

S. P. PRESIDENT DECLARES COURT RULING HARMFUL

That the supreme court in ordering dissolution of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific interests has not considered the possible consequences to follow whenever the interstate commerce commission takes jurisdiction under the transportation act of 1920, is the opinion of William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific company, in a statement received by the local offices Monday.

Because of the decision, which Sproule said wholly disregarded public welfare, he has seen "proper notice for direct appeal to federal and state commissions to merge through the power vested in them, the maintenance of the operation of the Southern Pacific-Central Pacific system as a unit justified by experience of the people served and if necessary that a new power might well be created for this purpose by appropriate legislation."

In discussing the decree divorcing the Central Pacific and Southern Pacific, Sproule said that some of the leading facts in the situation should be laid before the public, which he claimed is affected as vitally as the Southern Pacific.

It is pointed out in the Sproule statement that there is sufficient evidence that the Central Pacific and Southern Pacific were held in common ownership as early as 1870 and that both lines were declared in violation of the Sherman act, which was not passed until 1890, which was five years after the Central Pacific was leased by the Southern Pacific.

MERGER IS DENIED
A review of the negotiations between the two companies is made to show that there has been no merger, but on the contrary that the two roads have grown and developed from a common root into a single unit of growth and service throughout half a century.

Results of this common growth have been outlined as follows:
"Everything that has been done had behind it the backing of public desire with the approval of congress for the development of the resources of California, Oregon and the other Pacific coast states. If the same urgent work had to be done again under the same public aspect, the same set of railroads would again be brought into existence, and if done under a single corporate name as well as single operating control there would now be no debate. So I conceive that the only question of present interest to the public is whether or not the public is hurt by having this development done by a single control under two corporate names instead of having it done by single control with a single corporate name."

SEEN PUBLIC HARM
"This single unit can now be separated into two units only by a process of disintegration and tearing into confused remnants of railroad, neither of which can function of itself. Therein would lie a new and real restraint of trade."

Further the report said: "That since the suit in question was begun in 1914 that the situation needs to be dealt with in the light of present conditions and not the conditions that prevailed from 1885 to 1899."

"The public commissions now have power over rates, service extensions and lease of securities by the railroads to protect the general public interest, and that the transportation act of 1920 is designed to meet present conditions."

"The tentative growing of railroad systems by the interstate commerce

Spirit World Takes to Art Childish Messages No More

By Raymond Clapper
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New York, June 12.—The spirits have given up talking and the writing of messages from the dead to take up art, if Walter M. Grant, in charge of the collection of "automatic paintings" now on exhibition at the Anderson galleries, has not been imposed on by some unusually clever fakera.

Grant has a hundred canvases on display which are said to have been done under spirit control by persons who had never painted a stroke before.

This exhibit has set the entire art colony debating whether the genius of the spirit world have outgrown their childish "mamma loves you" kind of messages and taken up art seriously, or whether somebody has outdone the famous Madame Palladino and hoodwinked the art critics.

The pictures range from simple geometric designs to the most complicated compositions done in vivid oils. One large painting, depicting the Spanish court in its sixteenth century splendor, was done upside down by Mrs. Helen Wells, under the control, she said of Ewald, an Italian artist who lived many centuries ago. She also did several flower studies under Ewald's control.

"I don't know a thing about art," said Mrs. Wells. "But I did do those pencil drawings of flowers. They are Italian flowers, as I learned from some Italian workmen who came to my house afterward. They called them all-spice blossoms and managua, which was what Ewald told me they were."

Mrs. Wells said the spirit directing her usually ordered her to places dots at certain points on her canvases and then filled them in.

commission (in which the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific remain together) tends to remedy the unfortunate legal situation presented by the Sherman act standing alone. The grouping indicated by the commission provides the remedy by which one of the principal transportation systems of the country need not be torn asunder.

