

UNIFICATION FOR ALL CITIES IS ADVOCATED

System Simplifies Freight Shipments and Reduces Damage to Property Near Right-of-Way.

By Charles H. Cheney
Consultant Portland City Planning Commission
The importance of early unification of railroad lines and service in cities and the prevention of further duplication and waste has been for a long time appreciated by both the carriers and by city officials.

This committee consisted of Nelson P. Lewis, chief engineer of the city of New York, and president of the national conference on city planning; Colonel William J. Wilgus, chief engineer, New York Central railroad; and other railroad consulting engineers.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

1. Unified control and operation of all standard railroad lines within the limits of any city is essential both to the convenience of the public. It should be brought about with as little delay as possible, at the same time providing opportunities for expansion both of trackage and terminals in connection with a well considered plan of city development.

DRAINAGE RAILROADS

2. The present wasteful and needless duplication of lines and terminals inside the city limits cannot be permitted to continue. Many cities can show millions of dollars spent in unnecessary duplication of passenger stations when the same sums expended in added industrial lines would have increased both the business of the carriers and the prosperity of the city.

SHIPPERS MAINTAIN WAREHOUSES

3. All shippers within the city should be free from dependence on one road for care. In some cities shippers now have to maintain in addition to their own warehouses on a second line in order to insure prompt delivery of cars on the first line.

PROPERTY BLIGHTED

4. Adequate expanded classification and freight rates must be provided in every city as part of its future plan as an adjunct of industrial development. These yards should have long areas uninterfered by grade crossings and preferably located at one side of or on the outskirts of the city, away from the probable expansion of business and main street in the future.

RELATION OF RAILROADS TO STREETS

5. The relation of the railroads to the street system of the city should be carefully worked out. The value of the railroad to the prosperity and the very life of the city should be recognized.

COOPERATION NECESSARY

6. The fullest cooperation between the city and the railroad is necessary to make the facilities in these zones most useful in the development of business. Once such zones are established both railroads and shippers can feel safe in concentrating large investments for permanent ultimate service, not otherwise justified.

NEW CLEAN APPETIZING

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LUNCH AND DINNER
A La Carte Service from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m.—Plate Luncheon 40c. 11 to 12
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Eighth Measure to Be Voted for School Tax

Nine propositions, five proposed amendments to the state constitution and four proposed statutes, have been submitted by the special session of the legislature for approval or rejection by the voters of Oregon at the special election to be held May 21.

The eighth measure on the ballot of the special election is the "State Elementary School Fund Tax." It provides, in short, that "in addition to provisions for the support of the public schools of the state now provided by law," there shall be levied an annual tax of 2 mills on the dollar of the total assessed value of the state.

PRESENT LAWS EXTENT

The law now provides that each county shall levy, annually, for the support and maintenance of its public schools, such a sum as will provide not less than \$10 per capita for all children resident within the county between the ages of 4 and 20 years, the school age. The school population, as estimated by the superintendent of public instruction, for the state at large, totals 209,813.

SPECIAL LEVIES NOT INCLUDED

In considering the subject and the application of the proposed 2-mill levy, it must be kept in mind that these special levies do not take into consideration the special school levies, or the funds derived therefrom, which special levies form the bulk of the money raised by taxation for school purposes. Turning now to the proposed 2-mill tax, and calculating the sum which would flow from the present total assessed valuation of the state—\$990,435,472—it is seen that it would produce an annual fixed millage appropriation of \$1,980,864.

16. In cities which have water-borne commerce, whether coast or inland ports, rail and water terminals should be considered as a single rather than as separate problems.

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Gilbert E. Hamaker, chairman of the Democratic county central committee of Multnomah county, filed suit Saturday afternoon against the Journal Publishing company, alleging that he had been libeled by reason of an editorial published by the Journal in its issue of May 10, and asking damages in the sum of \$300,000, together with costs and disbursements of the action.

In his complaint Hamaker alleges that he has been a resident of Multnomah county for more than nine years, during which time he has practiced law; that he has sustained a good name and reputation during that time for honesty and integrity among his acquaintances, friends, patrons and the general public; that for the past two years he has been duly elected, qualified and acting chairman of the Democratic county central committee of Multnomah county; that as such official it has been his duty to look after the best interests of the Democratic party; and that as such official he has had the respect, confidence and esteem of the members of the Democratic party and the citizens of Oregon, and particularly of Multnomah county, up to and until the publication of the "false, malicious and libelous charges of the defendant."

MULTNOMAH IS CITED

What would result from the operation of the proposed statute? The defendant best illustrated by its application to the financing of Multnomah county's schools, which include the Portland public schools, the largest district in the state requiring the most money to operate. The school population of Multnomah county totals 62,025. The state school tax money received amounted this year to \$623,371, or very few dollars in excess of the \$10 minimum required by statute. The district received \$120,948 from the appropriation of the school fund interest account, bringing the total of \$744,319 of state aid for the county as a whole.

There was levied, and will be collected, special levies within the county in the total sum of \$2,739,845. This includes the special levy of \$2,715,736 made in District 1, Portland, and this Portland total in turn includes the amount flowing from the salary bill initiated by the teachers and approved at the special election of June 1919.

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8 Reasons Given for Girls Leaving Home

San Francisco, May 15.—(I. N. S.)—There are eight reasons "why girls leave home." This was the declaration of Dr. James L. Gordon in a sermon at the First Congregational church. The reasons are these: To see the world. To secure an education. For financial gain and advantage. Because the boys in the family receive more consideration than the girls. To secure the social recognition that is denied them in a town or village. Because of the lack of tact on the part of parents. To relieve the heart of a great sorrow. Sometimes, but not often, to cover up a mistake or blunder.

Pigs Run Wild When They Fill Up on Wine

Pinole, Cal., May 15.—(I. N. S.)—The lowly porker generally is an object of contempt. But three pigs were regarded as heroes in the district here in a town when they painted the town red for an hour or two. The property of Antonio Campese, the three porkers became the sole beneficiaries of a barrel of wine dumped into their pen by stern federal officers who confiscated it from Antonio. The pigs ran amuck and were captured only with difficulty.

Four Days by Skis, Two Hours by Aero

North Park, Col., May 15.—(I. N. S.)—J. H. Dickens, wealthy rancher, consumed four days in journeying from his snowbound home here to Denver on skis and by sled, so he decided to "make up for lost time" on the return trip. Leaving Denver at 8 o'clock this morning, in an airplane, Dickens arrived home shortly after 10 a. m., consuming little more than two hours in the 80-mile flight.

Jingle of Gold Is Once More Heard

San Francisco, May 15.—(I. N. S.)—The jingle of gold is heard again in the mint here as again turning out gold coins. Eagles and double eagles are being coined, but no \$5 gold pieces. Dealers in the hearts of all Californians and all Westerners the \$5 coins once so familiar before the invasion of paper money will again be heard in the streets. It is expected the number to be turned out will be 100,000.

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