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## REGULATIONS OF RAILROADS WRONG

Limiting Without Giving Assistance Declares Attorney Thom

FEDERAL OWNERSHIP PREFERRED  
Radical Change Demanded at the Heraing at Newlands Before Joint Committee

Washington, Nov. 23.—The railroads of the country today made a flat demand for a revolutionary change in the relations of the government to the railroads.

General counsel A. P. Thom, of the railroad executives' committee, told the Newlands joint congressional committee, investigating interstate commerce conditions, that unless the present system of railroad control is reformed, government ownership of the entire railroad system of the country is inevitable.

Mr. Thom opened the testimony for the railroads with an outline of the position the railroads take concerning railroad regulations. He declares the present system has almost completely precluded new railroad construction, and has endangered the credit of all railroads.

"The growth of the country is dependent upon increased railroad facilities," he said. "The government must aid in securing the funds necessary for expansion."

He declared that the government has limited and restricted the service and incomes of the railroads without taking any steps to help them meet the increased expenses.

Counsel Thom referred to the recent embargo imposed by the railroads and the present shortage of freight cars to prove that the railroad facilities are far from adequate to care for the needs of the people. He declared "the cost of living is daily advancing, owing to a shortage of supply which might be remedied by securing access to new areas of production," and said less construction was done in the past year than at any time since the Civil War.

He outlined conditions restricting railroad credit, as follows:

"Railroad revenues are not controlled by investors, but are limited and fixed by several branches of governmental authority, which do not recognize responsibility for assured results to investors.

"The present system of regulation is based on a policy of repression and correction, and not on a policy of helpfulness and encouragement.

"The outstanding obligations of the railroads have already exceeded the financial rule of safety.

"The investor must accept securities with no assurance of a surplus of earnings.

"The railroad business is largely controlled by political instead of business considerations.

"We may debate about what has caused the present conditions said Mr. Thom, "but we cannot debate about what the people need.

"If the public is not assured of adequate railroad service, the question of what are sometimes termed, 'state's rights,' is not involved, for such a condition would necessarily mean either larger and better national regulation or government ownership. If the regulation of transportation facilities privately owned should fail, government ownership must follow, and then all power of the state over the railroads would disappear."

## G. SOWERS DIES IN DALLAS HOSPITAL

One Time Prosperous Merchant of This City Passes Away Wednesday Morning.

E. Sowers, at one time a merchant in this city died Wednesday morning at the Dallas hospital. He went to the hospital the latter part of September to undergo an operation for hypertrophy of the Prostate gland which he had been suffering with.

Mr. Sowers was a native of Indiana. He left Indiana and went to Kansas where he resided for some time and moved to Missouri, and then came to Oregon. He homesteaded near Brownsville and proved up on his claim and went into the mercantile business at Independence and then came to this city and bought the grocery business of a Mr. Watkins. He had been a resident of this city for fifteen years or more.

The deceased leaves a former wife at St. Louis, Mo., and three sons, one a chemist in New York, and one a Lieutenant in the U. S. army in the Philippines and one a surveyor at Spokane, Washington; also three daughters, one Mrs. George Mahrs, of Louisiana, formerly lived here. He was 72 years of age.

His son, Elmer Sowers of Spokane, Wash., came immediately when informed of his father's demise. Up to the present time no arrangements have been made for the burial.

## WM. FORD DEAD.

Wm. Ford, who had a paralytic stroke two weeks ago died at his home at Bridgeport Saturday night. Services were conducted by Rev. James C. Erwin at the M. E. Church Monday morning and interment made in the city cemetery.

Mr. Ford was a pioneer, having lived in the vicinity of Bridgeport since 1853.

The deceased is survived by his wife Mrs. Ford, and four children, Ralph Ford of Eugene, Mrs. Warren Frink, Mrs. Nell Sears and Miss Flora Ford of this city, and five grandchildren.

## MARRIED

At the residence of E. A. LaDow Nov. 19th, Wyrick A. Bancroft to Ruth L. Magee. E. A. LaDow officiating. The couple will make Dallas their home.

## Hot Tamale Supper.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church will give a Hot Tamale Supper at the church, Wednesday evening Dec. 6th, from 5:30 to 8 o'clock. Come and bring your friends. Price 25c.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE

At Methodist Church Thursday 10:30 A. M. Sermon by Rev. Erwin. Special music. Everybody invited. Service to last only one hour, dismissing in ample time for dinner.

## Old Whipping Post Favored by Bishop

Toledo, Ohio.—Bishop Frank Dumoulin of the Episcopal diocese of Toledo, in an address last night upheld the whipping post for "moral lepers."

"Shooting is too good for the moral leper who dares to take from another man all that is dear to his heart," he said. "Physical fear is the only method of reaching such men. I would revive the old whipping post and lash the home-breaker before his fellow men," the bishop said.

## Embargo Is Planned To Prevent Exports

Retail Grocers Propose Campaign to Urge Upon President Necessity of Keeping Wheat for Home Use.

San Francisco, Nov. 20.—A national campaign is planned by retail grocers to urge on President Wilson the necessity of placing an embargo on the exportation of wheat and other products to keep down the high cost of living, according to Frank B. Connolly of this city, chairman of the executive committee of the National Retail Grocers' association. He said:

"We are considering the advisability of placing petitions calling for an embargo in every retail grocery in the United States. Each grocer under this plan would urge his customers to sign the petitions, and they probably all would, especially when a customer complained about the advance of prices of commodities."

