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The Cross State Line

The Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company, a subsidiary of the Union Pacific, to construct a cross-state railroad line from Crane, Oregon to Crescent Lake, a distance of 181 miles, at an estimated cost of \$9,000,000. Construction is ordered to begin by July 1, 1930 and the line must be completed and in operation within three years. The new line will connect the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific systems, and serve the largest area in the United States now without railroad facilities.

The decision is epoch making in that it is the first time a railroad has been ordered to construct new trackage against its wishes. It was bitterly fought by the railroads which contended that such an order exceeded the power of the Commission as defined in the transportation act. Whether the railroads will appeal the decision to the courts remains to be seen.

The action of the Interstate Commerce Commission is a great victory for the much abused Oregon Public Service Commission, particularly its most maligned member, H. H. Corey, originator of the idea of appealing to the federal board to secure the completion of the highway map of the state, who for three years has championed the effort, which has been supported by all the commercial and industrial organizations in the state. If the Public Service Commission had never accomplished anything else—and its record of achievement is a long one, the securing of this railroad amply justifies its existence.

This cross-state line was originally projected by the late E. H. Harriman who foresaw its necessity for the development of both state and traffic. In the years since his death, the railroad has been completed from Vale to Crane, which includes the most costly section of the line. The Union Pacific a few years ago again urged the necessity of its construction in the fight with the Southern Pacific over the Central Pacific, but with the ensuing compromise providing joint use of the latter, the extension was abandoned.

The advantages to Oregon of the cross state line are obvious. It provides a short cut from the Willamette Valley to the east. It connects up the Union Pacific with the Southern Pacific and Great Northern. It will open up the timber and agricultural resources of the vast central and southeastern Oregon district. Even though its local traffic did not pay at first, its through traffic will justify its construction, just as it justified the building of the Alturas cut-off, and will justify the Great Northern-Western Pacific extension in the same territory.

The Oregon Public Service Commission is to be congratulated on having done something well worth while.

Another Contest Likely

While the Senate contest over the seating of Senator Joe Grundy will not get anywhere, and simply serve to give some of the representatives from "backward states" a chance to voice their protest, another contest looms in the seating of Patrick J. Sullivan, recently appointed senator from Wyoming to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Warren. This contest, however, is based on legal grounds, for there is no objection to Mr. Sullivan personally.

The predicament Mr. Sullivan finds himself in is due to the fact that the Republicans of Wyoming over-reached themselves. Fearing, because of his advanced age, Senator Warren might cause a vacancy any time, the Wyoming legislature two years ago amended the state law to prevent the governor from filling such a vacancy, the Governor being Nellie Ross, a Democrat, and no Democrat was wanted. The law was changed to read as follows:

When any vacancy shall occur in the office of representative or senator in Congress more than 60 days prior to any general election, the governor shall issue an order of election to the board of county commissioners of the several counties, appointing a day to hold a special election to fill such vacancy. Provided, that in case the Congress of the United States should be in session at the time a vacancy occurs, the governor may appoint a senator or representative, as the case may be, to fill such vacancy, to serve until the senator or representative, as the case may be, elected at the special election, shall have qualified.

Senator Warren died two days after the adjournment of the extra session. The regular session did not convene until a week later, so the vacancy did not occur when Congress was in session. Yet the Governor appointed Mr. Sullivan in violation of the law, instead of calling a special election as the law provides.

Frank Seufert

By the death of Frank A. Seufert of The Dalles, Oregon loses one of her few far-seeing developers and builders—one who did much for the state and her industries as well as his own community. A pioneer in the salmon industry, he fostered its growth until it became one of Oregon's leading industries. He encouraged and developed the fruit industry of the Upper Columbia and supplied the nursery stock that transformed the barren sand dunes into profitable orchards.

Mr. Seufert had courage of a rare kind and all of his career fought a good fight to realize his objectives. For 40 years he had to combat legislatures and popular referendums inspired by rival fishing interests to keep his cannery in operation and not until three years ago was he defeated, by popular vote from those he had most benefitted—labor and the farmer.

This defeat embittered a man who had spent half a century in creating an industry to have it destroyed in a day. But courageous to the last, he moved over to Washington which benefitted by an industry the people of Oregon had voted out of the state.

Mr. Seufert's interests were many and diversified and he played an effective though unostentatious part in encouraging industry and upbuilding the state. A loyal friend and a fair fighter, there are few whose loss will be more keenly felt than that of this white-haired, genial and practical philosopher who made his dreams come true.

