

TRACK MEN TRADE AS THEY PLEASE

Tempest In Teapot Calmed By Railroad Man's Explanation of Case

COMMISSARIES HIT AT

Maupin Merchants Protest Action of Company in Compelling Men to Trade At Commissary

Some Maupin merchants recently addressed a letter to Superintendent Buckley of the O. W. R. & N. railway, in which they protested the report on that road of compelling the men to patronize Gunn Supply Co. and in which they characterized such practice as being against best business principles. Their letter follows: "Dear Sir: "We have recently learned of your intention to patronize Gunn Supply Co. and in this connection beg to inform you that such action will be bitterly resented by the business men of this vicinity. We consider it a direct violation of business principles and will retaliate to the best of our ability. We also doubt very much if you are within your rights as employers to force your employees to trade with any one concern. "Kindly let us hear from you in regard to this matter. "Yours truly, "R. E. Wilson Co "Shattuck Bros. Woodcock Bros. "F. C. Butler & Co."

To the above Mr. Finch makes the following reply, we touching but those parts of his letter which shows his road's connection with Gunn & Co.: "The situation as to which you complain is one that we have considerable difficulty in handling. Some four or five years ago we reached the point of exhaustion in the labor market in the Northwest, that is, labor willing to work on the track, and in order that our railroad might be maintained in such condition as to make it safe for traffic, it was necessary for us to go to some other labor market. "The only market from which we could depend upon a constant supply of labor was the Mexican labor. We found that all of the Union Pacific system, excepting the O. W. R. & N., was being successfully furnished with labor by the Gunn Supply company with headquarters at Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, and that arrangement under which labor was being successfully furnished these other units of the Union Pacific system was to permit the Gunn Supply company to operate commissaries at each section headquarters except at points where stores were established. After considering the matter fully, it seemed to us best that in order to secure a labor supply, we make a similar arrangement with the Gunn people and contract was accordingly entered into in 1921. "We, however, were not as energetic as the contract required in the matter of requiring the foremen to operate these commissaries for the Gunn Supply company and inasmuch as it is only through this means that the supply company receives compensation for furnishing labor, they were losing money on this line. In consequence, it became necessary for us to take steps to carry out our part of the agreement. "I appreciate thoroughly your viewpoint but I am sure that with this explanation you will understand our situation and the impossibility of securing an adequate supply of labor except through this Mexican agency. I have explained this matter rather at length because of the fact that I know you are good friends of ours you are entitled to a thorough explanation. I might state for your information that for years with foreign labor most of their trading has been done through a central agency. "Mr. Finch, the author of the above, is general superintendent of the O. W. R. & N. Ry. His explanation of the circumstance of Mexican labor is all right from his standpoint, and fully explains a matter which has caused a ripple of antagonism toward his railway in Maupin

FORMER MAUPINITE KILLED

Bob Nethercutt Meets Death In Accident In California

Word was received here last week of the death of Bob Nethercutt a former resident of Maupin, also of the unhappy ending of his son and his daughter, which occurred in Northern California the middle of last week. Particulars are awaited, as none accompanied the news of the triple accidental deaths.

Mr. Nethercutt worked for some time as clerk in the Wilson store, and many Maupinites were well acquainted with him and his family.

Must Be Homesick

Art Fargher is nursing a band of sheep near Swim. The desolation of the wild country around the foot of Mt. Hood evidently has gotten Art's nanny, as the following verse, evidently original with the Maupin Adonis, would indicate: "Maupin" "Where the fishes are a floppin' Near the little town of Maupin, That's where I long to be. Where the rain comes down a drop-pin' Once begun there is no stoppin', That's what I want to see. Where the ladies do their shoppin', At the stores right there in Maupin, Is good enough for me."

California Dinner Guests. James Chalmers and wife had as guests at dinner on Wednesday, an uncle and cousin of Mrs. Chalmers, Robert Campbell and son, Howard, they coming from Los Angeles. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Wiley of The Dalles and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pugh of Dufur.

