

### GROWTH OF S. P. DEPENDS ON AID FROM CONGRESS

#### President Sproule Talks of General Railroad Affairs on Inspection Trip Through Oregon.

Future development of the Southern Pacific railroad lines in Oregon, through the Southern Pacific corporation, is entirely dependent upon the legislation congress may enact in returning the railroads to their private owners.

This statement was made by William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific railway system, who arrived in Portland at 4:30 Tuesday evening.

Sproule, accompanied by Charles S. Fee, passenger traffic manager, and G. W. Luce, freight traffic manager of the Southern Pacific system, has been making a tour of all the physical properties of the corporation. They will be here for three or four days.

#### LAIDS LABOR LAWS

"My visit has no significance," said Sproule Tuesday evening, "except the desire to renew acquaintances and bring up to date my knowledge of the conditions that prevail in Oregon. This is my first visit to Portland in two years."

Lauding the eight-hour day and good wages, Sproule, however, urged that the public get behind the effort to bring mandating legislation that would protect the earnings of the railroads. He praised the administration of S. P. affairs in Oregon by the local officials, and was at the interest shown in Oregon in furthering railroad development.

#### TO NAME STATE MANAGER

"The movement of the offices is entirely up to your local officials," said Sproule, "and Fee and Luce will confer with the Federal officials upon this matter during their visit."

Selection of an official to assume charge of the Southern Pacific affairs in Oregon has not been made, although Sproule indicated that such a selection was likely within a few days.

Today and Thursday the visitors will hold conferences with local officials in respect branch lines radiating from this district. Friday noon, Sproule will be the guest of honor of the Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon to be given in the main dining room in the Oregon building. He will address the citizens of Portland at this meeting.

Sproule was president of the S. P. system until August, 1918, when he resigned to accept the position of district director of the Central Western region of the railroad administration. He was reappointed president January 1, this year.

#### PREPARE FOR CHANGE

The party traveled north from San Francisco, the regular stopping place of the private train and was met at Ashland by A. T. Mercer, superintendent, and John M. Scott, general passenger agent, and H. A. Hines, general freight agent, of the Oregon lines of the Southern Pacific.

"The Southern Pacific lines north of Ashland on February 1 will be turned over to the jurisdiction of W. R. Scott, federal manager of the Southern Pacific at San Francisco," said Sproule.

"During government control these lines have been under the administration of J. P. O'Brien, federal manager also of the O. W. lines. O'Brien has been an admirable officer and greatly liked by every railroad official, whether in this state or out, and whether in federal or corporate administration.

"The Southern Pacific officials in Oregon have handled every detail of our lines under federal control and have done it well."

#### PEOPLE FORGET NEEDS

"There is no state more interested in railroad expansion and improvement and good railroad service than is Oregon and there is no city of its class that has more at stake in this respect than Portland. Having concluded all reference to local conditions which he said he could make at this time, Sproule then made a thorough analysis of the existing problems of the railroad corporations in general as follows:

"The announcement by President Wilson that the railroads will be returned to the private corporations March 1 has led many people into the mistaken impression that the railroad problem is solved and so they have ceased to support their congressmen and senators in seeking solution of the railroad question that will enable the railroads to return under conditions that will permit their functioning properly and fully.

#### MUST PAY HIGH WAGES

"Congress undoubtedly desires to enact constructive legislation that will accomplish this end, but it will need the continued support of the great body of citizens. This support should be followed up actively, especially as the forces that are not constructive can be relied upon to be very active.

"A good deal has been said about the very high wages that the railroads now pay in addition to the high cost of material, which combine to make railroad operation expensive.

### Oregon University Professor to Take Wisconsin Position

University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 28.—Dr. Joseph Schaffer, professor of history in the university, has accepted a position as superintendent of the Wisconsin State Historical society at a salary of \$4000 a year and will leave here either at Easter or in June for the University of Wisconsin.

In the new position he will have opportunity to do more research work than here and he plans to spend the next 25 years writing a book on the history of American agriculture, a field which, he said, is greatly neglected. He has already published several books, "History of the Pacific Northwest," largely used in universities and high schools; "The Pacific Slope and Alaska," and the "History of Land Grants in Aid of Education."

### REMOVE ABEL, COURT ASKED BY VANDERVEER

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came. He was a log scaler, and had resided at Aberdeen for 16 years, he said. He was opposed to the removal of Abel from the court, but not to his individual members.

