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THE SPEEDING CYCLE. It would perhaps be unkind to suggest that a part of the annual report of the Southern Pacific company was designed to lay the ground work for Robert S. Lovett's advocacy of a substantial increase in railroad rates.

WE QUOTE FROM THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC'S REPORT: In the period from 1910 to 1919 the price of dressed beef originating in Chicago and transported to Los Angeles...

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with the idea that railroad rates have little influence on the cost of living. So inescapable is their effect that if they can be maintained without further advance by application of the better economy that accompanies private operation, the battle against mounting costs is more than half won.

IS A NICKEL ENOUGH? The pleading news comes from Seattle that the experience of municipal operation of the street railways is a success. We have it on the unimpeachable authority of the municipal director that the system showed a profit during the past month.

FAR AWAY IN BOSTON there is a different story. The traction roads got into trouble, and the city, under the nearly impersonal rule of public ownership agitators, took them over. The suburban lines are zoned, and the zones are short. On the surface and elevated lines within the city, the fares have been raised successively to 6, 7 and 8 cents.

THE PEOPLE OF OREGON will note without surprise that Director of Puget Sound, is to become the "home yard" of eighty-four vessels of the new Pacific fleet, while the smaller number of forty-eight vessels is assigned to the Mare Island yard.

ON THE ATLANTIC coast there are numerous yards, but on the Pacific only Bremerton and Mare Island. Thus it is natural, and even inevitable, that the aggregation of ships at one or the other, or both, be very great.

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tries give up theirs. The general question of foreign concessions in China has nothing to do with the peace with Germany; it is a question to be dealt with separately, and can be handled best by the league of nations.

IF THE TREATY should remain unchanged and if the United States should ratify it, Japan would restore all sovereign power to China as soon as the treaty became effective. The United States would share with the three other great powers the right to economic pressure and to last resort if the league council so advised and the nations so decided, by war.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND LAW BEATEN. Some instructive facts bearing on the relation between cold storage and prices were cited by Senator McKellar in support of his bill for regulation of cold storage houses. They were to the effect that prices of the principal commodities in the United States, and particularly adapted to such commodities as eggs, butter, poultry and meat.

THE SENATE will benefit China far more by letting the Shantung clauses stand than by changing them. If it changes them, it is likely to accomplish nothing for China and to make the United States look foolish.

WITH RAILROADS completed from Constantinople and Cairo to Bagdad, no serious gap would need to be filled in order to make a through route through southern Asia parallel with the Siberian road.

A GROVER CLEVELAND could settle all this railroad disturbance, for the original was practical. His one reply to theorists was not as profane as it sounds. It was: "Go to hell!"

THE ESTIMATE is made of 300,000 people out on strike in this country. At the low average of \$5 a day, that means an economic loss of a million and a half dollars a day in wages alone, money that will be needed if ever the burst comes.

WHEN A WIFE alleges in her complaint for divorce that her husband bought her too few clothes, all other wives simply sniff or say it served her right, and, come to think of it, a woman who cannot do better than that is a weak sister.

THE MAJORITY of the senate foreign relations committee act as though it were the whole peace conference and as though all that President Wilson and the other delegates had to do was to write their "okeyes."

LENROTH'S plan of one big railway with a board of eleven directors might work, though it would lead to a secretary of railways eventually, which, remembering Burlinson, this country will not want.

MEXICO will not recognize a Peruvian government installed by a coup d'etat. Carranza has reason, perhaps, for watching his precedents rather closely nowadays.

THE FOREST fire draft law has teeth after all, and needs no conscientious objector clause, for any man who will not fight forest fires is either lazy or a coward.

TELEPHONE rates can be jumped up in a day, but reduction means "stalling" for a month or more. Meanwhile the customer pays his bill as rendered.

DEMOCRACY of the American Legion is shown in the mingling of officers and men in the list of delegates to the coming convention.

AUTOISTS can avoid accidents to pedestrians if they will. As the Seattle Argus aptly says, they never run into a cow.

