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WHAT OF PORTLAND?

A few days ago a conference of representatives of the public service commissions of various Western states was held at San Francisco to consider the emergency created by the supreme court decision separating the Southern Pacific and the Central Pacific railroad systems. The Oregon public service commission declined to enter this conference, giving as its reasons, according to an Associated Press dispatch from San Francisco, that "Oregon is geographically divided on the situation, Western and Southern Oregon opposing the separation, while Portland and Eastern Oregon favor it." It is doubtless true that the public service commission is not authorized to speak for the city of Portland; yet it is interesting to note that from Portland has come no word of denial of the commission's statement.

From an offhand study of the railroad situation, it would appear that Portland's interest lies in the direction of maintaining the present status of railroad elements. It is now the principal Pacific coast terminal of the Union Pacific, which means that under existing conditions the U. P. is interested in building up the commerce of the port of Portland. But if the Union Pacific, by purchase of the Central Pacific, secures a terminal on San Francisco Bay its interest in Portland as a point of transfer of freight from rail to ship will be materially lessened. It will continue, of course, to haul to Portland freight that originates in Portland's territory, but it will be likely to divert to San Francisco trans-continental tonnage designed for trans-shipment across the Pacific.

This phase of the situation concerns Portland only, but there is another phase that concerns both Portland and Western Oregon. At present Eugene and other Western Oregon cities get terminal rates on carload shipments from the East, these rates being based on the Ogdon gateway and the long and short haul clause of the transportation act. It is on these rates that Eugene's wholesaling development, both present and future, is based. If the rates are maintained, wholesaling development here and at other Western Oregon points will continue to grow in importance; if they are abrogated, wholesaling in the smaller Western Oregon cities will die a sudden death and Portland again will do practically the entire wholesaling business of the state.

The meat of the coconut lies in the fact that if the Southern Pacific retains the Central Pacific self interest will dictate the keeping open of the Ogdon gateway, while if the Union Pacific gets the Central self interest will work toward closing the gateway at Ogdon, as the Union would have no inclination to make rates in competition with its own shorter Portland-Ogdon line. The suspicion that this would happen now is augmented by the fact that it did happen under the Harriman merger of the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific.

The Register is loath to believe the assertion of the public service commission that Portland favors the tearing apart of the Central Pacific-Southern Pacific system with the ensuing probability that the Union Pacific will dominate the railroad situation in Oregon, as well as on the entire Pacific Coast. For one thing, it appears conservatively that such a development would affect disadvantageously the commerce of the port of Portland. For another, there is the strong probability that it would result in destroying the system of terminal rates under which there is being built up at Eugene, Medford and other Western Oregon cities substantial wholesaling centers that are highly

advantageous to these cities and to the western part of the state generally. Destroying these smaller centers would result automatically in concentrating at Portland the entire wholesaling business of Oregon.

Destruction of the budding wholesaling business of the smaller Oregon communities is an act that would have been characteristic enough of the Portland of the old, domineering, blindly self-seeking days, but it is not characteristic of the newer, broad-visioned Portland that is leading the state along the road to a vastly greater prosperity. Yet there stands the uncontradicted statement of the Oregon public service commission that Portland favors the reorganization of rail transportation that by all the rules of probability will affect disastrously the smaller cities of Western Oregon. It is a situation that calls for explanations.

WHERE WOMEN REIGN

Let Americans who think the Orient is behind the times consider the city of Ishinomaki, in Japan. According to an article in Asia, woman's rule there is complete. The women are the acknowledged heads of the family. The men stay at home and keep house and take care of the children while the women go out and earn the family income.

Possibly that is the way it will be everywhere, eventually, the way things are tending. There is a sound economic reason, however, in this case, that may not apply universally. The men and women have changed economic roles because the women are more proficient than the men in the industry of that locality, which is pearl-diving.

This curious situation calls attention to the fact, observed recently in this country, that women, for some reason or other, are naturally better swimmers than men. They may not excel in short-distance races, but they swim more easily and have more endurance. Over and over again, in long-distance races, girls have beaten men.

The Nevada supreme court has been asked to grant a re-hearing of the Pickford divorce case. If it keeps dragging on much longer, Mary will be ready for another divorce before she finds whether the last one "took."