Harvey J. Moss, adjutant general of the state of Washington until two weeks ago, said, "I am in Seattle in the courtroom today. He had been subpoenaed as a witness by the state."

#### SERVICE MEN APPEAR

When the morning session of the Central murder case opened, a long procession of uniformed ex-soldiers and sailors filed into the courtroom reserved for attorneys and officials of the court and took seats directly behind the bench of defendants and facing the jurors.

Nothing was said about this during the first half of the morning, but during the intermission Attorney George F. Vanderveer, for the defendants, went before Judge Wilson in his chambers and demanded that the visitors be excluded from the enclosure. The judge so ordered and when court reconvened the seats were vacant.

Small groups of members of the American Legion, from various towns in the western part of the state have been sent here to attend the trial, and it was some of these about whom Vanderveer protested.

#### JURY TERM EXTENDED

Special orders extending the jury term for the venire called in connection with the trial of 11 defendants in the Central murder cases were asked by attorneys for the prosecution when court opened.

Under the laws of this state, jury service expires on the last day of the month in which the service begins, unless continued by the direction of the court. This would mean that the 300 and more talesmen now being examined would be freed from service at the end of this week, and there would be further delay in the trial.

Attorney W. H. Abel of the prosecution staff drew the order for presentation of the regular venire before Judge Gray, Harbor county, and Judge John M. Wilson of Thurston and Mason counties who is trying the Central case.

Thirty-one jurors, S. A. Youngs, definitely selected by both sides, Tuesday afternoon, and another, Thomas C. Conner, tentatively in the box over the regular venire, were in the courtroom for jury selection when court opened this morning.

Visitors at this trial have the novel sensation of hearing a judge address the jury as "ladies and gentlemen of the jury," the first time, for the benefit of Mrs. Emily C. Pattison, one of the veniremen, or better, venirewoman, who is now in the jury box awaiting to be examined.

After accepting Young, Vanderveer moved for a change of venue, calling the court's attention to the fact that more than a dozen men had been examined and only one had been accepted by both sides.

The fact that nearly all of them had been influenced by reading either newspaper comments or other "propaganda," Vanderveer said, should constitute basis for the court's ordering a change.

#### COURT DENIES PLEA

Like the motion on Monday this one was denied, and Vanderveer took another exception.

Something of a sensation was produced as Vanderveer read the list of witnesses for the prosecution. It took him 10 minutes to read the names. The list was repeated for the benefit of the talesmen present. The courtroom was crowded with them. The attorney advised them to remember the names of the witnesses they knew, as he read them, so they could tell, when examined in the future, of the acquaintance.

With 300 and more talesmen still to examine, and the present rate of progression taken into consideration, added to the 260 odd witnesses to be examined by the state, not to mention the 150 and more than Vanderveer has subpoenaed for the defense, one can appreciate how long the trial is likely to last.

Early Tuesday afternoon a report percolated into the courtroom to the effect that I. W. W. members were congregating at Elma to advance an immense parade. Elma is 10 miles east of Montesano. A hurry up call was placed with the town marshal at Elma. He said he had heard like reports, but only two or three strangers were in town and "they were being watched."

### 2 ADDITIONAL FLU VICTIMS REPORTED IN OREGON TODAY

#### With Eight New Cases Portland Now Has 66 Influenza Patients; Some Have Grippe.

#### TO AVOID INFLUENZA

Keep your feet warm and be certain they are not damp.  
Eat plain, nourishing food and sleep in clean, fresh air.  
Avoid persons suffering from colds, sore throats and coughs.  
Keep the bowels well opened.  
Use common sense.  
Don't worry.

Two more deaths from influenza were reported this morning to the state board of health, which brought the total fatalities over Oregon from the wave to six. Two deaths, rumored to have occurred from "flu" in Medford, have not been confirmed by reports received by the state health bureau.

One death was recorded in North Pines, Washington county, the other from Gervais. Both showed the old type of pulmonary symptoms, according to Dr. David N. Roberg, state health officer.

Sixty-six cases are prevalent over Portland, according to the records of the city health bureau. Eight additional cases were reported this morning by physicians. Two cases have been quarantined in the emergency "flu" hospital adjoining the Multnomah county hospital in South Portland.

Dr. Parrish, city health officer, reports that many cases brought to his personal attention have proved to be colds and light attacks of grippe.

