

SAFETY RECORD SETS NEW PACE IN RAILROADING

Southern Pacific, Presented With Handsome Banner in Honor of Important Achievement.

For making the best safety record in the Northwest during the National Accident Prevention drive, officers and employees of the Southern Pacific railroad lines north of Ashland were rewarded Wednesday when H. J. Bell, regional safety director, brought the blue ribboned banner to Portland.

Presentation of the banner to the Southern Pacific was made at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon by Bell in the Portland Transportation club rooms. The banner was received by J. P. O'Brien, federal manager of the Southern Pacific lines. O'Brien in turn presented the banner to A. T. Mercier, secretary of the safety committee for the Southern Pacific.

RECORD IS IMPORTANT "The Southern Pacific (north of Ashland) was not only the largest railroad in the Northwest to set up a record during the national campaign from October 18 to 31, but the largest railroad in the United States by a large margin to make this record," said H. J. Bell, regional safety director, when he presented the banner to the railroad in the Northwest employing over 2000 men that made the best record.

In reality it is a banner showing the Southern Pacific to be leader of all railroads in the United States during the drive.

In charge of the drive on the Southern Pacific were J. F. Grodzki and G. T. Blythe, safety agent, and assistant, respectively, on railroads under the jurisdiction of Federal Manager O'Brien.

BANNER IS HANDSOME The banner is a handsome silk emblem in green, red, white and blue. Gold lettering sets forth the following inscription: "Awarded to the Southern Pacific Railroad (lines north of Ashland) for making the best safety record of all roads employing over 2000 men during the national railroad accident prevention drive, October 18 to 31, 1919, by the regional director of the United States railroad administration."

The Southern Pacific had 5678 employees and passengers throughout the two weeks of the drive without an accident.

LANE GIVES CAUSE FOR HIS RESIGNATION

(Continued from Page One.) continued in power it would not be likely that Lane would want to stand in public office any longer. So he is in the same frame of mind as members of other cabinets have been as the end of an administration was approaching.

Gregory and Redfield decided to get into private business. Secretary McAdoo felt that the needs of his family were such that he had to get out and make some money. It will be remembered that many a cabinet officer has complained that he could not stand the pace in Washington on \$12,000 a year.

REAL PROGRESSIVE? For Franklin Lane there is really no future in public life. He ran for governor of California about a decade ago and was appointed to the interstate commerce commission by President Roosevelt. He resigned from the commission to become secretary of the interior in Wilson's cabinet.

Lane is the only Democrat of prominence who can truthfully say that he is opposed as Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson were his close friends. This was because while a Democrat, Lane has always been a progressive, and it was as a member of the 1912 campaign that he carried to the cabinet meetings of the Wilson administration a copy of the Bull Moose platform and when 1916 came he used to point with pride to the fact that under the first Wilson administration many plank in that Roosevelt platform had been embodied into law or recommended by the Wilson administration.

When one says there is nothing further in public life for Franklin Lane the natural thought is of elevation to the presidency. But Lane was born in Canada, and is ineligible under the constitution for the presidential job.

