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RAIL ROAD SERVICE NEEDS ATTENTION

Schedule Forces Oregon Business To Idaho—Equipment Inadequate—Cars are Filthy

Patience has long ceased to be a virtue, in the attitude of the people of Malheur and Harney counties toward the slovenly in the operation of the Oregon Short Line trains supposed to be serving the section, tributary to the branch lines.

The specific charges of laxity, effecting the welfare of the people in Malheur and Harney counties include:

1. The Schedule on the Crane Branch is so arranged that all business with the South Eastern quarter of the state is forced into the Idaho or Eastern Markets, whereas a slight change of thirty minutes in the leaving time of the Ontario-Crane train would bring Portland from 24 to 48 hours nearer this market. The buying power of the Interior of Malheur and Harney counties is increasing faster than any other sections in the West. Portland and other Oregon centers would only be looking after their own interest by co-operating in securing this change.

2. The locomotive equipment is entirely inadequate. Not only is this branch line used as a museum for antiquated relics, but the very economic policy of operating making possible the privilege of paying 25 per cent increased rates, seems to necessitate the absurd attempt to serve three branch lines, and do the switching in three main line towns as well with three 1492 model locomotives and three engine crews.

3. Filth, incomparable to a sheep or cattle car, covers the interior of every passenger coach operated on these lines. Filth that is inches deep and months old. Filth that carries disease, nauseates the traveller, retards the development of this section, and loses patronage to the railroads.

4. A wanton disregard of every and any published schedule makes a reasonable certainty of connections impossible. Passengers are often held at the depot in Ontario for hours under the promise that the train will leave "right away." Mixed trains will stop within a mile of a station to unload or load a car of sheep or cattle. Despite the efforts and willingness, of the branch line agents no information can usually be secured of the expected arrival time.

The railroad is losing thousands of dollars in passenger and freight revenue because the motor cars, although more expensive, are more reliable.

There should be no need to call the attention of these conditions to the Oregon Short Line officials, for even if they do travel in clean, comfortable, modern private cars they know the true situation as well as the people they scorn to help.

The Malheur Enterprise believes in the railroads. We want more railroads and better railroads. Such operation as has been permitted however the past few years will never produce revenue sufficient to justify development. The public will not pay profits for insults and promises. They will pay for service.

The Enterprise is asking the railroad to do what it knows to be right. There should be no need of calling on the Public Service Commission. There should be no need of going further to arouse public resentment. We are not asking for a single ex-

pensive or unreasonable change.

If the Oregon Short Line will alter their schedule a little to permit better connections with the main line if they will arrange to run the train on schedule, if they will clean up their coaches suitable for decent people to enter, if they will take a little pride in pleasing the communities that pay the charges, if—Oh! Hell, if they will just be business like, everybody will be satisfied and the railroad will be making more money.

The time has come in the development of this section that it is essential to secure the co-operation of all interested parties in the upbuilding of the great South Eastern Oregon country. Unless the railroads are willing to assist in the sowing, by what right will they claim a large share of the harvest?

With an individual it is a case of work or starve. The same is true of a railroad, only some are too blind, to lazy, too prejudiced, too busy to comprehend.

Why have the railroads made this article necessary? We want to be their friend. We hope this word will be sufficient.—Vale Enterprise.

The Enterprise has voiced the sentiment of the people of this section of the state in regard to the railroad service. It has overlooked one matter that should have been added: At least some shippers in this vicinity are not notified when their freight reaches its destination. There are times when this notice would mean much to the shipper as most times one is in a hurry for the goods, and then again, it might make some difference in sending conveyances for the shipment as road conditions are a factor in this part of the country. The agents are surely not so busy but what they can notify a shipper when a consignment of goods has arrived. It may not be compulsory upon the part of the railroad but it is showing some courtesy to the people who patronize the road.

H. C. H. S. Notes

Gene Schwartz, '20; Helen King '21; June Dalton, '22; Gladys Byrd, '23.

