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One Joy Awaits

By Rory O'Moore

Have you stood on yonder mountain top
And watched the fleeting day
Cast her last, long, lingering glances,
Luminously across the bay?
Have you seen her fold her pinions,
Stealing down behind the dunes—
Heard the rustle of the night wind,
As among the pines she croons;
Seen the silver moon uprising
Cast the shadow of the pine,
Weird and ghostlike on the water—
Marked the peace in every line?
Then there's one more joy awaits you—
When all else grows wan and pale,
On that mountain over yonder,
Weigh your anchor; set your sail;
Letting Fancy waft you outward,
O'er the calm untrammelled seas
Of the grandeur of the twilight
And the scent of God's green trees.

Wilson Thanked by France

President Poincare, of France, has sent the following cablegram to President Wilson:

"At the moment when, under the generous inspiration of yourself, the great American republic, faithful to its ideals and its traditions, is coming forward to defend with the force of arms the cause of justice and of liberty, the people of France are filled with the deepest feelings of brotherly affection. Permit me again to give to you, Mr. President, in this solemn and grave hour, an assurance of the same sentiments of which I recently gave you evidence, sentiments which, under the present circumstances, have grown in depth and warmth.

"I am confident that I voice the thought of all France in expressing to you and to the American nation the joy and the pride which we feel today as our hearts once again beat in unison with yours.

"This war would not have reached its final import had not the United States been led by the enemy himself to take part in it. To every impartial spirit it will be apparent, in the future more than ever in the past, that German imperialism, which desired, prepared and declared this war, had conceived the mad dream of establishing its hegemony through the world. It has succeeded only in bringing about a revolt of the conscience of humanity.

"In never-to-be-forgotten language you have made yourself, before the universe, the eloquent interpreter of outraged laws and a menaced civilization.

"Honor to you, Mr. President, and to your noble country. I beg you to believe in my devoted friendship. (Signed) "RAYMOND POINCARÉ."

Soil Bacteria Needed In Growing Legumes

O. A. C., Corvallis, April 10.—Oregon farmers having trouble in getting their alfalfa or other legumes to grow are entitled to receive cultures of soil inoculation bacteria at a nominal charge by writing to the Bacteriology department of the Agricultural College, Corvallis. The cost is 40 cents for cultures for two acres or less, and 60 cents for enough to inoculate from 2 to 15 acres. The price includes postage and also full directions for applying the cultures. One week's notice in advance is required in filling orders, especially in the busy seasons.

Successful growth of the legumes is impossible without the presence of these organisms, says Prof. Beckwith. It is possible to grow them in greater or less degree without bacteria, but not profitably. They will not build up the soil nor produce as they should. If the bacteria are naturally in the soil, no more may be needed. If they are not, they must be supplied by inoculation. These inoculations are advisable for the legumes under the following conditions:

If no legumes have been grown within four or five years on the soil to be planted; if no legumes of any kind have grown on the soil at any time.

If farmers entertain any doubts as to the need for inoculation they may find it profitable to inoculate experimental plots and check up with the remainder of the field.

Academy Report

Those perfect in spelling are as follows:

Second grade B class—Ruth Cunningham, Alvin McQuigg, Alton McAdams, Chester McQuigg, Jimmie Augustino, Helen Beckett, Alta Belle Elwood, Jean Baker, Freda Baxter, Maro Ella Cary, Ruby Westgate.

Second grade A class—Dora Thornton, Florence Thrift, Alice Collier.

strung, halter broke and a ring in his nose. Somebody gets hurt sure. But their scars and epitaphs will be scars and epitaphs of honor not of shame. R. A. EASTON.

CURRY COUNTY CULLINGS

(Gold Beach Reporter)
Indian Commissioner Sells at Washington has placed on the market 630 million feet of yellow and sugar pine on the Klamath Indian reservation, at \$3 and \$3.25 a thousand, the money to be used to put the Klamath Indians on a self-supporting basis.

The injunction suit of S. P. Pierce and others against the Sixes mine, was heard before Judge Coke last week, and the temporary injunction dissolved. The mine has since resumed operations. The action for a permanent injunction has been sent to a referee for the taking of testimony and will come up for determination later.

Alex Hastings, who has been ill a couple of weeks with pneumonia, at the residence of Irvin Miller at Cedar Fork, died there Friday night, and was buried at the old settlers grave yard above Bagnell's Ferry Sunday. The stormy weather kept many away, yet there was a large number of people present testifying to the universal esteem in which Alex was held everywhere he was known.

Fishermen are showing up from all directions and boats are being put in readiness for the fishing season. There is a scarcity of net twine on the coast, and many fishermen, not only here but in other sections of the coast, are having trouble in getting the material with which to knit their nets.

Polk's Gazetteer for 1917-18

R. L. Polk & Co. have just issued the 1917-18 edition of the Oregon and Washington Gazetteer and Business Directory, which is the only work of the kind published. It contains an accurate Business Directory of every city, town and village in Oregon and Washington, and the names and addresses of country merchants, professional men, lumbermen, etc., who are located adjacent to villages; also lists of government and county officers, state boards, statutory provisions, names of courts, terms of court, names of post offices, express, telephone and telegraph offices, justices of the peace, hotels, daily and weekly newspapers, besides much other information useful to all classes of business and professional men.

A descriptive sketch of each place is given, embracing various items of interest, such as location, population, distance to different points, the most convenient shipping stations, the products that are marketed, stage communications, trade statistics, churches. An important feature is the Classified Directory, giving every business arranged under its special heading, thus enabling subscribers to obtain at a glance a list of all houses manufacturing or dealing in any particular line of goods. Beginning with this edition, the street address in all the large towns is shown in this list.