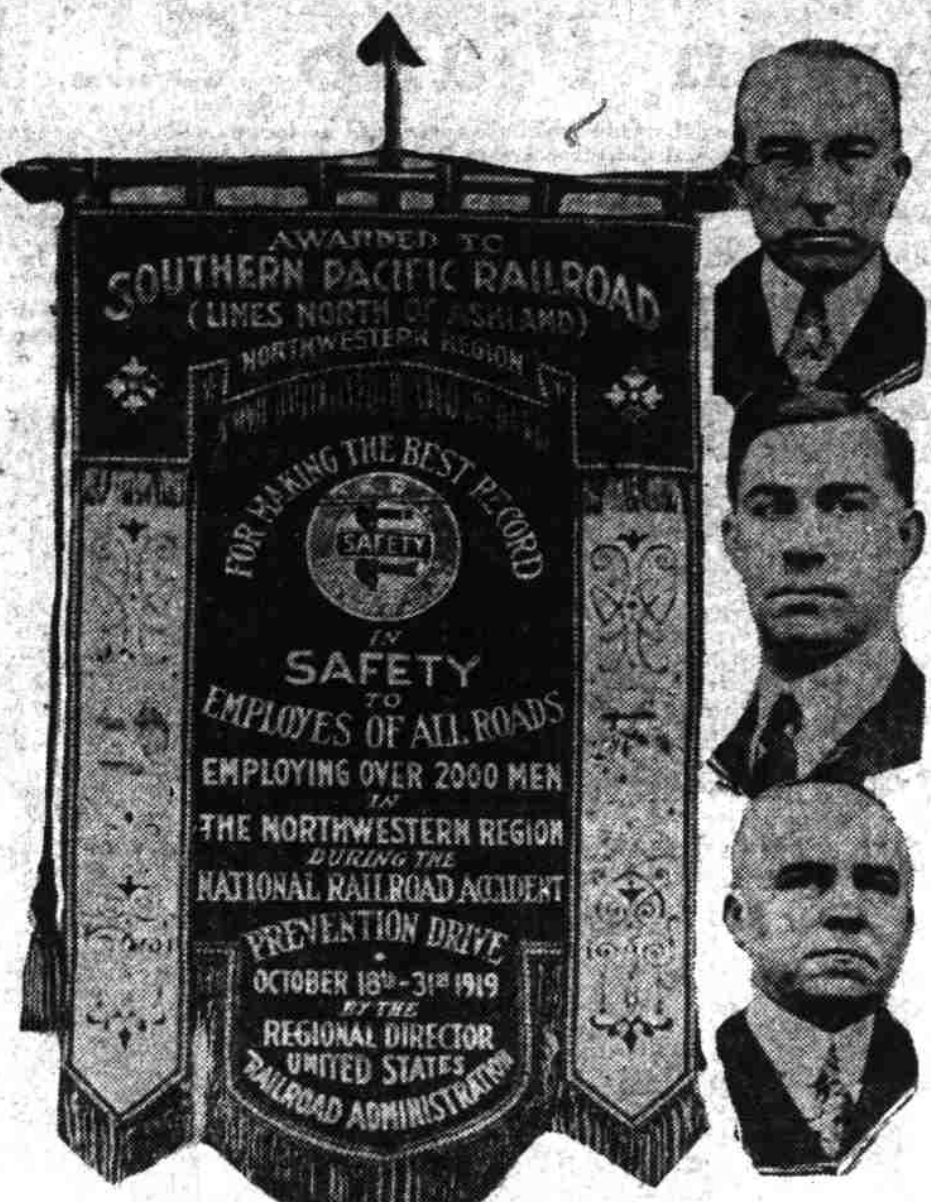
WANTS NEWSPAPER Lane could run for United States senator in California, but there is little doubt that Lane would rather be the highest point of public service in the opportunities given him while a member of the cabinet. He has been mentioned for appointment to the justice of the supreme court of the United States, but there are no longer any vacancies.

But Franklin Lane has often told his friends that he would rather be the editor of a chain of newspapers or of a prominent newspaper that carried influence in public affairs than to be president of the United States, even if he were eligible for that post. Originally a newspaper editor in Tacoma, Lane has never lost his news instinct. His annual report recently won the admiration of Republican and Democratic newspapers for the excellence of its style and the simplicity of its expression. Lane likes to write, and if one were guessing as to what business he may enter when he does leave the cabinet the guess would be the writing business.

Plans to Preserve Apples From Cold Finished at Mosier

Mosier Dec. 18.—Temporary safety for more than 60,000 boxes of apples in the warehouses of the Mosier Fruit Growers' association is assured as the result of efforts of a representative of an association, who went to The Dalles, and of long-distance telephone messages. The local oil supply, relied on to warm the warehouses, was exhausted and the below zero weather threatened the apples. Curtailed train service and blocked roads made delivery of the oil impossible, but plans have been made to bring it by sleight.

