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PLANS FOR S. P. DEPOT YARDS IMPROVEMENT

Street Committee of Council
Has a Conference With
Superintendent Fields

Railroad Opposes Opening of Willamette Street to McMurphy Property as It Would Interfere With Plan of Rearrangement of Yards - 6500 Feet of New Track To Be Built Here

Superintendent Fields, of the Southern Pacific Company, was here in his private car, "California," this morning, having stopped to confer with the street committee of the city council in regard to the proposed opening of Willamette street through the company's depot yards in this city so as to connect with a proposed extension of Third street through R. McMurphy's property. This matter was brought up at a recent meeting of the city council, it having been proposed by Mr. McMurphy, who wants to place some of his property on the market as residence lots, and the only way he can very well dispose of them is to open the street. The Southern Pacific officials heard of the movement and sent word to the street committee yesterday that Superintendent Fields would be here at 8:30 o'clock this morning to discuss the matter with them.

At the appointed hour the meeting took place on the depot grounds. Mr. Fields explained to the committee that the extension of Willamette street, as proposed by Mr. McMurphy, would materially interfere with the company's plans in the rearrangement and improvement of the depot grounds, which will take place some time in the future, probably this summer, although Superintendent Fields made no promises to the committee along that line. In explaining the difficulties that would be encountered if the street is opened Mr. Fields disclosed the plans for the rearrangement of the yards. As previously and several times noted by the Guard, it is the plan to build the passenger and freight depots south of all the tracks in the yard, thus minimizing the danger to teams and pedestrians. If the street is opened it would be necessary to cut all trains in two that stand at the depot more than five minutes, in order to keep the street open to traffic, entailing a great loss of time to the company, to say nothing of the danger to teams by the switching of trains in the yards.

Company Will Build Street.
The plan of the proposed improvements shows that the company expects to move all the warehouses to the north side of the yards, and that it is the intention of the company to build a street from Pearl street to Lincoln street, a distance of five blocks, to extend past the warehouses in the rear, and all teams to enter the grounds for the purpose of hauling goods to and from the warehouses by way of Pearl or Lincoln streets.

6500 Feet of New Sidetrack.
The plan of the improvements shows that it is the intention of the company to build about 6500 feet of new sidetracks in the yards here, one a passing track 2000 feet in length, another a warehouse track 1500 feet long, and a third a storage track 1700 feet long. Besides these it is planned to extend the present house track south of the passenger depot to the east for a distance of 200 or 300 feet, or clear through to Pearl street. It is figured out that with these new tracks there will be plenty of trackage room for the company's needs for some years to come. The passing track will extend from Lawrence street east almost to Pearl street, and the other new tracks will extend east from Charnelton or Lincoln street.

A \$12,000 Passenger Depot.
It is learned by the Guard that the company has plans for a \$12,000 passenger depot, and that the structure will be the finest along the entire main line between Portland and Sacramento. The amount to be expended in the improvement of the yards, it is learned, will be \$20,000 or over. Superintendent Fields, while here this morning, gave out no information as to when these improvements

will be made. He was queried as to whether or not the work is to be done this summer, but would vouchsafe no definite answer. However, during previous visits here he has stated that the depot will be erected during the year 1907, and it is hoped that his promises are to be fulfilled.

Has Faith in Eugene's Future.
A representative of the company, in talking with a Guard reporter today, stated that the company is well pleased with the business that Eugene has given it in the past, and that it is intended to take care of this business with improved facilities hereafter. The company has faith in the future of the city, he said, and expects a rapid growth in population and business from now on. The officials think that the future business here would justify the building of a solid block of warehouses from Lincoln to Pearl streets, and it may not be many years before this is an accomplished fact.

Nothing concerning the rumor of the proposed terminal grounds in Fairmount was said by Superintendent Fields while here today. The matter of the proposed opening of Willamette street, as desired by Mr. McMurphy, will be taken up by the council and decided upon one way or the other in the near future.

RAILROAD RATE HEARING AT SALEM

Salem, Or., April 23.—From the standpoint of the lumbermen the hearing of the rate question before the railroad commission this afternoon was productive of satisfactory results and provided the commission with sufficient material upon which to base an appeal to the interstate commerce commission to obtain the relief sought.

Viewed from the position of the railroad officials in attendance, the meeting was absolutely barren of results. They contend that no satisfactory showing was made by the lumbermen why the Southern Pacific should recede from its attitude on the rate issue; that matters are practically as they were before the conference, and that no reason exists why the old rate of \$3.10 per thousand should be restored and the new one of \$5 abolished.

While the railroad commission is in possession of the facts upon both sides of the case, as near as can be obtained in a general way, and without being based upon actual statistics, no definite action will be taken until the information in hand is carefully weighed and a determination reached as to whether or not the complaint of unreasonable discrimination on the part of the lumbermen is well-founded and warrants official adjudication.

Make Offer to Railway.
In the meantime a combination of millmen of the lower valley has presented a proposition to the railroad company for a lower rate from valley points to Portland or tidewater, upon a basis of 3 cents per hundred, or \$1 per ton, to give them the benefit of water competition to San Francisco Bay points, which proposition has been taken under advisement by the railroad officials.

