

SOUTHERN PACIFIC HAS ALTERNATIVE

Northwestern Line May Be Used if Merger With Central Way Is to Be Dissolved.

EXTENSION IS INTENDED

Connection From Crescent City With Main Road May Be Made at Eugene, Via Coos Bay Route, or at Grants Pass.

If the Southern Pacific, as a result of the Government's suit to dissolve that road's merger with the Central Pacific, is forced to find a new connection between Oregon and California, it doubtless will make use of the Northwestern Pacific, in which road it has a half interest.

The Northwestern Pacific operates a line between San Francisco and Willits, Cal., 138 miles north, and is engaged in completing a connection with Eureka, Cal., on Humboldt Bay, nearly 200 miles farther north.

The Santa Fe is equally interested with the Southern Pacific in the existing lines between San Francisco and Eureka.

Whether connection will be made with the Southern Pacific main line at Grants Pass or with the line now being built from Eugene to Coos Bay has not been considered. Either route can be used.

Work on Coos Line to Resume.

Work on the Coos Bay line will be resumed within a few weeks. It can't be completed, however, before the early fall of 1916.

Connecting with the new Coos Bay line is the road operating between Marshfield and Myrtle Point—the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern—distance of 28 miles. This will be made a part of the new main line.

Work also is in progress on the first unit of the new line between Grants Pass and Crescent City. The City of Grants Pass has bonded itself for \$500,000 to apply on the cost of the initial trackage.

It is apparent, therefore, that the Southern Pacific will have a choice of two routes of its own between Portland and San Francisco in place of the connection between the state boundary and Tehama, of which it will be deprived in the event that the Government wins its suit.

Traffic Not to Be Disturbed. It is likely that through traffic between Oregon and California points will not be disturbed even if the two roads are divided.

It was the fear that the Union Pacific will control traffic through the Ogden gateway that caused those protests, for it is well understood that if the Government forces the Southern Central dissolution, the Union Pacific will control the Central—at least that part of the line between Ogden and Sacramento.

It is to force a reopening of the Ogden gateway and restore traffic at that point to the competition in both rates and service of the Union Pacific and Denver & Rio Grande that the Oregon bodies are protesting.

DOGS TO RUN UNMUZZLED

Commission Refuses to Bar Months of Animals Until Summer.

Dogs are not to be muzzled again until summer. This was the decision yesterday of the City Commission when requests were made by City Health Officer Marcellus and State Health Officer White that all dogs be muzzled at once because of the discovery of a number of cases of rabies.

The Commission discussed the proposition at considerable length and finally turned down the muzzling plan as unnecessary. It was decided that the muzzles would do more harm than good.

Reports from the health officers showed that five rabid dogs have been found in the past few days and three persons have been bitten by dogs which were found upon post mortem examination, to have had rabies.

PLAINTIFFS WIN DAMAGES

Laborer, Hurt, Paid for Injuries and Land Buyer Gets Verdict.

Verdicts for plaintiffs were returned yesterday morning in Judges Hamilton and Davis' courts. Abel Markkane recovered a verdict for \$2500 on a \$1,130 suit against E. F. Riner and E. B. Riner for spinal injuries sustained while at work laying sewer pipes last August near the corner of Nineteenth and Washington streets.

In Department No. 6, Judge Hamilton of Roseburg presiding, James E. Allen and Olive C. Allen recovered a verdict for \$3000 for damages resulting from a real estate transaction with C. H. McNeelan. Allen charged that the value of the property traded to him by McNeelan had been falsely represented to him by McNeelan. Suit was brought for \$3000.

GEARHART "BY - THE - SEA"

Spend this week-end at Hotel Gearhart. Monday is a holiday. Make reservations at hotel or 100 1/2 4th st.—Adv.

West Linn Gets Postoffice.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Information was received here today from Washington that the fourth assistant postmaster-general has authorized the establishment of a postoffice at West Linn, which is located opposite Oregon City on the west bank of the Willamette River, and which was incorporated last year.

ELKS OF ROSEBURG FORMALLY OPEN NEW AND HANDSOME CLUB

Building Modern, With Equipment and Furnishings in Keeping With Taste.

Roseburg, Or., Feb. 14.—The B. P. O. Elks club rooms in the Elks' building recently completed in Roseburg were formally opened at a house warming and reception Friday night at which 800 people were present.

