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The derailment of a Southern Pacific passenger train below Klamath Falls last week serves to illustrate that accidents are exceptions and not the rule with railroads. Striking a boulder in a cut, the train ripped up track and disrupted traffic for several hours, but no injuries were suffered, either by passengers or crew.

Despite steadily mounting highway traffic death lists, American railroads have been able to make safer their handling of passengers and freight. Seldom do they receive credit for their good work.

Railroads possess inherent virtues, including the construction and maintenance of their own highways. They pay an unusually heavy tax burden, the Southern Pacific being Jackson county's largest contributor. Yet the railroads are damned and cursed beyond their due.

With rail travel by far the safer, more comfortable method, it is regrettable that more people do not use it. However, loss of business is the natural result of savings offered travelers by the automobile. Many who prefer to ride in comfortable, roomy coaches drive their cars because they are unable to pay the higher price for railroad luxury and greater safety, especially during the winter months. With them it is drive or stay home.

Perhaps more genuine bargain excursion rates might help acquaint the new generation with the advantages of rail travel, but coaches will never be filled to capacity as long as one must pay a high premium for railroad tickets.

The Miner has a juvenile fondness for the puffing, smoke-belching iron horse and would like to see it resume its rightful place as the busy carrier it deserves to be. Price keeps hundreds and thousands of people from enjoying the safest, most comfortable travel in the world.

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DILEMMA OF THE OKLAFORNIANS!

With seasonal harvests drawing to a close in California, where thousands of midwestern "dusters" have taken refuge, an acute problem of housing and hunger faces authorities who already are hampered by a shortage of relief funds.

The crop-following itinerants, mostly from red-soiled Oklahoma, present a difficult burden of destitution, despair and malnutrition. To say that California invited the influx by her constant luring of tourists does not solve the distressing situation of thousands of tin-can nomads broken down and destitute on her southern acres. That the problem is California's reward for overeffective publicizing puts no bread in mouths of the stranded, nor does it clothe children's backs nor rehabilitate desperate families.

The situation is the accumulated result of industrialization, land exhaustion, depression—all mixed with an overproportion of human worthlessness. Of course all jalopy tramps are not on the bum through choice, but most of them always have dwelt in the valley of bad management of poor white trash. Back in their home states before depression and prior to drouth most were not listed among the industrious, the thrifty or the intelligent.

Solution of the problem lies neither in condemning the migrants as a class nor in maudlin, sympathetic glorification of their plight, which is a product of adverse economic forces which have magnified their stupidity. It is to be hoped that some humane way out may be found that neither coddles the worthless nor works severe hardship on the willing hungry. Fortunately, Oregon has not presented itself to the middle west as the one ideal haven and, consequently, we have no peon problem distressing our best minds.

California and her thousands of indigents are to be pitied.

LIFE'S BYWAYS!



BELLVIEW NEWS

- Miss Evelyn Applegate, Mrs. Elsie Miller, Elmer Applegate of Williams and Mrs. Minnie Chitwood of Jacksonville visited Tuesday at the Chester Applegate home. Earnest Applegate returned with them for a few days visit.
- Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Russell spent Sunday in Grants Pass with Mrs. Russell's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bechtel.
- Miss Aileen Inlow, who is teaching school in Gold Hill, visited over the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Val Inlow.
- Kenneth Bell, who is employed in Tionesta, Calif., visited at his home Saturday and Sunday.
- Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clary of Klamath Falls visited Monday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grimm.
- Mr. and Mrs. Walter Manuel have moved into the home formerly occupied by the Palmer family.
- Ralph and Wayne Sikes spent Saturday and Sunday visiting with their mother, Mrs. Grace Sikes. They are employed at Lincoln and Keno.
- Bill Brahs was in Medford Saturday on business and while there visited at the home of his friend, Warren Fichtner.
- Mrs. Donald Korth and Miss Louise Martin were in Medford on business Tuesday.
- Mr. and Mrs. Hininger and Kenneth Wenaus spent Tuesday in Medford transacting business.
- Misses Marjorie, Rosemary and Patricia Bell attended the church dinner for students in Ashland Friday evening.
- G. W. Willis, Luke and Melvin Willis are in Needles, Calif., on a short business trip.
- Mr. and Mrs. Clay Barker and family have moved from this district to their new home in Talent.
- Mrs. Homer Moore entertained members of the Friendly class of the Presbyterian church at an attractive dessert luncheon at her home Thursday afternoon.
- Mr. and Mrs. Con Austin are in Vancouver, Wash., where they are visiting for a short time with Mrs. Austin's daughter.
- Mrs. George Yockel left Sunday for Montana, where she will visit with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dahl.
- Mrs. C. M. Haines, Miss Alpha Haines of Talent and Elton Petri of Ashland were dinner guests Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gassman.
- Jackie Farmer, who suffered a broken arm at the Bellview school last week, is improving.
- The home extension unit held its meeting Friday in the Grange hall. Mrs. Carl Henry and Mrs. Vincent Lanini were hostesses at an attractive 1 o'clock luncheon. During the afternoon an interesting discussion was held on weight control. Four new members joined, Mesdames H. E. George, G. W. Nichols, R. L. Brantley and W. F. Monroe. The next meeting will occur Nov. 3 and will center on vegetable cookery.
- Mr. and Mrs. Carl Henry have moved from their home to the Spires ranch in the Dead Indian district.
- Dale Williams left last week with Melvin and Marvin Poyer for Portland, where they are exhibiting hogs and cattle in the Pacific International Livestock show.
- Mrs. George Helms, Mrs. I. E. Deadmond, Mrs. Claude Conley and Mrs. J. E. Gowland attended a meeting of the Federated Clubs of Southern Oregon in the Ashland Civic clubhouse Thursday.
- The Bellview Grange sponsored a dance Friday evening in their hall. Music was furnished by Mrs. A. Longstreth, Miss Lois Firestone and Robert Heath of Ashland. Home-made refreshments of sandwiches and cake were served at midnight. The committee in charge included Edwin

