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The Bus Business in Salem

SALEM is being furnished with a bus service of a superior type, just as fine as supplies in any city even much larger in size. The Southern Pacific Motor Transport company has put on the best type of motor bus equipment. The buses are operated strictly on schedule and run every day of the year. Responsible drivers operate them and the resources of a strong company stand behind the drivers to insure passengers and public against possible damages from bus operation.

Yet the bus business in Salem is unprofitable. The street car business before it was unprofitable. The Southern Pacific has taken a licking year after year on these urban transportation lines and done it without a whimper. Last year the reported loss was \$10,000. Salem cannot ask the S. P. to continue these losses indefinitely. What is the solution?

Should the fares be increased? That is the answer which the Portland street car lines are trying to make to their problem. But the Salem company does not propose that. It believes by operating economies and the protection of an exclusive franchise it can get out of the red on its bus business. It does not propose to put the present single competitor out of business but has already made an agreement for purchasing his business. It does ask for protection for the future so jitney operators may not come in and start a line to embarrass the big operator and force it to buy them out just to get rid of them.

As we view it, this request is not unreasonable. It is an old and established company which is making the request, one whose promises can be measured by its past performance. Salem needs street transportation; the bus lines furnish a vital service here. Were the S. P. company to withdraw we know of no other concern which would supply the same service, the same equipment, the same responsibility at the same fares. Other towns where private lines have started have had only mediocre service and equipment far below standard.

The term of the franchise is only ten years, remarkably short as such periods are usually demanded.

One of the most vital problems of modern cities is that of street transportation. Trolley lines have generally become poor investments; bus lines have rarely proven profitable. Yet the service is absolutely necessary. Salem is fortunate to have a company with the resources and standing of the Southern Pacific supplying this service. The city can well afford to grant the protection which the company asks in the way of an exclusive franchise for a ten year period.

Church in Politics

THIS session of congress was called to provide farm relief. Instead it seems to be providing relief to pent-up forces of bigotry. Senator Heflin has been indulging in his periodical vomit against the Catholic church. Senator Copeland, a Methodist and a democrat, which is a funny combination, writes his church to scold about its mixing in politics. Dr. Clarence T. Wilson for the Methodist board replies that the Catholic church has long had Washington headquarters from which it contracted senators and government officials. That sets Patrick J. Ward of the National Catholic welfare conference a-going and he says it is the Methodist board which is in party politics while the Catholic church has no political platform and does not align itself with any political party. Bishop McDowell of the Methodist church then disclaims that its board of temperance and morals engages in any lobbying and has no lobbying fund.

So now it is perfectly clear just which church is trying to run the government; the other one from that which you belong to.

The "co-op" branch operating at Winlock, Washington paid out a million dollars to its members for their egg deliveries last year. Fifteen years ago Winlock was just a station set down among the stumps. Logging and lumbering were receding industries and the town was devoid of promise. The poultry business has proven a sounder basis of prosperity than the lumber business and the prosperity has been diffused among more people, than the lumber business where the few proprietors either get wealthy or go broke and the many employes share little in the profits. The Washington poultrymen have mixed brains with their chicken feed and business with their egg-selling. The Washington "co-op" is one of the strongest business organizations in the state.

The Pennsylvania railroad is going to extend its activities. It is organizing a new corporation, the "Penroad Company" whose stock will be offered to the present stockholders in the railroad. The new company will be prepared to branch out in lines of transportation other than railroading "on land, on the sea, and in the air." What does this mean? Undoubtedly it means that the new company is going actively into air transportation, perhaps into motor bus and truck service. The railroads have spent too much time propagandizing why business should stay on two steel rails. The old Pennsylvania is waking up to modern conditions and taking to wings.

Getting a referendum petition signed up amounts to about the same as buying a list of names for direct mail advertising campaigns. You just hire George Bylander and he engages his trained petition peddlers to cover Portland corners until the desired number of names is secured. Apparently not much trouble getting signers so long as the money for the peddlers holds out. A simple remedy would be a law prohibiting the hiring of canvassers for signatures to such petitions. Then Bylander would have another job rendering the law to stop referenda.