S. P. GETS SAFETY BANNER



Left-Banner awarded Southern Pacific lines north of Ashland for best record during National Accident Prevention week in Northwestern region. Right, top—H. J. Bell, regional supervisor of safety. Center—G. T. Blythe, assistant safety supervisor for Oregon railroads, and bottom, J. F. Grodzki, general safety agent for railroads in Oregon.

Memorial Held for 23 of High School Boys Dead in War

Memorial services for the boys of Washington high school who gave their lives in the world war were held in the school auditorium Wednesday morning.

Parents and relatives of the boys were present and the assembly received a silver tablet engraved with the names of the boys. The tablet was presented to the school by the June 19 class through the president, Wilbur Kelly.

Dr. E. H. Pence, who opened the services with an invocation, delivered the memorial address. He spoke at length upon the impossibility of paying homage enough to the heroes who died in their country's service.

The tablet presented is of sterling silver and is engraved with 23 names of the Washington high boys who gave their lives. Ten of these boys were killed in action, the remainder died from disease and accidents. Six hundred and forty boys from the school were in service. Principal H. H. Herdman received the tablet.

The names engraved upon the tablet are: Rex Appleby, Frederick E. Boyer, Don Gather, Albert Closterman, George F. Cook, William Deucher, Malcolm S.

Trouble Feared by Sinn Fein Troops

London, Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—"The Sinn Fein army is disclosing its presence in Ireland," said the Daily Express today in commenting upon the raid against the Cork railway station by Sinn Fein.

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Train Drops From A 20-Foot Trestle

Marshallfield, Dec. 18.—A coal train running from Libby mine to the bunkers went through a trestle Wednesday, dropping more than 20 feet. Engineer Holland jumped and landed on marshy ground. He was only slightly hurt. A small locomotive was used. The boiler exploded with a loud crash.

STATE'S ASSESSED VALUATION IS PUT AT \$990,435,472

Public Utilities Furnish Total of \$120,992,297.11; Tillable Land Forms Largest Item.

Salem, Dec. 18.—Of the state's total assessed valuation of \$990,435,472.17, \$869,443,174.86 represents the value of private property as assessed by the various county assessors, and \$120,992,297.31 represents the value of public utilities as assessed by the state tax commissioner, according to a summary compiled by Frank K. Lovell, state tax commissioner.

The summary shows a total of 10,123,188.09 acres of tillable land in the state assessed at a total of \$228,826,858. Other items in the summary are as follows: Timberlands, 3,226,728.34 acres, valued at \$48,210,481.22; Non-tillable land, 11,294,498.89 acres, valued at \$78,823,232. Improvements on deeded or patented lands, \$28,453,002. Town and city lots, \$216,656,792. Improvements on town and city lots, \$92,044,009. Improvements on lands not deeded or patented, \$12,645,000. Railroads under construction, logging roads and rolling stock, \$1,236,080. Steamboats, sailboats, stationary engines and manufacturing machinery, \$11,766,722. Merchandise and stock in trade, \$43,242,038. Farming implements, wagons, carriages, automobiles, etc., \$20,092,261. Money, notes and accounts, \$21,422,629. Shares of stock, \$14,216,204.88. Hotel and office furniture, etc., \$2,471,962.98. Horses and mules, 210,377, valued at \$10,221,450. Cattle, \$62,170, valued at \$20,633,878. Sheep and goats, 1,671,644, valued at \$1,741,846. Swine, 110,437, valued at \$1,073,144. Dogs, 12,864, valued at \$138,209. Miscellaneous, \$1,421,935.

A short session, devoted only to necessary legislation, is favored by Representative E. P. Dodd of Hiermont, first and up to this time the only member of the legislature to acknowledge receipt of Governor Olcott's call for a special session to convene in January.

