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CROCODILE TEARS FOR THE EXPRESS COMPANIES

IT IS ALMOST A WONDER that we have not heard of some of the express companies going into the hands of a receiver. The reason we have not heard any such thing is because no such thing has happened, nor, indeed, is likely to happen. But concerning rates, and the proposed governmental compulsion to get down somewhere near to a reasonable basis, to get within speaking distance of the figures at which the Federal Government is doing a goodly percentage of the former express business, elicits from the companies a direful tale of woe. Such a poor-mouth protest has not been heard for many a day, remarks the Portland Telegram.

To conform to the rates proposed will be to lose \$26,000,000 a year revenue, and we are to presume that that is a great deal of money for five corporate concerns to lose. But as we think of the millions those same concerns have taken from the people—million beyond any possible computation of reasonable profit—millions that have been made up by arbitrary rate adjustment and in double charges—we are not inclined to commiserate over the pathetic case which the express companies attempt to make out.

Another fact that has an important bearing on this protest over losing the fruits of monopoly is that which has been brought out by the operation of the parcel post. That extension of postoffice activity has demonstrated that a big percentage, if not all of the express business of the country can be handled at vastly less expense to the people than it has been, or can be by private enterprise, if we are to judge by the representations of the express corporations. The more we turn that fact over in our minds the more significant it becomes. It points toward the conclusion that the express business as it has been conducted, and as the express companies contend they ought to be permitted to manage it, is nothing more nor less than an economic superfluity. If the attitude of managers of the express companies is the correct one, then we are close upon the conclusion that the express business is one of the country's traffic activities that has lost its efficiency, is out of date, and might as well be dispensed with. There is much reason to believe that the express companies themselves are protesting too much for their own interests.

WE ARE NOT merely a nation of money lenders and percentage extortionists, whatever the pessimistic economists may aver. Neither do we always give with an eye to standing modestly in the refulgent splendor of our golden largess. That there has been much of the tinsel of vanity in the expenditures of our philanthropists cannot be gainsaid, but the true test of our national spirit in giving is not to be determined by the millionaire calculus. Rockefeller never tossed a nickle nonchalantly to the advancement of medical science—the gifts of his millions bear the imprint of his fame. Perhaps great wealth cannot escape its benefactions—perhaps it must be indiscoverably connected with the waymarks of its charity. But Americanism is of different stuff. It gives without fear of the devil or hope of heaven. It gives to necessity freely and without desire for recompense, having known necessity in its time. The millions that alleviate the situation of the flood sufferers are the millions of the people. They are a gift which needs no perpetuation in bronze tablets. There are two-bit contributions, in that material expression of a national sympathy, that far exceed the stupendous gratuities of mere wealth. It is a philanthropy that is not regulated by the stock ticker, but by the pulse of the nation.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The state board has reappointed A. H. Crason as a member of the state horticulture board.

Hugh Reeves of Jefferson fell from the new telephone building and striking on his head sustained injuries from which he died.

Thomas Murray, a ranch hand, is in the county jail at Burns, charged with robbing the postoffice at Alberson, a small town near Juniper Lake, east of Steep's Mountain, of which William Johnston, his employer, is postmaster.

E. H. David, aged 82 years, was drowned in two feet of water on Glenda side, while crossing Siuslaw river ada side, while crossing Siuslaw river ada side, while crossing Siuslaw river.

Loaded with 100,738 feet of finishing lumber valued at \$14,000, what is declared to be one of the largest carloads of lumber ever shipped from a mill in Oregon, left the plant of the Falls City Lumber company. The load was consigned to Kansas parties.

H. Brown and H. Bruno, two foreign laborers, were drowned in the pond at the Elmira Lumber company's sawmill at the Noti tunnel on the line of the Eugene-Coos Bay railway. The men were walking on logs in the pond. One log turned suddenly and precipitated them into the water and beneath a number of other logs.

On the old Ferdel Sutherland donation land claim are pear trees that were brought from Champoege in 1852 by Mr. Sutherland, a pioneer of 1851. The trees have not missed a year of bearing since 1855, the first year they bore fruit. They never were pruned, cultivated nor sprayed until last year. The quality and yield have compared with the best.

A battle took place with knives between Ed Spence, son of Dr. Spence, and George Gates, of Kerby, over putting the ban of the turkey trot and bunny hug at the dance held there. Spence is in a serious condition, being cut in 11 places, the most serious being a cut on his neck, where a gash three inches long grazed the jugular vein. Gates was not seriously hurt.

Overdrafts (Secured & Unsecured) B. H. L.

The Contented Old Gaffer

There is an old gaffer lives under the hill, and I would that I knew his content, for he whistles away at his task with a will though his stature is twisted and bent. Why, the hills of his age bend him up like a bow and his vision is blurry and dim, and he potters around like the clown in a show—but he whistles the air of a hymn. His dementie is barely a rood of poor soul, his home is scarce more than a shack, his pleasure is simply the routine of toil, and he carries his age on his back. But he carries it lighter by far, I am sure, than many far younger and spry, and I would that I had just his will to endure—for he carries it lighter than I. And what he can find in the culture of corn or training the cutting to shoot, that lightens his heart like a glimpse of the morn, is something I cannot compute.

