

MR. SPOULE TALKS IN OPTIMISTIC VEIN

President Completes Inspection Tour of Southern Pacific Lines in Oregon.

WAR'S EFFECT BELITTLED

Plans for Improvements Pressed by Company Regardless of Conflict, as Bumper Crops and Fair Crowds Must Be Moved.

William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific Company, arrived in Portland last night after a trip over the system's lines in Oregon.

He is here to inspect the various improvements recently made and now being made by the Southern Pacific on its main branch and subsidiary lines.

Branch Roads Inspected. Since coming to Oregon last Sunday Mr. Sproule has been over the Corvallis & Eastern, a Southern Pacific subsidiary operating between Albany and Yacouba Bay, the Pacific Railway & Navigation line, between Hillsboro and Tillamook, and various other branch roads.

"Oregon ought to be well pleased with its railroads," he said last night. "In spite of the financial depression the roads in this state have been able to continue some of their improvements."

"The road to Yacouba Bay now is in good condition and constantly is being made better. We are doing a lot of work on the Tillamook line, too, and are bringing it up to a high standard."

"We have no piece of road on our system that is as attractive to travelers as the road to Tillamook. It has scenery of a varied nature, including mountains, streams and valleys. It offers hunting and fishing close to the tracks and a delightful stretch of beach country."

Mr. Sproule passed yesterday afternoon in consultation with Robert E. Strahorn, president of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern, the Southern Pacific's electric subsidiary.

Oregon City Work Resumed. Within the past few weeks work has been resumed on the electric line between Oswego and Oregon City on the west side of the Willamette River.

As soon as financial conditions improve, the Southern Pacific hopes to build the new line between New Era and Salem, so that through service between Portland and the capital may be inaugurated.

Among the other improvements contemplated in this connection is the reconstruction of shops and yards on the west side, opposite Oregon City. However, this work cannot be started before railroad securities are made more attractive to the investing public.

Capital is Backward. "Capital won't enter into new ventures so long as the hostile attitude against railroads continues," said Mr. Sproule. "Not until the conditions, therefore, will be held up pending an improvement in those conditions. We look for an early betterment in this particular."

So far as the Southern Pacific territory is concerned the war is having no ill-effect. There is no reason at all to feel pessimistic about the crop, the good crops in our territory this year. If the rest of the country does as well as Oregon and California, the United States will have no reason not to prosper."

Mr. Sproule reported that arrangements for the world's fair at San Francisco are proceeding in spite of the war, and that, regardless of the situation in Europe, the exposition will open on time, February 20.

T. O. Edwards, auditor for the Southern Pacific at San Francisco, is accompanying the president. D. W. Campbell, assistant general manager, and F. Burchhalter, district manager, also conducted them over the lines in Oregon.

GRESHAM TALKS BONDS

Money for High Schools May Be Raised by Issue to Be Submitted.

GRESHAM, Or., Sept. 10.—(Special.)—The question of raising bonds in the Gresham school district for the erection and maintenance of a high school building will be submitted to a vote in November at a special election.

The date of this election and amount of the bonds to be voted will be decided upon at the October meeting of the Board of Education. If the bonds are voted, work on the schoolhouse will start next spring and the high school occupied next fall.

A four-acre site for a high school in Cleveland Addition, north of the Section Line road, was purchased by special tax levied a year ago. This site is now used in the service of the Gresham High School. The present high school department in the grammar grade building will be overcrowded this year, according to reports.

ATTORNEY TO INVESTIGATE

Probe of Robbery Asserted by Five Men on at Coquille.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 10.—(Special.)—District Attorney L. A. Lilliquist of Coquille, has started a thorough investigation of the recent robbery at Empire, when five men asserted they were held up and robbed of nearly \$1000.

A curious fact developed today when it was found Fred Trotter, Coy Elaten and Frank and Thomas Jennings, who were in the saloon and claim to have been robbed, have left the country, although all left their future addresses. The sudden departure of the quartet within two days aroused the District Attorney's suspicions and he had ordered one man stopped at Gardiner and will likely have the others brought back.

OSTEOPATH TALKS LAW

Doctors Warned Reports Must Be Made to Health Officer.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 10.—(Special.)—The prosecution of every physician in Clackamas County who fails to report to him as County Health Officer

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VICTORIA INSTRUCTOR JOINS LOCAL Y. M. C. A. STAFF.

Director at Y. M. C. A.

One of the new instructors who has joined the staff of the local Young Men's Christian Association this year is T. H. Gowley, of Victoria, B. C., who has been engaged as assistant physical director.

Mr. Gowley is 28 years old. For five years he was with the training school at Springfield, Mass. Last year he was engaged in Y. M. C. A. work at the Victoria Y. M. C. A.

preme Court will sustain the decision of the lower court. However, in case no appeal is taken and the decision of Judge Campbell is accepted, I shall force every physician here to send reports to me."

C. D. Latourner, who has represented the local physicians, said this evening that an appeal is contemplated.

CLACKAMAS FAIR CLOSES

Concert and Addresses Conclude Events at Big Exhibit.

