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MONDAY, MARCH 30.

The Railroad Hearing

BEN DEY, attorney for the Southern Pacific company, arguing before the interstate commerce commission at Washington on the petition of the Oregon public service commission for compulsory railroad development in Central Oregon, indicated irrevocable opposition by his company to any attempt to deprive it of its lines in Western Oregon in favor of the Harriman roads, which was one of the alternative proposals of the Oregon body. Mr. Dey was unable to see how the so-called railroad monopoly of the Southern Pacific company in the western part of the state would be abolished by turning over those lines to the group which already has a monopoly of railroads in Eastern Oregon, he said. Any fair estimate must grant a good deal to this viewpoint.

To the proposed alternative of a common user for the Natron cut-off, thus letting the proposed Harriman cross-state line into the Willamette valley territory and possibly into Coos bay, Arthur C. Spencer, arguing at the hearing for the Harriman interests, was scarcely more enthusiastic than Mr. Dey had been for the separation proposal. His contention was that the Harriman roads would benefit but little under the common user, because the stations along the line would be manned by Southern Pacific men, who could be depended upon to get the bulk of the business for their own company, thus, one infers, leaving the competing company to haul empty trains.

A good deal of what was brought out at the hearing indicated the view on the part of various interests, that the proposed cross-state line, if built, will have to get access to Western Oregon traffic if it is to be made profitable. On whatever basis this is brought about—if it be brought about—it is hard to see how it can result otherwise than in vast advantage to Eugene and the upper Willamette valley, as well as the country to the west and to Coos Bay. The ultimate outcome, although it is likely to be deferred for a while, will be of very great interest to this district.

Dire Things About Our Navy.

A SPECIAL correspondent for the New York World has been observing the American fleet maneuvers off Lower California, and the summary of his conclusions seems to be that we are licked before we start if we ever get into battle with anything stronger than the Swiss navy. The correspondent says that "six startling facts" were brought out by the initial maneuvers, thus:

1. Under attack from alien navies on the Pacific, the United States would be utterly helpless without permanent concentration on this coast of the combined fleets.
2. Lack of scout cruisers and efficiency aboard them makes the Atlantic fleet useless in support of the Pacific fleet in its home waters.
3. Aircraft carriers are impractical in wartime in rough seas, and until they are further perfected they will be useless against an enemy air fleet.
4. Submarines, because of their imperfect Diesel engines, are uncertain and their action in the Magdalena problem proved them also uncertain in "contact" of two great navies.
5. Lack of aircraft co-operation places the United States fleets at the mercy of an enemy, especially an enemy adequately equipped with aircraft squadrons.
6. Modern speed in war has nullified the strategical value of the Panama canal.

A doleful size-up indeed of the situation as affecting the navy of the United States. And yet we do not find ourselves casting apprehensive glances seaward. We do not in fancy hear the thunder of alien guns there.

The United States has never yet been found "utterly helpless" in a sea fight. It is not so clear that lack of scout cruisers would make support of the Pacific fleet by the Atlantic fleet impossible. Of what use would scout cruisers be against capital ships of an enemy? And would an enemy send other than capital ships into action against us? If aircraft carriers are useless in a rough sea, how would an enemy from across seas transport and handle its airplanes against us? Submarines may be uncertain, but they did not prove wholly ineffective in the world war, as we remember it. The fact that we are short of aircraft was not a disclosure of the maneuvers off San Diego, as the correspondent says. We all knew it. The fastest modern warships make some thirty-odd knots an hour. Is that sufficient to make the trip around Cape Horn as quickly as through the canal? If not, then how is the strategical value of the canal nullified?

The World man writes more like a Hearst correspondent than one less fevered.

Bert E. Haney, native Oregonian, born in the classic shades of old Yamhill, has been a credit to his state and himself as a member of the United States shipping board. He is about to retire now. They will need to look sharp if they are to find a fully worthy successor for him.

Rev. J. Whitecomb Brounger was willing to help Arbuckle re-establish himself in life, but balked at helping him get into matrimony again. Dr. Brounger seems to know where to draw the line.

Billy Sunday, deciding after all to hold a series of revival meetings in Portland, demands a tabernacle that will accommodate 10,000. And yet some say religious interest these days is lax.

The forest airplane patrol will operate out of Eugene again this year. More evidence of the value of the municipal landing field and base.

The clerks will soon be calling "Front" and the bellboys paging guests in the new Eugene hotel. Things move right along.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Boys Taught Girls' Work (Corvallis Gazette-Times) We learn through the medium of the spirited Hi-O-Scope that the Corvallis taxpayers are conducting a cooking school for boys. Many of them probably did not know this. We wonder what the founders of the free educational system would think now if they could witness the riot of money spending in the so-called education system, that includes the study of everything under the sun except those things for which free schools were founded. The taxpayers are patient. They let the upstarts run the schools and they pay the bills. Some day patience will cease to be a virtue.

and school authorities will not be given a free hand in making courses of study. So long as they are they will include as many "studies" as the back-burdened taxpayer will stand for.

