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Can the Railroads Compete?

Sometime in the next few months the dear old Southern Pacific will be unveiling the first of its "streamliners" for the Oregon-California run (the Great Northern has just had an unveiling, and the Union Pacific is stepping up its fast service to Chicago from weekly to daily). Signs of the times!

But if you are interested in railroads or transportation problems you should read the brisk piece, "A Railroad Man Thinks Out Loud," by Roger E. Tornell in the February Harper's. Mr. Tornell grew up in "GPA" service of western railroads and he sounds like the biggest "radical" since Robert Young of Chesapeake & Ohio began throwing bricks at the brethren. Gluyas Williams illustrates the Tornell tirade with cartoons.

"About freight service, I am not qualified to speak," says Mr. Tornell, "but . . . His first shot is at railroad big-wigs who think railroads compete with each other when the real battle as he sees it: "Railroads vs. Airlines, Buses, private cars." Next he cracks the manager who thinks of his passenger service as:

" . . . something like a kept woman, useful in her best finery for giving an appearance of prosperity and dash, but useless for adding to net income."

Railroads CAN hold their own in passenger business, but NOT, says the Terrible Tornell unless they change a lot of things—and soon! It is not enough to have one or two crack trains which cater to the "carriage trade." All trains, local as well as express, must be brought to highest standards, and he thinks railroad unions can be persuaded to stop "featherbedding" their charges for fast runs, once management proves that it will really go out for business with more runs. Some Tornell suggestions:

- 1. Use the tremendous advantage in POWER to give every passenger—day coach or sleeper—space and comfort which competitors cannot possibly give.
2. Junk all old passenger equipment without delay.
3. Abolish "class rates" whether by day-coach or sleeper.
4. Revise rate systems so that every passenger gets the absolute minimum rate from point to point without having to help pay for the "round trip tourists" who go "all round Robin Hood's barn."

To the "streamlined ticket selling" we shout a loud Amen! In Eugene, buying a ticket is still fairly simple. But in Portland or any other large city:

"Take a number out of the box please; we'll call you when your number comes up." So the traveler who merely wants a ticket from Portland to Eugene waits and fumes while the harassed clerks wrestle with the lady who is going to visit Aunt Mable in Kansas City next month and:
". . . So I want to go by way of New Orleans and Mobile with stopovers at Los Angeles and Paducah and St. Paul!"

The railroads will not be licked, unless they lick themselves by the senseless feuding of management and brotherhoods, by shutting their eyes to what the public wants and needs.

Today's best bet for a trip from Eugene to Portland is to go up on the Cascade or the Beaver at 8:30 in the morning; back at 5 p.m. out of Portland. Less than 3 hours each way. Let the "hogger" worry about traffic. But

the other trains—phooey! And the Portland-Seattle service—phooey!

There's lots of business to be had but the biggest problem is going to be to persuade railroad management and railroad labor that it's to their mutual benefit to get the business.

Railroads can't match the speed of airlines on the long hauls, nor the frequency of bus lines on short hauls, but . . .

They could "knock the socks off" the competition for all-round comfort, convenience, safety with just a little ingenuity in the use of their new fast streamlined power. It's a real "kick" to read what the Terrible Tornell (aided by Gluyas Williams) says about sleeping cars and "parlor cars," caboose-bred trainmen, antedeluvian baggage smashers. He doesn't miss anything!

WASHINGTON LETTER
BY PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

Analyzing Lillenthal Opposition
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 — (NEA) — Tennessee Sen. Kenneth McKellar's smear campaign against confirmation of David E. Lillenthal as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission seems to be taking hold.

Following the Hitlerian propaganda technique that if you stretch the facts often enough and far enough, the people will believe you, McKellar has succeeded in planting suspicion in the minds of his senatorial colleagues.

Three arguments—and a whispering campaign—have been launched against Lillenthal. First, that he has communistic leanings. Second, that he is opposed to private enterprise. Third, that he is the last of the New Dealers and should therefore be liquidated by the Republican majority of the Senate.

The whispering campaign is that Lillenthal is of Jewish blood. He is. But what of it? Or is this the Nazi Germany of 1937?

To get this whole story out in the open and end the vicious gossip in this country that has just fought a war for "Freedom of Worship," Lillenthal's parents were Czech Jews. Lillenthal himself was born in Illinois. He went to DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., a Methodist institution. He married a girl brought up in the Methodist faith. In Knoxville, their children attend an inter-denominational church and Sunday school.

McKellar's charges of communism in TVA are based on the thinnest of evidence. At the height of the Dies Committee activity in 1940, Dave Lillenthal as TVA chairman asked the FBI to come in and screen all of TVA's 8000 employees. Ten out of the 8000 were brought up for examination. Of the 10, three were found to be Communists. They were all in minor jobs. They were discharged.

