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HELP THE EUGENE & PACIFIC RAILWAY

The effort to construct an electric railway from Eugene to Florence is assuming more definite shape every day, and the promoters believe that they will have no difficulty in carrying out their plans. The one thing they will require is the support, financially and morally, of the people of this city and the country through which the line runs. Eastern financiers are ready to take up the project when it is presented in the proper shape. This means that surveys must be made, rights of way secured, and ample evidence presented that the people of Lane county want the road and are willing to invest a reasonable amount of money to show their confidence in its ability to pay dividends. If this showing can be made it is believed that before many weeks pass actual work of construction may be commenced and continued until the cars are running between this city and Siuslaw tidewater.

There is no question but the building of this road will work wonders for Eugene in the way of making it a jobbing centre, because of the concessions in railroad rates that connection with the ocean will force. Also it will develop the country to a great extent in respect to the lumber, fruit and dairying industries, making this city the centre of a vastly increased trade. Its effects will furthermore be felt upon the entire county by hastening the building of other electric lines through the valley, now in contemplation or actually in course of construction, like that of the Oregon Electric Company and the Portland, Eugene & Eastern. Competition is always a great stimulus to the transportation corporations, and the lack of it has been a sufficient answer to the question, "What is the matter with the Willamette valley?" that has been a standing interrogation for the past twenty years.

The local businessmen who have a last taken hold of the Siuslaw project are actuated solely by the desire to carry out a great enterprise that is long overdue. They have awakened to the fact that the way to build railroads is to build them, and are proceeding to expend their money and time to prove the truth or error of that theory. They ought to receive more substantial encouragement than has ever been accorded to outside promoters whose interests are more purely selfish, and entirely devoid of the sentiment that impels an enterprising citizen to labor and sacrifice in order to build up the community in which he lives and enhance the prosperity of its people.

SUPERFLUOUS LEGAL VERBIAGE

There is a bill before the Illinois legislature making it a valid indictment or information simply to allege that "Richard Roe, on January 8, 1908, in Cook county, Illinois, did murder John Doe." Under the present law, aside from all the other preliminary and subsequent verbiage, it would be necessary to allege "that on the 8th day of January, in the year of our Lord 1908, in the county of Cook, state of Illinois, Richard Roe did then and there, unlawfully, with malice aforethought, murder John Doe, a human being, then and there being, contrary to the statutes in such cases made and provided." And if any of this language was left out, and it should be proved that Richard Roe did commit the murder in question, and he should be found guilty, the conviction would be set aside, on the ground that the indictment had not specified the year "of our Lord," and therefore the crime may have been committed in the year 1908 of the Jewish or Egyptian or Roman era; or that John Doe, not having been specified to be a human being, may have been a chicken; or, if he was mentioned as a human being and not "then and there being," he might have been a corpse, or have been somewhere else, or at some other time. And so the crime having been imperfectly defined in the beginning, the mere fact that it was proved to have been committed has nothing to do with the case, says an exchange.

English jurists, practicing the modernized form of their laws, look on our practice as a grotesque survival of mediaevalism. Our own law scholars and the writers of law books tell us that it is not even good American law. But some of our judges, when anybody says so, immediately get horrified at this "assault on the courts." It is not an assault on the courts. It is a mere broom-swinging against some of the mediaeval cobwebs with which they have become encumbered.

The morning paper printed a garbled report of Engineer Kelsey's testimony in the injunction case, and proceeds to comment upon it editorially. This is another instance of manufacturing a straw man only for the purpose of demolishing the effigy in righteous indignation. If the morning paper would print a truthful report of the engineer's statements its editorial would be as ridiculous as are all its other arguments in favor of turning the city over to the complete control of the corporation it serves.