ASKS PUBLIC SUPPORT
"Positive support of public opinion is needed in working out the problem to such a constructive conclusion as will allow this railroad system to remain at the service of the public, for whom it was designed and built. The public has nothing to gain by breaking up these properties; they stand only to lose by the complications that would follow."

"Even a technical violation of the Sherman act is of small detriment to the public when compared with the large and extended service given to that public by the present railroad system of the Southern Pacific company under existing regulative control. The commissions, state and federal, are endowed with all the powers necessary to make that control potent and complete."

Astoria to Have Sports on July 3

Astoria, June 12.—Though Astoria will have no formal celebration of the Fourth of July, a number of business men are backing an athletic carnival to be held July 3. Loggers' sports will afford the principal features, log rolling and log bucking being two of the premier events. Foot races, tugs of war, boxing matches and baseball games are being arranged. The only organized Fourth of July

Many of the visitors who crowded into the gallery to see the strange exhibit gathered around a small landscape drawn in five minutes by Miss Marian Spore, a young woman in her twenties, who is a dentist and a graduate of the University of Michigan. She is a trim, business-like, young woman, who never went in for art. Then one day a spirit, who declined to disclose his identity, put her to work.

"When I went to buy materials I had no idea what to get," Miss Spore said. "For a long time I tried to draw on glazed paper, which would not take color. I mixed my water colors in a pail. Then the spirits began to direct even my buying. They chose only imported colors—very expensive for me. Later, I am glad to say, they are getting more economical."

JUST DAUBS OF OIL
She has done a group of Oriental temples in brilliant scarlet, gold and blue, which resemble the work of the great Russian, Roerich.

Miss Spore also has developed a new technique which is the marvel of artists who have seen it. She has been able to build up canvases which are virtually bas-reliefs by patiently putting one daub of oil on top of another.

Artists interested in color combinations were attracted to the work of a housekeeper, Miss Emily Talmadge, with red, blue and yellow crayons she achieved color effects which Dr. Grant said artists have been trying for years to get. Her control is a Scotch architect named McNab.

"I know very little myself about psychic phenomena," Dr. Grant said, "but I cannot explain this work except by spirit control. None of these persons have worked with color before."

celebration planned thus far for Clatsop county will be the all-county picnic domestication at the John Jacob Astor experiment station on the Waluiki river.

Woman, 78, Hurt When Struck by Rider of Bicycle

Mrs. A. F. Sanders, 78, Ostrander, Wash., suffered a sprain and several bruises when she was struck by a bicycle Monday near Sixth and Stark streets. She was treated at the emergency hospital, where her condition was reported not serious.

While stepping out of her automobile at Tenth and Market streets Monday, Mrs. J. J. Slater, Elmwood apartments, fell to the pavement and dislocated her shoulder. She was taken to Good Samaritan hospital for treatment.

Ask Death Penalty For Hara's Assassin

Tokio, June 12.—(I. N. S.)—Dissatisfied with the sentence of life imprisonment passed on Nakaoka, young slayer of Premier Hara, the procurator, or government prosecutor, has appealed, asking death be imposed.

POSTAL LEAGUE FORMED

Chehalis, Wash., June 12.—The Lewis County Welfare league was organized by third and fourth class postmasters and rural carriers of Lewis county. L. I. Walrath of Mineral was named president and Miss Letta Schultz of Toledo secretary.

OREGON CAVES TO DRAW THOUSANDS PRESENT SUMMER

Oregon caves are being advertised the country over, and a great influx of visitors is expected this summer with the opening of the new automobile road leading to the caves, says C. J. Buck, assistant district forester in charge of recreation, who has just returned from the caves.

"Grants Pass is planning a grand opening June 28, when the road will be complete," said Buck. "A permit has been issued to R. McIvreen of Medford to conduct a lunch room and a small store at the caves this summer. He will also furnish lights and coveralls for the visitors to the caves."