The Old Army Game? Then the claim that Lillenthal was opposed to private enterprise was dreamed up. It is easy to say but impossible to prove that this campaign is sponsored by the power lobbyists. It is also easy to say but impossible to prove that the Army brass has contributed to this, hoping to get a general in the chairmanship.

If the charge that Lillenthal is anti-free enterprise is based on the fact that during his chairmanship TVA bought out certain private electric power companies that competed in the Tennessee Valley, it must be admitted. But TVA also stimulated private enterprise in the valley. It brought in new industries. And some of the biggest corporations in the country have operated cheek by jowl with TVA. They get along fine. Aluminum Company of America, for instance.

Also, in the \$300-million-a-year operation of the Atomic Energy Commission, the major operating contracts have been given to big business. General Electric operates Hanford, Wash. Monsanto Chemical operates Clinton Laboratories. Tennessee Eastman and National Carbon and Carbide operate Oak Ridge.

If there is anything to be alarmed at in this situation, isn't it that there is now too much concentration of atomic know-how in the hands of these big businesses?

The Old Political Game? The Republican angle—that Lillenthal is the last of the New Dealers—is dirty politics, but it makes sense to a political boss. The effects of this hatchet-work are far more serious than merely deciding whether Lillenthal gets a job. If the Senate rejects him, he can probably get twice as much as the government's \$15,000 a year. Big business would snap him up.

But who would want to succeed him? No right-minded man would want to submit to personal abuse such as Lillenthal has received. Things like this are what makes it so hard for government to get good men. The whole cause of efficient public service loses if Lillenthal is licked.

As a Democrat, Lillenthal's record is particularly disappointing. He has tried to run TVA on a non-partisan basis. There's the rub.

In the 14 years that TVA has been in business, Senator McKellar has recommended nearly 800 job-seekers to TVA. He has a right to do that. Some people think the way to get a government job is by having congressional pull. It doesn't work that way. In McKellar's case, TVA hired the ones it wanted and didn't hire the ones it didn't want.

But the Authority did not make its organization a political patronage racket. Administration of that kind is just what is needed for the Atomic Energy Commission.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS
By ANN CONNELL

Garden Club Hears Speaker

"Save the Wildflowers. Save the Gardens from the Depredations of Rodents. Save the Lawns from Weed Pests," as conservation objectives were the basis of the recent program for the Eugene Garden Club, with Charles Wester in charge. Mr. Wester cited laws in Oregon regarding the picking or digging of wildflowers along highways, stating that it is unlawful to ship out or sell any of these. He then introduced Donald Dickey who discussed harm done by rodents.

Mr. Dickey demonstrated the use and placement of traps for moles and squirrels, as well as the various types of traps.

"Gardeners can help the city rat-control program," stated Mr. Dickey, "in the care and preparation of their compost heaps." Compost heaps should either be covered with earth, if kitchen refuse is used to help make compost, or a layer of sand or dirt placed over the refuse with a sprinkling of lime or other compost-maker to prevent rats feeding there, also to prevent the breeding of flies. If such refuse is to be buried in the garden, it should be at least four inches deep.

Chas. Carroll of the Zehring Chemical Company discussed the use of 2-4-D and other herbicides as a means of saving lawns from pests. He stressed that gardeners should follow the manufacturer's directions accurately in the use of these weed-killers to get the best results.

As the hobby feature of the program, George S. Barton displayed a collection of minerals and told where they were found and their present commercial use.

Mrs. Naomi Watson, vice president, conducted the business meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. L. W. Carlisle and Mrs. L. L. Erdmann presided at the coffee table, after the meeting.

ENGLISH BRIDES SERVE TEA AT MEETING

Y's brides held an informal tea Tuesday afternoon at the YWYM Community Center. Brides from England served on the committee in charge of refreshments. They were Mrs. Alvin Bray and Mrs. Birden Tockelson who poured and Mrs. Charles Ricci. Brides from several countries were present, but those from Australia were in the majority. The table was prettily decorated with spring flowers.

CHURCH BENEFIT IS SCHEDULED

Fairmount Presbyterian Church ladies have scheduled a baked ham dinner to be held at the church, Fifteenth and Villard Streets, Friday evening from five-thirty until seven-thirty o'clock. The dinner is a benefit for the restoration fund of the church. The public is invited.

REBEKAHS INITIATE

Eugene Rebekah Lodge Wednesday evening initiated five new members. They were Mrs. J. H. Vicary, Mrs. E. C. Hart, Mrs. Dorance Carley, Mrs. Jesse McCulloch and Wallace L. King. Mrs. Clinton Chezem and Mr. and Mrs. William Blanton were reinstated. The degree staff presented a gift to Mrs. Margaret McCall, who is to be married soon.