Over 820 cases are prevalent over the state. The county health officer at Roseburg reported 49 additional cases this morning, all of which have been diagnosed as "positive." Fifty-four cases have been reported from Enterprise and 42 from Medford. Nineteen more cases have broken out in Morrow county.

#### 5589 New Cases

New York, Jan. 28.—(I. N. S.)—All records in the present influenza epidemic were broken today when 5589 new cases were reported for the 24 hours ending 10 o'clock. Sixty-seven deaths for the same period were reported to the public health department.

#### Fewer New Cases

Chicago, Jan. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Chicago's death list in the pneumonia-influenza epidemic for the last 24 hours was announced at 180. New cases totaled 1919, a slight decrease over the figures for the preceding 24 hours.

### FINED FOR ALLEGED FAILURE TO REPORT CASE OF SMALLPOX

#### Penalty Raised on H. P. Bush When His Attorney Gives Notice of Appeal.

After considering the case since Saturday, Municipal Judge Rossman today fined H. P. Bush, \$92. Twenty-eight street north, \$21 for failure to report a case of smallpox in violation of the city ordinance. The fine was first fixed at \$10, but when Bush's attorney served notice of appeal, he increased it.

It was charged by City Health Officer Parrish that Bush's young son, Bobby, was permitted to attend the Alameda school last November, although he had smallpox and presented witnesses to show that a certain rash on his face was caused by other illness.

Parrish and his assistant, Dr. John P. Abele, testified they had personally examined the boy and diagnosed his case as smallpox.

#### Portland Couple Wed

Chehalis, Wash., Jan. 28.—A marriage license was issued to P. J. Schubert and Ethel Beadell, both of Portland, Or. who were married by Justice Beaufort Monday.

### Ulster Men Will Discuss Danger of Sinn Fein Policy

According to reports received by the secretary of the Portland federation of churches, the four official delegates from Ireland to the Protestant churches of America will speak Sunday morning and evening in Portland churches, and on Monday night will address a mass meeting in the Auditorium.

Holders of tickets will be admitted from 6:30 to 7:30. At 7:30 the doors will be thrown open to the public without admission fee.

### PRESIDENT URGES EUROPEAN RELIEF

#### Wilson Writes Secretary Glass to Encourage Congress to Act on Matter With Promptitude.

Washington, Jan. 28.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson today sent to Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass a letter urging that congress take immediate steps to pass an appropriation for relief of Europe.

"It is unthinkable to me that we should withhold relief from those people," President Wilson said.

"This prosperous republic ought not to bear any part of the responsibility for the moral chaos that must result from an unwillingness on our part to aid those less fortunate than ourselves," the president declared.

#### ASKS CONGRESS TO ACT

The president's letter follows: "My dear Mr. Secretary—With considerable regret I have noted from the press that congress is delaying the granting of authority for the extension of prompt and generous relief to the stricken portions of Europe. The urgency and importance of which, especially in respect to Poland, Austria and Armenia, you have fully explained to the senate committee.

"It is unthinkable to me that we should withhold from those people who are in such mental and physical distress the assistance which can be rendered by making available, on credit, a small proportion of our exportable surplus of food which would alleviate the situation. While I am sure that you must have explained fully to the ways and means committee the appalling proportions of European suffering where men, women and children are now dying of starvation and the urgent necessity for prompt assistance, I feel that you make another appeal to congress.

#### CASE IS URGENT

"I am informed that through the published reports of hearings before the ways and means committee, the congress has now been furnished with incontrovertible facts showing the necessity for immediate affirmative action. This prosperous republic ought not to bear any part of the responsibility for the moral and material chaos that must result from an unwillingness on our part to aid those less fortunate than ourselves. We cannot, merely to husband a small proportion of our surplus, permit the happening of this great catastrophe.

"Cordially and sincerely yours,  
"WOODROW WILSON."

### Congregationalist Church Anniversary Will Be Celebrated

The first religious service held at the First Congregational church 25 years ago will be commemorated Thursday night, when members of the original congregation will meet at the church parlors. George H. Himes, historian; Mrs. Frederick Ebert and others will talk. Dr. W. T. McElveen will preside.

#### Will Liberate Pheasants

Two thousand Chinese pheasants will be liberated in different parts of the state within the next few days from the farm of Corvallis and Eugene, State Game Warden Carl Shoemaker announced Tuesday.

