

S. P. NOT TO BE INCLUDED

Strike Settlement Not Participated in, Says General Manager Dyer

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 14.—J. H. Dyer, general manager of the Southern Pacific, when asked if the Southern Pacific participated in the separate settlement strike conference between some of the railroads and representatives of the striking shop crafts at Chicago yesterday, said today:

"We did not participate in this conference and are not concerned in what it did. We have had no dealings with our old shop organizations or their representatives since they went on strike against the decision of the United States railroad board and quit the service of this company July 1. Neither do we intend to."

"Those who refused to strike and those who entered our service as new men have the assurance of the management of protection in their rights, privileges and seniority. Those still on strike who have not been guilty of inciting disorder or committing known acts of violence may to the extent that they are needed enter our service as new men."

"In accordance with resolutions passed by the labor board, Southern Pacific shop crafts have organized the Shopcrafts Protective League, have appointed committees and the organization now numbers about 85 per cent of the eligible membership. The company has entered into contractual relations with this new organization and our relations and dealings in this respect are now with this new organization."

TARIFF TO BE READY FOR PRESIDENT HOOD

declared there was no question about the adoption of the conference report which would pave the way for senate action.

Want Treaties Upheld

When the senate was advised officially today of the action yesterday of the house in sending the bill back to conference, there was brief discussion. Senator Moses, Republican of New Hampshire, presented a letter from Acting Secretary of State Phillips in which it was stated that the provision of the tariff to secure protection of trademarks to persons domiciled in the United States who have registered trade marks in the United States patent office would be in contravention of the convention for the protection of industrial property signed by the United States and most of the European nations in 1911.

Senator Moses expressed the hope that the senate conferees would take cognizance of this situation and "not bring in a bill that will make our treaties mere scraps of paper."

SHOPMEN PLAN TO RETURN TODAY

H. Smith of the New York Central agreed to meet the system officials of the shop crafts on his lines tomorrow.

No official of the system, however, would discuss the subject-matter of the Chicago agreement or the purpose of the meeting tomorrow.

Dark Clouds Appear. F. D. Underwood, president of the Erie, declared that the strike was "crumbling" and that his

road at present was not considering entering into negotiations for a settlement with its striking shopmen. C. H. Stein, general manager of the Central railroad of New Jersey, declared his road would not even consider a settlement proposal of the Chicago terms.

BRUMFIELD TO BE CREMATED IN PORTLAND

visited the undertaking establishment of Rigdon & Son to view the body of the dead slayer.

Letters Too Late. Several letters addressed to Brumfield arrived at the state penitentiary yesterday morning and will be forwarded unopened to Mrs. Brumfield.

Prison authorities have discovered nothing more about Brumfield's vacant cell that bears on the suicide.

One of the postscripts to Brumfield's farewell letter to Warden Lewis has caused much comment here and speculation as to its meaning. This postscript reads: "I recently lost my best friend. He is dead, yet alive, and will come, again some day, and this will all be straightened out."

Eugene C. Halley, deputy warden of the prison, believes Brumfield had reference to Elvie D. Kerby, alias James Owens, who with John L. Rathie, was hanged last July 7 for complicity in the killing of Sheriff T. L. Taylor of Pendleton.

Friendly to Kerby

"Brumfield not only was very friendly to Kerby," said Halley, "but admired him. He believed Kerby was an unusual man. When Kerby was led away from his cell to the execution chamber, Brumfield, with much show of sorrow, told him good bye."

The fact that this postscript was part of the letter to Warden Lewis and not the letter to Mrs. Brumfield, indicates that Brumfield had in mind some inmate of the prison. There are other persons who believe Brumfield's reference to a friend he had lost was the yagary of an insane mind, while others consider it a continuation to the last of his efforts to feign insanity.

Berry Growers Take Case To State Supreme Court

Notice of appeal to the state supreme court was filed yesterday by the defendants in the case of the Oregon Growers Cooperative association vs. August and Benjamin Lentz. The appeal follows an order handed down August 31 by Judge Bingham enjoining defendants from delivering loganberries from their 19-acre ranch near Salem to others than the plaintiff.

Counsel for the defense claims the contract with the Oregon Growers is not enforceable, the theory being that it is in restraint of trade. The contract out of which the injunction suit grew was to hold until January 1, 1925.

TEAM KILLS FARMER

LEBANON, Or., Sept. 14.—William J. Mitchell, a farmer aged 60 years, died here today from injuries received when a runaway team owned by his son ran over him with a wagon.