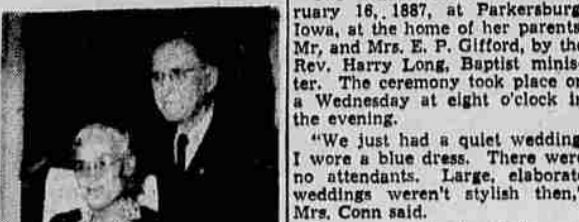
WOM ACTIVITIES

At the Women of the Moose card party recently Mrs. E. G. Harlow received high honors for pinocle and Mrs. R. H. Nesbitt, low. For the men's division, J. T. Jaeg received high honors and R. H. Nesbitt received low honors.

Eight members were present for the meeting of College of Graduate Regents recently. The group worked on quilt blocks. Mrs. Dolly Walsch was initiated at the last chapter meeting.

Couple Wedded for Sixty Years Gives Sage Advice in Regard to Marriage

By ELEANOR ANDERSON
"Marriage vows must be taken more seriously than the average couple considers them now," is advice given to the younger generation by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Conn of Eugene, who celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary Sunday.



MR. AND MRS. CONN
Married for sixty years, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Conn celebrated their wedding anniversary last Sunday at their home here.

"Couples must be true to one another and realize marriage is a give-and-take proposition," said Mrs. Conn. "Divorce laws should be stricter," commented Mr. Conn.

The Conns were married February 18, 1887, at Parkersburg, Iowa, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Gifford, by the Rev. Harry Long, Baptist minister. The ceremony took place on a Wednesday at eight o'clock in the evening. "We just had a quiet wedding. I wore a blue dress. There were no attendants. Large, elaborate weddings weren't stylish then," Mrs. Conn said.

One year following their marriage, the couple came west to Camas, Wash., where Mr. Conn worked in the paper mill and then became postmaster for twelve years. In 1915 Mr. and Mrs. Conn came to Oregon and settled in the vicinity of Eugene. They now live at 21 Seventh Avenue West. Mr. Conn became a farmer and butcher. He now is retired.

They have one son, Lloyd, who is married and lives at Springfield. He is employed by the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company and has worked there for twenty-two years. They also have a granddaughter and one great-grandson. The anniversary was celebrated in a quiet manner, with members of the family gathering during the evening.

PUPPET SHOW HERE

Nearly three thousand children from Eugene's elementary schools witnessed the marionette show "Curds and Whey" presented at the McDonald Theater Tuesday forenoon by Edith and Robert Williams from the Puppet House at Pullayut, Wash. The couple is famous in the northwest for their puppets.

Three complete shows were given, and children from all grade schools were eligible to attend. The puppet show is a merry-go-round of Mother Goose characters in a play written by Mr. Williams, who writes all his own shows. Among the puppet characters were Miss Muffet and the main actor, with Arnold the Spider (who sat down beside her, and who also amazed his beholders by spinning an actual web, which he hung in a tree), Jack-a-Dandy,

CLUB TO MEET FOR DESSERT

Readers' Club will meet Friday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Jensen, 1907 Fifth Avenue East, for dessert at 4 o'clock.

LOYAL WORKERS

Loyal Workers Class of First Christian Church will meet Friday in the church annex at twelve-thirty o'clock for a potluck luncheon.

George-Porgie, the Girl-with-a-Curl, Solomon Grundy, Mary and Little Bo-Peep. The puppeteers were retained by the Junior Program sponsoring committee at a Tuesday evening, at the W. Tugman home.

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Easter Candy Supply Short

PORTLAND—(UPI)—It seems the shortages still persist as far as the Easter bunny is concerned.

A survey here showed there were lots of kinds of candies—gum drops, chocolate-coated raisins, even marshmallows. But jelly beans and other kindred Easter candy were scarce almost to the point of non-existence.

Those in the trade, who saw little improvement for the situation by Easter, said the sugar shortage is largely the reason. They pointed out that jelly beans and their kindred candies are 60 per cent sugar.

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Recipe HALIBUT DINNER

- 2 pounds halibut
4 tablespoons butter or margarine
2 tablespoons milk
1/2 can tomato soup
1/2 pound mushrooms
1 small can peas, drained
1/4 pound grated American cheese
Juice of 1 lemon
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
Salt
Pepper
Cayenne
Paprika

Boil fish in Court Bouillon. Cool, break into bit size pieces. Melt two tablespoons butter or margarine and blend in flour. Add gradually the milk and tomato soup. Cook until mixture thickens. Saute mushrooms in remaining butter or margarine. Combine fish, sauce, mushrooms, peas and half of the cheese. Season highly with pepper and salt and add lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce and a dash of cayenne. Spread mixture on an ovenware platter, sprinkle with remaining cheese and top with small pieces of the remaining butter or margarine and dashes of paprika. Bake 20 minutes in a hot oven, 375 degrees.

CLUB HEARS REVIEW
Book Section of Eugene City Club met this week at the home of Mrs. R. C. Clark, Mrs. F. L. Shinn assisting the hostess. Mrs. Paul Campbell reviewed the book, "Thunder Out of Russia," by White and Jacoby. The next meeting will be March 3 with Mrs. Paul Campbell.

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