A woman has been nominated for U. S. senator in Minnesota. If she is elected, she will find that she has a hard time getting the traditional last word in the senate.

The dispatches relate that a "refugee" has been arrested in Los Angeles for marrying half a dozen women. Maybe he married them to reform them.

These showers are showing the right spirit, but what is needed is a "house drowner."

Earlier Days in Eugene

(From the Morning Register, June 22, 1902.)

Born in Eugene, June 20, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. John Russell, a daughter.

H. Gordon has the contract to furnish the new Groves hotel at the corner of Fifth and Williamette.

The people of Pleasant Hill, Goshen and the neighborhood south of Eugene, who have to cross the railroad at a point a mile south of Springfield in coming to Eugene, consider the crossing a dangerous one for the reason that the road crosses a curve and the trains cannot be seen from either direction until they are almost upon the traveler.

Marriage licenses were issued Monday to the following: John B. Patterson and Miss Daisy Dillard, both of Eugene; W. E. Noffsinger and Daisy Baldrige, late of Iowa.

Professor and Mrs. W. G. Beattie, late of Alaska, who attended the U. of O. commencement, are now visiting at the home of Mrs. Beattie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Hanna.

FARMER KILLS INN

SHERIFF AND HEALY

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phone word received here from Plainview.

Following the killings, the bodies of the sheriff and the minister lay in the West front yard where they fell when the rifle of West laid them low.

Word of the killings was only received here several hours afterward when Mrs. West telephoned to Plainview to D. M. Bonner, merchant of that place and asked him to send Oscar Dentley, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dentley, to the West home. When young Dentley arrived, he found the dead bodies of the sheriff and minister lying in the yard. He at once returned to Plainview and spread the alarm. The raid on the suspected still at the West place was planned by Sheriff Kendall early today and Mr. Healy, who has been active in suppression of the illicit liquor traffic in this county was commanded by the sheriff to accompany him as a deputy.

SALEM, Ore., June 21.—In response to a call for help from Albany officers, who are seeking to capture Dore F. West, who late today shot and killed Sheriff C. M. Kendall and Reverend Roy Healy, the office of Governor Olcott tonight dispatched officers from the state penitentiary. They joined a posse from the office of Sheriff Bower. The prison men dispatched to Albany were Warden J. E. Lewis, Parole Officer Varney, Keeper Roy Kendall, and "Cherokee" James, a guard.

Rev. Roy Healy is well known in Eugene, having graduated from the Eugene Bible university five years ago and for the past two years has been pastor at Albany and prior to his accepting the position there, was pastor at Anacortes, Wash. Dr. E. C. Sanderson, president of the Eugene Bible university, and Rev. E. V. Stivers, pastor of the Christian church, when informed of the tragic death of their friend and fellow church worker, expressed their keen regret over the

tragedy and stated that Mr. Healy, during his church work in the Northwest, has made a host of friends among the members of the Christian church and others with whom he has been in contact while engaged in his profession.

MUTINEERS IN CHINA START TERROR REIGN

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ventured resumption of the railroad's normal schedule and the people are looking to the foreign locations to take up the matter energetically and insist on the return of these looted rolling stock.

HOOVER MAKES PLEA IN BEHALF OF BOULDER DAM

PROTECTION OF IMPERIAL VALLEY IS URGENT

Mr. Hoover Declares It to Be Duty of Government to Protect Valley From Floods

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Prompt construction by the federal government of a dam at Boulder Canyon for the protection of Imperial Valley, California, against the flood waters of the Colorado river was urged today by Secretary Hoover before the house committee on irrigation of arid lands.

Secretary Hoover, speaking as the chairman of the Colorado River commission, stated that he earnestly recommended action by congress upon the project without waiting until the commission could report a comprehensive plan for irrigation and power plants at other places along the river.

It was the duty of the federal government, Mr. Hoover said to take prompt steps to protect the Imperial Valley from inundation by floods from the Colorado river and the contemplated dam and reservoir to be constructed for that purpose, he explained, would produce sufficient revenue through the sale of water for irrigation purposes and by the generation of hydro-electric power, to reimburse the government for the cost of construction.

