

COAST SHOPS ARE NOW BUILDING CARS

Southern Pacific, at Sacramento, Will Turn Out 20 New Freight Carriers Each Day.

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"We are going to turn out new cars as fast as the shops are able to produce them," said William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific, who arrived in Portland yesterday on a brief business visit.

Mr. Sproule explained that the Southern Pacific has been delayed in securing new car deliveries by the inability to get essential steel parts, such as wheels, trucks, under-frames, pins, bolts and minor units.

The steel requirements now are on the way. The Sacramento shops of the Southern Pacific will be able to turn out 20 new flatcars and boxcars every day. An order for 300 cars has been placed with the Pacific Car & Foundry Company, formerly Twoby Brothers, in Portland.

3500 New Cars to Be Available. Mr. Sproule estimates that fully 3500 new cars will be available before the end of the year. These, together with a similar number, procured by the Southern Pacific last year, are expected to give shippers greatly improved service and relieve those communities that have been suffering from threatened car shortages.

But car supply now is becoming a Nation-wide problem, Mr. Sproule pointed out, as, under the plans of the railroads, war boards, the cars are distributed wherever they are needed. No part of the country is expected to enjoy a full car supply at the expense of another section.

Mr. Sproule advises, too, that the Southern Pacific, in common with other industries, has been laboring under a disadvantage for the last few months on account of the growing scarcity of labor.

"It is hard," he says, "to keep a man working on the section when the farmer on the other side of the fence is going to pay more money."

Higher Prices Paid for Labor. "The Government's activities have affected the labor supply, too. Shipyards, Navy yards and cantonment construction have taken hundreds of workers from the railroads. Obviously, we have to pay higher prices for the labor we are able to hold."

Rising prices is something that affects not only the labor supply of the railroads, but every other commodity entering into the transportation service.

"The prices that we pay for everything that we use," he continued, "are subject to the law of supply and demand. Steel, lumber, ties, bolts, spikes and even our paper and pins, are costing us more."

"But the one commodity that the railroads have to sell—transportation—remains arbitrarily fixed in price. It cannot be changed excepting on orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission. And the commission has refused to make the change."

Mr. Sproule's Pride Pardonable. Mr. Sproule reported, with pardonable pride, that the high standard of Southern Pacific passenger service is maintained while the road is chronically taxed to handle the movements of troops, of drafted men and of munitions and other supplies. All this Government business, naturally, goes to preferred service, but the carriers are able to give this service without impairing the passenger schedules.

Recently the Southern Pacific moved an order of 50,000 tons of barley for the Government from California to the Atlantic seaboard, this movement being typical of many business, naturally, he said, the railroads are handling at an actual loss.

As a matter of fact, the Southern Pacific is required to maintain a government business between Portland and Roseville, Cal. free, under provisions of the historic Oregon & California Land Grant.

While here yesterday, Mr. Sproule met W. H. DeForest, of New York, a director of the Southern Pacific, who, with his family, are touring the Pacific Coast on a vacation trip.

SAINTS CONFERENCE TODAY

Semi-Annual Meeting to Be Held in Montavilla Church.

The semi-annual conference of the Portland district of the Latter-Day Saints will convene at 10 o'clock at the Saints' Church, East Seventy-sixth and Irving streets (Montavilla car).

This evening there will be services at 7:45. The morning at 10 o'clock there will be a religious society convention and Sunday school will be held at 10:30 A. M. and at 2:30 P. M. there will be business meetings. In the evening at 7:45 there will be preaching services.

On Sunday there will be Sunday school at 9:30 A. M. and preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M.

J. N. Hushon, M. H. Cook, C. G. Jones, A. C. Barnore and G. M. Skippy will be the principal speakers at the conference.

MRS. YEON FILES ANSWER

Duress, Fraud or Undue Influence Upon Mrs. Farrell Denied.

Emphatic denial of any attempt to influence Mrs. Anna Eliza Farrell in the making of her last will is made by Mrs. John B. Yeon in an answer filed yesterday in the County Court to the petition of Lydia Lott and others to set aside the will, which leaves the bulk of Mrs. Farrell's \$50,000 estate to Mrs. Yeon.

Mrs. Yeon declares that neither duress, fraud nor undue influence was used by her or any other person. She asks that she be allowed to continue the administration of the estate, as is provided in the will.