A wonderful improvement in the method of going through the caves has been effected by Guido E. A. Rowley, said Buck. Steel ladders now replace the old wooden ones, and the passages have been enlarged so that one can walk upright much of the way. Some of the openings Rowley enlarged with powder, but others he chiseled out so as not to injure the limestone formations.

"Oregon Caves are beginning to attract as much attention as Crater Lake," said Buck, "and inquiries are coming from as far east as New York from persons who expect to visit them this year."

Elder Shade Steps Out to Corral Few Laurels Himself

C. W. Shade, father of the three fighting Shade brothers, one of whom, Billy, is middleweight, light-heavyweight and heavyweight boxing champion of Australia, and another of whom, Dave, well known in Portland, is a contender for the world's welterweight crown, went out for a few rough house laurels himself Monday morning.

The elder Shade's auto ran afoul of one driven by H. L. Christenson at Madison and Broadway streets, and Christenson, not being satisfied with Shade's apology and explanation, called Patrolman Robertson, with the result that Shade was booked at the police station for driving while intoxicated. Shade was released on \$100 bond.

Shade is making a short stop in Portland en route to his home in California from the East, where the Shade boys have been making much money with their prowess as glove wielders.

Astoria-Seaside Schedule Is Made For Rail Motor

Service of the rail motor car recently purchased by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway will be established Friday between Astoria, Seaside and intermediate points, making two trips daily in each direction.

According to the schedule announced Monday by R. H. Crozier, assistant general passenger agent of the railway, the car will leave Seaside at 8:45 a. m. and arrive at Astoria at 9:40 a. m.; leave Astoria at 10:15 a. m. and arrive at Seaside at 11:10 a. m.; leave Seaside at 1:35 p. m. and arrive

at Astoria at 2:30 p. m.; leave Astoria at 3:30 p. m. and arrive at Seaside at 4:25 p. m.

Operation of the motor car in conjunction with regular passenger train service will offer seven trains daily between Seaside and Astoria. The motor car seats 40 persons. It is propelled by a motor truck engine and is equipped with both compressed air and hand brakes.

ALL IN CLASS PASS
Ridgefield, Wash., June 12.—The school at Pioneer, four miles east of here, had a 100 per cent graduating class of eight girls and four boys. All

passed the state examination with high honors. The members were: Ruth Zimmerly, Dorothy Greely, Ebba Bjur, Ellen Whitte, Eva Simmons, Lillian Harris, Rose Parsons, Virginia Blair, Edgar Wood, Vernon Carney, Carl Hardt and Harold Watkins.

VANCOUVER MEN PREACH
Ridgefield, Wash., June 12.—The pulpit of the Ridgefield Community church was filled by the Rev. C. C. Curtis of the Christian church at Vancouver, Sunday morning, and H. E. Doris, a Vancouver layman of the Christian church, in the evening.

S. Bolton Urged For Postal Place At The Dalles

The Dalles, Or., June 12.—A message from Congressman N. J. Sinnott Monday announced that Simeon Bolton had been recommended for the position of postmaster here. Bolton stood first in the civil list of the nine candidates for the job, it was declared.

where he has lived most of his life. He was county auditor of Klickitat county, Washington, at Goldendale, and also county assessor here. Later he was successively deputy county clerk and county clerk of Wasco county for 14 years. He has also been on the school board and the water board.

SIX WHO SAVE (Six little character sketches from the teller's window.)

THE SIXTH MOTHER

During the first few days of my new job at this window Mother turned up. From my old place I had seen her many times as she came here, but had never thought to ask about it. She seemed a little embarrassed.

"Why! I didn't know that this was your new window, son."

—and then she confessed.

"Well, it's just a little savings account in your name that I sometimes drop a dollar or so into. I started the habit when you were a baby."

—and so I have two accounts at my own window now, and some day I hope to do something fine for Mother with the one of them.

One is close to Life at this window. Somehow when I go home at night I feel that all's well with the world.

(The End.)

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