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Strike at Beaver Hill

A strike is reported to have taken place at the Beaver Hill coal mine March 31. The men, however, have gone back to work, giving the Superintendent, L. A. Whereat, 20 days to take the matter up with the Southern Pacific company, which is the owner of the mine, and to grant them the 10 per cent raise which is asked.

It seems that on Friday, March 30, a number of men were working overtime unloading brick, and they told the foreman that they wanted time and a half for the overtime. The foreman took their demand to the superintendent and he issued instructions to lay the men off, which was done. The next morning all of the men employed at the mine refused to go to work unless they were given a 10 per cent increase in wages. They were finally persuaded to go back to work and give Mr. Whereat time to take the matter up with the railroad company.

Villa Will Be Neutral

Villa will be an "incorruptible neutral" in the event of war between the United States and Germany, it was announced at El Paso, Texas, recently by leaders of the Villa junta there, after the arrival of a courier with this message direct from Villa's camp in Mexico. Villa, according to the messenger, wants Mexico to avoid any entangling alliances.

The Aim of Paramount

Jesse L. Lasky says, in Motion Picture News, March 24, 1917, "Paramount is not producing pictures for exhibitors who find it profitable to capitalize on an occasional vice picture! We are producing pictures for the public that want good stories—clean stories and interesting problems told by their favorite stars."

AS PRICES RISE HIGH COST OF LIVING HITS THE RAILROADS

Service Will Be Crippled Unless Relief Comes Soon.

EXPENSES UP, RATES DOWN

Wasteful and Conflicting Regulations Hamper Railroad Credit, While Advance in Labor and Materials Outstrips Revenues, Chairman Kruttschnitt Tells Congress Committee. Unified Federal Control Will Improve Conditions.

Washington, April 2.—The condition in which the railroads find themselves as a result of constant increases in wages, prices of material, taxes and other expenses, while their revenues are restricted by legislation, was strikingly described by Julius Kruttschnitt, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Pacific Company, in his testimony during the past few days before the Joint Congressional Committee on Interstate Commerce, which is making a study of the question of railroad regulation. Mr. Kruttschnitt urged the committee to recommend a plan of regulation which will center responsibility for regulation and its results in the federal government, so that conditions affecting both expenses and revenues may be made subject to a uniform policy instead of the wasteful and often conflicting policies involved in the system of combined state and federal regulation.

Why Roads Need More Money.

Mr. Kruttschnitt's testimony also had a bearing on the reasons for the application of the roads to the Interstate Commerce Commission for a general advance in freight rates. He showed that while the price of transportation has declined in recent years, the cost of producing transportation, like the cost of almost everything else, has rapidly advanced. This he illustrated by showing that if freight and passenger rates had increased during the past twenty years in the same proportion as average commodity prices the railroads of the United States would have received \$1,654,000,000 more for transportation in 1915 than they did receive.

This saving to the public was effected, in spite of an increase of 63 per cent in the cost of operation of trains, by a reduction in the average passenger rate per mile from 2.04 cents in 1895 to 1.28 cents in 1915, a decrease of 37 per cent, and by a reduction in the average freight rate per ton mile from 8.39 mills in 1895 to 7.3 mills in 1915, or 13 per cent. During the same period the cost of operation per train mile rose from 92 cents to \$1.78, almost doubling. At the same time the average price of 346 commodities enumerated in a bulletin of the Department of Agriculture increased 115 per cent. Transportation is practically the only commodity in general use that has not increased tremendously in price during the past twenty years, freight and passenger charges being lower than they were twenty years ago.

Big Saving to Public.

If rates had risen proportionately to the increase in the cost of other articles of ordinary use, Mr. Kruttschnitt told the committee, the average passenger rate in 1915 would have been 2.95 cents a mile, or 50 per cent higher than it was, and the average freight rate would have been 1.21 cents, or 66 per cent higher than it was. The saving to the public in passenger fares through this difference was \$314,000,000 and in freight rates \$1,340,000,000.

Universal railroad bankruptcy under this reduction in rates and increased cost of operation, he said, was avoided only by heavy expenditures to obtain increased efficiency in train movement, making it possible to haul more tons of freight per locomotive. This had reduced the average cost of hauling a ton of freight, but the decline in the average freight rate had reduced the net revenue of the roads from each ton hauled. If the operating costs of the railroads, including the prices of coal, labor and material, continue to advance at the present rate a lot of railroads will be in the hands of receivers by 1918 unless some relief is afforded. Mr. Kruttschnitt told the committee.

"Owing to the rise of commodity prices," he said, "the purchasing power of the dollar has fallen 55 per cent and the railroads are in the position of being compelled by law to accept payment for their service to the public in currency worth 45 cents on the dollar.

Public's Chief Interest.

"The public's greatest interest is in adequate transportation facilities and not so much in low rates. As to most commodities freight rates form a very small proportion of their cost. Excluding low grade commodities, the percentage of the freight rate to the cost is so slight as to offer no justification for any substantial increase in prices to the consumer. It may be stated with little fear of contradiction that the consumer seldom, if ever, profits from a lowering of freight rates.

"Extortionate charges are a thing of the past, and under the attempt to cut rates to their lowest possible figure the interest of the whole public in the character and standard of transportation is subordinated to the interest of that part of the public only that profits by lower rates—that is to say, the shippers and their agents and not the general public, the ultimate consumer."

\$5.00 Reward

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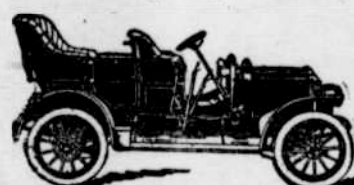
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