There is an old gaffer lives under the hill, and often I watch him plot 'round the sparse little plot that he tends with a will, and conjures things out of the ground. His whistle is eerie, untuneful and high, his step is a shuffle and drag, and the dust from his hoe brings the rheum to his eye as he moves like some bones in a bag. And often I wonder what life can hold out to make him content with his place, when the hearty and hale, and the strong and the stout, draw down the ingubrious face. It may be his whistle, it may be his corn, it may be his cabbage or pea, that lightens his heart like a glimpse of the morn, or a robin's first song from the trees. It may be the hymn that he pins his faith to, poor reed that is shaken and bent—a hymn with a hint and a promise of dawn—but I would that I knew his content.

School Notes

(By Mary Truax)

Myron Anderson and Kenneth Davidson have returned to school after an illness of several days.

Iola Anderson of Rogueriver has entered the fourth grade here.

Linwood Blakely, Walter Kelsey and Floyd Darling received a quarter holiday this week for getting their fifty 100s in spelling.

Eva Coy visited school with her sister Bertha, last Friday afternoon.

Miss Norton, Mrs. Piening and Mrs. Simonds visited the High School last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Starns visited the school Monday. The Sophomore Geometry class was given a practical lesson in construction Wednesday morning. Under the teachers' directions they laid out the tennis court, constructing all necessary angles and parallel lines.

On Tuesday afternoon, April 8, the "Katzenjammers" are to meet their powerful rivals the "Hooligans" in a field meet to compete for athletic honors. The contest is to consist of standing and running high and broad jump, fifty and one hundred yard dash, long run, tug-of-war, shot-put, sack race and base ball game. A fine time is anticipated. Every body is invited to come out and see the future winners of the Olympic games.

Near Neighbors

Debenger Gap

By Norman Gage.

Miss Clara Skyrman, of Trail, came down to the Hannah ranch last Sunday to spend a few days visiting with Miss Mina Hanna.

R. P. Dow, of Debenger Gap, was a business visitor in Eagle Point last Monday.

John X. Miller, of Trail and a pioneer of Jackson county, was visiting in Medford the fore part of last week.

Mr. Ash, one of the Trail merchants, was a business visitor at Eagle Point last Saturday.

Luther Wortman and Teal Gage, of Debenger Gap, were business visitors in Central Point and Medford the fore part of the week.

Jasper Hanna, of Debenger Gap, is on the sick list this week being unable to attend to his daily work about the farm.

Thomer Randall, of Elk creek, had the misfortune to lose his house and almost everything in it by fire last Saturday.

R. P. Daw was on his way from the Lawrence place on Trail creek to Dave Pence's place on Elk creek when he found the house afire and no one there. He then hurried on to the Pence place where he found Mr. Randall and told him of the fire. But by the time they could reach it the house was almost entirely burned. A remarkable circumstance connected with this, is the fact of it occurring on March 29, and on March 28 last year Mr. Rand all lost another house at the same place and in the same way.

Jos. Hanna, Jr., of Trail, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Daily, went to Medford last Saturday to see Mr. Daily's father who is very ill.

School began last week at the Debenger Gap school, district No. 50, where Miss Blanche Darby, of Medford, is engaged to teach for the three months term.

...This Week's Prices at the... Big Grocery Store

Best Cane Sugar at - - \$5.80 per Cwt.

3 lb. can Royal Club Coffee - -	\$1.00	Riverview Corn, per can - -	10c
3 lb. can Commercial Club - -	.90	Red X Corn, per can - -	10c
5 lb. bucket Gold Medal - -	1.45	A. & L. Corn, 2 cans for - -	25c
4 lb. Lance & Co.'s Special - -	1.00	Monopole Corn, 2 cans for - -	35c
Ashland Tomatoes, per can - -	10c	Yellow Band condensed Milk, 3 cans	25c
White Lily Tomatoes, per can - -	10c	Carnation Brand Milk, per can - -	10c
Preferred Stock, 2 cans for - -	35c	Eagle Brand Milk, 2 cans for - -	35c

Red X Hard Wheat Flour, \$1.25 per sack	
Liberty Bell Flour : : : 1.25 per sack	
Pure White Flour : : : 1.50 per sack	
Daily Bread Flour : : : 1.50 per sack	
Carnation Flour : : : 1.50 per sack	

Mixed Feed, per sack - -	\$1.35	Bran, per sack - -	.90
Shorts, per sack - -	1.35	Middlings, 100 lb. sack - -	1.95

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Galls Creek

E. Jamison made a business trip to Gold Hill Monday.

Ed Shoemaker made a business trip to Gold Hill Friday.

O. E. Blackington was called to Medford Friday on business.

P. W. Blackert made a business trip to Gold Hill Monday.

Ed Rhoten and W. M. Shoemaker made a business trip to Gold Hill Thursday.

R. M. Cook made a business trip to Gold Hill Friday.

O. E. Blackington and wife, and Miss Lelia Eaton visited the Rebekah lodge last Wednesday evening.

Clarence Garrett is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Frank Lawrence visited with Medford folks the fore part of the week.

G. C. Garrett made a business trip Monday to Rogueriver.

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