The club rooms occupy a space of 60 feet, between the two main wings of the building, which are each 50 by 100 feet, and are occupied by the Antlers theatre and Elks' hall. The entire structure, 100 by 143 feet, two stories and basement is owned by Roseburg Lodge No. 226, B. P. O. E. The new part of the building cost \$45,000.

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"Acorn" Stoves and Ranges Universally satisfactory. Sold exclusively in Portland at this store. Fourth Floor, Main Building.

"Silk Maid" Hose, \$1.00 The best quality Silk Hose for the price to be had. Here only. First Floor, Main Building.

Good Morning! Weather forecast for today is rain. A year ago today was cloudy. Maximum temperature 46, and minimum 30 degrees.

"Willamette" Sewing Machines Club plan payments — \$2 down, \$1 week. New Basement Annex.

March Delineator for Subscribers Is Here Subscribers at 60c rate may now get March number, 1st Floor Balcony, Main Bldg.

Men Will Be Much in Evidence Here Today

As Many Remarkable Reductions Are Made in Needed Furnishings

Child Welfare Week in Oregon

"Save the Babies" Under the auspices of the Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Association this splendid work is being carried on, a work that is noble and altruistic in the widest sense.

The Roseburg Home of B.P.O.E. Was Furnished Complete by the Meier & Frank Co.

—and the luxurious rooms of the Roseburg Lodge are an example of what it is possible to do along this line. Every carpet, drapery, piece of furniture, rug and ornament placed in this home was the result of study and discriminating taste on the part of our Interior Decorating and Furnishing Department.

King Pharaoh, the Educated Horse Continues to Entertain

King Pharaoh did this example in addition yesterday— 2 4 5 3 to the great delight of the small boy from the audience, 8 4 3 1 who placed the figures upon the blackboard. But that's — only one of many instances of the proof of his "edu-10 8 8 4 cation"—spelling, picking out the pretty little girl with the curls, the lady in blue and the "bad boy" in the audience with perfect ease.

95.8 the Highest Rating Awarded

Was Received by Meier & Frank's Seventh-Floor Restaurant For Cleanliness, Equipment and Method of Preparing Food This award was made by the City Health Bureau, after seven months of diligent investigation.

A "REDFERN" CORSET

Means Health, Comfort and Fashionable Lines

The woman who gives minute attention to the Corset she wears is apt to be the woman who is considered "well dressed"—for in selecting the proper Corset model for her particular figure she has laid the foundation for all else. And she is also the woman who enjoys superb health and absolute comfort, for fashionable corseting today is not a question of freakish lines, but of skillful designing. And such a Corset is this.

It insures to its wearer these three essentials in a correct Corset—health, comfort and the fashionable lines now demanded.

Only the finest materials are used in the construction of the Redfern Corset—fine, soft fabrics, Walohn boning; thin, double side steels; strong flexible, plush-lined clasps; low bust styles with rubber gores; long skirts in various cutaway patterns, or fitted with elastic webbing or laces—front or back laced styles—are some of the features that distinguish the Redfern Corset. The matron, the debutante and the woman of medium figure—all may be perfectly fitted in a Redfern Corset.

Our expert corsetiers are at your service—and will assist you in selecting a Redfern Corset model suited to your figure. Redfern Corsets are priced most moderately \$3 to \$6.50

Rich and Beautiful Tapestries, Half Price

New Tapestries are always in demand after the Spring house cleaning, and now, when such an opportunity presents itself, 'twill pay you to anticipate your needs and select the needed Tapestries today at just half price. They're in 3 to 8-yard lengths, in plain colors, or in pretty foliage designs, and are most desirable for couch covers, table runners, upholstery, etc. Tapestries usually selling from \$1.50 to \$4.50 specially priced for Thursday at just half price.

Grocery Specials for Thursday

- BACON AT UNUSUAL REDUCTIONS Owing to an immense supply of fine sugar-cured Bacon, one of the most prominent packers made us unusual price concessions, and on Thursday we'll give you the benefit of exceptionally low prices. Bacon, average 13 pounds, whole or half strips, pound.....19 1/2¢ Bacon, average 11 pounds, whole or half strips, pound.....21¢

Note Thursday's Deep Reductions

15c TO 25c RIBBONS, YARD, 10c This is a clean-up of broken lines in Ribbons—and there's an assortment of Moire and Fancy Silk Ribbon in plain colors, checks, stripes and floral designs—widths from 3 to 5 inches. For children's Hair-bows, Sashes and Fancy Work—to these Ribbons are most appropriate—and for Thursday are specially priced at, the yard, 10c.