WHAT DOES it matter if California railroads are tied up; the state has good roads and plenty of automobiles.

GOVERNMENT may be biting off more than it can chew in opening mail-order stores in all the big centers.

ALL RESTRICTIONS on beer having been removed in Great Britain, 54 cents is not too hot for Oregon hops.

IN RAISING their rates, the lawyers cannot be accused of profiteering. "Lawing" is all profit any way.

THE LIBERTY temple might be placed on a park block, out of the way, yet handy.

LOS ANGELES newspapers of last week carried attractive pictures and interesting accounts of the vacation activities of Geraldine Dare of Portland's theatrical colony. Miss Dare is the guest of friends in the motion picture field in Los Angeles and at the California beach resorts.

AN EXCERPT from a letter of recent date written to Mrs. A. W. Nicholson by Dr. Esther Lovelace, who is chairman of the executive board of the American Women's hospitals with headquarters in New York, says: "Last night I went to the most wonderful show that has ever been given."

MRS. JACK METHO had returned to Portland following a sojourn in southern California, and with her young daughter, Mayo Metho, has taken apartments at Haddon Hall. Mr. Metho, who is an officer on a ship plying in Alaskan waters, joins his family every three months for a brief stay.

THE NEW YORK Morning Telegraph the following is taken, which assumes particular interest inasmuch as Mrs. Schirmer was Ann Swinburne Ditchburn a Portland girl. The account says: "Even the knowledge of approaching death could not destroy the love which Rudolph Edward Schirmer, president and treasurer of the music house of G. Schirmer, Inc., had for music."

"Till Ann to sing me that selection from 'Bohemia', he whispered. 'She knows the one I mean. I have always loved it.' 'Mr. Schirmer's wife was formerly Ann Swinburne, light opera star, and has a marvelous voice. Ever since his marriage to her Mr. Schirmer's chief delight had been to listen to her sing."

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AFTER W. R. Hewitt of San Francisco finished speaking at order of ship supplies to H. F. McCormick, who has 23-years at St. Helens, the latter drove to Portland yesterday. Mr. McCormick also made the automobile trip, and with her husband is stopping at the Benson.

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MRS. G. V. Pettigrew of San Francisco was visiting a rush across the continent visit of two days at the Pendleton Round-up, as the guest of friends, but has had to postpone the idea since she is having probably the busiest time of her youthful career, trying to please two directors at the same time. "Ordinarily," says Miss Barker, "it is a task to please one." She is finishing the last scenes in "The Climbers" for Tom Terriss, and works every other day at the studio in a Vitagraph picture under John Noble's direction.

AMONG the folk around the Portland who are busy with the Fall Festival are Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wilson, who have been enjoying life in their cottage at Long Beach. They had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wilson, who will be in today and are Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Coffin, Mrs. F. W. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hinton of Boise, who have been guests of the hostess at the Multnomah. They will stay at the Portland on their way home.

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THREE Reed college graduates, John Dunback, Arthur Hoffman and Leon A. Goldsmith, left the city Wednesday morning by automobile for New York and Boston, where they will attend school this winter. Mr. Dunback will go to Columbia university law school, while Mr. Hoffman is to be in the Harvard medical college. They will make their trip over a northern route.

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C. B. Clancy, the man who designed the Cherrier float, which won first prize in one of the Home Festival pageants at the Seaside. Mr. Clancy has a florist shop in Salem and incidentally has charge of the floral exhibits at the state fair. He is an excellent summer at Tokeland, Wash. They will stay at the Portland on their way home.

People out west have yet some things to find out about the cost of living, is the declaration of A. A. Mendes at the Multnomah. Mr. Mendes, who sells hardware for the Seattle firm and registers from Seattle, has just been east. He had heard so much talk about high prices he conducted a little investigation all his own way. He found out that eastern working girls don't think much of paying \$125 for a suit or \$20 for a pair of shoes.

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