## Wilson May Propose Peace at Early Date

Neutral Countries, Almost Without Exception, Look to President to Father Movement to End War.

Washington, Nov. 22.—The serious discussion of peace prospects in belligerent countries has made a profound impression upon administration and diplomatic circles here.

The intimations from European capitals that President Wilson has a peace movement under way were interpreted here to mean that the diplomats and consular officers of the United States are sounding opinion abroad, among the people as well as the governments of the fighting nations.

Diplomats will not discuss what the near future may have in store for the world, but those from neutral countries, almost without exception, look to President Wilson to set on foot soon a movement that will give the belligerents an opportunity without loss of prestige to any, to discuss possible peace terms.

## Would Do Away With Electoral College

Portland, Or., Nov. 20.—Carrying a proposed amendment to United States constitution abolishing the electoral college, Senator George Chamberlain of Oregon is en route to Washington today. He believes the electoral college is obsolete and that the president should be chosen by direct, popular vote.

In explaining that the electoral college system might frustrate the will of the majority, Chamberlain pointed out just before starting east that in the present election 5,000 votes in California might have swung that state to Hughes and elected him, whereas Wilson had a popular lead of 400,000 votes throughout the country.

Chamberlain said his amendment would be proposed so it could become effective before the 1920 election.

## KILLS A BEAR.

Wm. F. Lee, Wiley Gardner and Cecil Smith killed a black bear and her cub in Glaze canyon near the farm of Mrs. Wolfe Wednesday. The bears had been killing Allie Teal's goats and eating Mrs. Wolfe's apples and they sent for Mr. Lee and his dogs to bag them.

## A Newspaper Tragedy.

A man eager for election news came into this office this week and picked over our pile of exchanges.

One that he looked at elicited a laugh of derision and he said he wondered how in the world the people stood for such a sheet.

It was poorly printed, typographically incorrect and filled with patent medicine ads where there should have been home advertising.

The man had evidently never been in the newspaper business. He was going through town and was anxious to hear something from his home community—something that the big dailies did not print. He wanted, perhaps, to know who had been elected constable in Podunk township or how the fight for sheriff had come out in his old home community. That was of more interest to him than the number of votes Hughes got in California.

And right there was the excuse for the dinky little paper that he scorned so much. The natives who get it regularly fail to appreciate it. They do not understand the handicap under which the editor-publisher-business-manager-reporter-foreman-job artist-devil-compositor works. They fail to appreciate the struggle he makes to have the "dinky little sheet" even as good as it is.

But if it should stop publication, then they would appreciate it. If it should suspend, the very merchant who has contributed to its demise by his failure to advertise and by sending to the city for his stationery and by buying his envelopes from the government, would be one of the first to call a public meeting to see what could be done about it.

The little dinky paper is the tie that binds the community together. It records the birth of the babies and announces that all parties concerned are doing well. When the baby grows up it tells all about all the principle events in its young life; it makes a record of its little parties; it mourns with the parents when the child is sick; it rejoices when it graduates from high school and goes to college; it recounts with pride and oftentimes exaggerated gusto when it gets married, and writes a nice piece about the bride even though she sent to the city to have her invitations engraved; it informs the community when the bride becomes a mother and a grandmother and finally completes her cradle to the grave history by sorrowing with the community when she passes to the great beyond.

The little dinky paper gets behind every good movement in the community. There is nothing for the moral or business betterment of the town that it fails to boost.

And just how many of them are setting "30" for their own careers. The high price of paper and ink in the past year has caused many a man who has never made as much as his work, investment and efforts are entitled to, to fold his tents like the Arabs and silently steal away. A list of several hundred such was published the other day that had to make up their last form because of the prohibitive price of print paper. And they will be missed in the little communities in which they flourished, if "flourished" may be used to describe their existence.

Even the bigger dailies are beginning to feel the stress of war priced paper. They have started a movement to limit the size of

## REDUCED PRICES

We Now Have In Effect Reduced Prices on Ladies Hats, Ladies Cloaks, Childs Cloaks.

Mens heaviest all wool regular \$8.50 Mackinaw at special price \$6.95.

Procure your needs of above at greatly reduced prices.

SELIG'S, Cash Price Store,  
"Meeting and Beating Competition".

## Let Us Help You ON YOUR GROCERIES

Do not feel alarmed about the advancing prices. We always help anyone trying to keep down the Board Bill.

### Some Specials for Saturday

One pound can ground Coffee for 25 cents.  
Ask your neighbor about this.

Valley Flour by the barrel	\$7.00
Ground Chocolate in 1-lb tins	30c
Arm & Hammer brand Soda 1-lb pk	5c
Mince Meat, per package	10c
Carnation Milk, per dozen	1.10

Bring your mail orders to us, we can help you. Others came to us and are satisfied.

WE DELIVER

Falls City Logging & Lumber Co.

## MEN'S SHOES

LATEST STYLES, \$4.00 TO \$5.00  
WORK SHOES, \$3.50 TO \$4.00  
LOGGING SHOES, THE BEST GRADES  
LOWEST PRICES FOR CASH AT

THE SHOE STORE

MRS. E. FORSHEY FALLS CITY, OREGON.

The Sunday issues for fear that the paper supply may become entirely exhausted. Most readers could get along without the big magazine sections and colored supplements, but the "little dinky" local sheet, so often de-

spised till it ceases to be,—that will be substantially missed and sincerely mourned in many a locality this winter where the advertising and subscription rates have not kept up with the price of paper.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.