People of South Salem have not had a drop of water to drink since last Thursday, according to a complaint filed with the public service commission by 31 residents of that section of the city Wednesday. The complaint alleges inadequate pumping facilities and prays for relief. The commission will make an investigation. The Salem Water Light & Power company, against which the complaint is directed, places the blame on residents of lower sections of the city, who have been letting the water run to prevent freezing, consuming the entire supply in that way. An adequate supply for all patrons is assured for today.

Taxation Plan for Festival Advocated

The Oregon Hotelmen's association today submitted to the Multnomah county commissioners a petition requesting

White House Is Minus Its Cook; Cupid to Blame

Washington, Dec. 18.—Dan Cupid invaded the White House kitchen Wednesday and scooped another victim with his bow and arrow. His target was Miss Siegfried Charlotte Nielson, who has presided over the culinary affairs of the White House for the past four years, accompanying the president's family to Europe and on other trips.

Sergeant Christian Larsen was the lucky man, but the White House mounked the loss of an exceptionally talented cook.

North Pacific Fair Association Meets in Portland Jan. 26

Chehalis, Wash., Dec. 18.—A meeting of the North Pacific Fair association has been called for Portland, January 26 and 27, by President George R. Walker, who is also secretary of the Northwest Washington Fair association. The general program for Northwest fairs will be mapped out and dates will be set. The Canadian fair association meets in Edmonton, January 21 and 22, giving members of that association a chance to attend the meeting in Portland.

A meeting of the North Pacific Racing association, of which Walker is also president, will be held at the same time, and the program for the fair circuit races will be adopted and discussed.

Three boys, Norton S. Totten of Orchard, Roy Darrah of Vancouver and Claude Wright of Spokane, arrested near Vancouver, charged with automobile theft, pleaded guilty, and the two latter were sentenced to the state training school.

School Children of Portland Sell Many Christmas Seals

Portland school children are this week canvassing the entire city in a contest to make their particular school rank high in sales of Red Cross Christmas seals. The Couch school has taken \$490 worth and Irvington is a strong second. Other schools reordering Wednesday were: Stephens, \$20; Ladd, \$50; Buckman, \$15; Alameda, \$10; Irvington, \$30; Richmond, \$10; Jefferson high, \$20; Thompson, \$5; Washington high, \$30; Benson Tech, \$75; Arletta, \$10; Felling, \$5. The Wednesday booth sales netted \$270, the high booth being that conducted by Mrs. Anna Pettibone at the Fifth street high in sales of Red Cross Christmas seals. Today the booths are in charge of the MacDowell club, Miss Dorothy Bliss, chairman; the Monday Musical club, Mrs. J. J. Swast, chairman; the Portland Business Women's club, Mrs. Williametta McElroy, chairman; Mrs. Catherine Gray is in charge of a sale of the seals through the colored women's organizations and a booth is being conducted in the Golden West hotel, while each organization has pledged to sell at least \$5 worth of seals.

EX-GOV. MOORE OF WASHINGTON DIES

Last Territorial Executive Passes at Walla Walla; Prominent in State Affairs.

Word was received in Portland by W. M. Hendershott that his cousin, former Governor Miles Conway Moore of Washington, died early this morning in Walla Walla. Governor Moore was 74 years old.

He was last territorial governor of Washington, being appointed by President Harrison in March, 1888, serving until November 11, 1888, when Washington was admitted to the Union as a state.

Governor Moore was born in Rix Mills, Ohio, April 17, 1845, and moved to Walla Walla in 1863.

After a year's employment in a general merchandise store he went into business for himself. In 1865 he located in Blackfoot City, Mont., where he conducted a store and acted as express and stage agent. He returned the following year to Walla Walla and became the partner of H. E. Johnson in a book and stationery business.

