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## ON PUBLIC CONTROL

James J. Hill, the Railroad Magnate, Believes in Publicity of Affairs of Public Service Corporations.

James J. Hill the Great Northern-Northern Pacific railroad magnate, sees in publicity of corporation matters and intelligent public control of the corporations themselves, a long step towards the solution of the present era of business stagnation.

"And the United States needs a saviour," says Mr. Hill. "The people have demanded not only the best but an improvement on the best, and they will now have to pay accordingly. If they don't pay in money, they must pay in prosperity. The business of the country increases 15 percent every year; the facilities for handling this new business increases only 1-6 of that. The difference in the ratio is too great and a balance must be struck, sometimes, else there will be a complete breakdown of service or prosperity.

"Why don't the facilities for handling business increase more rapidly? Because the men behind those facilities are afraid to spend their money for extensions and improvements."

Mr. Hill has long been an exponent of publicity of corporations affairs and looks upon that as one of the means of bringing corporation and public together.

"The people are entitled to know what the public service corporations are doing and the conditions under which they transact business," he says. "I have believed in and have advocated publicity of corporation reports for many years. When the public becomes conversant with corporation affairs and is convinced that it is seeing from the inside, much of the feeling against the great business concerns will pass away. That will be one of the effects of publicity."

In the matter of public control of quasi-public concerns, Mr. Hill is a firm advocate, but he wants that control to be intelligent; he wants only trained men in the places of control.

"A corporation is a piece of paper bearing the stamp and seal of the state," he says. "Its life is created by the people and naturally the people should have some word in making the rules under which it transacts business. That proposition is one I have preached for years and now I am glad to see it making headway among common carrier corporations. Last week President Mudge of Rock Island railroad, declared for public control of railroads; George M. Reynolds, president Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago, did the same thing the week before; T. N. Vail, president American Telephone and Telegraph, recently made an official report to his board of directors in which he took a firm stand for both publicity and public control.

"But that control must be intelligently administered. Public control simply because it is a control by the public is not all. It must be intelligent, as I have always contended. Intelligent people will ask and expect nothing more. Vail, Reynolds and the others are right in advocating publicity and public control. Both are things which eventually will go far towards making a good feeling between the corporations and the people, and will assist in settling much of the antagonism which now seems to prevail."

### Farmers' Picnic.

Umatilla county the strawberries, Union county the sugar, Wallowa county the cream and Baker county the cake. This is the way the menu will be provided at a big farmers' union meeting that will be held at Wallowa lake on June 7, 8 and 9, says the East Oregonian. It will be a joint meeting of the unions of the four principal counties of eastern Oregon and arrangement for the affair

are now being made. The suggestion that Umatilla county furnish the strawberries and each of the other counties an appropriate part of the "feet," originated with W. W. Harrah. Other members of the union quickly took up with the idea and it was adopted.

### Farm Electricity Made.

Electricity is to play a great part in the farm life of the Walla Walla valley, according to ranchers of that section and engineers who are engaged in the work of constructing the plants. More than a dozen farmers of the country are installing such plants and will develop the electricity for their own use. It is cheaper, farmers assert, who have tried it, to own a small electric plant and to operate it by a gasoline engine than to buy the power, and it costs no more than half what the local public companies are asking to generate the power at home.

## ARE INDIANS BRIBED

Petition Relating to Crooked Practice Forwarded to Washington, Says Live Wire.

The Pendleton Live Wire says: In direct violation of all federal statutes for dealings with Indians, leases have been made and are being made on the reservation in which bribes are employed. Those pursuing these dealings are in general new renters who desire to take the place of old renters.

Valuable presents, such as saddles, and large sums of money are known to have been paid over during the last few days to Indians to bind leasing agreements. The white man who takes any such action with an Indian lays himself open to a long term in a federal jail.

Leases are now being renewed on the Umatilla reservation. It is impossible for any would-be renter to bid a higher rental for the rent is fixed by the government on the basis of land values.

Being unable to bid a higher figure, the practice has obtained sometimes of making offers of side considerations. So rank has this become in the past two weeks that a committee of old ranchers have drawn up a petition and forwarded it to Washington. This petition contains names, dates and the amount of bribes paid to Indians not to renew present leases and to turn out present renters in favor of new ones.