Black Velvet Ribbons, Reduced as Follows: No. 1 Size—Usually 5c the yard—Thursday, yard.....3c No. 1 1/2 Size—Usually 8c the yard—Thursday, yard.....4c No. 2 Size—Usually 8c the yard—Thursday, yard.....6c No. 3 Size—Usually 10c the yard—Thursday, yard.....7c No. 5 Size—Usually 12c the yard—Thursday, yard.....9c No. 7 Size—Usually 15c the yard—Thursday, yard.....12c No. 9 Size—Usually 20c the yard—Thursday, yard.....15c No. 12 Size—Usually 25c the yard—Thursday, yard.....18c No. 16 Size—Usually 35c the yard—Thursday, yard.....25c No. 22 Size—Usually 40c the yard—Thursday, yard.....29c No. 40 Size—Usually 50c the yard—Thursday, yard.....35c No. 60 Size—Usually 70c the yard—Thursday, yard.....43c No. 80 Size—Usually 80c the yard—Thursday, yard.....49c

\$2.50 Long Kid Gloves at Pair \$1.63 Women's Gloves in 16-button length—white only—3-clasp style—all sizes from 5 1/2 to 8—usually selling at \$2.50—special on Thursday, pair \$1.63.

5c Will Purchase Women's Neckwear Usually 25c, 35c and 50c Five hundred pieces of Women's Neckwear—slightly soiled from handling—will be at your disposal on Thursday at just a fraction of the original prices.

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Fabric Gloves, 53c 200 pairs of Women's Cashmerette Gloves—silk and suede lined—2-clasp style—in black, brown, navy and gray—embroidered backs—broken lines of sizes and colors—specially priced for Thursday, the pair, 53c.

\$1.50 and \$1.75 Kimonos, 98c We've a large assortment of Crepe and Flannelette Kimonos, in stripes and floral or Persian designs—in light or dark shades—usually selling at \$1.50 and \$1.75. Special for Thursday, your choice 98c

New House-Dresses —of Gingham and Percale—in light and dark shades—made in plain style or trimmed with lace and embroidery—have just been unpacked and are ready for your inspection. Priced \$1.50 to \$3.50

Waste Baskets for Home and Office At Radical Reductions on Thursday 'Twill pay you to purchase the needed Waste Basket—for home or office—today—when unusual price reductions are in force.

- \$1.00 Waste Baskets—of heavy brown willow, special.....59¢ 75c Waste Baskets—of plain willow, special.....37¢ 60c Waste Baskets—of straw, special.....23¢ 50c Waste Baskets—of straw, special.....19¢ \$1.25 Waste Baskets—of heavy willow, special.....63¢ 85c Waste Baskets—of heavy willow, special.....39¢ 75c Waste Baskets—of willow, special.....37¢ 75c Waste Baskets—of bamboo, special.....37¢ \$1.25 Waste Baskets—of cherry willow, special.....73¢ 85c Waste Baskets—of cherry willow, special.....49¢ \$1.65 Square Jap. Office Basket, special.....98¢ 85c Willow Clothes Basket—size 19x27—13 ins. deep.....53¢

Grace and Style in New Wool Crepe Dresses at \$15

In this special lot of new Wool Crepe Dresses, ordered for Thursday's selling, you'll find all the leading Spring shades—and there's a simplicity and individuality about these Dresses that is most pleasing to women of conservative taste. The two models illustrated were sketched from this group of new Dresses in our Garment Salons. All are made in up-to-the-minute styles—with set-in or kimono sleeves—the popular peg-top skirts, with side drape or overskirt effect—some with the favored girle and lace collar—and other popular features are numerous.

This is an exceptional opportunity to purchase a pretty new Spring frock—for only \$15.00. \$1.50 and \$1.75 Kimonos, 98c —of Gingham and Percale—in light and dark shades—made in plain style or trimmed with lace and embroidery—have just been unpacked and are ready for your inspection. Priced \$1.50 to \$3.50

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