In 1869 he became a member of the pioneer firm of Palm Bros. & Moore at Walla Walla. Later this firm purchased the business of Baker & Boyer, who then established the Baker-Boyer bank, which was later to have Governor Moore for its president.

EXTENSIVE GRAIN EXPORTER In 1873 he was married to Mary E. Baker, daughter of Dr. Dorsey Syng Baker, the man who built the first railroad from Walla Walla to the Columbia river.

Governor Moore's first step into the agricultural world, in which he played a big part, was taken in 1875, when, with Palm Bros, he opened the first agricultural implement store in Walla Walla. His next move was to form a partnership with Dr. Baker under the name of Miles C. Moore & Co. which engaged extensively in the grain business, loaded ships in Astoria and sold cargoes in Liverpool.

In 1878 he became associated with his brother in a forwarding business in Alameda, Wash., under the name of C. & M. C. Moore, the firm selling farm implements at various points in the Pacific coast and buying wheat and flax, which was grown extensively then in that section. Later this firm built a flouring mill at Moscow, Idaho.

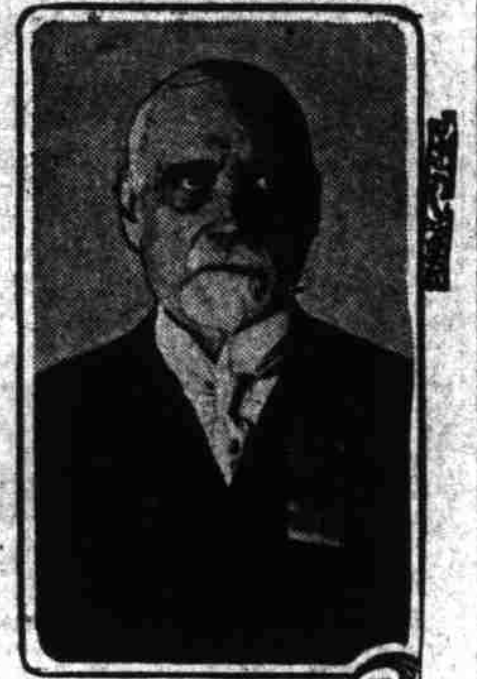
MAYOR OF WALLA WALLA In 1877 he was elected mayor of Walla Walla, among the interesting incidents during his administration being the entertainment of United States Senator Morton and his party and later General William T. Sherman and his staff, when they visited Walla Walla in 1877.

Following his election as mayor his active participation in the political life of the territory and state of Washington and the Northwest began. In 1884 he was made chairman of the Republican territorial convention at Seattle, a turbulent one which marked an epoch in the history of the territory.

In March, 1889, after he had, the year previous, become associated with E. F. Baker, H. C. Baker and W. W. Baker in the management of the estate of Dr. Dorsey S. Baker, his father-in-law, he became vice president of the Baker-Boyer National bank, later becoming president, and was appointed governor of Washington territory.

PORTLAND CLUB MEMBER In 1900 Governor Moore became president of M. C. Moore & Sons, a family corporation, with large real estate hold-

EARLY DAY GOVERNOR OF WASHINGTON DEAD



Miles Conway Moore

ings and varied interests in the state and throughout the country. In 1903 he was elected president of the Washington State Bankers' association and he served for three years as Washington representative on the executive council of the American Bankers' association. He was tendered the chairmanship of the executive council in 1909, but refused.

For years he was a member of the board of trustees of Whitman college. He was a member of the Arlington club of Portland, the Union club of Tacoma and the Rainier club of Seattle.

U. P. Cuts Traffic Manager on O-W. With Rail Return

Semi-official announcement was made at the offices of the O-W. R. & N. Wednesday that Union Pacific officials have decided to eliminate the office of traffic manager on the O-W. when the railroads are returned to private management.