1920

School spirit seems to be the leading thought in everyone's mind nowadays. Although it is promoted largely by the Seniors, who gave a program Friday to that effect, the rest of the school responding gloriously, who wouldn't? We have the following program was rendered by the Senior class in the assembly on Friday:

School Spirit

Paper, School Spirit—Jo D. Cook; Poems—Gene Schwartz; School song, recitation—Class; Paper Cooperation—Taylor Huston; School Notes—Everett Eggleston; Poem, Class yell—Willis Sklens and Celia Byrd; School Yell—Entire School.

How can teachers announce a little test with such a wide grin and much show of pleasure when they know what instruments of torture they are?

The Seniors are proud possessors of rings, a symbol of their "Seniorhood." Envious glances and wishes are rife among the lower classmen—while the Juniors have an air of "we are almost there."

We have observed that we had a pick and shovel gang at work last Saturday. (Excuse me, I should have said pick and shovel handle).

Mrs. Walter Huston entertained informally the entire Senior class on Wednesday evening. It was much of a surprise to the "honorable" Taylor, as it was planned without his knowledge to celebrate his birthday. The class is all of one opinion—that they had a jolly good time.

Miss Krichesky, the class advisor, is to entertain the Senior class at an informal card party Friday evening to be given at the Page residence.

We want our dance March 20th, to be a success. Our object is a better Commencement, so give us your support and help put the H. C. H. S. on the map. Although three days late (due to St. Patrick's on a weekday) we want it to be a St. Patrick's dance, and are planning to decorate the hall with some of our greenest Freshmen! Come!

1921

A Junior class meeting was called on Wednesday evening to discuss the program to be given by the Juniors, March 12.

Marie Egli, the Junior President, left for California last Sunday for a short visit with her mother.

Poleman Sklens, a former graduate of Harney High, was seriously injured while playing base ball at the fairgrounds and is now in a critical condition.

On becoming principal Mr. McDade decided that the High School was in need of physical training. Therefore the noon hour was shortened and a few minutes taken from each period to make another period possible. Miss Anderson will instruct the girls and Mr. McDade, the boys.

1922

Miss Hazel Owsley who has been absent from her classes for the last few weeks, has returned from Huntington, where she has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. Vincent.

Gladys Dousted is with us again. Gladys doesn't look as if she had been sick a day, although she has had a real stiff case of the chicken pox. She advises the rest of us "chickens" not to be snooping around in any one's chicken house these days.

Next week we will get our cards. I wonder how we Sophomores will fare? We have been working mighty hard since school began, to make up for all lost time. You would think so if you could see our double assignments that are handed out daily to us.

Frances Dougan no longer looks to the Sophomores as her one and only class. She has stepped far above us into the Junior class. Well, Frances, the rest of us are coming a little "slower" but just as "sure."

Perhaps you have noticed how scanty the Sophomore news is this week. There is a reason. Not a single one of those loyal but dreadfully neglectful Sophomores donated any notes. Their promises are all something like this: "Oh! Yes, certainly I will write some notes for our news," but if all their notes were put together, there would be a large blank space headed, "Sophomores."

1923

Nick Robinson has not returned to school this semester. We fear that he was badly hurt recently. Our sincere sympathies are extended to Nick and we wish him a speedy recovery. We have come to the conclusion that he was born on a Friday.

Rex wears a patch over his right jaw. We don't know if he has been in a fight or whether to lay it on chewing gum.

Lessons are proceeding nicely.

News from the scene of action. Alexander has just marched up the Euphrates and captured the royal cities of Persia.

We are working up interest in Ancient History by giving both oral and written accounts of the lives of great men. Our interests are now centered upon Alexander of Macedonia. The oral reports are exceedingly good.

The Freshmen met Monday evening and decided on new class colors. Last year the Freshmen used Navy Blue and Khaki, but as this is almost an entirely new class this year, we decided on old rose and silver. Whu—um, we aren't as giddy as you might imagine.

Literary programs will be held every Friday afternoon at the High school, given by the various classes, consecutively.

WARRANT CALL

Notice is hereby given that there are sufficient funds on hand to pay on a General Fund warrants issued and registered up to and including December 20, 1919. Interest ceases March 9, 1920.

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