

SOUTHERN PACIFIC FULL OF EXCUSES

Railroad Under Fire for Curtailment of Its Service in Southern Oregon.

HEARING BY COMMISSION

State Board Turns Searchlight on Withdrawal of Passenger Trains 11 and 12 From the Portland-San Francisco Run.

Other than to say that "climatic conditions," the Harriman policy of retrenchment and an alleged lack of travel warranted the action, resident officials of the Southern Pacific company, who testified before the Oregon Railroad Commission in this city yesterday, had no defense to offer for the company in withdrawing passenger trains 11 and 12 from the Portland-San Francisco run and making Roseburg the southern terminal of those trains.

The inquiry, which ended yesterday with the meeting in the Wells-Fargo building, included previous sessions at Ashland and Grants Pass. Commissioners C. E. Aitchison and Oswald West, who received the testimony at yesterday's hearing, will take the case under advisement and will not report their findings until they have had time to consider the many exhibits already offered and to be submitted by the railroad company which was represented by W. D. Fenton.

Railroad's Witnesses Testify.

"Only socialists and anarchists are complaining of the revised schedule of these trains as they affect Southern Oregon," said J. D. Heard, of Medford, who was one of the witnesses for the railroad company yesterday, but when asked to give the names of such persons, the memory of the witness failed him and he refused to indict any of his fellow townsmen either as a socialist or an anarchist.

Several other residents of Medford and particularly of points in the Willamette Valley testified in a similar manner when questioned by either of the Railroad Commissioners it was quite apparent that they were prejudiced witnesses. It developed from their examination that their satisfaction with the new train schedule was due to the fact that since the train had been discontinued at Roseburg, it had been possible for the railroad company to furnish a more dependable service, the train rarely being late as was the case when the schedule was operated from Portland to San Francisco.

William McMurray, general passenger agent for the Harriman lines in Oregon, was the principal witness for the Southern Pacific at yesterday's hearing. In explaining why the company had found it expedient to convert trains 11 and 12 into a local train running from Portland to Roseburg and return, he said that under the former service climatic conditions had made it impossible for the company to operate these trains on time. Besides, he testified that a falling off in traffic and a necessary curtailment in expenses, together with a desire on the part of the company to give the people of Oregon a service on which they could depend, suggested the change that was made.

Doesn't Know Volume of Traffic.

Mr. McMurray was asked to inform the Commission what the travel on No. 11 between Roseburg and Ashland and intermediate points amounted to when the old service was in effect, but he replied that the company's auditor had been unable to furnish him with the requested data. The company was able only to furnish statements showing the number of passengers carried between Grants Pass and Medford, but no figures were given touching on the traffic between Roseburg and Ashland, either north or southbound. In answer to a question as to the advisability of putting on a local train to run between these points and connect at Roseburg with trains 11 and 12, Mr. McMurray considered the plan would not solve the trouble, for the reason that such a train would have to leave Ashland between 2 and 3 A. M. in order to make connections.

Further to support his statements of the difficulty that was experienced by the Southern Pacific Company in profitably operating its morning California train out of this city, Mr. McMurray called attention to the schedule of the transcontinental roads operating out of Chicago showing that fifty-four-fifths of these trains leave that city after 5 P. M. daily. When reminded by Commissioner Aitchison that the Southern Pacific, under its new schedule, was running two trains to California at night and none in the morning, Mr. McMurray answered by saying that the morning train to Roseburg, a distance of 198 miles, was considered a long-distance train. The witness further testified that when trains 11 and 12 were running to California, Nos. 15 and 16 were required frequently to run in two sections in order to accommodate the business that would not take the morning train.

Morning Trains in California.

Commissioner Aitchison referred to the official timetable of the Southern Pacific Company and asked if the company had not found it practical to run trains leaving in the morning on long-distance runs. He cited the San Francisco-Dunsmuir branch, over which, before the new schedule was announced, four trains were operated daily, three of which left San Francisco before 5 o'clock in the afternoon. In explanation of that condition, Mr. McMurray said geographical conditions on the California branch were different, the company operating trains on each side of the Sacramento River as far as Tehama. Attorney Fenton followed by asking the witness what was the population of San Francisco, the evident purpose being to show that a larger number of trains were required running out of San Francisco

BANK WILL OPEN IN TWO MONTHS

President Watson Announces Resumption of Merchants National Is Assured.