COMPANY MUST SEND IN DATA

First of Questionnaires Sent by Commission to Phone Company

The first of a series of questionnaires that will be sent by the public service commission to the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company to contain data preparatory to the rate rehearing to begin October 2 has been prepared and is designated as Schedule A. It deals mainly with the finances of the company.

Questionnaire Long One. The questionnaire is a lengthy one. Its first heading is "Capitalization." Under this heading the commission asks for a statement as of date of appraisal showing par value of amount of authorized capital stock; amounts of each issue and total issues; amounts advanced each year, since June 30, 1913, by customers or others for extension of plant facilities; amounts paid and payable to the state or any municipality on account of any franchise, or privilege other than the right to be a corporation; copies of all municipal franchises held by the company, and also much information in detail bearing on these general requests.

All Exchanges Covered. Another heading is "Additions to Value for Rate Making Purposes." Under this heading a statement is demanded showing financial details for each exchange in the state of Oregon. Another statement is requested showing, by interstate commerce commission accounts, for each year the gross additions, retirements, resulting net additions and total net additions since December 31, 1917, for the utility property in Oregon. Similar statements are demanded relative to the telephone utility property, exclusive of toll, in the cities of Portland, Salem, Eugene, Oregon City, Corvallis and Albany. Another detailed statement is asked concerning the acquisition of the properties owned and controlled by the Home Telephone & Telegraph company of Portland.

Other Statements Asked. Other statements are asked relating to operating revenues, expenses, deductions from net operating revenue, income statements, and treatment of depreciation of the Oregon property.

THREE TOWNS JOIN IN ROAD CELEBRATION

with the West Side highway at Newberg, making an alternate route for the north and south traffic of the valley, and giving an ideal road service for heavy travel.

Late at Silverton. It was expected that Mayor L. G. Eastman of Silverton would address the cavalcade there at his own home town, at 1:30, but the tardy and piece-meal arrival of the tourists made it impossible to hold a public meeting there.

Silverton is still waiting for its part of the big road program. The three and one-half miles over to Mt. Angel is still unpaved, though it has been twice carefully graded and heavily graveled, and it is a good macadam road. The citizens are hoping that the county will pave this section as soon as possible. They joined in the celebration, Thursday, partly to show this one lacking road to the celebrants.

Girls Greet With Songs. From Silverton the caravan drove through Mt. Angel, making a short detour through the grounds of the young women's

academy, where the girls greeted them with songs and smiles. Good roads mean a lot to young people—more, perhaps, than to the old fellows who have gotten used to the muddy tramp when they must and staying at home when they can. Driving on down through the streets of Mt. Angel, the houses were found almost all decorated with flags and banners and resounding with cheers; and the engines and cars sounded whistles and bells and gongs and honks. It was all kinds of luck that there was no fire alarm in the town during the afternoon, for the city fire department, in its fire truck and uniforms, was at the head of the procession, second only to the Mt. Angel band in a big truck that carried rafts of tinsel music.

Woodburn Adds to Crowd. At Woodburn, a large number of autos joined the procession that soon headed back for Mt. Angel. There was no public program in Woodburn, though most of the business houses closed their doors during the time the visitors were in town. The public schools opened their doors, and hundreds of school children were on the streets to see the parade.

Going back to Mt. Angel, the procession headed directly up the college, on the top of the most wonderful building site in the whole west. Nature laid out that splendid site for temples and colleges. It is like Mount Olympus and the fabled demigods of the dim, heroic age. That beautiful wooded hill, crowned with its fine stone buildings and its long established temple of learning, is a revelation to Oregon. Most of the guests took the occasion to go through the college buildings, especially to visit the extensive museum, and some watched the football boys go through about the most strenuous first-of-the-season practice that anybody ever followed. The college opened for the year this week, and the halls are a good deal cluttered up with new students and new supplies and new everything.

Mayor Webb Welcomes Guests. Returning to the city, the celebration exercises proper were held at the public school building. An address of welcome was first given from the outside steps by Mayor J. E. Webb, in which he thanked the people for coming to join in the city's jubilation over a big event in its history. He hoped they would come again and have many celebrations. The other exercises were held in the beautiful auditorium of the school which is also the general community center hall for the city.

Dean Smith, city recorder, as presiding officer, first called upon Rev. George Henriksen, president of the Silverton Community club, as representing his community in the triangular celebration. The speaker emphasized the need of brotherly feeling and of better roads to encourage travel and acquaintance.

"I feel sorry for the community that thinks it can live alone," he said. "The ambition of too many townspeople used to be only to get hold of a store and sell enough to live off the country around. Now, the townspeople know that they depend on the country, and they are trying to do their part in a fine industrial partnership."