Chairman Hawley of the house ways and means committee told the delegates attending the convention of the United States Chamber of Commerce that making a tariff bill was entirely a domestic problem. That's right. But that doesn't leave it any less a problem. Keeping the tariff-ways open for our export trade is another side of the tariff question which the priests of high protection often overlook.

The eastern cities have gone on daylight saving time. That is one crime which is spared us on the west coast. A person can get up when he wills; but people are such slaves to the clock that they seem unwilling to rise with the birds on fine spring and summer mornings. We would rather stay in bed, too.

Cooldige is to get a free fishing license in Connecticut. We know a lot of men who would be willing to be ex-presidents if they could get a free fishing license, but they would specify Oregon before they took the job.

No Washee!



Here and There:

Terse comments on Events, Local and Abroad, of the Past Week.

THE public is rightly hopeful that gasoline prices will continue lower than the 23c level which has maintained here but not at the necessary failure of many gasoline dealers. Rather, the cut should come from the wholesale price. A few weeks ago there was a general slash in gasoline prices and when the smoke cleared the general retail price had increased, rather than decreased, because wholesale prices had been shot upwards. The Richmond Oil company is out with a statement showing that its net earnings increased \$728,769 in the first quarter of 1923 or a gain of 10 per cent over the same quarter in 1922. The rate is too high and the public will not be satisfied until better retail prices exist without the necessity of dealer failures.

The Portland Retail Gasoline Dealers Protective association has sent the problem very keenly and frankly admitted its inability to cope with the situation now existing. Rural users of gasoline are buying from companies direct at 10 1/2 a gallon while the retail price to dealers in Portland stands at 16 1/2. Both the federal trade commission of Washington, D. C. and the public service commission in this city have been appealed to as arbiters and adjusters in the present situation.

OREGON, which has no tornadoes and no hurricanes, is hard pressed to be really sympathetic with its eastern neighbors where storms have taken a heavy toll of life and property. True sympathy can come only from people who have had similar experiences and many Oregonians know neither hurricane nor tornado. Of course, there are many citizens who migrated from the lands of storms and they can appreciate the disaster which has befallen a large district in the district. Oregonians should appreciate the blessings they enjoy. This is a state remarkably blessed by nature.

Postal receipts in Salem, a reliable basis for estimating city development, continue to mount. This month they were \$2900 more than in April, 1922. Postmaster Farrar reported \$19,485 on the books for April, 1923, in contrast to \$17,581 in 1922. Occasionally extra mailings from the state capital effect these figures but in April, without the legislature in session, the receipts from one year to another are a fair basis for comparison.

Hop men appear to be all "hopped up" over the organization work being carried on among their membership with the view of combatting legislation unfavorable to their interests. Of 517 growers in the state, more than 400 had signified their intention of joining the organization within five days from the time the preliminary announcement went out. Hop growers know that these are times when it takes group action to achieve results. We have associations of libert growers, of egg raisers, of chain grocers, of retail credit men, and ad infinitum. In some degree they all count. Congressmen who are wise, however, will not vote solely on the basis of the number of telegrams received. Organizations can propagandize a cause to death.

It is not preposterous to state that prune growers hope the crop will not be too large, both in relation to the tonnage of prunes outside of Oregon and on orchards here. A heavy tonnage generally means low prices due to over-production. Moreover, a heavy tonnage usually means small prunes. Prune growers like 36-40's, which means 30 to 40 prunes

to the pound for this size sells best. Big prunes are not found when the trees are too heavily loaded and consequently too heavy tonnage is not desired. This year a short crop in California and a late blooming season here makes the crop comparatively small both at home and outside the state with resultant higher prices and better net for growers.

The case of the prune is the most serious of any fruit. In war time good orchards sold for \$500 and up. Nowadays good prune orchards can be had very reasonably. Continued poor crops and low prices without an increase in the public's demand for prunes, has discouraged orchardists. One grower of prunes expressed himself as hopeful that all the poor growers would be forced out of the field, leaving the pick of the orchards to get together, organize a selling plan, pay a percentage on each pound for advertising the Oregon prune and thus to force a market. Oregon prunes are a good fruit, and have a valuable place in the diet but the public must be educated to their value. Given increased demand, the problems of prune raising are largely solved.

NEW YORK, May 6—(AP)—A former paymaster in the Mexican rebel army and his secretary who slipped through the fingers of the law in Kansas City were arrested here today in possession of a black bag containing approximately \$70,000 with which officials believed they were absconding to Spain.

