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On The SP Question

Legality . . .

Various heated discussions have arisen over the original conditions of the federal government-Southern Pacific land grant through southern Oregon.

Robert Ruhl of the Medford Tribune says that the federal franchise included "rail-transportation north AND south from southern Oregon, freight AND passenger service."

Others, including the old-timers in Ashland, seem to remember a like stipulation which calls for through passenger service on RAILS from Portland to San Francisco.

In order to clarify the situation the following quotation is given in a letter from the Hon. Clair Engle, congressman, 2d district, California, to James E. Hanratty in Dunsmuir, Cal., to-wit:

"... The land grant, to which you refer, is found in 14 U. S. Statutes at Large, starting on page 239. Section 5 of that act relating to the conditions of the grant is as follows:

"Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the grants aforesaid are made upon the condition that the said companies shall keep said railroad and telegraph in repair and use, and shall at all times transport the mails upon said railroad. . . ."

"... You will note there is no mention of daily passenger service on the line between Dunsmuir and Ashland."

Thus, as Congressman Engle states, there is no statutory stipulation by the federal government to maintain PASSENGER service. This is only a mail service condition, according to the congressman.

Thus, legally, it would seem, that if SP continues its plan to stop the service, it would have to carry its mail by RAIL and with its present freight service, it would be impossible for SP to meet the schedule of the post office, without a special train.

A Thin Line . . .

There's an old saying, if you don't blow your own horn, nobody else will blow it for you. This applies with particular accuracy to the advertising policies of the SP.

On their Shasta daylight, a through train from Portland to San Francisco, via Klamath Falls, they give each passenger a folder advertising the scenic beauties of the Klamath line and show one thin line connecting that route between Eugene via Ashland to Dunsmuir.

This thin line stands alone with no mountains indicated. A little more effort by the "friendly" Southern Pacific might display the facts that there are the Umpqua and Rogue rivers as well as numerous mountains and trees, on the line south.

There are still a number of people in the world who travel to view scenery in our country. An example is the national camera club fans who buy six-month's coach tickets and travel from dawn to sunset and take pictures all over the nation.

The SP line through the Rogue and Umpqua valleys offers a world of panorama for such color shots. But who is going to tell them? The SP certainly hasn't, and most of the communities don't have the money to spend to build up SP's business by advertising for the company.

It's SP's job to advertise . . . so far, they have almost totally neglected this job.

Just A Hint . . .

The following is a hint to the SP board of directors on how to save some money for their line:

The duplication of train service between Grants Pass and Dunsmuir on a daily basis results in a known \$324 dollar loss and an undisclosed added amount more on maintenance for the eight cars involved.

Specifically, the duplication between the two towns costs the company \$144 in wages for the men on the two separate crews and a total of \$95 for each engine which waits while keeping up steam in the yards of each town. Besides the engines, there are eight cars involved.

No public utility can say it has tried to make a go of a public service with such clear and open duplications. —H.N.

BILL WILLIS SERVING WITH DESTROYER ESCORT IN FAR EAST THEATER

William W. Willis, Jr., seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams and husband of Mrs. Mildred E. Willis, all of 743 Oak street, Ashland, is serving aboard the newly recommissioned destroyer escort USS

Moore in the Far East.

The seaman entered Naval service on Oct. 4, 1950, and received his recruit training at the U.S. Naval Training center, San Diego, Cal.

Restrictions on use of oppressive child labor in industry have been increased by the Federal wage and hour law.

Capital Parade...

By Murray Wade

POLITICAL PREDICTIONS

This one you can paste in your hat.

Douglas McKay will not run again for Governor or—United States Senator.

He has never been beaten for office.

He will quit a winner.

It will be Senator McKay in the 1955 legislature—and quite likely president of the senate. He was scheduled for this position once before but it never came to a vote.

Political wishful guessers would run Congressman Walter Norblad for U.S. Senator, whether Senator Guy Cordon resigns or runs in 1954.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, the best vote-getter the republicans have had in half a century, will run for governor.