RHODE ISLAND FAIR TO ELECT SENATOR

Providence, R. I., April 23.—The most remarkable fight in the history of Rhode Island politics came to a close at 6:30 tonight, when, after 14 weeks of continuous balloting for United States senator, the joint assembly adjourned sine die without bringing about an election. Colonel Samuel Pomroy Colt, president of the United States rubber trust, is eliminated from the political map. General Charles R. Brayton, "the blind boss," is tonight a nonentity, all his power shattered forever, and Rhode Island has redeemed herself from the stigma of a "state for sale."

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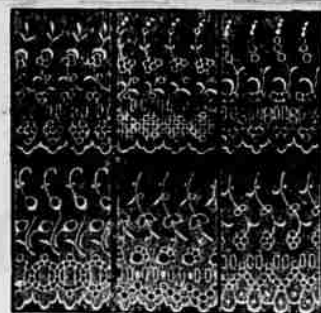
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BROKER ACCUSED OF RECEIVING STOLEN BONDS

New York, April 24.—Oliver M. Dennett, a banker and broker, today was held for trial on the charge of receiving stolen property. He was arrested in connection with the theft from the Trust Company of America of bonds of the Rock Island railroad valued at \$50,000 by W. O. Douglass, assistant loan clerk, who is also in custody. A representative of the district attorney's office informed the court that Dennett was accused of receiving \$61,000 worth of stolen bonds but that \$140,000 was a moderate estimate of the aggregate value of the bonds taken.

UNCLE JOE CANNON IS FOR FAIRBANKS

Indianapolis, April 23.—Speaker Cannon and a party of Fairbanks presidential boomers left this morning for Washington, whence they will go with the president to Jamestown. Asked pointedly if he favored Fairbanks for president Cannon dodged and said: "I am going now for a little jaunt to Jamestown. Nothing else is worrying me. At a conference last night, however, the politicians talked of Fairbanks for president."

It is declared that Cannon is for Fairbanks and that Foraker is stirring up the rumpus in Ohio merely to make the way clear for Fairbanks to secure the Buckeye delegation. There seems little question but that the anti-Roosevelt strength will eventually mass behind Fairbanks, who as a candidate is eminently satisfactory to the "interests," though it may be apparently scattered behind Foraker and other favorite sons in preliminary campaigns.

SHINGLE WEAVERS WANT MORE PAY

Bellingham, April 24.—The international shingle weavers' district union at a meeting last night decided to demand a 12 1/2 per cent wage increase.
Ninety mills with 2000 men are affected. The weavers lost a long and costly strike last year for full recognition and a closed shop.

COLONEL HOFER WILL ADDRESS CANAL MEETING

The Eugene-Corvallis canal meeting to be held in the county courthouse Saturday afternoon, will be a great success if the committee on arrangements know anything about it. Colonel Hofer, of Salem, has been asked to give the principal address and it is almost certain that he will respond. Colonel Hofer is one of the best informed men in the state in waterways and water transportation, and his speech given at the Albany car shortage convention is said to have been one of the best ever given in that city.

Congressman Hawley and Hon. E. F. Jones are both expected to be here and take part in the discussion. The Commercial Club, the Merchants' Protective Association, the Business League and Eugene citizens are doing all they can to make the meeting a success.

ATTEMPTED TO INFLUENCE JUROR

Boise, Idaho, April 24.—W. H. Yost appeared in the district court today in answer to a citation to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court. The charge is based upon the affidavit of J. L. Wagner, a juror of the regular panel for this term of court, who said Yost had tried to ascertain his opinion in the Moyer-Haywood Postoffice case. The matter was taken under advisement.

ANOTHER BIGAMIST IN TOILS OF LAW

Marshall, Mich., April 23.—Dr. John Carver, with several aliases, bigamist, with at least 17 wives, captured by Calhoun county officers at Fort Smith, Ark., has defrauded his wife out of \$150,000. The specific charge on which he was arrested was that he had defrauded Mrs. Lola Davis of Battle Creek, out of \$25,000. He married her October 16, 1898, at Battle Creek, and went with her to New York, where they were to have a boarding house. He told his wife to go home and raise all the money she could on her property and forward him a draft and he would come in two weeks, after all details had been settled. Carver got the money and disappeared.
He is wanted in Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Buffalo, Grand Rapids, New York and Saginaw, and officers have been after him for three years. Sherborn of this county, obtained requisition papers from the governor and will return with the prisoner Saturday.

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PRESIDENT REPLIES TO LABOR LEADERS

Washington, April 23.—In a letter addressed to Honore Jackson, of Chicago, chairman of the Cook county Moyer-Haywood conference, made public today, President Roosevelt replies to the criticisms of his recent letter, in which he referred to Moyer and Haywood, officials of the Western Federation of Miners, charged with implication in the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, as "untrustworthy citizens." The president says he regrets that any body of men should so far forget their duty to their country as by formation of societies or in other ways to endeavor to influence justice and coerce court or jury; that they, not he, are trying to influence justice, and he condemns what he calls their flagrant impropriety in the matter. He says that he indicated no opinion as to their guilt of the Steunenberg murder, but that it was a simple absurdity to suppose that, because a man is on trial, he is free from criticisms as to his manner of life. He says he might as well be accused of trying to influence the suits against Harriman, some of whose friends also criticized him. He said that Moyer and Haywood stand as representatives of those who habitually appear as guilty of incitement to or apology for bloodshed and violence. He adds that he is profoundly indifferent to the condemnation of him for his criticisms of the undesirable types of citizens, regardless of the power of either labor or capital.

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