WAR FRAUDS JURY SENDS SUBPOENAS TO BANKERS

WANTED AS WITNESSES ON LUMBER DEALS AFTER WAR

Heads of Banking Firms and Their Cashiers Ordered to Produce Records of Transactions

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Subpoenas have been sent out by the special war frauds grand jury to officials of leading banking corporations in New York, Philadelphia, New Orleans and Jacksonville, Florida. It became known today, requiring their appearance in connection with the investigation of the contract under which the government disposed of its surplus lumber after the war.

Heads of the banking firms and their cashiers were ordered to produce all records of transactions made or involving J. L. Phillips, chairman of the Georgia state republican committee, who is at liberty on \$25,000 bail under charges of conspiracy to defraud the government through the lumber contracts.

Data Asked on Phillips Deals

DATA also was ordered produced which would throw light on the dealings of Charles Phillips, Jr., the J. L. Phillips company and John Stephens of the Phillips and Stephens company. It was learned authoritatively today that the grand jury has been inquiring into the activities of other directors of both firms.

Those subpoenaed were instructed to be present before the grand jury tomorrow and during the first three days of next week. It was said the grand jury would have completed its consideration of the Phillips case by next Thursday and that its findings would be at once handed down.

3 VICTIMS OF GUN FIGHT LABBEE AND WRIGHT DUEL OVER WIFE OF LATTER

YAKIMA, Wash., June 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wright and Claus A. Labbee were all wounded in a gun fight last night on the Wright ranch near here. Physicians state the first two have practically no chance of recovery and that Labbee's condition is doubtful.

According to the story told to Sheriff Fred R. Bear and Coroner William Brown by Labbee, who lives next to the Wright ranch, he called Mrs. Wright out and was talking to her when Wright stepped to the door with a gun. They both shot, Labbee hitting Wright in the head and in return being wounded several times.

When Mrs. Wright, who had run to hide in the stable, came out, Labbee fired on her. Wright told the officers. He also declared he was shot as soon as he stepped out of the house and charged Labbee with attempting to break up his home. Wright is too weak to give a coherent account of the episode.

GERMAN MISSION ALARMS TECTONIC ARRIVE IN MOSCOW FOR CONFERENCE

(By the Associated Press)

PARIS, June 21.—French official circles are displaying considerable concern over the arrival in Moscow of a German military mission of which Colonel Bower, chief aid to General Ludendorff, and Colonel Henzen, an expert on Hugo Stinnes, are members. The officials say they have reason to believe the military men have gone to Moscow to make a survey of the soviet army with a view to a possible military accord between Germany and Russia.

The presence of German officers in Moscow and the recent warlike utterances of M. Freundt, chief of staff of the bolshevik army, are regarded with significance by the French officials.

Left Implements in Her Body

YAKIMA, Wash., June 21.—Damage of \$5,000 were awarded tonight by a jury in superior court to F. R. and Ora Jones, of Grandview, against Doctors C. A. Blumcke and William Munzell. The plaintiffs asked \$7,500, charging the defendants, who performed an operation on Mrs. Jones, were responsible for the fact that implements used in the operation were left in her body.

CAUGHT IN THE ROUNDS

Y. M. C. A. Boys to Attend Rose Show—A delegation of boys of the Eugene Y. M. C. A. leaves this morning for Portland where they will spend a few days attending the annual rose show.

Chautauqua Representative Arrives—Carl Milbe, representing the Ellison-White Chautauqua, which opens here next Monday, has arrived in the city to make arrangements for the opening of the annual show.

Swearingin Funeral Today—The funeral of O. B. Swearingin will be held this morning at 10:30 o'clock from the Vestal chapel. Rev. Harry Neet will have charge of the services. Interment will be at the Laurel Hill cemetery.

Western Lane Fair Meeting to Be Held Today—The meeting of the directors of the Western Lane County Fair association will be held at Florence Friday at 4 p. m. Ira P. Whitney, county agent will go down to meet with them and help them arrange for their annual exhibition.