BACK FROM WASHINGTON

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Oregon Glee Club at the Heilig

PROGRAMME. PART I. Two Oregon Songs. L. A. Henderson (a) "O. Oregon"; (b) "Hail to Oregon"; Glee Club. "Sorella"; Borst-Cleric Mandolin Club. "A Proposal"; Glee Club. Fairy Princess; H. J. Gee. Mr. Davidson and Glee Mandolin Club. "Won't That Be Joyful"; Messrs. Steelquist, Burke, Neal and Davies. "Spring Chicken" (selection); Richard Carle. "Boot and Saddle"; Gene Branscombe; Professor Glen. "Eyes I Idolize"; Quibley Glee Club. "A Tragedy" (in three parts); Mr. Van Dusen. "His Honor"; the Mayor (selection); Mandolin Club. PART II. Getting ready for the Junior Prom. (Introducing the combined clubs in college and popular songs and specialties). EXECUTIVE STAFF. Director of combined clubs: I. M. Glen. Leader of Glee Club: Elmer Paine. '08. Leader of Mandolin Club: Bobbie Nelson. '06. Manager: Harold Clifford. '09. Stage manager: Le Roy Kerns. '10. Asst. stage manager: Evert Sherk. '10.

BY WILL G. MAC RAE. OREGON UNIVERSITY always saves the best for the last. On Thanksgiving day the university sends her stalwart knights of the gridiron to do battle with the sons of Multnomah, and then later comes the mandolin and glee club to tune the hearts of the alumni and the hosts of theater-goers who are always on the lookout for something good. The entertainment given last night at the Heilig Theater, the songs that were sung, the stage setting, with its countless college emblems, took back again for a brief hour and a half the days when the "dear old college days" when the heart was "young and twenty."

There were the same catchy songs by the students, good music by the mandolin players, and a sketch or two thrown in that kept the large audience in a temper of laughter. Professor I. M. Glen may well be proud of the young gentlemen who compose his mandolin and glee club, for they were a tuneful and funmaking lot. The opening number, two songs—"O. Oregon" and "Hail Oregon"—sung by the glee club, were splendidly done and paved the way for the evening's programme. This was followed by "Sorella," rendered by the mandolin club. The sketch, "A Proposal," by Mr. Germanus, caught the crowd quickly. Mr. Germanus seemed to be perfectly at home before the footlights, and as a laugh-producer, well, until Keith's agents hear of him.

The song "Won't That Be Joyful" sung by Messrs. Steelquist, Burke, Neal and Davies, was one of the hits of the evening. It was a nonsense skit and it sent the audience into roars of laughter. Professor Glen sang Gene Branscombe's "Boot and Saddle." He was in splendid voice and his rendition of the difficult song was so pleasing that he was forced to respond to an encore. Mr. Van Dusen, leader of the roving tatters of the university, gave a clever burlesque called "A Tragedy in Three Acts." Two pieces of cloth, both white, and one red piece and two chairs helped him out. Mr. Van Dusen played the part of the fellow beloved by two sisters in a way that indicated that he knew something about the game.

The closing skit, "Getting Ready for the Junior Prom," with Mr. Van Dusen as the student in love and with a well-developed ground, while it dragged at times, must have taken many of the grown-ups down in front back to the days when they also were primping for the junior prom. The lesson in waiting was not done by two of the students. Any way it was worth while, and Professor Glen and his glee club always find a hearty welcome when the time of year rolls around for their appearance.

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Beautiful novelties for ladies at Hewett, Bradley & Co.'s men's shop, 244 Washington street.

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PORTUGAL EXILE IS WARNED

DOM MIGUEL MUST CEASE HIS PLOTTING.

Pretender to Throne Told to Conduct His Intrigues Outside of Austria.

VIENNA, Austria, Dec. 14.—Dom Miguel of Braganza has been called before Emperor Francis Joseph and told in plain language that he must get out of Austria or stop plotting here to seize the throne of Portugal.

WOMEN RULERS IN EGYPT

Translation of Papyrus Shows They Ruled Household.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 21.—A marriage contract more than 2000 years old, discovered in a tomb near Cairo, Egypt, and now in the collection of the Museum of Art, Toledo, O., has been deciphered by the Egyptologists at the University of Strasbourg, Germany, and found to be from a historic standpoint one of the most important documents brought to light in recent years.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY ENACTED

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enthusiastic new woman of these modern days. The lost Pharaoh, whose period of reign is established, is Khabasha, and the time 24 B. C.

MAKES AN ASSIGNMENT

The Commonwealth Trust Company Formally Admits Insolvency.