Range Feed Exhausted. In covering the high range last week forest rangers noted that, while this time of year is usually the best time for feed, the grass had dried up to the extent that cattle had sought other feeding grounds. Such ranges as Gumjuwac, Bonney Mountain and al the higher portions of the Iron Creek basin, had been deserted, a happening not usual until October in other years.

FALL WOOL MEETING AT BEND

First Annual Convention of Oregon Wool Growers Association

The first annual meeting of the Oregon Wool Growers association will be held at Bend October 8 and 9. Arrangements are being completed for a most interesting program with many prominent speakers in attendance. A banquet by the Bend Chamber of Commerce, boxing bouts and a visit to Bend's big sawmills will be part of the entertainment features of the meeting. Quite a number of local sheepmen have signified an intention to attend the meeting.

Enjoying His Star Car Leonard Farlow cannot contain himself in Maupin on Sundays. Since he got his new Star car he must be on the road every first day of the week. Last Sunday he drove over to Fossil, stopping at The Dalles over night on his return.

Fishing Good On Badger. Fishing is reported by the forest rangers as being excellent on Badger lake. Some very good catches have recently been made by visitors, but it is said that extra good tackle is necessary to hold the big ones.

Made Trip to B. C. Harry Skinner has returned from a trip to the country of strong drink—British Columbia. Harry drove there and spent some time in the capital of the upper province. He regrets his inability to bring back with him some of the excellent beer made by Columbia brewers, but says he imbibed sufficient while there to satisfy his longing for some time. He made the return trip in a day and a half.

merchants. The truth is, that the Mexican laborers on that road are privileged to spend their money wherever they choose, and may ignore the existence of Gunn & Co.'s commissary altogether. Traveling Freight and Passenger Agent McAllen of the O. R. & N. railway was in Maupin and set the minds of the home merchants at rest so far as the road's compelling its laborers to trade at the commissaries.

Irrigation Works Now Belong to Wasco Co.

County Takes Over Irrigation Project For Nonpayment of Taxes

A report is current in Maupin that Wasco county had taken over the property of the Wapinitia Irrigation company for nonpayment of taxes; also that the time for redemption is past.

Whether this is to be accepted as fact, we do not know, but if the report has foundation it means much to this section of the county.

As the report reaches us the company owning and operating the project have been operating on a shoe-string for a long, long time. To begin with a tract of 160 acres was ostensibly purchased from Mrs. Anna Lang, the land lying at the mouth of Clear lake. The purchase price is said to have been \$5,000, and a down payment of \$500 was made at the time of purchase, the same amount to be paid yearly, the interest and taxes to be kept up. According to our information no payment on principal, interest nor taxes have been met. The county advertised the property for sale in the general delinquent tax list, but seemingly no effort on the part of the company was made to pay the taxes, therefore the county was compelled to take the property over in order to satisfy tax claims assessed against it. On thing is sure, and that is, in case some other people want to take proect over there will be no difficulty in acquiring a good title, for when the sheriff gives title to property that title usually holds good. We have been told that different parties have negotiated for the purchase of the works, but when the question of title came up there was a knot, which evidently could not be untied to the satisfaction of those willing to make the buy. It is to be hoped that some people with ample capital and a willingness to go ahead with the project to the end that adequate water may be supplied the Flat, may be induced to invest their money there. The possibilities of that section are almost beyond realization, and with more water, settlers could be induced to come here and thus make the Wapinitia Plains one of the best dairy sections in the entire west.

Enjoying Outing At Springs Frank McCorkle, wife and daughter went to the Warm Springs reservation last Saturday. Frank put in Sunday fishing, returning that evening, while Mrs. McCorkle and daughter remained on the reservation for a week's recuperation and enjoyment.

Back From Camp Meeting Mrs. Jessilne Morrison has returned from attending the big Adventist camp meeting at Forest Grove, and is at her camp home at Tygh Valley.

