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THE GRAIN RATE CASE.

The supreme court of this land has just declared the lowered grain rates of last August ineffective because the Interstate Commerce Commission did not reopen the hearing in 1931 when asked to do so by the railroads. The original examination of the grain rates was started in 1928 and was delayed by the railroads as long as was possible. The order did not go into effect until after August and now it is killed because the I.C.C. didn't let the railroads delay it longer with further investigations.

Had the supreme court considered a little longer on the matter itself it might have reached the very sensible conclusion that the reason the commission did not open the case again last June was that they considered the ruling just, even in the light of nearly three years delay.

Papers in commenting on the decision remark that the court did not hold to the strictly legal aspects of the case but branched out into the field of economic policy in reaching this conclusion. This must mean that the supreme court recognized that there are many persons in the United States who are holders of railroad stocks and bonds and that there are many insurance companies with large sums tied up in railroad stocks and that the welfare of the country would be better served by protection of this class of investors.

It might be a fair question to ask what sort of economic theory allows the supreme court of the land to ignore the fact that there are some six million farmers whose prosperity depends to no little extent on the freight rates charged for moving the products of their farms to market. The court, in branching out into economic theory, has decided in favor of the investor instead of the producer, the money lender instead of the money maker, for no new wealth can be created except by the production or discovery or development of something useful.

Are we at last to come to believe the radical assertion that no man can rise to a position of high office in this country without having contracted friendships, interests, and perhaps material stocks and bonds that unfit him to judge impartially between capital and labor?

It may be that we are asking too much of frail humanity when we ask them to decide between farmers in a part of the land that is distant and remote and whose troubles are merely headlines and hearsay, and friends who have money invested in stocks and perhaps personal interest brought about through ownership of railroad securities themselves. If all of our officials, legislative, executive, and judicial must come from the class of people who loan money instead of from the class of people who earn money, the earners may expect many such decisions.

Some day we may look back at the supreme court decision on the grain rate case as the beginning of a sad and disastrous period in our national existence.

YOUTH GOING TO SCHOOL

Last week with Christmas over and the new year properly inducted into service, the young folks went away to school again. And as they stood in the group of parents and other well wishers who came to wish them goodspeed, the contrast between the elders and the youths and maidens was very distinct.

Youth with fresh, eager faces were prattling about nothing and everything at once. Their troubles, if they had any, rested lightly on their shoulders and were not serious enough to darken the brightness of their expressions. To them life is still a pleasant adventure to be encountered with gaiety and wit and nonchalantly as one fends the teeth of a playful terrier.

To the elders, most of whom were old enough to be sending their offspring away to school, life presented a very different picture—still judging from appearances. For them it was no longer a gay adventure just to be alive. They had found that life "stacks the cards to catch your weakness and not to match your strength," and they have been sobered and, in contrast to the younger folks, saddened by the knowledge.

But it wouldn't do so to have it otherwise. Confidence is necessary for all who must engage in stern conflicts, as all football coaches know, although too much is also disastrous. The old man sitting in the chimney corner or in the easy chair cannot tell youth of the burdens that come with age and responsibility. Youth must battle the dragon, life, himself and wrest what he can from the fray. Each generation is getting more from that engagement and perhaps some day we may develop a civilization that will make it possible for youth to win the things it wants from life and still keep that happy outlook and never-be-serious philosophy.

One snow storm doesn't break a dry cycle and it is possible that we will have another dry year, but it is almost certain that this year will not be as dry as 1931 and that's something.

DISCOURAGEMENT

It was once announced that the Devil was going out of business and would offer his tools for sale to anyone who would pay the price. On the night of the sale they were attractively displayed, and a bad looking lot they were.

Malice, hatred, envy, jealousy, sensuality, deceit and all other implements of evil were attractively spread out, each one marked with its price. Apart from the rest lay a harmless looking wedge-shaped tool—much worn—and priced much higher than any of the others.

Someone asked the Devil what it was.

"That's Discouragement," was the reply.

"Why have you priced it so high?"

"Because," replied the Devil, "it is more useful to me than any of the others. I can pry open and get inside a man's consciousness with that when I could not get near him with any of the others—and when once inside I can use him whatever way suits me best. It is much worn because I've used it on nearly everyone and very few know it belongs to me."

It hardly need be added that the Devil's price for discouragement was so high it was never sold.

He still owns it—and is still using it. Let's forget this tool and get to work. The business is here if we work for it. Will you get yours or will you let the people of some other city get all the trade. If you are wise you will trade at home and you will prosper. Trade away from home and you will go down. When a businessman shops out of town it makes people afraid of his merchandise. The first thing your customer will think of is that your merchandise is not what it should be or you would trade at home. When you show people you have confidence in your line, you can make other people interested. Trade at home if you want prosperity for your own town.