Silverton Prosperous. He said that Silverton was extremely prosperous, and that its continuing prosperity would be due to establishing proper relations with all its neighbors.

John Hunt of Woodburn, representing his home town in the highway jubilee, said that the day of good roads had come to stay, that nobody would ever be satisfied with the old roads. He was announced to speak on "The Trails of the Past," but he understood it as "Trials of the Past." He counted the bad roads at the greatest of the old-time evils, and he rejoiced that their trial was passing into the limbo of the almost forgotten. He stated that Oregon leads the nation in percentage of paved roads to population and state wealth, and that Marion county is second in the banner state of Oregon on a like comparison.

Bushey Reviews Task. Judge W. M. Bushey was introduced as "The Father of Good Roads in Marion County." He spoke at some length, tracing the movement of the road building program, what the people wanted and were getting in the way of a continuing program, and what it is costing them. The county has 1250 miles of roads, of which about 900 miles are drained and graded and graveled. Most of the remaining mileage is on more or less private roads, little used. The state has 33 miles of state-built highway in the county.

"These roads cost a lot of money," said the speaker. "Last year we spent about \$600,000, and about the same for one or two other years just preceding. But the people seem to be pleased with the results."

The idea used to prevail that anybody could build roads. When we started in to grade up the roads with the really big machines, they used to tell us that we would have to scrape the dirt all back to where we took it from. But the drained and graveled roads, to be followed by the paved surface as fast as the county can build it, have shown that road-making is a science and not a guess."

Community Spirit Enhanced. Judge Bushey was repeatedly applauded as the audience caught his important statements. Especially did the idea that the road-

building, as far as possible, is being done by the people of the respective communities, to give them a sense of proprietorship and a personal pride in their building and good maintenance, get a vociferous hand.

Mayor George Halvorsen, speaking for Salem, congratulated the Mt. Angel people on their exuberant, constructive community spirit as shown in their public buildings, their road enthusiasm, and their royal reception to their neighbors on the occasion of this celebration. He spoke of the value of the schools, saying that where each care was taken to educate the young, the next generation would certainly live on in atmosphere of progress.

Some Luncheon This. Lunch was served in the domestic science dining room of the school to several hundred guests, home made sandwiches, hot from the home mint, bubbling coffee and cream, a foot thick, and half-pound pears and red-cheeked apples by the bushel, were passed out to the throng. It was a lavish spread, worthy the hospitality of the Community club that served it.

Following the supper, Hal Patton was called on for a speech in the name of the Cherrians, a dozen of whom were present in uniform. He made it in as fine a three-minute tribute to Judge Bushey, fate of the Marion county road system, as any public servant ever could hope to earn. The crowd applauded it to the echo.

Chairman Booth Heard. Chairman R. A. Booth, of the state highway commission, was a guest of the evening, and spoke briefly of the problems of the road builders, and of the response the people have made to their untiring efforts. Mr. Booth has been repeatedly referred to as "the foremost citizen of the state; because of his unselfish service in educational advancement and especially in the present herculean road-building tasks. The people of Mt. Angel appreciated his coming in a rousing reception.

Jenkins Leads Singing. Walter Jenkins, song leader of Portland, led the crowd in some rousing songs. It doesn't matter whether a man can or can't sing when Jenkins gets after him, he does sing, and that's a fact. The echoes are still rolling around the steady college hill, from the magnificent volume of song that Jenkins got from that crowd. Some other interesting musical numbers were presented were much appreciated.

That market-road loop is a drive worth taking, to see why they celebrate.

Patlowa reports the loss of three trunks of music. As it was about all jazz, the grief will not become an international affair.

PLATFORM WILL BE APPROVED

Republicans to Meet in Portland on September 26 for Adoption

CORVALLIS, Or., Sept. 14.—(Special To The Statesman)—The Republican state central committee, under instructions from legislative and senatorial committees, senatorial hold-overs, state committeemen and other leading Republicans from every county in Oregon, has called a meeting of the party to be held in Portland September 26 for the purpose of adopting a set of principles telling the voters for what the party stands in the coming campaign.

Many Delegates Expected. Delegates to the meeting will consist of all Republican legislative and senatorial candidates, and hold-over senators, state and congressional committeemen, all Republican county chairmen and vice chairmen, and all Republican county officers and Republican candidates for county office.

A committee was appointed at a meeting held in Eugene Saturday to draft a set of resolutions for submission to the convention. Senator Bruce Dennis of La Grande was made chairman of the committee, and any Republican having any suggestions of "planks" to offer, is invited to send the same to Mr. Dennis, but all such planks must be submitted before noon of September 25.