TALENT NEWS

- Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lewis of Ashland have purchased the property belonging to Mrs. Lewsadder and will take possession soon. Mrs. Lewsadder will make her home in Glendale, Calif.
- Mrs. Elizabeth Beckett of Cincinnati, Ohio, who has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Parks for the last six weeks, left Tuesday for Los Angeles, enroute to her home.
- The Talent P-TA held its first meeting of the season Friday with Mrs. George Hartley, president, in the chair. County School Supt. C. R. Bowman addressed the group on "What the P-TA Can Do to Help the School." New committees for the season were appointed.
- Benny Inman, a long-time resident of Talent, died Monday morning one mile north of town.
- The Boy Scouts met at their club room Thursday evening with Scoutmaster Bert Simmons in charge.
- The Camp Fire girls sponsored a dance in the city hall Saturday evening, with music by the Meadow Mountain Hill Billies of Ashland.
- John Schuler of Pine Ridge forest camp was a visitor in Talent Sunday.
- Amos Williams and family, who spent the summer at Yacolt, Wash., returned to Talent last week. Mr. Williams was employed with Everett Skeeters' logging outfit.
- Mr. and Mrs. Martin Paulsen and daughter Verna moved to Medford Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Clare Waugh rented the house vacated by the Paulsens and O. D. Goddard has leased the orchard for the coming year.
- Henry Enders of Ashland was a business caller in Talent Tuesday.
- Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cobb of Medford were calling in Talent recently.
- Ed Colpitt of Taft, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doty of San Gabriel, Calif., have been guests for the last week of Mrs. Haw.
- Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Jones have

traded their Talent home for a ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Sherard south of Ashland. Both families have taken possession of their new properties.

● Mrs. Nina Vetter and Ivah Blackwell of Ashland called on relatives here Friday.

● Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carver moved to Ashland Monday.

● The Ladies Aid met in the home of Mrs. Charles Holdridge Thursday afternoon.

● The Talent Townsend club met Tuesday evening in the city hall, arranging a pot-luck supper. A program followed dining with Mr. Davis of Medford being the speaker of the evening.

● Joe Tryon is a patient in the Medford Community hospital, where he underwent an appendectomy Wednesday.

● Bud, Harold and Joe Jones of Wakefield, Kan., who have been working in fruit in the Talent vicinity for the last two months, have returned home.

● Mr. and Mrs. Martin Twombly and family, who have been living in the Talent camp ground for the last three months, left Thursday for Porterville, Calif., where they will make their home.

● Mrs. Haw and son Kenneth left Saturday morning for eastern Oregon, where they will visit relatives and enjoy hunting.

● Mrs. Walter Davis, Mrs. C. M. Haines and Alpha Haines spent Friday in the Bellview neighborhood visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gassman.

● Charlie Morris of Ashland called on friends in Talent Saturday.

● Floyd Yarnell of Talent was one of the group of Ashland paper carriers who enjoyed a trip to the San Francisco fair, returning Sunday night.

● Godie and Ileana Calkins of Medford spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lowe and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hamilton.

● The Home Economics club of Talent Grange held an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. Tom Bell Friday. Twelve members were present to enjoy a covered dish luncheon.

● Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Higgins of San Francisco are visiting his mother, Mrs. Helen Higgins.

● The Home Extension unit held an all-day meeting in the city hall Wednesday, during which a vegetable plate dinner was demonstrated.

● Elva Thompson Monday started attending a Medford business school.

● Charlie Skeeters and a party of four hunters returned from a successful trip in eastern Oregon.

● The P-TA sponsored a reception for local teachers Wednesday evening in the city hall, with an interesting program adding to the pleasant evening.

● Mrs. Kate Edgar, who spent the summer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Cook, has returned to her Seattle home. Mrs. Edgar and Mrs. Cook are sisters.

● Mrs. Louise Wilkenson of Dead Indian soda springs is a guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jones.

● Mrs. E. B. Huson's sister from North Dakota is spending the month here.

● Don Hungate and Ellen May

Works were quietly united in marriage in Washington recently, and are enjoying a wedding trip into California. Both attended Talent high school and bear the best wishes of their many friends.

● Bill Pratt of Ashland called on Mr. and Mrs. Rush Monday.

● Mrs. Bertha Hungate has purchased property of Mrs. L. O. Lindley, who lives on the Coco Butte road out of Medford. Mrs. Hungate and her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer, will take possession soon.

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