Matters Pertaining to the Home and Garden

Facts Noted For Guidance of Gardener and Housewife

Weeds and Insects Work Together Weeds in and around the garden harbor both insects and disease, particularly if the weeds are related to the cultivated plants. Plant lice, red spiders, and other insects invade the garden from neighboring weed borders. Cabbage pests live on wild mustard, shepherd's purse, and related weeds. Destroy the weeds. Just as soon as any crop is gathered spade up the ground, bury the old remains deeply, and plant something else. Original Hay Maker Man was not the originator of haymaking. The pika or cony, a little rodent living in the mountainous regions of the West, has probably made hay for his own use for thousands of years. He cuts fine stemmed grasses, sedges, shrubs, and other plants, bundles them up and puts them away in a sheltered place among rocks for curing. Because he eats it himself he is more particular than man and produces a more uniform, fragrant, green product. Can't See Bacteria Steam or boiling water is needed for proper sterilization of milk utensils. They should be exposed to a temperature of at least 205 degrees F. for 5 minutes. A pail or can may look clean and yet carry numberless bacteria which will hasten the souring of milk, cause bad flavor in butter or cheese, or spread contagion. Spuds Better Than Rice Rice and potatoes are not exactly the same in food value, even though they are both rich in starch. Potatoes contain some minerals and vitamins. Milled rice lacks these entirely, so there should be plenty of fruits and vegetables in the daily meals if rice is served often.

TYGH JERSEYS IN DEMAND Westfall Woman Buys Carload of Bonny Stock Farm

The following from the Shaniko Star of July 18, 1913, tells of the purchase of a carload of thoroughbred Jersey cows from the Bonney Stock Farm at Tygh: Mrs. J. H. Rowley of Westfall, was in Tygh Valley this week and purchased a carload of thoroughbred Jersey cows from the Bonney stock farm. Mrs. Rowley did the selecting and buying herself, paying \$200 per head for them and shipped them to her stock ranch near Westfall where she has a large herd of dairy cattle. C. M. Plyler and wife transacted business in town Monday. Mr. Plyler was arranging for the publication of his show program for the fair.

ALDERMAN'S SISTER MARRIED Miss Mina Chalmers Becomes Mrs. R. Lemen In Scotland

On Monday James Chalmers and wife received a letter containing the information that James' sister, Miss Mina Chalmers, had been joined in marriage with Mr. Robert Lemen, the ceremony taking place at Dundee, Scotland, on July 31. Accompanying the letter was a box containing a piece of wedding cake, also a card upon which was printed the information that the newlyweds would be at home to their friends in Aberdeen, Scotland, after August 2nd.

Building Telephone Line Rangers W. H. Smith and R. C. Knight are connecting the Badger Creek camp grounds with the Bonney Butte Station with a new telephone line of three miles through Camp Windy, west of the lake.

Lost Boy Found Little seven-year-old Jackie Strong strayed from his brothers in the Bull Run forest and for three days many men were engaged in searching for him. He was found Sunday, little the worse for his experience, three "Crag Rats" discovering his whereabouts.

Demonstrating Soap. Mrs. Ida Ivy and Miss Catherine Good, two ladies from Portland, are in town this week demonstrating a certain brand of soap and soap powder. They decorated the show windows of the Shattuck, Wilson and Butler stores with attractive displays of their goods.

News From The Forest

Mt Hood Fires Fires in the Mt. Hood district during the past week numbered three, the worst of which was one which started on Boor creek, near the north fork of the Clackamas river. This covered 65 or 70 acres and was fought by 60 men with a portable pump. Ranger Graham's fire at Breitenbush lake only covered 400 square feet before being suppressed.

Game Signs Plentiful In locating old way trails to connect up with old existing roads, rangers last week ran across more game signs than at any time during the past four years. Signs of bear, deer and cougar were many. The rule that firearms must not be carried in this district along White river stills holds good, and will be in effect until the hunting season opens.

Forest Area Closed With all lookouts next to worthless, as a result of heavy drift smoke, patrolling of the old Burns trail in the White river district has been started by the rangers. All camp grounds will be covered. It is gratifying to know that visitors to these parts have carefully extinguished all camp fires, thus cooperating with the forest service.

May Bad Forest Fires Many fires are being fought on the Deschutes National Forest. One at Cultus mountains covers 1000 acres. There are three other fires—one at Cultus lake, at Metolius river and another at Fox butte. The latter has a spread of a mile and is gaining headway. The Whitman Forest has two fires—one covering 400 acres on the north fork of the John Day river and another covering 1200 acres in the same district. The Mt. Baker fires in Skagit county, Washington, to which our flying squadron was sent last week, are reported as not spreading, although not under complete control.

