

Cleveland Much Better.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., May 11.—The condition of ex-President Grover Cleveland was said today to be further improved. Mrs. Cleveland left him for 12 hours of the day, to visit her children at Princeton.

New York.—The hearing of the divorce suit of Evelyn Thaw against Harry Thaw was postponed Monday.

Metzger, jeweler, optician, 842 Wash. Eye Glasses \$1.00 at Metzger's.

FARMERS EAGER TO HEAR LECTURES

Cars of Demonstration Train Crowded at Each Stop in Sherman County.

TRIP PROVES A SUCCESS

Wheatgrowers Anxious to Learn How to Increase Their Profits. Withycombe Tells Them to Raise More Fat Hogs.

BY E. W. WRIGHT.

CONDON, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—That the Oregon farmers are as much interested in the gospel of good farming as their Washington neighbors was unmistakably apparent in the enthusiastic manner in which they greeted the O. R. & N. farming demonstration train on the Columbia Southern today. The efforts of General Freight Agent Miller, of the O. R. & N. Company, to improve agricultural conditions in his territory merit such pronounced encouragement when he sent the first demonstration train over the company's lines in Washington that there was a clamorous demand for a second train in Washington and also for a similar train on the Oregon lines of the company. The second Washington train, which last week ran through the wheat belt in our neighboring state, met with a similar success. It stopped, and if today's reception of the pioneer Oregon demonstration train is a criterion last week's success will be duplicated.

The pioneer train in the better farming movement in Eastern Oregon, is in charge of R. B. Miller, general freight agent; J. Euckel, superintendent; D. W. Campbell, superintendent of Oregon lines; Dr. A. J. MacKenzie, chief surgeon of the O. R. & N. Company; Robert Burns, general agent, Walla Walla; Jack O'Neill, traveling passenger agent, and A. A. Morse and C. F. Vanderwater, freight agents; Guy Anderson and Charles Lord, stenographers; J. R. Keiser, photographer. The list of speakers is headed by Dr. James Withycombe, director of the experiment station at the Oregon Agricultural College. With him are C. L. Lewis, horticulturist; C. E. Bradley, chemist, and H. D. Scudder, agronomist. Byron Hunter, Assistant Agriculturalist of the United States Department of Agriculture, is with the train as representative of Secretary Wilson.

Farmers Early on the Scene.

The train left Portland Sunday evening and reached Kent about 8 o'clock this morning. It consists of two private cars, a sleeper and an extra large day coach, in which the passengers were held. Although more than 100 people crowded into the lecture car at both Moro and Grass Valley, it was necessary to use the sleeper, both cars being filled and many farmers standing outside to hear what they could through the open windows. The attendance at Kent was an agreeable surprise, and showed quite lively the deep interest that is being taken in the matter. The schedule called for the opening of the lectures at 8:30 and the departure of the train at 9:30. Despite the early hour, there was an attendance of 115, some of the farmers having driven 10 miles to reach Kent in time for the lectures. A number of them leaving urgent farm work in order to attend.

Cold Wind Becomes a Gale.

The weather was chilly, with a strong wind blowing when Grass Valley was reached at 10 o'clock, and the intended open-air meeting was abandoned and the crowd packed into the two cars. The lecturers alternating between them. At Moro, the third stop on the route, school was dismissed and while the experts were talking to the farmers the farmers Mr. Miller entertained the youngsters. The wind, which began easy at Kent, was blowing a gale when Wasco was reached at 2:30, and the attendance was smaller than it would have been under more favorable conditions. There were 125 farmers at the Moro lectures, no women or children being present. The lectures were not stereotyped discourses on scientific farming, but were bright snappy recommendations by men who were letter perfect in their knowledge of the subject. Mr. Miller in opening the meetings explained that it was the desire of the railroad company that perfect co-operation shall exist between the farmer and the railroad for the reason that any increase in agricultural products which would result from better farming would benefit both the farmers and the railroad company.

Wheat Improves the Soil.

Professor Withycombe warned the farmers that it would be impossible to continue indefinitely the growing of wheat, declaring that there were but few other crops that were more exhausting on the soil. He asserted that every ton of wheat shipped from the farm carries with it \$2 worth of plant food, all of which could be saved or returned to the soil by livestock husbandry. He spoke in glowing terms of the fine market that would be provided for livestock by the establishment of great abattoirs at Portland. He expressed the belief that the farmer returns from a now idle summer fallow could be secured from peas, rape or alfalfa, which could be fed to hogs at a great profit as well as incidentally being of great value in returning to the soil properties that had been exhausted by continued cropping to wheat even when summer fallow was practiced.