Imperial to be Quarters. Headquarters for the convention will be at the Imperial hotel and the place for holding the meeting will be announced in the press.

This convention is the result of a trip through the state of the officers of the new Republican state central committee, Chairman Toose and Secretary C. E. Ingalls. They have visited every county in the state and organized the county committees. At a meeting held in Pendleton of eastern Oregon Republicans it was decided to hold a state wide meeting for the purpose of adopting a platform providing the plan met with the approval of the Republicans of the First and Third congressional districts. This meeting was held at Eugene Saturday and the plan was unanimously approved.

Platform Important. "I think it is very important," said Chairman Toose, "for the Republican party to have a platform upon which its state candidates should run. This will enable the

Republicans of the state to know what they are voting for, and will fix definitely the responsibility of the fulfilling of all promises made to the people. As it is now, there are 76 different platforms by as many different candidates, and hence no organized responsibility. This in a large measure has been the cause of many unnecessary tax measures. We propose to hold the party responsible for legislation and we believe we will thereby get better legislation."

Support Pledged. The Eugene meeting was an enthusiastic one, delegates from every county pledging support to Governor Oicott in his campaign for re-election. The governor was present and made an address at the evening banquet, which was well spoken of by the delegates present. He said he proposes to submit to the legislature a definite and constructive plan for tax reduction and tax equalization, and the plan will be the result of the exhaustive labors of the tax investigation committee which he appointed last winter.

CLAIM PROSPERITY DUE WITHIN SIX MONTHS

tails of the score to which the partial settlement of the strike was expected to extend. At least 35 per cent of the railroads affected by the strike have approved the Warfield-Willard-Jewell plan; they declared, while sufficient their willroads had signed their willingness to settle on this basis to bring the total to sixty-five per cent of the national mileage.

It was expected that little time would be lost in the opening of negotiations between the roads and the unions looking to actual signature of the peace pact. The only road with local headquarters, the Southern railway, announced today that such a meeting had been called for Saturday.

Strikes Are Costly. While the losses due to the coal and railroad strikes have been "considerable," Secretary Hoover said in a statement issued tonight "they are easily over-estimated."

"The estimate of current coal miners' wages lost in the five months (of strike) is not a correct basis of the estimation of the total loss," he said, "because over a period of 18 months we probably will consume approximately the same amount of coal. In other words the miners will work more days in the week and produce more in the next six or eight months than they would have had produced if there had been no strike and thus the wage roll of the next six or eight months will be larger and in a considerable degree, will compensate the loss during this suspension.

Industries May Suffer. "The real loss would lie more in the loss of productivity in in-

dustries that have, or might have to close down as a result of the coal strike. If all of our industries can be kept in motion, the loss will be much less from the coal strike than is currently estimated.

THE FLAX PULLING MACHINE PERFECT

The invention of Mr. Bertoz of Turner is now working like a charm

Joe A. Bertoz of Turner, as all his neighbors and many of the flax growers of Oregon know, is the inventor of a flax pulling machine that was tried out last year, and was described in The Statesman.

It looked like a fair success then, as demonstrated in a flax field near Turner. But there have been some improvements added, and it is a complete success now.

Working Near Duluth. W. O. Kinney, of the Multnomah Iron Works, Portland, is interested with Mr. Bertoz in the flax pulling machine, and is the manufacturer. He is now near Duluth, Minn., accompanied by Mrs. Kinney, and he has taken a contract there for pulling 100 acres of flax. With the new ideas added since last year, it is working like a charm. Drawn by a team of horses, the machine has been pulling five acres of flax a day. With a tractor, it can be made to pull eight acres. Mr. Bertoz is naturally wonderfully pleased with the complete success of his machine, and there is no doubt but it is destined to help make the Salem district the greatest flax section of the world.

Other Inventions. Mr. Bertoz is also the inventor of a flax dressing machine that gives great promise. He is also the inventor of a binder draper that is coming into large use.

He has still another invention that looks good. The patent was issued in April. It is a claw hammer that may be used by carpenters and others in driving nails that they cannot reach with both hands; also in pulling nails without the use of a block. This hammer may prove to be the most profitable of all his inventions, the hammer being a thing of almost universal daily use; but Mr. Bertoz feels more pride in his flax pulling machine, because it solves a difficult problem that has been worked upon by many men for many years, and it promises to do this part of Oregon a great deal of good in helping to develop the coming great flax industry.

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