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FORD'S ACTION STARTS FREIGHT CUT MOVE

Petition of Iowa Farmers Points Way To Save R.R. Money

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WASHINGTON, D. C., July 19.—Two million farmers affiliated with the national board of farm organizations are marshalling their influence to force all the railroads throughout the country to follow Henry Ford's example and reduce freight rates. Secretary Lyman of the national board announced today. Lyman applauds Ford's actions in reducing the rates of the Detroit, Toledo and Iron- ton railroads twenty per cent, declaring that the rate reductions will cut the cost of food to the city consumer.

NO GAINS MADE WITHOUT PAINS, IS ENDLESS CHAIN

WASHINGTON, July 19.—"Benjamin Franklin's old adage that there are no gains without pains has an illustration in the effect some of our modern transportation facilities have had upon railroad traffic and rates," says the Republican Publicity association, through its president, Hon. Johnathan Bourne, Jr. "The government built the Panama canal, thus providing cheaper coast-to-coast transportation for bulky commodities. The federal government and the states and the local communities have built hard surfaced highways, thus providing cheaper and more convenient transportation for many short hauls. As a result of these two improvements much business has been taken away from both the transcontinental lines and the short-haul railroads.

"This is apparently a benefit to the shipper who gets the lower rate provided by the convenience established at government expense, but developments demonstrate that there must be an equalization somewhere, and that in the end the cheaper means of transportation is not likely to prove a net gain to the shipping public. Railroad owners, whether government or private, must somehow or other realize a profit on the investment. Private owners must have a profit or the roads will be abandoned. If the government sells bonds to raise money to buy the roads the taxpayers must pay interest on the debt as well as the excessive cost of government operation. If the railroads lose part of the coast-to-coast and the short-haul traffic, they must realize enough on the remaining traffic to make up the loss, for it is well known that they are not now making even a reasonable profit upon the value of their property. To deny them the right to make a fair profit is confiscation, and this the constitution forbids.

"This is not saying that the Panama canal and the hard surfaced roads should not have been constructed. Far from it. Both are modern conveniences which are an economic benefit to the nation and to the world. The fact to be kept in mind is that benefits of this kind usually, if not always, have their counterbalancing burdens, and people must expect to pay for the original cost and the upkeep of the canal, as also of the highways, and if these new means of transportation cut into the revenues of the railroads, for which the government fixes rates, it must be expected that other rates will be fixed upon a basis which, in the end, will provide a fair return upon the investment. The government cannot undertake to limit profits without in some manner giving assurance against losses. To do so would be dishonest, and dishonesty never pays in the end."

state commerce commission is \$5,000,000,000 above the actual replacement cost and charging further that if the valuation were reduced to the actual value of stocks and bonds outstanding that a saving of \$300,000,000 would be made annually. The petition suggests that the elimination of waste through use- less competition would save \$400,000,000; that a saving of \$600,000,000 would be made through the abolition of the interlocking directorates between the railroads and the supply companies.

Four hundred million is already said to have been saved in wages through the Chicago railroad board cut of twelve per cent in wages recently. Though having no connection with the farmers' petition, Harding, Mellon, Hoover and Senator Cummins have discussed ways and means that the government can use to refund the debt to the railroads. Herbert Hoover declared that the problem could be worked out so as to cause no hardship to taxpayers, and in such a way as to need no further legislation.

RED CROSS NEEDS \$250,000 MORE TO CONTINUE RELIEF WORK IN FLOODED AREAS

PUEBLO, Colo., July 19.—A survey of conditions in the devastated area, completed July 15 by the American Red Cross, shows that there are 2,025 families in the Pueblo district and 139 families in the La Junta district that need help in varying degrees. Most of these families have lost their furniture, bedding and clothing, and a large proportion have lost the houses which they owned in whole or in part.

There is now \$300,000 cash in the Red Cross fund for relief in Pueblo, according to W. Frank Persons, vice chairman in charge of domestic operations of the American Red Cross. Making due allowance for all supplementary funds of a local or special nature, Mr. Persons states, at least \$250,000 more is imperative, if needed if the conditions "and the means of self support are restored to those who have lost all."

The Red Cross is in complete control of all relief in the devastated area, with a corps of disaster experts at work, and is continuing the collection of funds through all its chapters in the United States.

MRS. CLARENCE REAMES BURIED AT JACKSONVILLE

The last sad rites over the late Mrs. Clarence L. Reames of Seattle, former well known Jackson county woman, were held in the Perl funeral home Sunday at 10 a. m. with Rev. J. K. Howard of the Jacksonville Presbyterian church officiating and a large attendance of relatives and friends. There were many beautiful floral tributes including pieces sent from Seattle and Portland. The pall bearers, with the exception of Judge F. M. Calkins, were all former school mates of Mrs. Reames. They were R. Vinton Beall, Orris Crawford, F. M. Calkins, W. H. Gore, Charles Nunan and John Wilkinson. The interment was made in Jacksonville cemetery.

