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S. P. FRANCHISE IS RELEASED

Motor Car Will Change From North Bend Run to the Coquille Valley

ACTION BY COUNCIL

Southern Pacific Officials Are Present at Meeting Held Here Last Night

MANY SPEECHES MADE

A Number of Local People Express Themselves in Favor of Allowing Change to be Made—Present Plan Less to the Railroad

CHIEF ENGINEER MAKES AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Mr. William Hood, Chief Engineer of the Southern Pacific Company, before leaving Marshfield wired the Traffic Department of the Southern Pacific to promptly give him the passenger and freight rates from Marshfield to Reedsport and intervening points, Passenger and freight service will be installed as soon as road can be used for traffic, which should not exceed four weeks, subject of course to weather conditions permitting workmen to put track and road bed in condition for operation.

Marshfield last night traded the Southern Pacific a release on their franchise and hourly train schedule for a period of five years for a motor car service to Coquille Valley points and to Powers.

Immediately after the meeting William Hood, chief engineer of the S. P., figured a moment with Superintendent W. F. Miller and, as the meeting was breaking up, announced that the railroad would go the agreement one better and put on service to Lakeside and clear through to Reedsport as soon as the track has been completed and some kinks taken out of it.

Tentative Schedule

A tentative schedule has been suggested. The motor would leave Powers in the morning and run to Lakeside, returning to Marshfield about 10 a. m. and thence to Coquille and possibly Myrtle Point, back to the Bay and out to Lakeside, returning in the late afternoon to Powers. W. F. Miller, superintendent of the local road, said it would take about three weeks to get the schedules printed. Lakeside will not be on the first schedule for the road is not properly ballasted as yet, but this and Reedsport will be added later. So it will be, at any rate, three to four weeks, before the new schedule could be started.

Though there were many citizens of the city present at this special council session and though there were many talks made, not one of them declared himself against the move of the council.

No Ordinance Last Night

Being a special meeting an ordinance could not have been passed by the council. On motion of Harry J. Kimball, Jr., which was unanimously carried, City Attorney J. T. Brand was instructed to prepare an ordinance to be presented at the meeting on next Monday evening. An informal vote of Councilman Kimball, Cook, Powers, Rood and Bandel, showed them in favor of the move. Councilman Duncan Ferguson was not present.

Ralph Moody, attorney for the S. P. in Oregon, presented the question to the council.

Road Now a Loss

"We are losing between \$12,000 and \$15,000 a year to maintain this service," he declared. "We are willing to continue to maintain this service, hourly between here and North Bend, if the council wishes that we do so. There is no present need of it; the people see fit to use the jitneys."

"We think that we ought to be relieved of this burden until the necessity for it is actually here. At that time we would be more than willing

S. P. OFFICIALS GO

LEAVE IN SPECIAL TRAIN IN THE STORM FOR EUGENE

Trip Out to be Made Via Train, Rig, Boat and Train Again—Well Pleased With Visit Here

Aboard their special train, said trip consisting of a combination baggage and passenger coach, a flat car and a locomotive, the officials of the Southern Pacific turned northward this morning on their way out over the Willamette Pacific again to Eugene.

In the party were William Hood, chief engineer of the S. P., and who has entire charge of the new road while it is under construction, accompanied by Mrs. Hood and his secretary, John Campbell; H. P. Hoey, assistant engineer; W. R. Fontaine, assistant engineer; Ralph Moody, attorney for the S. P. in Oregon, and V. G. Hindmarsh, in charge of the local division.

Start Out in Storm

The party started in the storm. They will go on the train as far as the end of the line north from Coos Bay, about four miles from the Umquica. From there they go by rig to a landing above Copenhagen and thence by water to Reedsport and up the other side of the river by rig again, to the end of the line and from there on into Eugene in style, riding aboard a regular train.

Despite the stormy weather the railroad men stated they had enjoyed their trip in here and considered it well worth coming for.