How Long Will They Last? (Hood River Glacier) It's tempting, we'll admit, to carry home a bunch of the waxy, wildflowers that are embellishing the greening hillsides of the mid-Columbia. But how long will they last after daily forays of hundreds? Today our annual run of smelt and the spring-time blooming of the early annuals form a lure in Oregon. We may lose them by our careless greediness, however. Not a half century ago dwellers in the Mississippi valley saw migrations of wild pigeons, the flocks so dense as to blot out the sunbaker. Today this species of pigeon is extinct.

Ye Ed's Idle Dream (Dallas Itemizer) "It is getting the time of the year," remarks the editor of an exchange, "when the average editor begins to figure on his vacation." Figure is hardly the word. Dream of a vacation would be better.

Helping the Cow. (Marshallfield News) High in the list of Oregon's needs stands the demand for better cows. One of the contemporary dailies of the state declares that the need is fewer and better cows, but in Coos county, the need is more and better cows.

Dairymen of the district are performing a great service and one that is not fully appreciated by the average citizen not closely in touch with the situation, through standardization of herds, improvements of breeding methods and improvement of marketing facilities. Every dollar spent to improve the cows of the territory is a dollar invested in the permanent growth and wealth of the entire district.

Ousting Rebels. (Salem Statesman) Mark Sullivan seems to think it was not the best policy to let the La Follette group out of the republican party officially. It may not have been the best policy but it was the best principle. It would be folly to permit the tail to continue to wag the dog. Either the republican party is the majority party in this country or it is not. A house divided against itself can not stand. The republican party has been charged with not keeping some of its promises. It couldn't do so as it had a bunch of political thieves in its ranks—men who stole the party label as a badge of merit for an election and immediately put it away till the next campaign after election. It was an intolerable situation and the majority in the senate did exactly right in ousting the ingrates and mavericks from the councils of the party with which they had a political precept in common.

In Lighter Vein An Eye to Safety (Los Angeles Times) A country minister was driving a spirited horse through a village when he overtook the local doctor and offered him a lift. Ten minutes later the horse bolted, upset the carriage and spilled both men. The doctor arose to his feet and, turned around, toward the clergyman. "What do you mean by inviting me to ride behind such an animal?" he demanded. "Well," replied the minister mildly, "it was lucky that this time there was no broken bones, but I always like to have a doctor with me when I drive that horse."

That's Something (New Haven Register) "I saw you just now at the information booth." "I wanted to find out something." "You can't find out anything at the information booth." "That's what I found out."

A Real Discovery. (Cincinnati Enquirer) Blinks—I see by the papers that an American explorer's party in Egypt has discovered the tomb of a King that is said to be 6,000 years old. Jinks—That's nothing. I discovered a place to park when I got down town this morning.

Uncle Wanted It. (London Tit-Bits) Small boy—I want some medicine to reduce flesh. Shop keeper—Anti-fat? Boy—No, uncle.

Just as He Thought. (London Tit-Bits) The story is told of an engraver in the Bureau of Engraving at Washington who went to New York shortly after the new twenty-dollar yellow back notes were issued. He tried to buy a bill with one of the new notes, but the clerk said it was worthless. "Why?" said the engraver, "of course, it's good. I made it myself last week."

That's What I Thought. said the clerk as he rang for the house detective.

Oregon Briefs Willie Bowen, 14, was shot in the throat and killed instantly near Klamath Falls Monday by the accidental discharge of an old shotgun with which he was hunting jackrabbits.

Least trees are being set out on each side of the Old Oregon Trail from Boardman through Pendleton, and on to Emigrant Hill in the foothills of the Blue mountains.

After a long life covering a period of 80 years, 25 of which were spent in Baker, Mrs. Susan Henderson died suddenly. Death came without warning to those about her.

Governor Pierce has made it known that he is open for speaking engagements and will make a number of addresses in different sections of Eastern Oregon during the next few days.

William Richard Jones, prominent business man of La Grande, died at the age of 56. He had been engaged in the hardware business in that city for many years.

Because the only locomotive on the line has been condemned, Union and Cove are now without rail service. Freight is being hauled by the two towns by a six-horse team.



SARGENT, COOLIDGE OLD FRIENDS

New Attorney General Was Protector While in School of Boy Who Later Became President

By HARRY B. HUNT (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, March 30.—The biggest man in the president's cabinet is the newest member. John Garibaldi Sargent, the new attorney general, whom President Coolidge called to office after the senate had turned down Charles B. Warren, towers a good three inches above Secretary Wilbur, heretofore the longest cabinet member, and tips the scales at 25 pounds or so more than Secretary Weeks, the heaviest of the old cabinet.

