

ESPEE STATES OPPOSITION TO HILL EXTENSION

Washington (AP)—The formal summary of its opposition to the proposed Great Northern-Western Pacific railroad link in Oregon and California, which in effect would form a new system connecting the American Northwest, the Pacific coast and the southwest, as filed with the interstate commerce commission Friday by the Southern Pacific company.

The brief was the Southern Pacific's answer to the joint brief filed a month ago by the two petitioning roads. In it the Southern Pacific contended that "neither present nor future public convenience and necessity has been shown for the 200-mile construction project."

The project would involve extension of the Great Northern from Klamath Falls, Ore., to Bieber, Cal., and of the Western Pacific from Keddick, Cal., to Bieber.

Contentions of the Southern Pacific as summed up in the brief are:

"That the territory already is adequately served with rail and highway transportation.

"That the Southern Pacific's investments in lines affected is \$150,000,000, upon which but a slight return has been earned, and that a competing line would "seriously impair" the earning capacity of these lines.

"That the proposed road would create no new rail traffic that cannot be created by existing lines.

"That the waste would include some 5,500,000 car miles a year, and would place "an unnecessary burden on commerce."

The Southern Pacific also contended that the project would add nothing to net railway revenues, but would, on the contrary, decrease them and that the applicant railroads had shown no proof of needing a connection between their systems.

It was argued that existing lines could handle all the potential traffic which the new construction might create, and that present roads can adequately bridge the gap between the Great Northern and the Santa Fe systems. Lack of through rates, it was set forth, "does not warrant the costly duplication proposed."

Necessary competition, the Southern Pacific said, could be brought about without "the wasteful duplication here proposed," by acceptance by the applicant roads of offers of open gateways to be furnished by the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific.

The Southern Pacific also contended there was no equity in the extension south of Klamath Falls to support its existing extension north of that city, as "the remedy is not to perpetuate the error at the expense of existing lines. The Southern Pacific here made the point that the Great Northern obtained permission to extend from Bend to Klamath Falls without mentioning the further southward extension as essential to its success.

It also argued that the Great Northern "might find itself with a 'stub end' at Bieber, connecting, as at Klamath Falls, with a competitor, and, to make a success of this extension, may seek authority to parallel existing lines from time to time and from point to point, and infinitum, claiming each extension necessary to make a success of the previous one."

The argument also contended that the Western Pacific does not need the proposed line as a feeder, having already 52 miles of feeder lines for every 100 miles of main line.

The Southern Pacific also argued that "the Western Pacific itself was an economic mistake, and to divert revenues from established carriers—simply to improve the already very substantial earnings of the line so conceived, would be to perpetuate an error pyramiding upon it" at great cost to both carriers and the public.

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Here In First Talkie



Gloria Swanson, who returns to the screen in her first talking picture, "The Trespasser," which opens at Bligh's Capitol theater Sunday.

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BOMB NEST IS POUNCED UPON BY OFFICERS

Chicago (AP)—Eleven men were arrested and two bombs, four shotguns and several pistols seized in a raid late Friday night on a farm near Melrose Park which police said was headquarters for a "bomb trust."

The raiders said they had positive information that the gang had supplied a number of bombs that have shaken Chicago recently. Two powerful dynamite bombs, wrapped and apparently ready for delivery, were found in a secret cupboard in the kitchen.

The raiding party was led by Joseph Altmeier, bomb expert of the state's attorney's office, who said the prisoners had reorganized the bomb trust that was crushed by a sensational raid a year ago.

Among those arrested in addition to Giannini and Caliendo were the latter's son, Peter; Joe Jackson, Sam Scott, Anthony Garie, Guy Eachiaro and John and Sam Nuzzo, brothers.

The farmhouse where the raid occurred was the scene of a famous gun fight in June, 1928, when Charles (Lampy) Cleaver, convicted mail robber, was captured. He had used the farm as a hideout.

The farmhouse was surrounded shortly before midnight by two squads of detectives. Automobile headlights were turned on the building from all sides and the occupants ordered to surrender. Several men tried to escape by climbing out windows but were covered by officers' guns and captured.

Most of the men arrested were found to be former members of the once-powerful Genna gang that ruled the west side several years ago. The two principal captives were Tony Caliendo, owner of the farm, and Tony Giannini, described by police as the lieutenant of Melrose Park's alcohol chief, Joe Montana.

The raid was the result of a tip from undercover men of the state's attorney's office that a general meeting of the mob trust was to be held at midnight at the lonely farm, southwest of Chicago.

RAILWAY TELEGRAPH ELECTION IS HELD

Woodburn—In the recent tri-annual election of the Portland division of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, W. P. Shutt, second trick operator at the Woodburn depot was elected chairman and also chosen as a delegate to the national convention which is held every three years and will convene in Los Angeles in May of this year. Shutt was elected by a large majority over a man who had held the office for a number of years. He has been in the Southern Pacific depot at Woodburn for six years.

POST DANCE SPONSORED

Silverton—Delbert Reeves Post No. 8 of the American Legion will sponsor a series of old time dances, the first to be held Thursday evening, March 13 at the armory.

LaFayette—Homer Haynes' little daughter Irene is in Doernbecher hospital in Portland with a broken arm.

Robert W. Prescott sells his 40 acre farm east of Salem in the Fruitland district to a local party. Consideration \$6000.

Amos Vass sells an attractive building lot located on Fairmount Hill to Howard Hulse. Consideration \$1100.

H. C. Hummel sells his new modern 4 room home located at 1385 North 18th street to Henry Fournier. Consideration \$3600.

Grant Farris sells his 5 room home and two lots on North Liberty street to W. O. Kendall. Consideration \$3000.