Termination of government operation will permit Frank W. Robinson, present traffic manager for the local unit of the Union Pacific system, to accept the position of freight traffic manager for the system at Omaha. A successor has not been named and it is stated on good authority that the office will not be filled.

H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent, and William McMurray, general passenger agent, would divide responsibility for traffic for the district under such a plan. All larger traffic problems would be referred to the system officials.

Shell Explosions in Big Arsenal Start Million Dollar Fire

Dover, N. J., Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—Fire started by explosions of shells gutted the government's Picatinny arsenal early today doing damage estimated at from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. Oliver McCormick of Malden, Mass., a member of the marines, was fatally

wounded by an exploding shell while fighting the fire and died later in the hospital. Seven others were injured. Marines were rushed to the scene from a nearby naval powder depot and worked bravely amidst a veritable barrage of exploding projectiles while they assisted the fire fighters.

LIBERTY

LAST TIMES TODAY AND FRIDAY

"THE LAST OF HIS PEOPLE"

STARRING MITCHELL LEWIS

COMING SATURDAY

THE COMEDY SCREAM OF THE SEASON

Thomas H. Ince presents DOUGLAS MACLEAN and DORIS MAY in

"23 1/2 Hours' Leave"



Mary Roberts Rinehart wrote it



Shell Explosions in Big Arsenal Start Million Dollar Fire

Fur Prices Slashed 25%, 33 1/3%, 50% Nothing would bring more genuine pleasure than a gift of furs. These reductions bring scarfs, collars and coates down to rock-bottom level—they positively will go no lower. Your savings are really astounding when you consider the original low marking of these furs added to these 1/4 to 1/2 reductions! LOOK OVER THESE PRICES CAREFULLY. You'll find some of them especially interesting.

Coats Are All Reduced A good-looking coat is splendid as a practical gift. Special Price on One Group \$37.50 There are velour, silvertone and long plush coats, many with sealine collars, in styles that make them desirable for all-round wear. Backs are full rippled, sometimes belted, and lined throughout with good quality silk. Reductions on Cloth Coats \$75.00 Coats at \$56.25 \$79.50 Coats at \$59.65 \$85.00 Coats at \$63.75 \$89.50 Coats at \$67.15 \$95.00 Coats at \$71.25 \$110.00 Coats at \$80.65 \$115.00 Coats at \$86.25 \$125.00 Coats at \$93.75 \$150.00 Coats at \$112.50 \$175.00 Coats at \$131.25

Thoughts for Christmas Gifts In our blouse shop you will find scores of dainty waists, especially suitable as gifts—Blouses of every description, from the plain tailored type to the frilly, fluffy model for the very modish woman. If You Want to Spend \$5 for a Gift Make It One of These \$5 Blouses. You won't find anything more practical or pleasing for a moderately-priced gift. All sorts of pretty styles in georgette and crepe de chine make selection a delightful task. Voile Blouse Special 2 Groups—\$2.20 and \$3 Washable waists of finely woven voile, trimmed with lace, hemsitching and tucking to add to the dainty effect. They would be most acceptable gifts. Silk Underwear CAMISOLES—\$1.25—\$1.75—\$2.45 Satin and crepe de chine, offset with lace, embroidery and lace Surely a charming gift. CHEMISE—\$4.50—\$5.95—\$8.95 GOWNS—\$8.95—\$10—\$12.50—\$15 BLOOMERS—\$3.95—\$5 Vanity Fair Undersilks Unions—\$6.95 and \$10.50. Step-ins—\$5.95. Vests—\$3.50—\$5.50—\$6.95. Bloomers—\$4.50—\$7.50—\$8.95. Petticoats—\$8.95. Petticoats \$4.95—\$5.95 \$6.95—\$12.95 Jersey and taffeta in plain and changeable effects. Almost any color you could wish. Give an Umbrella You will find here a wide variety of colored silks with clever handles in ring, oval, straight and English walking-stick effects. Bright hues as well as the darker shades. \$5.50 to \$25.00