### MOVE TO REPEAL LAWS FIXING TIME FOR STATE FAIR

#### North Pacific Fairs Association Sets Dates for Exhibitions to Be Held Coming Season.

Oregon and Washington laws requiring state fairs held at specified times will be repealed if the activity of the North Pacific Fairs association can accomplish that result, the association decided at the closing session of its 1920 meeting at the Hotel Portland Tuesday.

The association protested the arbitrary selection of dates, but because of the necessity to conform to such dates fitted the times of other Oregon, Washington and Canada fairs around the two state expositions to make possible display features at more than one fair.

The Oregon state fair will be held at Salem, September 27 to October 2, since it is required by law that the show open on the final Monday in September. The Multnomah county fair at Gresham will open October 4 and close October 7. The Rose City association will present horse and automobile races at the Rose City speedway August 9 to 14.

The association admitted to membership the following fairs: Vancouver, Wash., Victoria, B. C., Linn county, Oregon; Lane county, Oregon; Rose City Racing association; Sherman county, Oregon. The Linn county fair has been transferred from Scio to Albany and will be considerably enlarged.

#### OLD OFFICERS REELECTED

Officers who served the association in 1919 were reelected. They are: George R. Walker, Chehalis, secretary of the Southwest Washington fair, president; W. C. Brown, Vancouver, B. C., vice-president; H. C. Brown, Portland, secretary-treasurer, Chehalis, Wash., was named as the meeting place for 1920.

Programs for Northwestern fairs will feature horse racing and in some cases automobile racing this fall. Horsemanship is determined, they declare, to restore the popularity of the race course and to present some of the best racing blood in the nation.

#### DATES FIXED FOR FAIRS

Dates set for fairs which are members of the association are:  
Portland (Rose City association), August 3-14.  
Vancouver, Wash., August 16-20.  
Southwest Washington, Chehalis, August 24-29.  
Harbor county fair, Elsie, Wash., September 2-6.  
Vancouver, B. C., September 4-11.  
Victoria, B. C., September 13-18.  
New Westminster, B. C., September 20-25.  
Washington state, Yakima, September 20-25.  
Lane county, Eugene, Ore., September 22-25.  
Oregon state, Salem, September 27-October 2.  
Oregon county, Gresham, Ore., October 4-7.  
Linn county, Albany, Or., October 6-9.  
Sherman county, Or., October 12-15.

### Bishop Praises Good Samaritan Hospital Work to Convention

The work of the Good Samaritan hospital, extolled by Bishop W. T. Sumner in his annual address before the Episcopal diocese at the Pro-Cathedral Tuesday night, and an appeal was made for funds for a new building. Then, it was said, the institution will be able to give one-half of its services free, instead of one-third, as at present.

The bishop praised the work of Dr. F. Joseph, who has headed the hospital for the last 30 years.

The work of the convention opened this morning with services at the Pro-Cathedral. The annual banquet will be held tonight at the Chamber of Commerce.

Educational work of the church was the topic chiefly considered by the women's auxiliary of the diocese Tuesday. Money was voted for an education fund for young girls who might wish to take up work in the mission field. The present officers were re-elected, Mrs. James Muckle again becoming president.

### Store System Given As Cause of H. C. L.

The high cost of living is due principally to lack of production, inflation of our currency and the luxurious system of merchandise, Professor Hudson B. Hastings of Reed college told the housewives' council Tuesday afternoon. Through the elimination of the luxurious services of the stores, Hastings said, the women might reduce the cost of products about 15 per cent.

### Commissioners Mann And Bigelow Oppose 1-Way Traffic Plan

Will J. Lester, president of the Garage and Repairmen's association, and Commissioners Bigelow and Mann declared their opposition to the one-way traffic plan now proposed for Portland in talks before the Kiwanis club Tuesday noon at the Benson hotel. Lester announced that he is for the one-way principle, but the present ordinance offered. Bigelow and Mann insist that conditions can be remedied by strict enforcement of present regulations and removal of trucks from the downtown district during the congested period.

C. C. Hindman of the National Safety council supported the ordinance.

### RAILWAYS PROMISE MORE EMPTY CARS

#### Congressman Sinnott Gets Word From Administration That Relief Is in Sight for Shippers.

Washington, Jan. 28.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Brice Claggett, assistant to Director General Hines of the railroad administration, has written in length to Congressman Sinnott in explanation of the difficulties of car supply in the Pacific Northwest, concerning which different members of the Oregon delegation have received numerous complaints.