Mexican Wanted for Larceny—Juan Martinez, a Mexican, is wanted by Sheriff Stickle on a charge of the theft of about \$200 from a fellow laborer at Bluffton. The description sent to the sheriff indicates that Martinez is about 27 years old, 5 feet, 6 inches tall and has lighter skin than most Mexicans.

John Prodn Fined \$100—John Prodn, a Russian, arrested a short time ago on a charge of unlawful possession of liquor, and who has been in the county jail since, yesterday changed his plea of not guilty to that of guilty and was fined \$100 by Justice of the Peace Wells. He did not have the money and will be compelled to serve 30 days in jail. He says his family is destitute.

Oregon Revisors Here—Yesterday was visitors' day in Eugene for Oregon state revisors and several followers of the real estate business. Several local realtors both for business and pleasure, R. E. Smith of Klamath Falls, was here, accompanied by his wife, A. B. Wilson was over from Ontario and J. C. Palmer was here from Astoria. The revisors and their wives were callers on local realtors.

Cottage Grove Woman Helped With Drainage—Ira P. Whitney, county agent, and George W. Kable, drainage specialist at O. A. C., went to Cottage Grove yesterday in response to an application made by Mrs. M. E. Harv for advice and assistance in draining a small tract of land near the city. They ran the levels for her and gave her information on the subject that will enable her to properly drain the tract.

"Call" Firemen Gets Drunk and Is Fined—Kenneth Moore, one of the "call" firemen, became drunk Tuesday night and was fined \$10 in police court yesterday besides losing his job. The "call" firemen are not paid by the city, but are allowed to sleep at the fire station and receive compensation for assistance given the regular firemen. Pat Bohan was fined \$10 for being drunk, and Glen Snook was fined \$15 for speeding his car.

Highway Sign Cannot Very Well Be Seen—The Pacific highway sign which was recently changed from the corner of Pearl street and Thirtieth avenue to Williamette street and Thirtieth avenue cannot very well be seen by tourists going south on Williamette street, and every day a large number of them go by that point and get lost. The sign has been placed on the south side of the intersection instead of the north. It could be seen plainly for a long distance. As it is now, an iron lamp post and low hanging tree limbs almost hide it.

North Dakotian Selects Eugene—After an investigation of several months as to the respective merits of Eugene, Seattle and Berkeley and the three institutions of higher learning located in these cities, A. D. Scott, of Bismarck, North Dakota, has decided that Eugene and the University of Oregon as a combination have the edge on the other coast cities and will make his home here. Mr. Scott made the trip over the Pacific coast last winter looking for a home in a university city for the benefit of his children and yesterday word was received from him by a local realtor that he will in Eugene July 1 coming with his family by automobile and shipping his household goods by freight.

PERSONAL MENTION

W. G. Kennedy, of Oakridge, is here for a day or so.

Miss Bewie Fountain of Waverlyville, is registered at the Speed.

C. R. Richards and wife of Noti, are in the city for a day or so.

A. M. Richardson, of Lindsay, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Al Cook was in the city yesterday from his ranch on the upper river.

Mrs. F. L. Beard, wife of the Harborsburg merchant, was a local visitor yesterday.

Ira Shearer, clerk of the Dorena school district, transacted business here yesterday.

Gene M. Simpson, superintendent of the state game farms, was in the city from Corvallis yesterday.

To Probe Refrigeration Charges

SALEM, Ore., June 21.—The public service commissions of Oregon and Washington and the interstate commerce commission will conduct a joint hearing in Seattle July 3 on the question of refrigeration charges of the Oregon, Washington Railroad and Navigation company and other railroads operating in the Northwest. The case arises through a complaint by Swift and company.

Body of Man Is Found

PORTLAND, Ore., June 21.—Sailors searching in the Williamette river here for the body of H. B. Conroy, boatman's mate of the battleship Connecticut, who was drowned yesterday, found this morning the body

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of an unidentified man, apparently between forty-five and fifty years of age, bound with rope and weighted down with two iron bars. The body had apparently been in the water about three months, and officers were unable to determine whether the man had been the victim of foul play or had committed suicide.

Certainly, we all know how to make money. For instance you can have a rich father—marry it—or as a last resort you can work for it, but no matter how you get it, don't let all your money get away with nothing to show in the end.

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