ESTACADA, Or., Sept. 10.—(Special.)—The East Clackamas Fair closed last night with a concert and addresses by G. J. Kelly, R. M. Townsend and representatives of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, C. L. Smith, of the O. W. R. & N. Company, gave a talk on "Corn Club," Tuesday, N. C. Marie spoke on "Livestock," and Professor Lamb, of the Oregon Agricultural College, gave an address. Mrs. M. E. Marshall conducted the eugenic examinations of about 60 babies.

R. R. Routledge judged the agricultural exhibits, Mrs. B. Lee Paget judged the women's work school, Tilton Youcum and Mrs. Jack Jellig the juvenile exhibits, E. H. Bauer the poultry, N. C. Marie the livestock, and Mrs. Bertha Davis, of the Oregon Agricultural College, conducted the cooking demonstrations.

BUXTON STORE IS ROBBED

Gregerson and Kilberg Lose \$2150 to "Combination" Thieves.

HILLSBORO, Or., Sept. 10.—(Special.)—Robbers last night entered the combination store of Gregerson & Kilberg at Buxton, 20 miles north of here, opened the safe, through the combination and carried away \$1050 in cash and \$1100 in notes and securities.

Sheriff Heald, immediately on notification of the robbery, sent a posse and today placed bloodhounds, sent by Sheriff Word, of Multnomah County, on the trail, but as yet he has been unable to get a word through the robbers who committed the robbery are believed to have been familiar with the store, experts in their line, and may have been working in and out of the Gaston bank after blowing two doors to the vault.

COMMERCE OFFICE NORTH

Agency Formerly in Washington Now Established at Seattle.

A branch office of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce has been opened at Seattle for promotion of commerce in the Pacific Northwest. W. E. Henderson has been named commercial agent in charge of the office.

Heretofore the business of the Portland office was handled through the Department of Commerce at Washington, D. C. Establishment of the Seattle office will effect a saving of from 10 to 12 days in the service of the Portland district. It is expected that this new office will be of material aid to Portland manufacturers and other exporters who wish to keep in touch with foreign markets.

Prisoner Leaps Speeding Car.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 10.—(Special.)—A desperate attempt to escape from a speeding automobile was made by Ray Marquam this morning near Beaver Creek while in the custody of Deputy Sheriff Miles. Marquam, who was charged with insanity, sprang from the rear seat of the car while it was in motion and was seen to have been robbed, have left the country, although all left their future addresses.

Fire Guards Begin Road Work.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 10.—(Special.)—Since the recent rains in this part of the state have ended, the fire guards in Linn County, the 18 fire guards together with an additional crew of 20 men have been assigned to the work of making new trails and constructing more telephone lines in the Santiam National forest, according to a statement made today by Supervisor F. H. Brundage. A new roadway will be constructed from Detroit to Niagara, eight miles of which is within the forest reserve, and a bridge will be erected across the Breitenbush Creek.

In Vermont 5,074,375 maple trees were tapped this year and nearly as many more are available for tapping. In 1912 4,002,000 pounds of sugar and 455,400 gallons of sirup, valued at more than \$1,000,000, were made.

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WHEAT HAS SETBACK

Talk of Tariff Removal Causes Prices to Tumble.

MARKET CLOSES HEAVY

Last Prices Are 2 to 3-8 Cents Lower Than Tuesday's Final Quotations - Other Grains Also Score Severe Declines.

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—Wheat suffered a decided setback in price today, mainly because of a movement in Congress to suspend the import duty on that cereal. The market closed heavy, 2 to 3 cents lower than Tuesday night. Other leading staples underwent a severe decline, with oats 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 cents, oats 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 cents and provisions 30 to 40 cents.

Before news came from Washington regarding an attempt to remove the tariff on wheat, the market here, influenced by a notable change of speculative offerings, had scored a sharp advance, reaching 2 1/2 above Tuesday's final figures.

Differences between the top prices of the season and the lowest level subsequently showed an extreme tumble of 4 1/2 a bushel. Corn had near support, and was handicapped by a bearish construction placed on the Government crop report, the estimated yield being larger than expected.

Peas and beans were in other grain carried down. Many stop-loss orders were executed on the decline. Brokers, presumably acting for packers, tried to stem the tide at times, but met with only indifferent success. The flurry came about chiefly because of the weakness in grain.