The traffic does not seem wrong to the Indian. He is essentially a bargainer and presents of all kinds appeal to him. Whether it be a quart of whiskey or a \$200 saddle with which the agreement is bound, there is now no doubt but that a great number of trades have been made through trickery.

## THE CASEDAY CASE AFFIRMED

Unless Sentence Is Commuted He Must Suffer Extreme Penalty of Law.

The case of the State of Oregon vs. Joseph H. Caseday has been affirmed. On Christmas night, 1909, he arrested Ollie Snyder near Monument, Grant county. While he had him in custody and was on his way to Canyon City with his prisoner, he conspired with Ben Hinton, Albert Green, Emmett Shields and Earl Shields to lynch Snyder. Snyder was tried near Hamilton. Hinton was tried and convicted of murder in the second degree. The other defendants entered a plea of murder in the same degree. Caseday stood trial and was found guilty of murder in the first degree. He was sentenced to be hanged on the second day of last September. The case was appealed and the lower court over which Judge Geo. E. Davis presided, affirmed. Caseday will now have to suffer the extreme penalty of the law unless executive clemency is extended to him. It is thought that friends of the condemned man and a number of citizens of the northern part of Grant county will intercede with Governor West and attempt to have the sentence commuted to the same degree of murder that the co-conspirators were convicted of.

### May Feature "Rex."

"Rex," the diving dog, will probably be signed as one of the features of amusement in the newly arranged Tumalum park, says the Walla Walla Union. As a tryout, Rex was put through some of his stunts yesterday afternoon. He dived off the Mill creek bridge on North Second street into the deepest part of the stream, which probably has a depth of four feet. This feat was accomplished half a dozen times, and he would stay under water ten seconds.

### Forty Acres for \$16,000.

Four hundred dollars an acre was the price paid by Sieuwaga Oldenburg of Portland to Charles Marchand et ux, for forty acres of land on the Furnish ditch in Umatilla county, according to a deed which has been filed with County Recorder Burroughs.

## THE BIG TRACK MEET

Athena Will Entertain the Schools of Umatilla County Tomorrow—Athletics and Oratoricals.

Oratorical Contest, Saturday Evening, DIVISION C.  
Including the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Grades.  
Piano Solo - Zela Keen  
1. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address - Myrton Moore  
2. Baby at Church - Evangeline Fix  
3. Our Hired Girl - Irene Rhea  
Vocal Duet - Mrs. Smith and Miss Norma Smith  
DIVISION B.  
Including 7th and 8th Grades.  
The Ride of Jennie McNeal - Hope McPherrin  
Piano Solo - Marguerite Forrest  
DIVISION A. High Schools.  
1. Toussaint L'Ouverture - Marjorie Balduch  
2. Regulus Before the Roman Senate - Clayton Strain  
Vocal Solo - Mrs. J. D. Plamondon  
3. The Death of Garfield - Clarence Brotherton  
4. The National Flag - Blondell Richey  
Piano Duet - Mrs. Reeder and Miss Gholson  
Decision of Judges.  
Awarding of Medals.

### New Land Attorney.

Attorney Charles H. Carter of Pendleton has been named by Governor Oswald West as the Umatilla county attorney for the state land board. It is a position that was held by Mr. Carter some years ago, but during recent years the post has been held by Judge James A. Fee, says the East Oregonian. The work of the attorney for the land board has to do principally with the loans made from the state land funds.

### Celebrate Golden Wedding.

Ben. F. Ogle, one of the oldest pioneers and one of the wealthiest land owners in Umatilla county, and his wife Tuesday celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary and all of their kindfolk gathered at the family home in Pendleton to celebrate the occasion, says the East Oregonian. Mr. and Mrs. Ogle, then Miss Sarah Groom, were married in Anderson county, Missouri, in 1861.

### Oregon Land Case.

Following a meeting of the executive committee of the Harriman lines it is announced that an appeal will be taken from United States Judge Wolverton's decision in Portland in the case which he decided in favor of the government and ordered the restoration of \$75,000,000 worth of land to the government which previously had been granted by congress to the railroad company.