The Commonwealth Trust Company formally "gave up the ghost" yesterday by filing a petition in insolvency with the State Circuit Court. The petition was accompanied by a deed of assignment, whereby all the company's property was assigned to A. K. Bentley. It will consequently fall to his lot to unravel the tangled web of claims, accounts, dues and demands.

O. R. & N. DEMAND IS \$400,000

Sets High Price on Terminal Rights Sued for by Hill.

TEAMSTER DEMANDS DAMAGES.

E. Rogoway accuses the Portland Haying, Light & Power Company of having ordered one of its cars across the Portland-street bridge in such a manner as to run him down without warning. His express wagon was smashed, his horse was injured and he sustained a serious concussion of a serious nature. The accident occurred October 4. Rogoway says the car was going at a high rate of speed and that the additional did not ring the gong. Rogoway asks \$5000 damages.

WILL OF A. S. SHAW.

The will of A. S. Shaw was filed for probate in the County Court yesterday. Property valued at \$12,500 is shown. Edith Shaw, a daughter, gets \$1000 by the terms of the will, the balance going to the widow, Ermeline Shaw. Mrs. Shaw is named as executrix.

SUES RAILROAD FOR \$40,000

Stella Laury Asks Big Damages for Personal Injuries.

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CHRISTMAS SPECIALS FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY



THE LIMITED, NO. 999, ENGINE AND TENDER

Body of engine is 52 inches long, 21 inches wide; boiler painted red with yellow bands. Smokestack and steam cylinder yellow with black bands. Size of tender 24 ins. long, 14 ins. wide; painted to match engine. The wheels of the engine are: front 10 inches, rear 16 inches. The wheels of the tender are 10 inches. They are all fitted with half-inch rubber tires. It is propelled in the same manner as an ordinary tricycle. Suitable for children between the ages of 5 and 10 years. Value is \$18.00. Sale price.....\$15.00

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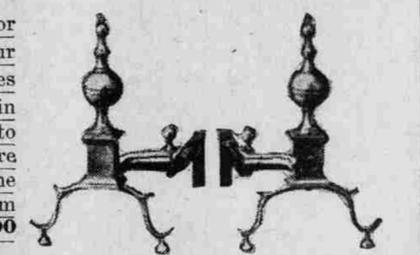
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No. 6, size 9	by 12	by 5	price.....	65c
No. 7, size 11	by 14 1/2	by 5 1/2	price.....	75c
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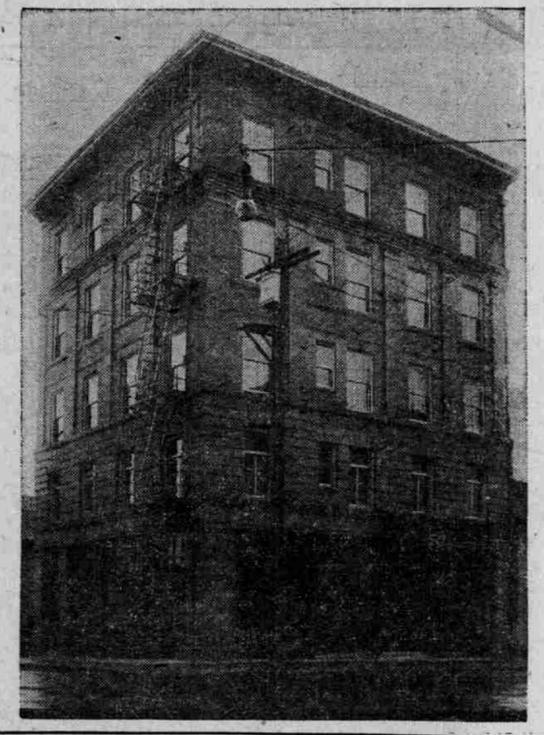
ANDIRONS—A pair of our brass or wrought iron Andirons or one of our brass or black iron Fire Screens, makes a very handsome present. We have in stock Andirons varying from \$1.75 to \$45.00. Price of our black Fire Screens, 31x31 inches, is \$2.50. The brass Screens range in price from \$5.00 to.....\$15.00



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room where the bodies of his victims lay. Filley submitted to arrest and was held awaiting the arrival of the sheriff. Filley had killed his wife with a hammer while she lay ill from the effects of wounds made by Filley ten days ago when he had previously made an attempt to kill her. It is supposed that after killing his wife, Filley murdered his daughter, whom he shot. Young Filley was also shot while the latter's wife was attacked with a hammer.



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