IMPROVE HARBOR

PORT OF BANDON TO START IMPORTANT WORK SOON

Will Put in Piling on South Side of River to Confine Water to the Main Channel

(Special to The Times)

BANDON, Ore., Jan. 15.—Work of piling in the gap on the south side of the Coquille river at Bandon by the driving of piling will start very soon. This was decided upon at a meeting of the members of the Port of Bandon. The purpose is to keep the water in the channel and prevent its force being wasted in the lagoon which now exists. The details of the plan are given in the Bandon Recorder as follows:

Major Potter of the government engineering staff stationed at Portland submitted to the port the pleasure of his superiors in the war department at Washington. This is that the port shall furnish the money to finance this project and the government will do the work and directly reverses the major's promise to representatives of the port when they visited him in Portland a short time ago.

At that time the port proposed that the government do the work. But Major Potter offered to donate the rock and tools and let the port do the work.

Work Will Start Soon

Accordingly work will begin with government officers in charge in two or three weeks. The port feels the urgency of immediate action so as to have the work completed in time to get the benefit of the high water of the winter and spring.

The project is to ballast with crushed rock the row of piling that extends out into the lagoon on the south side of the river, after the piling has had its gaps filled up. But the rock work will extend no farther west than the present terminus of the piling. This will leave a small stretch between the end of the piling and the jetty through which the water will reach the lagoon south of the river. It is not figured this short opening will be of material influence in keeping the current from the river channel.

Water Now Wasted

The object of the work is to prevent the current from leaving the main channel of the river this side of and in the vicinity of the Breuer dock. At this point the waters divide and spread over a wide area as soon as it has passed the foot of Cleveland avenue and its value as a scouring agent is lost from there until it is again confined between the jetties.

It has been locally understood that the work was to have been delayed until April or May and petitions had been prepared and many signatures obtained praying for immediate undertaking of the work to get the advantage of the winter water.

COOS BAY SEES UNUSUAL SNOW

People Arise This Morning to Find White Covering Over the City

TEMPERATURE IS 32

Goes up During the Day and Snow of This Forenoon Partly Melted

WIRES ALL BROKEN DOWN

Trouble for Telegraph and Telephone Companies Will Probably Keep Up As Long As Storm Conditions Continue—Mail Delays Will Occur

Coos Bay has its heaviest snow of the storm season today. Snow fell during the night and this morning the city was white and the mountains across the bay presented a pretty sight. The snow came down fast for a time this forenoon but melted rapidly leaving the walks and streets covered with slush.

The snow was quite a novelty for everyone as it is rare that there is a snowfall in this locality. The temperature this morning was down to 32 degrees above zero but raised during the day.

Wires Are All Down

Communication of all kinds is cut off. The Western Union wires were down and the telephone line between Gardner and Siuslaw river broke down on account of the storm. This was one line over which messages have gone in and out. The Western Union has been down for over a week excepting yesterday and for a time several days before.

As long as the snow keeps up there will be trouble with the wires. In the mountain districts the snow is deep and the work of repair is difficult. The linemen no more than get the wires up than they break down again.

Storm A Long One

This is the longest spell of bad weather and lack of communication that Coos Bay has had in many years.

The mail came in this morning but the carriers are having difficulty in getting through the mountains in this rough weather and delays may be expected.

Snowing Again

Wiremen of the P. T. and T. company phoned in last evening that the snow had started in again and had added another foot to the already too great depth.

The snow loaded down the branches of the trees, breaking the limbs and in some cases felled trees across the telephone wires, adding more grief for the wiremen.

Missed Any Trouble

So far, the wires of the Coos and Curry Telephone company have remained up in spite of the storm. The wire was down three miles north of Gardner this morning, but this is part of the Pacific States system which is also broken down before the Coos county line out of Roseburg.

Built Snowman

Pat Flanagan, S. J. Immel and some others on Broadway demonstrated that they were not so old when it comes to enjoying themselves as early this morning they had two snowmen standing guard at the entrance of the Allen & Lewis offices. Geo. Carleton then proceeded to hedge one of them with Preferred Stock labels.

