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RAILROAD RATES.

The Davis-Schultz Company, the wholesale grocery firm of North Bend, has petitioned the state railroad commission to look into the matter of the freight rates charged by the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern Railway and Navigation company, the line extending from Marshfield to Myrtle Point.

It is claimed in the petition that the charge for freight from Portland to Coquille is \$4 per ton, and from Portland to Myrtle Point \$5 per ton. Of the first amount the boat gets \$2 a ton for hauling by water 300 miles, while the railroad gets \$2 for hauling the same amount 15 miles. The same thing applies to Myrtle Point. On the face of it there appears to be either a very low boat rate or an excessive railroad rate.

In shipping from Marshfield to Coquille or Myrtle Point there is a discrimination as compared to shipping from Portland. It is held by the complainants. When the Alliance delivers a ton of freight from Portland billed for Coquille it is carried on the railroad for \$2, while if the North Bend grocery company sends freight from Marshfield to Coquille they must pay \$5 a ton. The same scale applies to the Myrtle Point rate.

According to these figures there is not much show for a Coos Bay wholesale house to do much shipping on

the railroad in competition with outside concerns. As the case is stated in the petition, the local wholesale house is not given a fair show, and such conditions can hardly be used to induce other wholesale concerns to come here. It will at least be well for the state railroad commission to investigate.

NEED THE RIGHT MAN.

Just what Nicaragua and Honduras are trying to do is hard to tell, but they are evidently playing at one of the periodical Central American wars. The world in general never seems to be able to find out the real purpose of these wars, but they have to come ever so often. They need an occasional revolution as regularly as the children have to be given sulphur and molasses in the spring to put their blood in condition. Much consternation is expressed throughout the country about the little war, but it really does not make much difference, if they do not bother anyone else, for they will fight about something else if this difficulty should be settled.

It is said that the president of Nicaragua has a plan of joining by force all of the Central American countries, and putting himself at the head. While it should not be done by force of arms, the republics should be united. It will come eventually when the right man has hold of it. When Central America produces a man like President Diaz of Mexico the Central American countries will be made one, and that will solve the warring question.

DESERVES THE VICTORY.

Miss Lillie Way, of Myrtle Point, the Coos county candidate in the Portland Telegram contest, has won in this district. It is pleasing to learn that Miss Way is the victor, for she certainly deserves it personally, and it is moreover gratifying that Coos county is to be represented at the Jamestown fair, and that the people were willing to support their candidate to the extent that she won.

Miss Way is a very earnest worker, and if perseverance ever gained anything for anybody the victory for Miss Way was most certainly due her in this contest. She worked day and night almost, in her canvass. At times the race was close and dangerous, but all the time Miss Way felt that Coos county people would see her through, and working on these lines she succeeded.

Miss Way promised that if she

went to Jamestown she would do all in her power to advertise Coos county. If her publicity work is as active as her canvass in the contest, some of the people at the exposition will know we are on the map.

CREDITABLE WORK.

The Marshfield Baptist congregation accomplished quite a creditable undertaking in raising in a few months \$1,000 for the improvement of the church building. New seats were put in and general repairs made so that the congregation now has a handsome church home. The members responded liberally when the subscriptions were taken, and the public in general about the city was generous in contributing to the cause. The ease with which the \$1,000 was raised in a city of this size is quite complimentary to the church people who had it in hand, and reflects most creditably upon the community. It shows that Marshfield people are always ready to help materially and financially any good cause.

WEATHER A CONTRAST.

Reports have been coming of the heavy snow fall in the middle west, and bad weather of different kinds in various parts of the country. The contrast with the mild, bright days of Coos Bay is marked. We have our rains in the season, to be sure, but people who have not lived in the rougher climate can scarcely appreciate the pretty days in this locality. A look at the mountains across the bay on one of these bright days is enough to make the most skeptical like the place.

From the People

I believe that it is pretty generally conceded that the title by which the Southern Pacific R. R. company, and the Southern Oregon company, hold vast tracts of land in this state are practically the same.

Representative Hawley says that he and Senator Bourne, have taken up the matter of the Southern Pacific Railroad lands with Attorney-General Bonepart and Commissioner Balingier, and that it is the understanding of himself and the senator, "that the department of justice will undertake the enforcement of the grant." Some way the lands of the Southern Oregon company, seem to have been overlooked in the shuffle.

While our representatives are

about it, why not also undertake the enforcement of the grant against the latter company? Why not test both at the same time?

The Southern Oregon company have led us to believe that they would fight to the last ditch. We cannot ask or expect anything else, then why not begin now? It would seem to be to the interest of everybody to have the matter settled as quickly as possible. If the decision is against the Southern Pacific railroad, we cannot expect the Southern Oregon company to stand by it and another suit would be inevitable; a contest is bound to come sooner or later, then why prolong the agony?

It is but right that the United States, or the state, should litigate these questions with these great corporations and the citizens should not be asked or expected to do so, especially in the face of the fact that it has already been decided that he has no legal capacity to sue. What could be of more benefit to the Coos Bay country than the disposal of all these lands to actual settlers at \$2.50 per acre, in lots not exceeding 160 acres to any one individual?

We have no prejudice against the people who claim these lands. On the other hand we do not think they are entitled to our sympathy. We have no desire to do them any harm, we simply want them to do as they agreed. We are opposed to their holding back and retarding the development of the country to our injury. We would be delighted if they would put the lands over which they exercise control to more beneficial use other than propagation of cockle burrs and screech owls.

The buyers must have known at the time they bought these lands that by the purchase and sale, both they and the sellers were violating the grant; anyway it was their business to know. Under these circumstances the pathetic plea of long ownership and the payment of inadequate taxes utterly fails to soften our hearts.

We all desire to do something for the Coos Bay country. Some of us are not able to do much in some ways, but there are ways in which we can all do something. Every man and woman too for that matter, can write our delegation in congress and notify them that we want, and expect them, to take up the matter of the Southern Oregon company's land grant along with that of the Southern Pacific railroad. If we sit idly by and do nothing, they won't, and we can't expect them to do anything.

From what occurred in the legislature last winter they have a right to assume that we don't want anything done with reference to these lands. It behooves all who have any interest in the matter to get busy and at once. Write to some member of the delegation today and tell them what you want and that you want it badly. Strike now while the iron is hot and strike hard, or else forever hold your peace.

GEO. WATKINS

Opens Barber Shop.

Z. E. Cheevers of North Bend will open a new barber shop at Empire. In connection he will have a billiard hall and cigar stand.

—We have now in stock a good assortment of finished monumental work, in new and pleasing designs. Selections made can now be erected before decoration day. Call and see us. Coos Bay Monumental Works, Stewart & Mitchell. 4-24-5t-eod

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