FEHLMAN'S ARE BACK

Turner—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fehman of Anaheim, Calif., arrived in Turner Tuesday and will be guests here until after the Yuletide season. They are visiting with Mrs. Fehman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Deseil and daughters, the Misses

Fastina and Sheila Deseil at their county home. Mrs. Fehman will be remembered as Miss Avalyn Deseil. She is a graduate from the Turner high school later attending O. A. C. A policy of gradually extending tobacco production has been adopted by Spain, through royal decree.

REORGANIZATION OF BATTALIONS IN EXPERIMENT

Washington (AP)—An experimental reorganization of the infantry's fighting unit, the battalion, to provide more killing power by adding automatic rifles without detracting from mobility, has been announced by the war department.

The 20th Infantry, a war-strength regiment, now stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga., will conduct tests of the new organization plan. No permanent changes in organization are contemplated unless these tests are concluded under observation of the Infantry Board and conclusions drawn therefrom by the General Staff, it was stated.

The present organization, adopted just after the world war, includes in each regiment three battalions, a howitzer company, and administrative units. Each battalion includes a machine-gun company and three rifle companies. Each rifle company has three platoons of six squads, each squad containing seven rifles and one automatic rifle.

Since this was adopted, machine-gun strength has been increased by 50 per cent, and experimentation has evolved the tentative new plan to develop a still more powerful fighting unit by adding machine-guns and automatic rifle equipment.

In the new organization, the howitzer company will be disbanded and distributed among the three battalions. Under one plan, each of the three battalions will include four rifle companies and one machine-gun company. Under the other, each would include two machine-gun and two rifle companies.

The important change produced is to make up each rifle company of four platoons, three being equipped with magazine rifles and the fourth to consist of 24 automatic rifles. Alternative plan which may be worked out is to provide each platoon in a company with an automatic rifle squad for "mop-up" work.

Other changes in "war division" organization being considered include addition of a regiment of 150-mm howitzers to the artillery brigade, and providing each division with a battalion of tanks instead of a single company.

The increase if carried into full effect would increase the equipment expense, dealing a blow to President Hoover's project to reduce military expenses. Automatic rifles, tanks and howitzers in addition numbers would make a division much more expensive to equip and operate.

GERVAIS CARD CLUB HAS EVENING PLAY

Gervais—The "500" community card club met at Masonic hall Tuesday evening with nine tables of cards played. The first prize for women was won by Miss Johnson, second high score by Mrs. Otto Schwab. Men's first prize was given to G. J. Molson while M. D. Henning won second prize.

PRIEST WILL SPEAK IN WOODBURN HALL

St. Angel—Rev. Fr. Thomas, O. S. B., of St. Angel college, who recently returned from an extended European trip, will give one of his interesting talks in the St. Luke parish hall at Woodburn, Tuesday evening, December 17, at 8 o'clock. He will tell about the wonders of Theresa Neuman of Konnerstach, Germany. The talk is being given under the auspices of the local council of the Knights of Columbus. The public is invited to attend; there will be no charge.

HOLIDAY VACATION IS SHORT AT SCIO

Scio—Christmas vacation will begin on the day before Christmas and end the day after New Year's. It is thought best to have only a week at Christmas so that school can be dismissed earlier in the spring.

Eleven tentative characters have been chosen for the play to be given at the high school on the afternoon of December 24. The dramatic club is sponsoring the production. Other numbers will be furnished by the glee club and other classes and school organizations.

ILLNESS CONTINUES

Falls City—The two oldest sons of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Frank are very ill with pneumonia. This family of seven children has been unfortunate this past summer for there has been someone ill since last June.

MRS. BAILY ARRIVES
Amity—Mrs. Ernest Baily and little son of San Francisco, arrived here Wednesday where she will visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cave, until the first of January.

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Al Smith Cheered By Navy Employees On Visit To Capital

Washington (AP)—Amid scenes reminiscent of his political campaign last year, former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York arrived at the navy department Friday morning to discuss with Secretary Adams the feasibility of placing a dirigible mooring mast on the 85 story building which his company is constructing in New York City.

Virtually the entire personnel of the navy department lined the corridors of the huge building and gave the former democratic presidential candidate a tremendous ovation. "Al," smiling as usual, and accompanied by several guards, literally had to fight his way up the steps to the secretary's office.

Hundreds, mostly women, crowded about him endeavoring to shake his hands. The shout of "Hello Al" once given by thousands in the campaign days, again was heard.

"Al," like New York City's affable mayor, Jimmy Walker, usually does, arrived late.

The crowd, however, waited in a drizzle outside to yell a welcome. He reached the department on foot. His taxi driver made a mistake and had put him out at the state department several blocks distant from the navy building.

After his conference with the secretary, at which Assistant Secretaries Jahnecke and Ingalls and Rear Admiral Moffett, in charge of navy aeronautics, were present, the former governor said Mr. Adams had indicated a desire to help and had turned technical consideration of the proposal over to Moffett for study.