Hear Sleigh-Bells

Some of the folks from "back east" and the snow countries were further elated when they heard the jingle of sleigh bells and instantly visions of an old fashioned cutter or bob-sled flitted before their eyes. However, their flight of fancy was soon checked when Bill Sullivan came along with his delivery wagon, an old set of sleighbells being attached to the rig by him or A. T. Haines.

STORM IS GENERAL

OTHER PARTS OF OREGON SUFFERED WINTER WEATHER

People on Coos Bay Have Small Grounds for Complaining About the Present Conditions

Coos Bay may have some kicks on continued rains with occasional hail and a weak attempt at snow, but a comparison of other places in Oregon shows that this locality did not suffer much in the general storm which swept the state. The following are the weather conditions in some other parts of Oregon during the past few days:

EUGENE—Heavy snow in mountains and logging operations stopped.

ASHLAND—From four to six feet of snow in the mountains and wires down.

JUNCTION CITY—Wind storm sweeps northern Lane County and temperature 30 degrees above.

MINNIVILLE—Twelve inches of snow in Yamhill County and mercury down to 18 above.

PENDLETON—Six degrees below zero and snow.

HILLSBORO—Wires down, location of trains difficult and 49 inches of snow.

FORT ROCK—Snow 18 to 24 inches deep and heaviest known for years.

THE DALLES—Ground covered with snow and the mercury down to 10 above.

LA GRANDE—Trains delayed and snow a foot deep in the valley, to six feet in the mountains.

SALEM—Six inches of snow and temperature below freezing point.

CORVALLIS—Ground covered with snow, afterward carried away by rain.

ASTORIA—Street car service tied up 8 inches of snow and 25 degrees above zero.

CATTLE SUFFERING

ONE RANCHER LOSES THIRTY HEAD OF STOCK

Conditions Are Serious for Stockmen in the Neighborhood of Myrtle Point

(Special to The Times)

MYRTLE POINT, Jan. 15.—Stock men in this locality will probably have heavy losses if the snow keeps up. Cattle are suffering greatly from the cold weather and the lack of feed.

Most of the stock men were unprepared for such a winter. The snow has covered the ground several inches deep and most of the ranchers are without food for the cattle. One stockman has lost thirty head of cattle.

Some Had Feed

A few of the farmers had laid in hay at \$20 a ton to feed in case of a hard winter but even at that high price it is impossible to obtain enough. The snow has covered the ranges and the stock not being used to snow are unable to take care of themselves.

Condition Unusual

Usually the ranges are open all winter and the cattle find enough feed to carry them through the winter. Some years ago when the ground was covered with snow and feed had run out one of the large herds on the south fork of the Coquille river was maintained by being fed moss from the trees during the severe period.

SEVERE IN CURRY COUNTY

Severe conditions for stock in Curry County are reported in the Port Orford Tribune, which says: "The weather for the past two weeks has been the most severe on stock yet experienced this winter. Snow has been piling up in the mountains, and much hail and sleet that melted as it struck the ground, has fallen along the coast. Sheep men are already experiencing considerable loss among last year lambs, and the loss bids fair to be a heavy one before spring arrives."

NAME WORKERS FOR THE YEAR

Chamber of Commerce Committees Which Will Serve Appointed Today

BRANCHES COVERED

Each Trustee Will Direct Several Different Bodies Which Are Selected

TALK OF TRAIN TO EAST

Belief is That a Special Over Railroad Would be Great Advancement—Plan for Banquet on February 2

A meeting of the trustees of the Chamber of Commerce of Marshfield was held this morning, and the committees to serve for the coming year were named.

Each trustee will have supervision over the following committees: Hugh McLain—Transportation, entertainment and conventions.