Sargent just scales in under 6 feet 5 inches in his socks, in height. His weight is roughly 18-stone, or some 250 pounds avoirdupois. Sargent typifies the "rugged Vermont strength" which the poets write about.

Although his 64 years have brought a certain flaccid looseness to lines of his jaw are still firm and strong. The very bigness of his body, ponderous but powerful, suggests a mind that, likewise, while perhaps not of panther-like quickness, plows straight ahead through all obstacles to definite and substantial conclusions.

Sargent ought to help Coolidge feel more at home in his job. With Sargent in town, the president, many feel, in some degree, the same kindly interest and protection that he felt when, under Sargent's wing, he was saved a hazing on his entrance to Black River Academy, at Ludlow, Vt., nearly 40 years ago. The Sargents lived at Ludlow, and young Coolidge went to their house to board.

As a timid, bashful boy from the

carefree with no thought of injury or death. Spring has come and to live is enough. Oh, for the rondel! Come a Sunday and dry sod, and the parks will be filled with poverty and kids and lunches and rubbish. Worn-out men and worn-out women with their shoes pulled off and their toes taking root in and life out of the soil. Heigh-ho! for the rondel! Come a Sunday and away go the fishermen to the waters that surround New York, Sunburn and windburn and thirst and appetite, waiting, waiting for the fish to bite. Oh, for the rondel! And oh, for the tales they'll tell! Come a Sunday and to Coney they will go, thousands upon thousands of them. Dirty-faced brats with their lollipops and their sticky hands. Sons and daughters of toil spending their week's wage in one wild fling of dancing and soda pop and hilarious fun. Oh, for the rondel! Spring is here! Nothing else of which to write. Just arms around waists, arms around waists. Spring-time and boys' and girls' time. Same the world over, but there are more of them here. So, oh, for the rondel!

In New York By JAMES W. DEAN NEW YORK, March 30.—Spring is here and here's a poor place for a fellow to be in spring unless he can sing a song of spring. Heigh-ho! Oh, for the power to put in rondel all the passing scenes of the season's show. Along Riverside drive, a fellow atop a bus with his arm around a girl. On the walk a sailor with his arm around a girl. In a machine, a fellow driving with one hand, his arm around a girl. Arms around waists, arm around waists, oh, for the rondel! And there's a hurdy-gurdy on Eighth avenue. And street salomas with trape of violets and second-hand roses at Times Square. And on Fifth avenue girls in beautiful new spring suits. And a few jaunty blades sport-but the clerk said it was worthless. "Why?" said the engraver, "of course, it's good. I made it myself last week."

Tom Sims Says— SO MANY mothers have started using rouge their daughters may quit it or be considered old-fashioned. Georgia moonshiners used a church bell to warn of revenue officers; a real boogie ring. Terrible news from Italy: Ten feet of snow in places. We hope it doesn't kill the spaghetti bushes. We are living in hopes that spring will make people too lazy to work cross-word puzzles. A horse will pull your car out of a ditch, and very often horse sense will pull you out. The first sign of spring, as we warmed last year, isn't reliable until you see the last sign of winter.

Rowell's Comment By CHESTER H. ROWELL (CLEARLY, President Coolidge "has the senate on his hands." The rejection of the Warren appointment was the senate's challenge. It was the first move of a long con-

test in which, unless the president wins, he loses. Senates do not exercise this prerogative on cabinet appointments unless they mean war. The last time they did it, in Andrew Johnson's time, it was open war. They did not do it to Harding, though they disliked half his cabinet. They are not doing it to Coolidge merely from disapproval of Warren. The real issue is Coolidge himself. The insurgents are fighting back. The democrats, after catastrophic defeat, are playing desperate politics. The old guard are determined to re-establish the supremacy of the senate. The irreconcilable, reactionaries internationally, are bent on undermining the president's leadership. For four years the president or the senate will rule. This is the first skirmish, in the battle to determine which.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY. How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God; therefore, the children of man put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.—Psalms 36:7, 8. Bible Question. (Look up the answer.) Of what is every one a temple?—1 Cor. 3:16.

Fellowship of Prayer

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MONDAY
Turning to God

Read Luke 15:1-10. Text: 15:10. There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. Meditation—God has endowed us with an instinctive love for himself and a disposition to help others. The "home instinct" to be in communion with God may be dormant through lack of instruction or be perverted through willfulness. When life is not moving forward towards God it is losing itself. When the soul is not growing in grace and knowledge of God it is becoming lost. "All we like sheep" wander, become entangled with material things and "there is no health in us." But all the while the spirit of God is crying out for us and we are being drawn to him. If we yield to God's spirit we are being "found." When we sin we forthwith repent and willingly commit that sin no more. Prayer—O God our Father, oftentimes the way is dark and we are far from home. May the illumination of thy spirit be round about us. Let the vision of thy glory shine before us that we may find the way to thee. Let our lives move on with ever keener consciousness of thee and thy love. Amen. (Copyright, 1925—F. L. Farley)

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