Smith said he did not plan any political conferences Friday although he intended to look up Senator Wagner, democrat, New York. "I am interested in construction buildings and landing airships now, and not politics," he said.

Once the conference was over, Smith and Adams posed for photographs. One picture was taken of the governor sitting at a desk in Adams' office.

Smith wore the famous brown derby known to millions.

As he left the navy department the crowd was still on hand. Many women again insisted on shaking his hand, and this time he stopped to greet a number of those in the crush about him.

"I am glad to see I have so many friends in the navy department," he said, smiling his broadest smile.

The former governor said the mooring mast which they proposed to erect on the gigantic structure probably would cost more than \$300,000 but he believed, it would be of inestimable advantage both in national defense and as a means of developing commercial use of lighter-than-air craft.

The University of Tulsa has begun construction on \$650,000 worth of new buildings.



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biggest stride toward a possible start.

Members of the county court made it plain that the money, if the offer is accepted by the government, will in no manner whatever interfere with the market road program.

"The money we are offering will come from refunds from the state on automobile licenses which we understand will approach \$300,000.

As a result not a dollar of it will come from the market road funds or district road funds of the county. The market road program as announced for the next five years will go ahead uninterrupted and without any dereliction from original plans.

"Nor could this money be applied to any other expenditure than for roads," continued the court. "If we didn't build a mile of road this money would merely have to lie in the treasury and accumulate. It could be applied nowhere else. The law regulates specifically for what it may be spent. To transfer it to any other fund, for health purposes for instance, would be absolutely illegal."

A few weeks ago it developed, when President Hoover launched his program for keeping the country prosperous, that the iron had never been so hot to strike for the North Santiam road.

The federal road department announced that a huge sum would be advanced to Oregon for aid on construction of highways. While the federal road funds are separate and apart from the federal road funds, nevertheless at the same time it was understood that federal forest road funds would be increased accordingly.

In Portland Thursday the highway commission met to receive offers of match money for forest road funds to transmit in turn to fed-

eral officials. Marion county was not represented but the offer was telephoned Friday to Secretary Klein of the highway commission. He stated he in turn would relay it to state highway and federal forest officials and expressed pleasure at the action of the county court.

While there is no certainty that the forest people will accept the \$100,000 proposal or decide to go ahead with the road this year, the actual money laid on the table, it is certain will go further to favorably affect their views on the road than all the meetings previously held.

The bombardment of forest road and state highway officials for the road started under the administration of County Judge J. T. Hunt. He had full co-operation of Commissioners Porter and Smith who have continued on the job as has County Judge Siegmund since succeeding Judge Hunt. The Salem chamber of commerce also actively cooperated in the movement.

The road proposed would extend from Detroit to Sisters where it would hook onto a highway coming in from central Oregon. Its completion would open central Oregon to the Willamette valley and on the lowest and best winter and summer route ever proposed over the Cascades.

That the forest service is seriously considering such a route was best demonstrated when it sent in a surveying crew under Federal Engineer Farmer along the route of the proposed North Santiam highway, for a definite survey as to its cost and feasibility. The engineer has not reported his findings yet. But from a previous survey made

under the direction of the bureau of public roads no fear is felt but the report will show this the best and most feasible route ever suggested.

It crosses the Santiam National forest and as a forest road gives access to most of the forest and thus has been favored by many of the forest men.

In addition the road has met with favor from practically all parts of the county as it will be a distinct advantage to practically everyone of them. With completion of the Silverton-Stayington market road it will react favorably to both Stayington and Silverton, and this section of the county, swinging much of the central Oregon-Portland traffic Silvertonward. It will also give quick access to the capital from central Oregon as well as bringing central Oregon materially closer to Portland. Advantages pointed out for the route have been so many that its champions feel optimistic over chances for an early start on the road.

COMMUNITY TREE AT WOODBURN APPEARS

Woodburn—Woodburn's community Christmas tree was successfully erected Wednesday on the parking at the east side of Front street at the intersection of Hayes street. Dr. Gerald B. Smith, Eugene Courtney and W. P. Lemard were the committee to select the tree, which was cut and delivered by the boys

from the state training school and the work of erection was done by the committee assisted by Frank Weiss. The wiring has been completed and it is expected that the tree will be illuminated by Friday night.

CHURCH PLANS PROGRAM
Hopewell—The U. B. church is planning a community program with the aid of adjacent schools for Christmas, which they plan on giving Monday, December 23.

Brooks—Mrs. Mary Martin has returned from Tillamook where she was a guest of her brother, Henry Simmons and other relatives the past week.

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