R. M. Jennings—Industrial and agricultural. C. R. Peck—Legislation and taxation, civic and educational.

F. G. Horton—Fish and game, membership. Chas. Hall—Advertising and publicity, roads and highways.

The Committees

The following were the committees named: Entertainment—T. T. Bennett, chairman, Arthur Peck, W. A. Reid, M. C. Maloney, A. R. O'Brien.

Transportation—Henry Songstaken, chairman, J. H. Flanagan, W. S. Chandler. Civic Improvement—J. A. Matson, chairman, H. M. Shaw, Geo. Rotnor, F. E. Allen, Wm. Hoagland.

Education—F. A. Tiedgen, chairman, Dorsey Kreitzer, G. W. Kaufman. Parks—C. I. Reikard, chairman, F. K. Gettings, D. L. Buckingham, George Gettings, Carl Evertsen.

Legislation—C. F. McKnight, chairman, J. S. Coke, J. C. Kendall. Taxation—I. S. Smith, chairman, J. T. Brand, R. A. Copple.

Fish and Game—J. D. Goss, chairman, Dr. Geo. E. Dix, W. J. Conrad, I. R. Tower, Wm. Ekblad. Advertising and publicity—J. E. Montgomery, chairman, G. W. Leslie, C. C. Going, E. K. Jones, A. Y. Myers.

Industrial—Dr. E. Mings, chairman, J. S. Lyons, A. B. Fisher, W. F. Miller, Arno Meehan. Membership—Ben Fisher, chairman, Tom Harvey, E. L. McClure, Ray Oliviant, J. C. Doyle, Jim Jones, Frank Cohen, E. I. Chandler, Earl Powell, Alva Doll, Hugo Quist, W. H. Kennedy.

Roads and Highways—George Goodrum, chairman, E. G. Perham, C. W. Wolcott, Milo Sumner, E. P. Lewis. Agricultural, public market—W. U. Douglas, chairman, Emil Bandel, A. T. Haines.

Dairy—A. O. Rogers, chairman, Bert Doremus, Claude Thompson, A. Bugge. Talk of Train East

One matter which was discussed and which will be taken up with the railroad was that of later on sending a special car east with a detachment of Coos county men to advertise this locality. It was thought possible that the railroad could be induced to bear much of the transportation expenses and that about fifty men from Coos county with exhibits and information could make the trip. It was believed that such a plan would do much to advertise Coos County.

Plan Big Banquet

Extensive plans are being made by the trustees for the banquet to be held Feb. 2. An effort will be made to have every business man in the city join the Chamber of Commerce. Trip to Eugene

A banquet is to be given at Eugene on Jan. 27 when the Marshfield people are invited to attend. Some at least of the Chamber of Commerce members are planning to go and any who would like to attend the affair should make known the fact to Secretary Motley.

Dance Eagles' Hall, Sat. eve., Jan. 15th. Martin's Orchestra. Libby Coal, \$5.00 ton. Phone 72.

PRICES GO HIGHER

VEGETABLES ALSO SOARING AS RESULT OF INCREASED DEMAND

Onions and Beans Considerably Higher, Potatoes Going Up and Fresh Stuff Advancing

According to Coos Bay representatives of wholesale houses, the price of living is going steadily skyward. Beans have been advancing rapidly and sacks that could be bought in San Francisco at \$4.00 wholesale now cost \$7.50 wholesale. The purchase of 40,000 sacks there for the Allies is given as the cause. Onions have nearly doubled in price and now cost around \$2.50 wholesale. Potatoes are also on the upward trend and a material advance is looked for.

Advices received today were that fresh vegetables were on the advance, the recent cold snap in the north causing a big increase in the demand on the San Francisco market from Portland and Seattle.

There may be a shortage of potatoes here for a week as advices received today were that the Portland wholesale houses were afraid to make shipments on the Kilburn today on account of freezing weather prevailing there.

TELEPHONE WIRE UP

LATE THIS AFTERNOON

This afternoon a wire communication was established from Coos Bay to Eugene and The Times through that line got some of the Associated Press news at a late hour.