The Scientific American declares that the recent statement by one of our leading iron masters that the steel industry has progressed to a point where it was secure against foreign competition, and particularly against British competition, has been followed by an announcement of an important discovery of the Sheffield manufacturers, which the British steelmakers regard as one of the most important advances in the art of steel manu-

facture of recent years. They even go so far as to assert that the new steel will give Great Britain a considerable lead, at least so far as quality is concerned, for some years to come. The announcement, which was made by Professor Arnold, of Sheffield University, had reference to the production of a new tool steel, which is stated to possess from three to seven times the cutting endurance of the best-known high-speed steel, and which has the further advantage that it can be water-hardened.

The fee of \$500 for a lawyer of Judge Pipes' ability is no doubt reasonable, and the city was right in employing the best talent at its command, considering the importance of the issue. The main point is that the city is not responsible for this additional burden upon the people, since the suit was forced upon the council by those who are seeking to aid the private corporation in its fight to retain its light and power monopoly. Any just criticism in connection with this legal proceeding must be directed against the men who sued out the injunction and not against the city, which is merely acting on the defensive.

It is noticeable that City Treasurer Reisner does not sign the platform of principles promulgated by his associates on the ticket. "Pay out money only on orders of the Willamette Valley Company" might be a sufficient platform for him, if we are allowed to make a suggestion.

When one thinks about the bills of the tax collector in Oregon, and then realizes that the Washington legislature spent \$10,000,000, as compared with something over \$3,000,000 in this state, the conclusion must be that we might be even worse off than we are.

Though congress has cut off the \$25,000 allowed the president for traveling expenses, Taft is already mapping out a trip that will cover the Pacific coast, Alaska, Texas and other parts of the South. He has acquired the habit and likes it. And so do the people.

There seems to be more general interest in the special session of the legislature than was exhibited in the regular meeting of the solons. The uncertainty of the outcome is what is worrying a great many taxpayers.

California has a new law under which a youth of eighteen, if caught smoking cigarettes, may be taken charge of by the probation officer, and is subject to incarceration in one of the state's reformatory institutions. A mighty sensible law that!

Isle Royal, in Lake Superior, the largest fresh-water island in the world, has been bought by the steel trust, but nobody seems to know what for, unless it is thinking of setting up a little kingdom, to be held in reserve for future contingencies.

It is now in order for the 1909 recipients of big loving cups to organize a society, if they can find a hall big enough, and determine the best method of keeping the plaguey things without hiring a vault in a safe deposit building.

Automobile owners who growl about the cost of repairs may find some comfort in the fact that the repairs on the battleship Illinois, one of the around-the-world fleet, are to cost Uncle Sam \$2,000,000.

At last Captain-Congressman Hobson has a real fight on his hands—it is to retain his seat in congress, which a "gent" by the name of Davis is out for. This will be glorious news in Japan.

After reading the arguments of counsel on both sides in the Carmack murder trial, we confess astonishment that there was not some more shooting up in Nashville—between the lawyers.

John D. Rockefeller must have had private information that there is oil in northern Alaska—he is financing an expedition which is being outfitted to make explorations in that section.

What a change! Mr. Roosevelt announces that he will leave a controversy over himself to be fought out by the two college professors who started it. Verily, all things are possible.

In 1907, the latest figures available, the average monthly pay of school teachers in the United States was \$56.10, while professional ball players—but shucks, what's the use?

The morning paper says that "the people of Eugene will take care of Frank Reisner's candidacy." We thought he was in the hands of his friends—the Willamette Valley Company.

Former Senator Tom Platt says he will now devote all his attention to his express company. Humph! That's what a lot of folks said he did all the time he was in the senate.

Yes, sir-ree, "the world do move." A resolution demanding the free coinage of silver at a ratio of 20 to 1 was defeated in the Nevada senate the other day.

"It takes a thief to catch a thief." Convict bankers in the Western penitentiary of Pennsylvania have uncovered a heavy shortage in the prison accounts.

In the opinion of trouble experts, the new government of Cuba is busy sowing seed that is bound to produce a sizable crop in the near future.