Exchange

Grass Valley

Mrs. A. W. McLeod is staying with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sommers while recovering sufficiently from her injuries in a recent wreck, before returning to her home east of Moro.

Helen McLeod is still in The Dalles hospital and expects to remain there as long as her leg continues to drain, to avoid any chance of infection.

Dale Baker, who underwent an operation on his nose recently was returned to the hospital in The Dalles this week. Dale was running some temperature and it was feared there might be some infection.

George Wilcox left Monday afternoon for Portland to attend a meeting of insurance men that is to be held therethis week.

Miss Anna Schwartz visited relatives in Moro Monday.

Chris Taylor was in Moro Tuesday from his ranch on the river and reports spending the winter feeding sheep over in Gilliam county.

Sherars Grange will give a dance in their hall Saturday evening. This will be another of those jolly get togethers of neighbors who like to dance to the old and new tunes.

Little Jerry Wilson, son of Jerry Sr. of Kent, was burned quite severely Saturday when he backed into the fireplace. Dr. Poley dressed his burns and he is getting along very well.

Students from the colleges have departed for the seats of learning again after the Christ-

mas season; Bob Poley and Barbara Walpole left Saturday and Phyllis Smith and Harold Blagg left Sunday.

Fred Zimmerman and Hazel Zimmerman were married in the Dalles last week. She was a resident of the Yakima valley and Fred is foreman at the Patjen ranch west of town. Happy Days.

The bridge club was entertained last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Tetz, Pauline Wilcox won first prize and Helene Lemley won the guest prize.

Bob Johnson's mother returned to Bend Friday. She visited a week with her son.

It is reported that Jack Ragdale had his feet frozen while herding sheep near Lagrande.

Elmer Hall and family, of The Dalles, visited here over the New Year holiday with the Dell olds family.

John Perry and wife and Dick Huhman and wife returned Tuesday night from Cornelius where relatives live. Engineer Scheffer took the engine while Perry was away.

A Mr. McNab, of Albina, has been appointed to the position of railroad agent here and will take charge in a few days.

Lillian Coon returned Sunday from a visit with her parents at Colton.

Art Bibby and wife were here from Heppner the first of the week. Fire recently razed the building Art was occupying and he is in doubt as to what he will do in the future.

Celebrating the nineteenth anniversary of their marriage, Dell and Ella Olds invited a house full of friends on New Year's Eve. After an evening spent with cards a mock marriage ceremony was performed with George Wilcox officiating and reuniting the couple for another nineteen seasons. Mrs. Poley won first prize for women and George Wilcox for men.

W. F. Simpson and daughter of Seattle, relatives of Mrs. W. E. Garrett, visited here during the vacation.

Vern McGowan and wife spent the vacation with his people near Independence.

Miss Thompson was in Ashland and Miss Edmonds was in The Dalles during the vacation. Both are teachers in the Grass Valley schools.

Verna Burns was operated on Tuesday at the Mid-Columbia hospital in The Dalles.

Agnes Simon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Simon, was taken to Portland the last of the week and operated on for appendicitis there.

Moro School Notes

Lois Bryant and Josephine Johnson, students attending the

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EDITORIAL

In 1932 there will be 5 double holidays. This will let "Old Man Depression" take lots of vacations. Lets kick him out right now.

—T-A-L—

J H Wilson at Kent is doing a nice job repairing his home. Now Wilson believes in taking advantage of the new low prices in holiday building material.

Oregon State Normal at Monmouth, visited school on their return home for vacation. They graduated from Moro high school in 1931.

Faye Thompson, who is a senior this year at Aldany College, visited school with her father, on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd.

The basket ball bug has attached itself to the smaller folks as well as the high school people. The third and fourth grades have organized two teams captained by Wyman French and Max Barzee. Perhaps the leadership will change occasionally to give all practice in leadership. To date the teams are a tie.

The girls' and boys' basket ball teams have their first game on Friday the 9th., with Kent. Both teams have been working very hard under the supervision of their coaches, Miss Kutch and Mr. Walker.

Initiation for the student who are eligible for the Torch Honor Society will be held Friday afternoon.

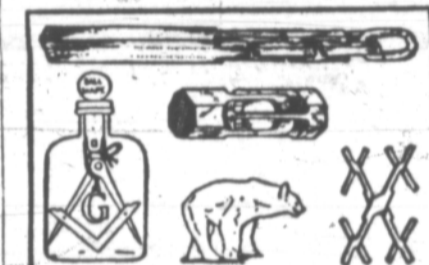
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