"The inbound loading is much less than the outbound," he says, "and as a result it is necessary to haul empty into that district more than one half of the cars required. This difficulty was enhanced in the year 1919 as against 1918 on account of a decrease of more than 20,000 cars in the west bound loaded movement. Another factor this last year was an increase of more than 25,000 cars in the local east bound business. In other words, these two items alone required the movement of over 45,000 more cars westbound last year in order to supply an equivalent number of cars in that territory."

After stating the factors which have caused trouble in detail, Mr. Claggett says:

"It is impossible of course to say what conditions will confront us during the balance of the winter, but at present the supply of cars available for the Pacific Northwest and their movement west bound is very much better than it has been at any time for 60 days. There is an improved movement of empty cars to the northwestern region railroads, and this will be followed by a better movement to the territory west of the Rocky mountains.

"So long as weather conditions continue favorable we should be able to continue a good west bound movement of empty cars, and while it is never safe to make predictions, and we do not wish to make optimistic statements that will not be fulfilled, we feel certain we will be able to provide a very much improved car supply in the Pacific Northwest for general distribution."

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### 'DUTCH PETE' IS ARRESTED AS MAN WHO KILLED CLARK

#### Authorities Say Evidence Is Conclusive That McMinnville Patrolman Wounded by Stroff.

Peter Stroff, aged 45, familiarly known as "Dutch Pete," and said to have had well founded plans for the robbery of the Hillsboro, Or., post office, has been arrested, charged with shooting Night Patrolman Jeff E. Clark of McMinnville, early on the morning of July 5.

Stroff, alleged to be a general "bad man," was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Beckman in a rooming house at Second and Salmon streets, and was immediately delivered to Sheriff Henderson of Yamhill county. He is lodged in the county jail at McMinnville, where he protests his innocence. Officials declare they hold conclusive evidence that Stroff shot Policeman Clark.

#### PATROLMAN ACCOSTED

Clark was accosted on the morning of July 5, by four men in an automobile, who stopped and asked him the road to Tillamook. He had given the directions when one of the men leaned out of the machine and ordered him to throw up his hands. As he was complying a shot was fired, tearing one of Clark's hands to shreds. The automobile sped on into the darkness.

Stroff was arrested on information furnished by two boys, one of whom is in the penitentiary. Both boys tell the same story, although they have not been in communication with each other. One of them is said to have been asked to join the party, while he and Stroff were in company with a woman. The other boy claims that Stroff took him to his room and showed him the "soup," guns and other implements.

#### HAS BAD RECORD

Stroff is said by authorities to have a bad record. He is known, they say, as one of the cleverest swagmen in the Northwest. It was "Dutch Pete" Stroff who was the leader of the sensational hold-up of the O. W. R. & N. express near Montavilla in Sullivan's gulch in 1908. He was convicted on this charge and sent to prison. He was later convicted for the robbery of a store on Washington street. The proprietor of the store struggled with a masked bandit and in the skirmish the robber was shot but escaped. Stroff was later found in a local hospital with a bullet wound in his chest. Stroff is said by the store proprietor to have received four bullet wounds this summer while conducting shady operations in California.

#### Prominent Couple Wed

Medford, Jan. 28.—A wedding of much interest took place here Tuesday when Dr. McMorris M. Dow, a surgeon here for eight years, and Miss Fern Beebe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Beebe of Central Point, were married.

### Portland Loses Big Bridge Job; Wages High, Say Employers

Handicapped by a higher wage scale than Middle West employers pay, the Northwest Bridge & Iron company of Portland lost to the American Bridge company after competitive bidding on the construction of a 604 foot steel bridge over the Sustina river, Alaska, according to a statement made today by officers of the company.

The Alaska Engineering commission recently opened bids which it had called for on the construction of the Sustina span, a part of the Alaska railroad system. The Northwest Bridge & Iron company bid from Portland was second lowest. Its acceptance, the company declares, would have brought to Portland \$75,000 in payroll money.

### Fire Marshal Gives Own Blood to Save Wounded Brother

If Patrolman Ernest Grenfell, accidentally shot Sunday night, recovers from his wound, it will be largely because of the blood sacrifice of his two brothers, Fire Marshal Ed Grenfell submitted to an operation at St. Vincent's hospital on Monday so that his wounded brother could obtain needed blood. Tuesday another brother, Tom Grenfell, submitted to a similar operation.



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