Senator Douglas Yeater, Salem, another vote-getter, would run for the congressional seat made vacant by Walter Norblad if Cordon runs for U.S. Senator.

LAWYERS MAY BAR EISENHOWER

It is up to General Dwight Eisenhower—and no other—to place his name on the primary ballot in Oregon.

Oregon's election laws require that a candidate for president of the United States must certify that he is a registered member of a recognized political party before his name may be placed on a party ballot at a primary election.

The laws of other states have various other requirements.

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM LAUNCHED

Oregon's state librarian, Miss Eleanor Stephens, participated in the 75th anniversary conference of the American Library association in Chicago last week, as president of the National Association of State Librarians.

More than 5,000 librarians attended the annual meeting which launched a year-long nationwide program the stimulate public study and discussion of "The Heritage of the U.S.A. in Times of Crisis."

During the seven-day session twenty-six meetings dealing with the many phases of library work was conducted by the American Library association.

C. D. BEHIND EIGHT BALL

The people of Oregon are re-

acting to the Korean peace efforts just as the Russian war strategists would have them. Our apathy is our most dangerous enemy.

The voters of Portland have just turned down a one-mill tax for civil defense when that city is the top atomic target of the state. Civil defense units over the rest of the state are being told they most likely will have to help Portland if it is bombed.

"The state is trying to defend its civilians against a possible war with Russia. Civil defense has nothing to do with the Korean war," says Governor Douglas McKay.

At a recent meeting of 1000 representatives of 400 national organizations in Washington, D.C., Civil Defense Administrator Millard Caldwell warned "Whatever you do, never overlook the chance that Russian planes may be over your city some day—perhaps soon, perhaps later. In attack there is very little chance that our defense could stop more than ten per cent of the planes."

EMERGENCY FIRST-AID KIT

Antiseptic solution, aromatic spirits of ammonia, table salt, baking soda, four triangular bandages, two large bath towels, one bed sheet, two medium and two small first aid dressings, 25 to 50 paper drinking cups, eye drops, flashlight, 15 safety pins, three single edge razor blades, toilet soap, plastic or wooden splint, 12 wooden tongue blades, 100 water purification tablets and a set of measuring spoons.

WARNING ON INSECTICIDES

State and county health departments are sending out warnings against the careless use of two new garden insecticides.

The products are tetraethyl pyrophosphate and parathion. Careless handling of the concentrated form of the insecticides is particularly dangerous. Even the dust or mixtures which have been diluted contain poison in concentration which are highly toxic if improperly used.

The materials may be absorbed through the skin, mucous membranes or the eyes, or by inhalation and by swallowing. The careful reading of the labels is urged.

Letter from Washington . . .

By HON. HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress, 4th District

The administration propaganda drive which has been put on for the purpose of pressuring the extension of the price control law has done one thing at least. It seems to have completely altered the meaning of the common word "inflation." I am sure most people now believe that the term means the increase or "inflation" of the prices of goods. That isn't correct. High prices are simply the result of inflation. Inflation, which has ruined people and nations in ancient as well as in modern times, was the inflation of the currency. When money enough to buy a loaf of bread in Germany had to be carried in a suitcase, it was the value of the money that had been changed. The actual value of the loaf of bread did not change. The government of Germany had simply printed money or, as we term it, inflated the currency.

The Government of the United States has similarly inflated the currency of our country but to a much smaller extent. As the amount of money in circulation increases without an equivalent increase in goods, the value of our dollar in terms of goods and services becomes less. This is a big and complicated subject, but that is the essence of it.

The point is that high prices are not inflation—they are merely the result of inflated currency. Therefore, how absurd it is to pass a law to control prices while ignoring laws already in existence under which the inflation of the currency can be controlled. If your coffee pot starts to boil over you don't hunt up a brick and put it on the lid, do you? No, you will move it away from the hottest part of the stove—or turn down the heat under it. That, it seems to me, is the inflation story in a nut-shell. The administration is asking permission to use the "brick on the lid" technique. We who oppose price control simply ask the government to quit feeding the fire (with currency inflation policies).