The case will come up for hearing today before County Judge Taswell.

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ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 13.—(Special.)—Wooden guns have been ordered for the use of the 120 Aberdeen High school students who daily are taking military instruction under the direction of E. H. Short, former first sergeant of Company G.

A Few Reservations Still Open for Madame Coates' Advanced Class B

Class B in advanced dressmaking, designing, tailoring and MILLINERY meets today, Tuesday and Thursday at 2:30 P. M. The millinery feature especially will prove interesting, instructive and helpful. Tickets for complete course of 15 lessons—taking five weeks in all—on sale at Notion Shop, Main Floor. Only \$1.

Continuing Today Our Semi-Annual Sale of NOTIONS and dressmakers' supplies. Hundreds of sewing needs at great savings. —Notion Shop, Main Floor.

1440TH FRIDAY SURPRISE Women's Fancy Silk Hose For Friday Surprise \$1.29 Purchased below market cost direct from a prominent manufacturer and comprising high grade odds and ends of the mill's output. Very smartest of fancy silk hose in drop stitch fancy boot effects, stripes and checks. Wonderful color combinations. For Friday Surprise we offer 600 of these beautiful silk stockings at \$1.29. —Hosiery Shop, Main Floor.

1440TH FRIDAY SURPRISE Hand-Embroidered 8 Styles Initial Kerchiefs 33c Women's fine hand-embroidered kerchiefs with scalloped edges, hemstitched, embroidered and hand rolled edge. Several styles white and colored designs. Fancy script, open work and block letters on all sheer linen. Glove or full size kerchiefs. —Handkerchief Shop, Main Floor.

1440TH FRIDAY SURPRISE Odd Packages to \$1.50 'Royal Society' Needlework 29c Another lot of odd shades in yarns suitable for soldiers' squares, slip-overs, etc. Cannot be exchanged or returned. Today, skein 29c —Needlework Shop, Second Floor.

1440TH FRIDAY SURPRISE \$3.95 to \$5.00 Waists \$2.45 Too many styles for us to try to describe them all. You will find wonderful values in black and white laces over chiffon lining, crepe de chine, Georgette crepe and handsome voile waists. Only one of a kind in some instances, but all sizes in this sale at \$2.45. —Waist Shop, Fourth Floor.

LIBRARY COUNCILS FORM MANY TOWNS REPORT ORGANIZATION FOR WAR WORK. W. L. Brewster, State Director, Is Confident That Oregon Will Raise Share of \$1,000,000 Fund. Organization of war library councils in Oregon towns is progressing rapidly and so enthusiastic were the reports that came yesterday to W. L. Brewster, state director, at the state headquarters in the Title & Trust building that he is confident the Oregon quota of the \$1,000,000 fund will be exceeded. Salem was the first city by telephone to report that it had organized its council completely. In rapid succession thereafter came Newberg and Arlington, while partial organization work has been accomplished in Oakland, Yamhill, Astoria, Hood River, Newberg, The Dalles, Vale, Enterprise and Granite. In many cities the public libraries are generally supervising the work, while in the great majority of cases independent committees are organizing.

Meier & Frank Co. THE QUALITY STORE OF PORTLAND Our Three Days' Sale of Hair Goods Continues —Hair Goods Shop, Fifth Floor.

1440th Friday Surprise Sales

These 1-Day Surprise Offerings Are Typical of the Values That Have Been Bringing Thrifty People for Nearly 28 Years to Share in Meier & Frank's Friday Surprise Sales

1440TH FRIDAY SURPRISE \$5.50-\$6 Trimmed Hats for \$4.50 Women's and misses' smartly trimmed hats. A good assortment of popular shapes and colors to select from. —Millinery Shop, Fourth Floor.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1440TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Silk Dresses New Satin Dresses for Street and Afternoon \$16.45 A special purchase and sale of the new satin dresses at this very low price for Friday. New roll collars of white satin, beaded girdles, Georgette sleeves and collars, new overskirt and sash effects are a few of the points that go to make up this most attractive line of dresses for street and afternoon wear. Navy, black, brown, purple and green. All sizes. Today \$16.45. —Apparel Shop, Fourth Floor.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1440TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES A Sale of Soap 2 for 5c is surely unique today! Of course, only at Meier & Frank's is such a sale possible. Included are soaps ordinarily priced at 5c a cake upwards and slightly damaged soaps that would cost much more if perfect. Friday only 2 cakes 5c. Because of the phenomenal values we will LIMIT 20 CAKES TO A CUSTOMER NO SOAP WILL BE DELIVERED —Toilet Goods Shop, Main Floor.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1440TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES 3000 Emerson Records 7-INCH DOUBLE FACE RECORDS 10c SOLD EVERYWHERE AT 25c EA. 10c and every one perfect. Included are patriotic selections, popular song and dance selections, standard selections, humorous monologues, etc. A great variety of vocal and instrumental numbers. These records may be played on any machine (attachment required for Edison only). NO APPROVALS—NO EXCHANGES. —Phonograph Shop, Sixth Floor.