Futures ranged as follows: WHEAT. Sept. 109.00, 110.00, 111.00, 112.00, 113.00, 114.00, 115.00, 116.00, 117.00, 118.00, 119.00, 120.00, 121.00, 122.00, 123.00, 124.00, 125.00, 126.00, 127.00, 128.00, 129.00, 130.00, 131.00, 132.00, 133.00, 134.00, 135.00, 136.00, 137.00, 138.00, 139.00, 140.00, 141.00, 142.00, 143.00, 144.00, 145.00, 146.00, 147.00, 148.00, 149.00, 150.00, 151.00, 152.00, 153.00, 154.00, 155.00, 156.00, 157.00, 158.00, 159.00, 160.00, 161.00, 162.00, 163.00, 164.00, 165.00, 166.00, 167.00, 168.00, 169.00, 170.00, 171.00, 172.00, 173.00, 174.00, 175.00, 176.00, 177.00, 178.00, 179.00, 180.00, 181.00, 182.00, 183.00, 184.00, 185.00, 186.00, 187.00, 188.00, 189.00, 190.00, 191.00, 192.00, 193.00, 194.00, 195.00, 196.00, 197.00, 198.00, 199.00, 200.00, 201.00, 202.00, 203.00, 204.00, 205.00, 206.00, 207.00, 208.00, 209.00, 210.00, 211.00, 212.00, 213.00, 214.00, 215.00, 216.00, 217.00, 218.00, 219.00, 220.00, 221.00, 222.00, 223.00, 224.00, 225.00, 226.00, 227.00, 228.00, 229.00, 230.00, 231.00, 232.00, 233.00, 234.00, 235.00, 236.00, 237.00, 238.00, 239.00, 240.00, 241.00, 242.00, 243.00, 244.00, 245.00, 246.00, 247.00, 248.00, 249.00, 250.00, 251.00, 252.00, 253.00, 254.00, 255.00, 256.00, 257.00, 258.00, 259.00, 260.00, 261.00, 262.00, 263.00, 264.00, 265.00, 266.00, 267.00, 268.00, 269.00, 270.00, 271.00, 272.00, 273.00, 274.00, 275.00, 276.00, 277.00, 278.00, 279.00, 280.00, 281.00, 282.00, 283.00, 284.00, 285.00, 286.00, 287.00, 288.00, 289.00, 290.00, 291.00, 292.00, 293.00, 294.00, 295.00, 296.00, 297.00, 298.00, 299.00, 300.00, 301.00, 302.00, 303.00, 304.00, 305.00, 306.00, 307.00, 308.00, 309.00, 310.00, 311.00, 312.00, 313.00, 314.00, 315.00, 316.00, 317.00, 318.00, 319.00, 320.00, 321.00, 322.00, 323.00, 324.00, 325.00, 326.00, 327.00, 328.00, 329.00, 330.00, 331.00, 332.00, 333.00, 334.00, 335.00, 336.00, 337.00, 338.00, 339.00, 340.00, 341.00, 342.00, 343.00, 344.00, 345.00, 346.00, 347.00, 348.00, 349.00, 350.00, 351.00, 352.00, 353.00, 354.00, 355.00, 356.00, 357.00, 358.00, 359.00, 360.00, 361.00, 362.00, 363.00, 364.00, 365.00, 366.00, 367.00, 368.00, 369.00, 370.00, 371.00, 372.00, 373.00, 374.00, 375.00, 376.00, 377.00, 378.00, 379.00, 380.00, 381.00, 382.00, 383.00, 384.00, 385.00, 386.00, 387.00, 388.00, 389.00, 390.00, 391.00, 392.00, 393.00, 394.00, 395.00, 396.00, 397.00, 398.00, 399.00, 400.00, 401.00, 402.00, 403.00, 404.00, 405.00, 406.00, 407.00, 408.00, 409.00, 410.00, 411.00, 412.00, 413.00, 414.00, 415.00, 416.00, 417.00, 418.00, 419.00, 420.00, 421.00, 422.00, 423.00, 424.00, 425.00, 426.00, 427.00, 428.00, 429.00, 430.00, 431.00, 432.00, 433.00, 434.00, 435.00, 436.00, 437.00, 438.00, 439.00, 440.00, 441.00, 442.00, 443.00, 444.00, 445.00, 446.00, 447.00, 448.00, 449.00, 450.00, 451.00, 452.00, 453.00, 454.00, 455.00, 456.00, 457.00, 458.00, 459.00, 460.00, 461.00, 462.00, 463.00, 464.00, 465.00, 466.00, 467.00, 468.00, 469.00, 470.00, 471.00, 472.00, 473.00, 474.00, 475.00, 476.00, 477.00, 478.00, 479.00, 480.00, 481.00, 482.00, 483.00, 484.00, 485.00, 486.00, 487.00, 488.00, 489.00, 490.00, 491.00, 492.00, 493.00, 494.00, 495.00, 496.00, 497.00, 498.00, 499.00, 500.00, 501.00, 502.00, 503.00, 504.00, 505.00, 506.00, 507.00, 508.00, 509.00, 510.00, 511.00, 512.00, 513.00, 514.00, 515.00, 516.00, 517.00, 518.00, 519.00, 520.00, 521.00, 522.00, 523.00, 524.00, 525.00, 526.00, 527.00, 528.00, 529.00, 530.00, 531.00, 532.00, 533.00, 534.00, 535.00, 536.00, 537.00, 538.00, 539.00, 540.00, 541.00, 542.00, 543.00, 544.00, 545.00, 546.00, 547.00, 548.00, 549.00, 550.00, 551.00, 552.00, 553.00, 554.00, 555.00, 556.00, 557.00, 558.00, 559.00, 560.00, 561.00, 562.00, 563.00, 564.00, 565.00, 566.00, 567