One of the greatest of the inflationary pressures is government spending — the throwing of deficit dollars into our already swollen cur-

rency stream for things that are not needed. From here on I quote from a letter written by a prominent member of the House Appropriations Committee who knows what he is talking about because he has heard the testimony before his committee on these subjects. Read these questions which Congressman John Phillips of California asks in a letter to his Congressional district:

"Was it NECESSARY for the army to buy 68,000,000 can openers, for 1½ million men? Or 4,636,000 web belts? Or 6 million cans of paint, in quarts and gallons, a full year requirement, and then DEMAND delivery in 60 days? Or 11,753,000 pairs of combat boots, in a rush? Or buy 1,917,000 pounds of black pepper in 9 months? Or was it NECESSARY for the Quartermaster to buy 5 million pounds of oleo at 25½ cents just when the Department of Agriculture was SELLING 5½ million pounds of butter to Italy for 15 cents? This is the scare buying with which the administration charges the public, and it is a cause for inflation. Witness the jump in price of the boots just mentioned, from \$7.82 to \$16 as a result of this absurd buying. If this is war, couldn't we omit temporarily 175 luncheons for foreign students, under the State Department's educational exchange program, at \$8.73 a plate, to a total of \$24,875—which item alone would take the income tax payments of 200 average American families."

CAR, TRUCK COLLIDE

An automobile driven by Victorine Albertine Malagagne of San Francisco, Cal., was extensively damaged in an accident that occurred at 10:40 a.m. Tuesday near Southern Oregon college on highway 99.

According to witnesses' reports to Ashland city police the Malagagne car moved from the center of the highway to the outside lane and was struck from behind by a log truck operated by Roy McGarity, Talent. It was reported that no noticeable damage resulted to the truck.

Our Town

By HARRY NORDWICK

The call is out for all Jackson county Republicans to meet in our town's Lithia park next Tuesday, July 24, at 6:45 p.m., for a party picnic.

The Ashland and Medford units of the county GOP women will sponsor the affair with Mrs. Curtis L. Hopkins, Medford, as chairman. The picnic will be one of a national link of such affairs stressing informal get-togethers with ALL Republicans invited.

Ashland's own Rodney Keating will be in charge of a short program. Those attending are asked to bring a salad, hot dish or dessert, and their own service. NO speeches are planned.

This writer heaves a sigh of relief . . . but, wonders if something ought not to be said with firm conviction, regarding the stand of the local county GOP.

Gums have been beating from Prospect to Ruch in our county for . . . let me see now . . . wow! almost 20 years, about what we GOP'ers would do if we got in.

The word IF gets bigger as each election sails by. Something has to be done, and done now. Although there will be no formal speeches at the coming picnic, there should be plenty of informal ones in attacking a problem which should start on the local level and progress UP instead of starting with the ruling minority and working down to the "lowly" county organizations.

Let every party member be thinking of something to contribute to the informal sessions that will take place around the park ponds and benches.

Somewhere among our nation's citizens is a man that will carry the GOP banner and satisfy a portion of the Democratic majority.

We can all start to find him by thinking out the platform problems which will attract him.

We should never look for one person to offer the platform, but, rather, should get

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BLM Board . . .

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Pass, thanking them for their counsel and time as board members during the past two years. Board members serve without compensation.

The members of the board are selected to provide high caliber representation of the different areas and different interests affected by the manner in which B.L.M. lands are managed in the Medford district according to the BLM office. Klamath Falls, Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass and Glendale areas as well as the general public interest, mining, grazing and agriculture, all forestry, sawmill operators recreational groups, professional both large and small, plywood, and logging are represented this year.

Advising Capacity

The purpose of the board is to advise the district forester concerning the best ways and means of obtaining the wisest possible development on a maximum sustained yield basis of all the timber and other renewable natural resources on the one million, 73 thousand acres of O and C and public domain lands in the Medford district in a manner that will promote the economic stability of dependent communities.

It is planned to schedule the first meeting of the new board at a time when the newly appointed regional administrator, Roscoe Bell, can be present.

the majority's ideas in the platform and then find a good man to stand on it.

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