### Fruit Not Badly Damaged.

County Fruit Inspector Campbell states that while the recent cold weather did some damage to cherries and peaches near the state line, the apples are unharmed. Notwithstanding the fact that strawberries were hurt to some extent, the Milton-Freewater district will furnish as large a crop as last year.

### Married at Helix.

At the parsonage of R. G. Callison, pastor of the Christian church at Helix, Mr. Albert E. Ecklund of Portland and Miss Elizabeth Webber, a school teacher, were married, on April 23. The newly wedded couple left immediately for Portland, where they will reside.

### Anglers Claim Injustice.

Walla Walla anglers claim an injustice is being done them when they are required to pay \$5 license fee to fish in this state. They claim they get

no returns for the fish they plant in Mill creek and the Walla Walla river; that the Oregon fishermen get the full benefit of their labors and expense in planting the fish. They claim the license fees to be excessive under the circumstances.

### The Pen for Him.

The pen years for Claude Franklin, the young man from Adams who was recently paroled after pleading guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon. For a minor offense he recently received a jail sentence at Walla Walla, and now Judge Phelps will probably send him to the penitentiary.

### Early Fishing.

Several parties have tried early fishing in the river and Meabam creek, and have returned with few fish, on account of high water. It is reported that salmon have made a fair run this year.

## MORE TEAMS ADDED

Money Raised by Commercial Association for Athena's Part of Expense in Building Road.

Twelve teams are now at work hauling crushed rock for the Athena-Weston macadamized road. Additional wagons and boxes were received this week and the teams furnished by farmers are transporting the rock from crusher to roadway in large quantities.

At a special meeting Monday night, the Commercial Association took up Athena's end of the road matter. An estimate calling for \$600 to defray Athena's part of the expense of building the road, was made and President Bets appointed S. F. Wilson, B. B. Richards, M. L. Watts, H. A. Barrett and N. A. Miller to serve the Association in the capacity of financial committee. The committee was authorized to solicit the funds and turn them over to James Henderson, treasurer of the Association, who will employ men and have charge of the timekeeping, etc.

For this road improvement the county is crushing the rock and spreading it on the road after proper surfacing has been done, which is also at the county's expense. The city of Athena has given free access to her rock quarry for material for one half of the road's construction, which will take the macadamized road to a point this side of the bridge at the Ginn place, where the Weston part of the work will meet it. The farmers of the community are furnishing teams to do the hauling, but these teams require feed and drivers, and incidental expense is to be met. And it is for this that the Association committee has been soliciting funds.

### Gasoline Power.

Many farmers who own combine threshing machines, have called at the Tharp Bros.' shop this week to inspect the gasoline engine equipment that is being attached to Claude Steen's machine. The engine in question is manufactured by the Atlas company of San Francisco. It develops 35-horse power, has four cylinders and is water cooled. It will drive the separator and header, and has given general satisfaction wherever used for threshing purposes.

### School Report.

The following is the report of Union District No. 53, for the month beginning March 27, and ending April 31: Number of days taught, 20; number of pupils enrolled, 11. Roll of honor: Clay Jackson, Roy Richmond, Ralph Richmond, Louis Berlin, Lowell Richmond, Elsie Walker, Carolyn Koepke and Oneta Jackson. Visitors for the month: E. H. Richmond, F. J. Jackson, Mary Richmond, Ruth Jackson and Mrs. E. H. Richmond. Lillian Downs-Dotson, Teacher.

### Red Bug Pest.

A big box elder shade tree was cut down by Clayton Luna this week at his home on Jefferson street, for the reason that it had become the permanent home of millions of red bugs. They infested the house and walks until they became a nuisance. The same conditions prevail in other parts of the city where the box elder trees grow, and to obtain relief the only method available is to destroy the pest in to make away with the trees.

### M. A. Ferguson Is Back.

M. A. Ferguson, who formerly published the Adams Advance and later the Helix Herald, in this county, has severed his connections with the paper at Connell, Wash., where he has been for several years past. Accompanied by his family, Mr. Ferguson is now at Pendleton, says the East Oregonian. He is thinking of locating at Pendleton.

### Depot Brightened Up.

Painters have given the O. - W. R. & N. depot in this city a fresh coat of paint which has brightened up the premises greatly. Crossing signs and culvert approaches have also been given generous touches from the brush with good effect.

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