

FEDERAL OWNERSHIP OF ROADS PREDICTED

Returned Traffic Manager Make Prophecy.

CHARLTON VIEW OPPOSITE

Legislation Pending Approved but Held to Give Inadequate Relief to Private Owners.

"We are on greased skids, headed direct for government ownership, and probably will reach the bottom in due time," is the declaration of W. D. Skinner, at present manager of the Portland district freight traffic committee of the United States railroad administration and who will become traffic manager of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway March 1, when the railroads revert to private control.

Returning home early yesterday morning from a mass meeting of railroad employees in Chicago, A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, with headquarters at Portland, declared his belief that the future will see the heaviest movement of tourists to the Pacific northwest in the history of the country and that the problem of handling this immense traffic will be worked out in a manner fairly satisfactory to the traveling public.

Skinner's opinion weighty. Mr. Skinner's declaration following his visit to St. Paul, where he gathered the traffic heads of the Hill systems, may have greater significance, as reflecting the views of those higher in authority. It is believed that they will be unequivocal in the opinion that the problems lying ahead are of such a colossal nature that, even granting the maximum relief afforded the rail lines in the Esch-Cummins bill, now before congress, is carried into effect, it will be virtually impossible for the executives to operate their systems so that the public will be at all satisfied for the first two or three years.

Legislation is Praised. "The one optimistic note in the situation," said Mr. Skinner yesterday, "is the fact that the railroad representatives in passing the railroad legislation as it did. That action, in my opinion, demonstrates that the serious situation regarding the railroad subjects with full appreciation of their correct value and not on a basis of the measure did so on personal disbelief in some of its features, rather than because of any fear of the labor opposition."

Rehabilitation Need Huge. "I think the Esch-Cummins measure provides for a two-year guarantee of 5% per cent return on the bonds or something like a provision for \$600,000,000 with which to rehabilitate roads and equipment. While this will be of considerable help, the fact is, the systems of this country need not less than \$1,000,000,000 and should have probably as much as \$2,000,000,000 available for the purpose."

Shop Equipment Inadequate. "Adding to the difficulty of the situation is the fact that there are not nearly enough shop plants to put in order old and to construct new equipment and rolling stock, so that this problem begins to loom as a very aggravating feature."

Western Conference Skated. Mr. Skinner will go to Seattle tonight for a conference with L. C. Gilman.

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who on March 1 will become president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle. He will be accompanied by A. J. Davidson, federal manager of the road. Nothing definite was done at the St. Paul conference, Mr. Skinner said, with regard to western organization problems, as at the time conditions were very unsettled, the house not having yet passed the Esch-Cummins bill.

The Chicago mass meeting took no definite action beyond naming a committee to work out plans for passenger traffic west of that city," said Mr. Charlton yesterday. "In all probability, an organization to be called the Transcontinental Passenger association—the name of the old one—will be formed."

"For the present, at least, and in all probability permanently, we shall have to continue the consolidated ticket office system inaugurated by the government. During such large gatherings as the Shrine convention, however, additional accommodations will be necessary."

Record Traffic Foreseen.

"There is going to be the heaviest westward travel this season of any year in our history. The Shrine convention is going to be so heavy that it will tax every line to its utmost capacity and besides that, there are the other attractions, to say nothing of the tourist traffic, which of itself will outstrip anything we have ever had."

"I believe the roads under the supervision of private interests will be unable with the legislation congress will give, to handle the heavy traffic very nicely. It may not be all that could be desired, but the traveling public will hardly remember the difficulties under which operation has been conducted within the past four years, during which the war strained Mr. Charlton said the railroads have already begun the rehabilitation of their systems by putting equipment into condition, and it is his belief that by the time the rolling stock is necessary to move the heavy traffic it will be ready."

Women's Activities

SEVERAL meetings of importance are on today's calendar for women's activities. The Women's Ad Club will meet for luncheon at the Hotel Benson, when W. F. Thompson will talk on "Outdoor Advertising," in observation of "old folks" at home, week, and all the leading members of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mrs. G. L. Buland will lead a discussion of "Our Scientific Instruction Law," State, national and world-wide prohibition and the tobacco question will be discussed by members generally.

The housewives' council will meet today at 2 P. M. in the story hour room of the library. Mrs. E. B. Colwell will speak on "Motion Picture Censorship."

With Lent here, and many of Portland's society people in California and the Orient, there is no real social life in town just now. Among the Portlanders who were in Del Monte recently were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goobin, Mr. and Mrs. George Nevin, and Mrs. J. J. Carr. Mr. and Mrs. George Nevin were on their way to Pasadena by motor.

The Alameda club will meet today at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Lloyd E. Johnson, 839 Hamblett avenue.

The women's association of the First Congregational church will hold their usual all-day sewing meet tomorrow evening at 10 A. M. The women will sew for the bazaar, the Waverly Home and the Visiting Nurse association. Box luncheon at 12 o'clock and special arrangements have been made to care for the small children. At 2:30 P. M. Dr. McElveen will give his second lecture in the series on "The Messages of the Prophets."

A great deal of interest is being taken in the production of the comedy sketch, "All on Account of an Actor," which is to be given this evening at the Highland school auditorium by the ladies of the Highland Parent-Teacher association. An all-star cast has been selected and the programme promises to be most delightful. Besides the play numbers will be furnished by talented folk. Among those who will participate are: Marshall Hurd, who will give a reading from "A Kentucky Cardinal," by Allen. Mrs. Travis will give a folk dance. Musical numbers will be given by Mrs. W. A. Claxon, Miss Marguerite Owing, Mrs. A. L. Hynson, Mrs. Walter Loftquist, Miss Hulda Anderson, Miss Alice Mae Phelps and Miss Iris Martensen.

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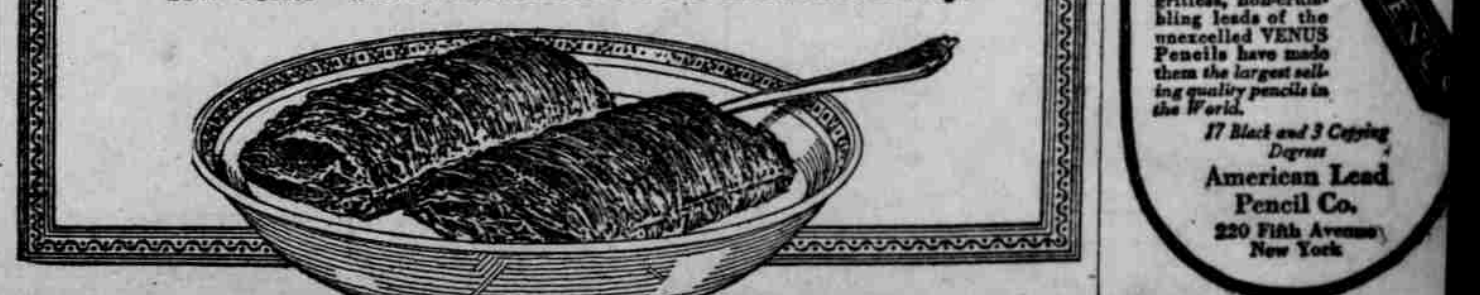
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