IS OUT FOR OFFICE

F. G. BUCHEL CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Is Now Holding the Position of Deputy State Sealer of Weights and Measures

Fred G. Buchtel, Deputy State Sealer of Weights and Measure, and an uncle of M. L. Currey of Marshfield, has announced his candidacy on the Republican ticket for Public Service Commissioner for the Western District. Formerly the title of this office was Railroad Commissioner, but the last Legislature changed it to Public Service Commissioner. He is expected in Marshfield soon to visit his nephew.

Deputy State Sealer Buchtel is the son of Joe Buchtel, pioneer photographer and Fire Chief of Portland, and is 38 years old. After graduating from the common schools he completed his education in the high school of Portland. His public career began as clerk of the County Board of Relief of Multnomah County, when Judge Lionel R. Webster as County Judge, and Frank Barnes and W. L. Lightner, present County Commissioners, constituted the Board of County Commissioners for the county.

Served in Portland

After passing a rigid civil service examination, he was named Sealer of Weights and Measures for the city of Portland in May, 1905. He has been identified with weights and measure work ever since, and is regarded as an authority on the subject. Recognizing his ability State Treasurer Kay appointed him Deputy State Sealer when the weights and measure law passed by the 1913 Legislature became operative, and since then he has been in active charge of the State Department.

Author of New Law

He is the author of the comprehensive weight and measure law passed by the last Legislature, which in addition to reducing the cost of the administration of his Department, put the state on an equal basis with any state in the weight and measure world. Because of his wide experience with weights and measures he is regarded as an excellently qualified for Public Service Commissioner, the duties of the two offices being in many ways alike.

FLOODS ARE BAD

Conditions in Holland Worse Than First Reported

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Jan. 15.—The damage caused by the flood in Northern Holland is said by an Amsterdam correspondent to be greater than was believed at first. The Greek dikes along the Zuder Zee collapsed in several places. Peasants with cattle fled precipitously before the rising waters.

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No Agreement

A report from Vienna does not indicate an armistice has been agreed to as reported from Rome. Heavy bombardment by Italian infantry on the Austro-Italian front is in progress.

GAS EXPLODES ON SUBMARINE

Four Men Killed and Ten Injured at New York Navy Yards Today

WAS ON DRY DOCK

Belief is Gas Became Ignited When New Edison Batteries Were Being Charged

INVENTION WAS TESTED

Had Been Tried Out for Months Before It was Put Into Use—Only Cause Naval Officers Are Able to Account For

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—An explosion aboard the submarine E-2 in drydock at the New York navy yards caused the death today of four men and injury to ten more. One man was killed outright and three died later at the Naval hospital. Six were seriously injured.

The explosion was said to be due to the hydrogen gas becoming ignited while the new Edison batteries were being charged. Navy officers said it was difficult to imagine to what the accident was due if it was not a battery explosion.

The new battery was developed by Edison some time ago to obviate the danger to submarine crews from that source, and was tested for months. Several officers who attempted to enter the submarine at the head of a rescue party were driven back by the fumes.

Built in Year 1910

The E-2 was built in 1910 and was capable of traveling 14 knots on the surface and eleven knots submerged. She is the only vessel in the world equipped with the Edison nickel batteries and made her first trip successfully with them December 7th.

WATCH SITUATION

SENATOR STONE FOLLOWING THE MEXICAN CRISIS

Secretary Lansing Promises to Keep Him Informed As To Any New Developments

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—On request of Senator Stone, Secretary Lansing agreed to keep Stone constantly and promptly informed regarding Mexican developments and also to hasten the preparation of information regarding the Carranza government in answer to Senator Fall's resolution.

"It is of utmost importance," said Stone, "for this government to be properly represented by recognized diplomatic agents and I think Henry P. Fletcher, the president's nominee can be confirmed after the president explains his recognition of Carranza."

REPORT FIGHTING

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