With them were found a United States government official and a former United States government official, who were charged with conspiring to assist the flight. The one considered the biggest catch is Salvador Ataca the former rebel paymaster, who until recently held the gambling concessions in the Mexican state of Chihuahua with the rebel General Marcelino Caraveo, former governor of Chihuahua. His secretary is Antonio Maques.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 6.—(AP)—Sam Friedman's parking business was so rushing today he turned to city streets for space. Friedman, a candidate for mayor of Portland at the last election, operates a parking lot on a downtown corner. It filled quickly today and most of the day. Police say Friedman collected the twenty-five cent parking fee and then congested a street by utilizing space. Revocation of Friedman's license will be asked. The former candidate, police charged, has been convicted twice before for parking automobiles in the street.

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Opinions of Marion County Editors

George K. Rogers, state organizer for the Woodmen of the world, is in the city. Through efforts of Rogers and others the state board of agriculture was induced to set aside \$600 to be used as prizes for drill teams to compete during the state fair, and it is to perfect arrangements for this that he is here.

The county court has granted Supt. J. F. Calbreath of the state hospital right of way to erect a telephone line from the Sol Durbin farm, east of town, to the mill race running past the penitentiary.

Enumerators have been named for the census board as follows: Basil H. Wagner, John Stapleton, George Cochran, Jay J. McCormick, G. C. Gans, H. A. West, L. R. Stinson, Fred Minzenmeier, E. A. Mack and J. H. Penland.

REBEL PAYMASTER ARRESTED IN U. S.

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Sailors Battle For Possession Of Life Belts

CLEVELAND, May 6—(AP)—William J. Gibney, of Buffalo, a passenger on the City of Buffalo, told a story of fighting among the sailors on the ship for possession of a life preserver, while the boat was battling the storm on Lake Erie last night, on his arrival here today.

Former Police Officers Deny Any Extortion

PORTLAND, Ore., May 6.—(AP)—Pleas of not guilty to charges of attempting to extract money and assault and robbery while armed were entered today by Clifford Hayes and Ellsworth Martin, said to have been operating in the guise of detectives. They were indicted jointly with F. N. Forsythe, former Portland policeman, who was said to have been their chief in the "state detective agency." Forsythe entered a plea of not guilty some time ago.

Editors Say:

HERRICK ONCE SAVED MCKINLEY FROM RUIN
An episode in the life of Myron T. Herrick which is little known but which had far-reaching consequences is revealed by Herman H. Kohlsaat, a former newspaper man, in his book, "From McKinley to Harding." The part that Mr. Herrick played in the settlement of McKinley's debts in 1893 throws an interesting sidelight on the character of the late ambassador to France.

On February 22, 1893, Mr. Kohlsaat says, a dispatch came over the wires that a certain Robert L. Walker of Youngstown had failed, and that McKinley, who was then governor of Ohio, was on Walker's notes to the amount of \$17,000, all the money he had. It was a blow to Ohio politicians in general and more especially to Mr. Herrick and Mr. Hanna, who were interested in winning the presidential nomination for McKinley in 1896.

Mr. Kohlsaat immediately left for Cleveland, where he was met by Mr. Herrick, Mr. Hanna and Governor McKinley. The four went to the Herrick home where the affair was thrashed out. It developed that McKinley was in debt to the extent of \$130,000, more money than he had ever had. His former friend, Walker, had raised the notes which the governor had signed, yet McKinley could legally be held for the money.

None of this got into the newspapers, Mr. Kohlsaat continues, and Mr. Herrick paid a \$10,000 mortgage on the McKinley Opera House in Canton and deposited \$3,000 in the bank to cover current and subsequent bills incurred by the governor.

McKinley's political career saved by Mr. Herrick and Mr. Hanna, he begged them to show him the list of people who subscribed to the fund that they had raised. He fully intended to pay back all the money out of his salary as president and only their refusal to divulge the names kept him from doing so, the author points out.

After his election to the presidency, McKinley turned over his salary to Mr. Herrick as it came as money for him and had wellwisher the McKinley estate to more than \$200,000 when the president met his death.