Summer Home Burns The Cottonwood residence, below Rhododendron, took fire on the afternoon of Friday last. But for the prompt action of the service men with a B. P. R. tank truck a bad forest fire would have resulted. However, the rangers confined the blaze to the residence. When the first tank gave out the portable pump from Summit arrived and put the fire out.

each day there will be a moving picture show, a dance immediately following. With these entertainments there is no reason why all attending the fair should not receive a full mead of pleasure and education.

FAMOUS ARTIST INSTRUCTS



William de Leftwich Dodge, famous mural artist, in his studio at the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition grounds in Philadelphia, where the 150th anniversary of signing the Declaration of Independence will be celebrated from June, to December, of this year, giving instructions to a group of young artists who are creating the "Rainbow City." Mr. Dodge is the color expert for the exposition, and every bit of color work done must be approved by him.

TIME FOR FAIR IS DRAWING NEAR

Only Two More Weeks and Gates Will Open On Best Fair In Wasco History

EXHIBITS PROMISE BIG

Exhibitors Writing For Space and Promise Big Displays—Water Piped to Fair Grounds

Two weeks hence and the gates of the fair grounds at Tygh Valley will be thrown open for the multitude, who will visit the 14th annual exposition of the Southern Wasco County Fair association. Year by year these shows have grown in magnitude and attendance. Year by year the grounds have been improved until at the present time they have every aspect of a perfect exposition place. With the new track, new grand stand, new dancing pavilion and many new stock sheds; with water piped from a living spring on the hillside, with additional camping and parking space, and above all, perfect management, this year's fair will be far and above those of other years.

Much attention has been given to the stock department. Many stock-raisers have signified an intention to make exhibits. These will include horses, cattle, sheep, goats and hogs. A new chicken shed will be erected and the showing in that class will be bigger and better than ever before. The exposition building has been rearranged in anticipation of increased showing of grains, grasses, vegetables, fruits, etc., as well as of articles showing skill in needlework, canning, art work and everything connected with the house and garden. An always pleasing feature of the county fair at Tygh is the race program. This year's end of that entertainment has been arranged with the idea of giving all a chance to try the merits of their fast horses. The race program for each day follows:

- Thursday Sept. 2 No. 1. Pony Race one-fourth mile—14 1/2 hands or under..... Purse \$25.00 No. 2. Saddle Horse Race one-fourth mile..... Purse \$35.00 No. 3. Novelty Race.....Purse \$50.00 No. 4. One-half mile—Free for all.....Purse \$100.00 Friday, Sept. 3 No. 1. Three-eighths mile for two year olds Association Purse \$100.00 Owners Purses.....each \$25.00 No. 2. One-half Mile Squaw Race No. 3. Relay Race.....Purse \$25.00 Rubber Cinch Barred No. 4. One half Mile—Free for all.....Purse \$100.00 Saturday, Sept. 4 No. 1. One-half mile—Pony Race 14 1/2 hands or under..... Purse \$50.00 No. 2. One-half Mile Woman's Saddle Horse Race.....Purse \$35.00 No. 3. Relay Race.....Purse \$25.00 No. 4. One-half Mile Non-Winner Race.....Purse \$40.00 Purses divided 70-20-10. Four to enter and three to start. Entries to be made the day before the race. This rule will be strictly adhered to.

There will be many outside attractions. Chief among these will be daily free shows by a European company of acrobates and trapeze artists. This company will appear in front of the grand stand each day. A fine boxing card has been arranged, which will be pulled off on Thursday, September 3, under a large canvas tent inside the race track. The usual number and variety of "bally-hoo" stands will occupy space on the grounds.

Visitors to the fair this year will be surprised—agreeably so—at the any improvements evident. The new track is fast, the grand stand seats have been changed, leaving plenty of room for occupants to find their seats without having to climb between those already seated. The dancing pavilion has been floored, and this is as smooth as it is possible to make it. In the evening of