N. J. Blevis sells his grocery store and stock to J. B. Austin. Consideration \$2200.

Donald Young sells a modern 5 room home located on North 20th street to H. W. Apperson. Consideration \$4200.

J. B. Peters sells a garage house located on North 18th street to W. R. Ellis. Consideration \$250.

Mrs. Catharine Lamb sells her concrete garage building located in the Hollywood district to T. A. Roberts. Consideration \$15,000.

The Federal Union Savings & Loan association of Portland sells their modern 8 room home located at 2035 McCoy street to K. A. DeMarats. Consideration \$5500.

ASSIST IN PLAY

Shaw—A number of young folks attended the play, "The Road to the City," at Aumsville, given by members of the high school. Those taking parts from this district were George Towe and Mary Hise.

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Oregon has about 10,000 acres devoted to cherry growing. From this acreage is annually harvested approximately 10,000 tons which bring to the orchardists nearly \$1,750,000. Salem has been called the "Cherry City." Near The Dalles is a large cherry producing area. In eastern Oregon and in the Rogue river valley are large cherry districts. Cherries are grown in practically every fruit section of Oregon. The principal varieties are Royal Anne, Bing, Lambert and Black Republican. Oregon cherries are packed in special boxes, placed in refrigerator cars and sold throughout the east. They are extremely large in size. They are firm in texture and beautifully colored. From the Royal Anne cherries grown in Oregon are made the highly prized marachino cherries. The Oregon trees yield from 3,000 to 4,000 pounds to the acre. There are about 2,500 acres of cherry orchards near Salem. The largest Lambert cherry orchard in the world is near Salem, Union county.



is now enlarging its acreage of cherries and has been pronounced an excellent cherry district. The state chamber has recognized this important fruit industry of Oregon by selecting it for the material of one of its poster stamps whereby this excellent fruit grown here will be advertised to the nation at large. When you ask for Oregon cherries, you will be pleasantly surprised with the flavor and uniformly high quality product you receive.

MOVE TO ABOLISH BOAT FISHING UP

Eugene (AP)—A new movement to abolish "boat" fishing on the McKenzie river above Hendricks bridge was under way Friday.

The fight started last year in a legislative bill designed to prevent fishing from boats in the river. The measure, backed by "bank" fishermen and opposed by "boat" fishermen, did not meet with success.

Bert Vincent of Blue River, is leading the new movement. He declared that boat fishing can be participated in by only about 10 per cent of the anglers due to the high price of boats and boatmen.

Vincent has circulated a petition, which, it was said, has been signed by nearly all the resident along the river.

Bank fishermen assert that boatmen are largely responsible for depleting the supply of red sides in the McKenzie because they can catch so many fish. Boat fishermen who are ready to put up a strong fight, retort that bank fishermen are killing off too many fish because they catch the little fellows.

GIRL HAS BREAKDOWN

Shaw—Marion Perry, a small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perry, has been quite ill with an attack of a nervous prostration. She has had her tonsils removed and her condition has somewhat improved.

SODIUM CHLORATE KEPT ON FREE LIST

Corvallis (AP)—Success of Senator Frederick Steiwer of Oregon in getting sodium chlorate placed on the free list by senate vote was reported here in a telegram from George R. Hyslop, farm crops chief at the Oregon state college, now in Washington.

This action, if allowed to stand in conference with the house, will mean a saving of \$30,000 to Oregon farmers this year as about 50 carloads of this chemical will be used in the state for control of noxious weeds. At present the tariff of 1 1/2 cents a pound has been levied on this material which has proved effective in controlling such weeds as Canada thistle and wild morning glory.

SILVERTON WOMEN TO OFFER PROGRAM

Silverton—The Silverton Woman's club will hold its next meeting at the home of Mrs. George Hubbs Monday afternoon when the following program will be given.

Vocal solo, Beatrice Booth; Oregon Rivers, Mrs. Hugh Latham; musical monologue, Mrs. P. L. Brown, accompanied by Mrs. Cameron; "From Feet to Wing," Mrs. Gilbert Benson; violin solo, Ruth Hubbs; vocal solo, Mrs. Anne Powell.

DOCTOR TRACES SOUND SYSTEM THROUGH 'OLIVE'

Ithaca, N. Y. (AP)—A sound amplifier in the human brain has been found by Dr. James W. Papez, associate professor of anatomy and neurology at Cornell university.

This instrument for unravelling and routing impulses of sound to the human nervous system is as small as a grain of wheat. It is a tiny bundle of hundreds of possesser threads of nerves, which receives sound images from a small nerve and passes them along.

There are two of these amplifiers, one on either side of the head. Each is called a "superior olive."

Functioning like switchyards of a complex railway system, the olives convey sound over a vast network of nerves.

Sounds pass from the inner ear to a nucleus which "steers them up" by routing them to a nerve trackage containing a larger number of fibers. One main line carries sound from the left ear to the right olive, and another from the right ear to the left olive.

Between these principal lines there is a sort of junction, so that sound entering the left ear, for example,

reaches both olives for amplification. Within the olives themselves, which act as switching yards, Dr. Papez found that sound impulses appear to be redistributed and re-routed to pass over hundreds of minute nerve trunks arranged in definite convolutions.

Along this amplified trackage they next pass to another stepping-up place, called the lower hill, or inferior colliculus. From there, Dr. Papez discovered, the impulses go to their final switching yards, a knee-shaped body, where they are spread still more to register as sounds.

Cats, Dr. Papez says, have better hearing than humans and their olives are about four times larger than those found in men. His study of feline olives found them corresponding in shape and structure to human amplifiers.

SHAW CHOIR BUSY
Shaw—The choir of the Immaculate Conception parish held their weekly practice in the school house last Wednesday evening. New songs and music are being rehearsed for Easter.

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