Had it not been for the friendship of two Clevelanders, Myron T. Herrick and Mark Hanna, McKinley would have been ruined, both financially and politically.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

INSIST UPON AN INSPECTOR

Bulb growers of the Grants Pass district will, this day, pay a license fee ranging from \$3 for less than an acre to \$15 an acre. This license fee was prescribed in a bill passed at the last session of the state legislature, the terms of which will be fully explained by A. C. Allen, member of the state board of horticulture, at a meeting slated for Friday night at the court house.

The horticulture county is the largest bulb growing section in the state. There will be 600 acres of gladiolus bulbs and a fairly large acreage of other bulbs harvested this fall. This section will pay in license fees several thousand dollars. With portions of Jackson county now engaged in bulb culture, it is probable that the Rogue valley will contribute as much as the rest of the state in these fees.

The purpose of the bill, as far as it affects bulbs, is asserted by its backers to be for the proper inspection of all bulbs grown in the state. As long as the growers here must pay the fees they should be given the fullest possible benefit from their expenditures. A full time inspector should be placed in the valley, with headquarters at Grants Pass where he can give the inspection necessary. The funds raised from the license fees here should be expended in giving the local growers the benefits derived from frequent and competent inspection.

Growers can easily benefit from inspection. By having an inspector on the ground at all times, the growers should be able to have their bulbs certified as free from disease. This certification can be obtained only when an inspector is available to inspect the bulbs in the field.

Growers should turn out en masse Friday night to insist that the state board furnish a full-time inspector for this district. The inspector must be a man fully qualified to do the work required. The growers can accomplish this if they demand it.—Grants Pass Courier.

20 YEARS AGO
The Oregon Journal reprints an item appearing in its columns April 23, 1909.

It reads:
Klamath Falls — Four large touring cars are to carry mail and passengers between this city and Bonanza. When they are in operation the trip between Lakeriew and Klamath Falls will be made in one day. At present it takes a day and a night.

How time changes. What was once a day and a night trip to Lakeriew, is a five-hour jaunt. Is the time far distant when stages—not auto stages but air stages—will make this trip in an hour?—Klamath Falls Herald.

BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS
Shades of Harry Scott!
The Oregonian in its report of the Champeog celebration of last Saturday was made to say that Joe Meek was the first Oregon delegate in congress.

Also, the question was raised as to the year of the disaster to the immigrants who followed the guidance of Stephen Meek in attempting to find the so-called "Meek cut-off" into the Willamette valley in 1847.

Harry Scott left historical writings, edited by his son, Leslie Scott, that would upon perusal set right almost any question about the early settlement of the Oregon Country and the identity and record of the men and women who took leading parts in the developments of those great days of our history.

There was a statement made from the platform at the Champeog meeting of Saturday, by a man who ought to know better, that Samuel Simpson's poem, "The Beautiful Willamette," was written at Champeog. That undying allegory of human life might have been written at almost any point on the beautiful river—

It would puff up the pride of a Salemite to think it was written in the capital city, where Sam Simpson graduated from Willamette university. But it was not. The poem was written at Albany, and first published, under the heading, "Ad Willamettam," in the Albany Democrat. Mr. Simpson afterwards made some corrections, at least in punctuation.

It is said reverently, but it is a fact that at the time the great poem was written, Mr. Simpson was suffering under a weight of regrets and sorrows, and the careful reader will note the traits of sadness running through the theme.

There was an exhibition of thoughtlessness that is largely the basis of selfishness at the May day doings on Willamette university's grounds. Everything was beautifully set for the exercises on the campus near the historic Waller hall. Then a heavy shower came up, and there was a rush for the gymnasium, where the program was carried out. Numbers of the ladies, gathered and seated on the campus, including those the names of whom Oregon is proud, and especially some of mature age and feeble bodies, were slower in their movements than a big crowd of young men and boys—

But these young men and boys rushed for the preferred seats in the Alabama solon made a typical defense. "I am not as rich as some of my colleagues here," said he. "I am a poor man. I can't afford to tour the country without compensation."

The inquiry naturally arises, can Senator Heflin afford to devote all his time in Washington stirring up the passions of religious prejudice "without compensation?"

Probably not. And with men of the Heflin stamp, the claque of the Klavens and the elink of dollars, more than compensate for the ridicule and humiliation he might suffer.—Medford News Tribune.

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