The normals seem to be creating a most abnormal condition among the higher schools of Oregon. This is not merely a pun, but an actual fact.

Instead of meeting his taste by buying herself a red wig, a Brooklyn lady wants a divorce because her husband is infatuated with red-headed girls.

Next thing the "walking delegate" of the Statesmens' union will be after Taft, if he doesn't quit putting in more than eight hours a day.

DECREE AGAINST UNION WORKERS IS AFFIRMED

Washington, March 11.—The court of appeals of the district of Columbia today modified and affirmed the opinion of Justice Gould of the supreme court of the district, enjoining the American Federation of Labor, Samuel Gompers and other defendants from publishing in the "We don't patronize" list the name of the Buck Stove and Range Co., of St. Louis.

The opinion is modified to the extent that there should be eliminated from the decree the restriction of the labor organization and other defendants from "mentioning writing or referring" to the business of the Buck Stove Range Company, or its customers.

WIL RAISE SUNKEN REBEL TORPEDO BOAT

New Orleans, March 11.—That arrangements have been completed to raise the first torpedo boat of the confederacy from the bottom of Lake Pontchartrain was announced at the meeting of the confederate veterans last night. The boat is lying near the Spanish fort where it went down years ago. It is proposed to place the vessel on the lawn of the confederate veteran soldier's home in New Orleans.

San Francisco, March 10.—The will of Robert D. Hume, of San Francisco and Wedderburn, Or., who died in January at his home at the mouth of Rogue River, disposes of between \$400,000 and \$500,000 as follows:  
To the widow is left the San Francisco home at 944 Chestnut street, and all the personal property of the testator therein. In addition she is given all of the personal property in the Piedmont home, which stands in her name, together with all stocks and bonds of which he was vested at the time of his death, and \$20,000 in cash.

To Mrs. Harriet Neal, R. D. Atkinson and Mabel Langevin, of Oakland, Helen T. Hume and Edith Hume, nieces, of St. Helens, and Robert Hume, a nephew, he leaves \$5000 in cash each. The balance of the estate, after paying these legacies, is lumped and divided as follows:  
Joseph W. Hume, San Francisco, 7 per cent; John S. Hume, Wedderburn, 7 per cent; W. R. Hume and C. C. Hume, Piedmont, 7 per cent;

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Herbert Hume, Wedderburn 5 per cent; Anna Kendall, Portland, 7 per cent; Anna Craig, Berkeley, 7 per cent; Florence Vial, Portland 7 per cent; Lillie Atkinson, Mabel Langevin, Della Weatherbee, Oakland, 5 per cent each; C. P. Hume and Helen T. Hume, 5 per cent each; Mary A. Hume, Wedderburn, 16 per cent.

There are no bequests to charity in the document, which was drawn at Wedderburn two years ago.

ANOTHER OFFICER IS ADDED TO EUGENE'S POLICE FORCE

After the meeting of the city council last night Mayor Matlock appointed L. Bonney as regular policeman with full pay, making five regular officers. These are in addition to the street commissioner's force who are all sworn in to do police duty. Bonney will be on the streets from 12 o'clock at noon until after the 12:32 train arrives at night. He will assist Chief of Police Farrington during the afternoon with his work, besides attending to his duties as dog tax collector, and at night he will have a regular beat with the other three night officers. While the chief of police is gone to his meals the new officer will be on the streets. The new appointee has served many times as special officer and for several years past has held the position of dog tax collector. He is a good officer and will doubtless give satisfaction.

DIED  
At Coburg, March 14, 1909, from stomach trouble, Oscar Durst, aged 64 years. The funeral was held Monday, with interment in the Coburg I. O. O. F. cemetery.

BORN  
In Eugene, March 15, 1909, to H. E. Powell and wife, a daughter.  
In Eugene, March 14, 1909, to J. F. Carlson and wife, a daughter.

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