There should be trainloads of fat hogs and sheep shipped out annually from these sections," said Dr. Withycombe.

"The great feeding grounds for lamb and mutton production of the Northwest should be found in the wheat farms of the inland Empire."

Crops Make Fine Showing.

Professors Bradley and Scudder went into details regarding the plainly demonstrated advantage of crop rotation and showed in a convincing manner how all the summer-fallow lands now lying idle are cropped to the advantage of the wheat crop, and also to yield a heavy profit in the off year when wheat was not grown. The interest displayed by the farmers was absorbing and all were loud in their praises of the railroad company and the speakers who accompanied the train. The lectures open at Condon 8:15 tomorrow and close at Heppner at 6:15, Clem, Ione and Lexington being included in the itinerary.

One feature of the trip today, which

agreedly surprised the visitors and served to correct a misapprehension that has gained ground in Portland, is the excellent condition of the Sherman County wheat. It is not suffering for rain nor will it be if dry weather should continue for a fortnight or more. Warm weather is needed, but as yet no damage has occurred and the outlook for a big crop is excellent.

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COSTLY HAUL FOR GRAIN

RAILROAD NETS \$2.10 FROM RITZVILLE TO TACOMA.

Charges Made Against Northern Pacific at Session of State Railroad Commission.

RITZVILLE, Wash., May 11.—(Special.)

That the Northern Pacific Railroad nets \$2.10 per ton on wheat shipped from Ritzville to Tacoma, and that the Great Northern nets an equal amount on wheat shipped from Odessa to Tacoma was one of the surprising bits of evidence brought out at the session of the State Railroad Commission which opened in Ritzville this morning. These figures were given during the testimony of O. O. Calderhead, secretary of the Commission, and a man well versed in railroad matters. The hearing is on a complaint filed and represented by W. R. Cunningham, Sr., acting, it is said, for the farmers of this district, in which he alleges that the freight rates on wheat to tidewater are excessive from Eastern Washington.

J. B. Alexander, Assistant Attorney-General, and W. H. Ludden, of Spokane, represent Mr. Cunningham. The Great Northern is represented by L. C. Gilman, of Seattle, and the Northern Pacific by Judge B. S. Grosscup, of Tacoma.

The first witness examined was Henry B. Kelly, assistant traffic manager for the Northern Pacific at Tacoma, who said that no one could tell

what a reasonable rate was unless they knew the cost of construction, the value of rolling stock and, in fact, the value of all the property with the cost of operation, none of which, he said, he knew.

M. J. Costello, assistant traffic manager of the Great Northern like Mr. Blakely, said that in order to know the reasonableness of a rate he must be acquainted with these facts, of which he, also, was ignorant. This testimony closed the forenoon session.

CHINESE REBELS ACTIVE

Two Columns, Containing 3000 Men, Partly Repulsed.

PEKIN, May 11.—News was received here today that 3000 rebels in two columns set out to march on Mengtze, a treaty port at the head of navigation of Songkai River. A body of Provincial troops met and repulsed one of the columns at Manhao, on the Red River, May 9, but the other column, which is following the railroad line, is now within 30 miles of Mengtze. Victory Hsi Liang, at the head of another body of Provincial troops, has left Yun Man Fu for Am, 40 miles northwest of Mengtze.

Tragedy Follows Separation.

OAKLAND, May 11.—After having written several letters since their separation March 4, threatening to take her, unless she would come to him, G. W. Johnson slipped up behind his wife at her home, 162 Fifth street, tonight, and fired four shots at her, one taking effect. He then drank carbolic acid. Both were hurried to the receiving hospital. Johnson was soon brought out of danger, but his wife's condition is serious.

COLLIDES WITH PARADE

TWO AUTOS COME TOGETHER HEAD-ON.

Occupants Thrown Out and One Woman Is Badly Injured—Officers Spring to Assistance.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—Tragedy

came near blighting the automobile spin given to the flag officers of the fleet this morning. As the two miles of gaily decorated cars were winding a serpentine course along the south drive in Golden Gate Park, an automobile containing Police Sergeant Gorman and Patrolman Jenkins collided with an automobile in which were William S. Dolan, a capitalist, his wife, her sister and four little children, all under 7 years of age. The two automobiles came together almost head-on, and the force of the compact wrecked the entire front portions of the big cars. Mrs. Dolan was knocked forward and fell heavily upon the mud guard of the police machine. Her left eye was badly lacerated. The accident stopped the procession of automobiles. Many of the Navy men leaped from their cars and offered assistance to the frightened women and children. They were placed in an automobile and taken to the park Emergency Hospital, where Mrs. Dolan was treated. The others were badly bruised

and shaken up and had to be given stimulants.

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