MEIER & FRANK'S 1440TH FRIDAY SURPRISE SALES Hall's Glove Silk Vests \$1.59 The woman who enjoys the luxury and comfort of silk underwear can ride her hobby to the full at little expense by purchasing in this Friday Surprise sale. Here are the famous genuine Hall's glove silk vests with band top yokes. Mostly pink. Sizes up to 42 included. Today \$1.59. Hall's Glove Silk Knickers \$1.89 —Underwear Shop, Main Floor.

Prices of Spectacles and Eye Glasses Are Always the Very Lowest With Me Consider quality. Consider a scientific and careful test by professional men. Consider I grind, edge and frame the glasses in my own factory. Consider Reliability STAPLES, THE JEWELER 266 Morrison St., Between 3d and 4th.

JAMES H. ROSS BURIED BODY OF EX-SHERIFF LIES IN STATE AT COURTHOUSE. Hundreds, Many From Neighboring Cities, Attend Services at Toledo and Follow Body to Grave. TOLEDO, Or., Sept. 13.—(Special.)—The steamer Newport brought 100 persons from Newport, while other towns sent large delegations to attend the funeral today of James H. Ross, ex-Sheriff of Lincoln County and for many years identified with the official life of Oregon and California. The funeral was held today at 1:30, after the body had lain in state in the courthouse for several hours, guarded by Masons. Hundreds of old friends attended the services, after which a guard of honor of 80 Masons followed the body to the grave, where the ritual of the order was conducted. The grave was banked with floral tributes, many of them being sent by lodges of the Elks and Masons. Among those who came from a distance to attend the services were Professor J. E. Horner, Corvallis; C. H. Burgraff and Fred Dawson, Albany. Interment was in the Toledo Cemetery.

SHIP OFFICERS ARRESTED Decoys Bring Liqueur From Vessel at North Bend. NORTH BEND, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Sheriff Gage, after twice searching the steam schooner Lindauer for liquor, sent two decoys on board to make purchases. They came off the craft with 12 bottles of liquor. Hilar ing-britsen, chief engineer, and William T. Quinn, first assistant, were arrested and charged with selling liquor. Fleeing not guilty, the men were released under \$500 bond each, and will appear tomorrow for trial. Sheriff Gage then searched the Lindauer for the third time, using four deputies, but no liquor was discovered. William Wilkie, a Portland detective, arrested four men at Bandon and Coquille for having liquor in their possession.

Douglas Resident Dies in South. ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 13.—(Special.)—Word has been received here from San Francisco that Mrs. A. E. Clayton, wife of a prominent Douglas County stockman and rancher, died there yesterday morning. Mr. Clayton left here yesterday with a carload of sheep for Portland, but was notified at Eugene of his wife's death. Mrs. Clayton had resided here for 25 years and was 55 years of age. Besides her husband, she is survived by three children, Mrs. Effie Drew, of San Francisco; Miss Grace Clayton, a local bank clerk, and Albert Clayton. The body is being brought to Roseburg for burial.

SEDITIONARY TALK CAUSES ARREST. GRANTS PASS, Or., Sept. 13.—(Special.)—Whitney R. Lyken is held in the county jail here on a charge of seditious utterances against the United States Government, pending instructions from United States Attorney Reames. GRANTS PASS FIRM GETS CONTRACT. GRANTS PASS, Or., Sept. 13.—(Special.)—A local firm, Anderson & Co., has secured two road construction contracts on the road between Yreka and Scott's Valley from the California Highway Commission. They amount to \$14,000 and \$4890, respectively.

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