PINNACLE ROAD NOW OPEN
CRATER LAKE, Or., July 19.—The Pinnacle road is now open, as announced by Alex Sparrow, and autos wishing to go or come by way of Bend can be sure of a good road. Thirty-six years ago last Friday—July 15, 1885—Will G. Steel saw Crater Lake for the first time. He told of his experience to the guests gathered around the fireplace and how Crater Lake was finally made a national park seventeen years later. The evenings are spent with music, with special numbers nearly every evening by some of the guests and dancing if they wish.

TOKIO, July 19.—The house of peers of Japan has rejected the bill permitting women to attend political meetings. This has caused great indignation in feminist circles.

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Grain Project of Co. Farm Bureau Arouses Interest

GRAINS BADLY MIXED SAYS COUNTY AGENT CONDUCTING EXAMINATION

The certified grain project of the Jackson County Farm Bureau is being watched with keen interest by the grain producers of the county, as it promises to be one of the biggest pieces of work ever done in the county in the way of improving our farm crops.

Our grains have become so badly mixed with different varieties that we can no longer go on the market with a number one grade of wheat or barley. The majority of our grain is grading number three, which means a loss of from one to ten cents per bushel and taken in the aggregate means a tremendous cash loss which our farmers save by using seed from certified fields. Keeping their ground clean, using extreme care in hauling, threshing, etc. contribute to the desired result.

During the past week, Assistant County Agent Hollibaugh, together with W. S. Carpenter, farm crops specialist of the Oregon agricultural college, have examined and certified for purity of variety, seventy-five acres of wheat, consisting of Jenkins Club, Earl Bart and Marquis. Twenty-five acres of barley, consisting of Hybrid Bald and Hannechen varieties were also tested.

Settlers Excursion From the Middle West Is Postponed

PORTLAND, Or., July 19.—(Special)—Following the recent announcement that the date of the settlers' excursion from the middle west to Oregon had been postponed from July 19 to September 20, upon request of large numbers of home-seekers who are unable to make the trip until after harvest, the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce is making complete preparations for the September trip, according to announcement today.

Commercial clubs of the state have been urged to complete the listing of available lands in each community for the information of the settlers, and these listed lands will be placed in the hands of each member of the party, according to Secretary Quayle. In this way, the homeseeker will know in advance the price and description of actual tracts of land in each district in the state.

George Quayle, general secretary of the state Chamber, left today on a tour of the state for the purpose of securing representatives of various districts who will assist the state Chamber representative in the middle west in the work of lining up prospective settlers.

A long telegram from Omaha, requesting additional literature for distribution among prospective settlers, stated that a large number of home-seekers are preparing to come to Oregon in September after harvest is over.

Brumfield Suspect Cornered Near Bend-Lapine By Police

Jackson Springs Mecca For Tourists; Offers A Sanitarium Opportunity

Jackson Springs, with from forty to fifty "pilgrims from afar" camped there daily, is rapidly becoming noted in Ashland and nearby cities for its healthful hot sulphur mud baths, states L. J. Orres who has recently been instrumental in the erection of a permanent bath house at the springs. By mutual co-operation and donation among the campers at Jackson Springs, who are stopping there for the benefit of the baths which



L. J. ORRES
L. J. Orres, Ashland business man and booster for Jackson Springs as hotel and sanitarium site.

Premier Smuts Will Try For Return Of Craig to Conference

LONDON, July 19.—Jan Smuts, premier of South Africa, today called a conference with Lloyd George to endeavor to avert the peril confronting the Irish and British peace negotiations. It was learned today that Premier Smuts may go to Belfast where he will remain for several days to confer with Ulster leaders regarding peace terms agreeable to the six northern counties. Smuts' mediatory powers may get the Ulster premier, James Craig, to return to London, offering proposals agreeable to the Sinn Fein factions.

BERLIN, July 19.—The German home minister has declared that it is contrary to the national constitution of Germany for any state to make special restrictions on the employment of married women as teachers. Every state will now be obliged to repeal legislation which compelled the retirement of woman teachers on marriage.

are said to have great curative powers for rheumatism and other ailments, a small wooden house has been built over the springs, hither-to hidden only by dense shrubbery.

A "bath tub" sunk at the springs some time ago by enthusiasts, is a wooden box eight feet long and about three feet wide. The water runs through the tub in a constantly moving stream of hot sulphur water. The spring is represented by Mr. Orres to be a practical "fountain of youth" such as Ponce de Leon searched the coasts of Florida for without avail. According to Mr. Orres and other boosters for the mud baths, Jackson Springs is the Mecca for residents of Oregon and California cities, which are rapidly growing in numbers, who have either physical ailments or the desire for a refreshing plunge.

Mr. Orres states that there is a fine opportunity for a hotel and sanitarium at Jackson Springs, located about two miles east of Ashland.

Prior to the erection of the bath house the signal method of designating occupancy of the baths were somewhat primitive. Bathers followed the custom of hanging their clothes on a nearby bush or tree in a prominent place as a sign of possession. Under cover of the new bath house such signals will be unnecessary.

Rumor of Shantung Conference Being Resented By Japan

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 19.—The American government is believed to be planning to discuss the Shantung problem in the coming disarmament conference, it was learned today on reliable authority. Japan, however, considers such discussion "specific" and fears the result should she attend a conference where a particular instead of a Far East problem be considered. It is reported that Japan is asking a compromise regarding the island of Yap question.

Rock drills developed in England are driven by a column of water vibrated by an electric motor at a speed of forty vibrations a second at a pressure of 1500 pounds to the square inch.

Private shipyards in the United States last year built 1758 merchant vessels of 2,821,242 gross tons for American owners and 25 of 29,882 gross tons for foreign owners.

Disagreement of Witnesses At Inquest Over Identity

PORTLAND, Or., July 19.—It is reported here that the presence of a man answering the description of Dr. B. M. Brumfield, accused murderer of Dennis Russell, hermit laborer, at Roseburg, was seen today in the vicinity of Bend and Lapine. The police immediately started out in pursuit of the mystery man and are reported to have surrounded the suspect early today. His capture is expected at any moment although the suspected man may not be Dr. Brumfield. It is said by those who claim to have seen the suspect that the description of Brumfield fits the man. The suspect's cheap automobile is said to be disabled near the Jame ranch.

BEND, Or., July 19.—A man driving a Chevrolet car, suspected of being Dr. B. M. Brumfield, was surrounded near Crescent City today by sheriffs and deputies from Klamath Falls and Bend. The suspect is hemmed in and will be taken unless he has managed to slip by Crescent City on a side road. Those who saw the man, whose car was damaged by the breaking of springs and delaying his flight, declare that the description tallies with that of Brumfield.

ROSEBURG, Or., July 19.—The inquest to determine the identity and the manner of death of the headless corpse, opened today with the witnesses being divided. Some declared that the body was Dr. Brumfield's, while others insisted it was that of Dennis Russell, hermit laborer, who disappeared coincidentally with Brumfield.

BERGDOLL'S MOTHER CHARGES GRAFT OF THE 'HIGHERUPS'

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 19.—Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, mother of the slacker, Grover Bergdoll, charged before the house investigating committee that Captain Bruce Campbell, military counsel for Bergdoll in the slacker case, now re-opening, demanded \$100,000 to fix the "higher ups" in the case. Today's re-opened investigation is centering about this new angle. The mother claims that she gave Grover Bergdoll thousands of dollars to fix the "higher ups" through the attorneys.

DEMAND FOR REGISTERED JERSEY SIRE INCREASES

The Smith-Umpqua cow testing association is the first in the state to report 100 per cent in the use of registered dairy sires at the head of the herds. Every dairyman in the association has a registered Jersey sire in service. The association was organized in 1918, and the members have made continuous progress in breeding and feeding their herds since that time.

The average production per cow during June was 874 pounds of milk and 41.35 pounds of butterfat. The honor cow was "Lady," a grade Jersey, owned by Roberts and Sons, of Reedsport, which produced 1569 pounds of milk and 83.16 pounds of butterfat. The highest average yield in a herd was 1109 pounds of milk and 55.05 pounds of butterfat, made by nineteen Jerseys, also owned by Roberts and Sons. W. A. Smiley, of Ada, is secretary of the association, and Millie Adams, tester.

GAS SUPPLY HAMPERS TIDINGS

The Tidings was seriously hampered in printing today's issue of the paper by the complete shutoff of the gas supply during the noon hour today. Until new electrical equipment that has been ordered, arrives, the Tidings is dependent upon the gas supply for the operation of its typesetting equipment. As a consequence a few news stories were unavoidably left out of today's paper. They will be included in tomorrow's edition.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS

SAN FRANCISCO, July 19.—Following are market quotations: Eggs, 43 1/2. Hens, 25. Broilers, 31 @ 45.

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