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Lineups for the SP Game

The opposing lineups for the SP hearing in Dunsmuir, Cal., on September 12 are gradually taking shape.

As of this date, the opposition groups to the discontinuance of rail service between Dunsmuir and Grants Pass heavily outweigh the SP and its friends in numbers, if not in power.

Opposing the discontinuance are Chamber of Commerce groups from Ashland, Medford, Dunsmuir and Cottage Grove, as well as the Brotherhood of Railroad trainmen represented by Norman Green of Dunsmuir.

Not opposing, but rather lying low, are the Chamber groups in Grants Pass and Yreka. The former is dickering with the railroad for lower freight rates and mistakenly thinks that it can get the SP's favor by going along with it in the discontinuance of its passenger service and thereby get lower freight rates.

Yreka is holding back from joining the cause for different self-interested reasons. At present, they are not on the railroad timetable; whereas, they reason, if SP runs a bus line from Grants Pass to Dunsmuir, Yreka would replace Montague in the SP booklet.

Also, allegedly involved in the deal, is an unconfirmed report that the SP will purchase a western spur running to Yreka, now controlled by some of the members of the Chamber of Commerce, after a bus line is substituted.

And that's it. The crafty Southern Pacific has only been able to bamboozle two of the Chamber groups along the line into their camp.

There is only one more key city to join the groups opposing the discontinuance, and that is Roseburg. It seems fairly likely that this fastest growing center of southern Oregon will join the cause with an official proclamation.

This prediction is based on the attitude of public spirited citizens in that area and the daily newspaper, the Roseburg News-Review. Charles Stanton, writing in the August 9th edition states, "We have repeatedly urged substitution of diesel coaches for steam trains, and schedules designed to serve the public, contending that such service would get ample business."

At any rate, when the representatives of Medford, Ashland, Dunsmuir and the railroad brotherhood appear before the California commissioners they should make every attempt to present evidence based on inadequate service.

Inadequate service should be stressed because a representative from Oregon Commissioner George Flagg's office will be present and will take back to Salem the pertinent facts. And, since the Oregon commissioner can only act on such discontinuance under the label ADEQUATE SERVICE, what the Chamber representatives put forth will decide his action, and the future of railroad passenger service in southern Oregon.

Even if the railroad is allowed to discontinue its service via the rails as a result of the California hearing, this hearing should be only the initial step in obtaining better, more modern service, for this area and not the last.

The next step will be for a hearing before the Oregon commissioner, instigated by the Chamber groups, which will put the railroad on the defensive — virtually an untenable position after its past inadequate service. — H.N.

What's Wrong With Our County?

Jackson county is missing the advertising boat during the Oregon state fair starting in Salem this Saturday.

The fair, host to thousands of Oregonians and tourists each year, is an excellent chance to sport a county's wares with an exhibit showing off the area's products and attractions.

So far, 13 counties have seen the light and reserved space for the exhibits. Various agencies and people have arranged the exhibits for the counties.

Those in charge range from county fair boards, such as Lane and Douglas, through county agents in Union and Curry, a county judge in Umatilla, a Chamber of Commerce secretary (Burns) in Harney, to private individuals with a "knack" for such exhibits.

Exhibits include such themes as grass seed production, lumber and agriculture (Douglas), apples and fruit for Hood River, and improved irrigation ditches in Jefferson county.

One might ask, "Doesn't our county have anything to make an exhibit out of?"

The answer to such a question would be to just look around you, pardner. We've got the choicest pears, spicy peaches, a huge lumbering industry, a Shakespearian festival, historic Jacksonville and the best climate in the state, to name but a few.

If it's too late to have such an exhibit this year, now's the time for the Jackson county court to appoint some agency or person to arrange an attractive exhibit for next year to publicize our county — which is, we think, the finest in the state. — H.N.

Our Town



By HARRY NORDWICK

FESTIVAL ACTORS FORMING COMPANY

If everything goes as planned, OUR THEATRE will continue at least through November for some of the brightest stars of the just-ended Shakespearian festival.

As a result of their association this summer, Dick Graham, Philip and Suzanne Hanson, Morris Winer, Bill Oyler, Paul Kliss, Clara Daniels, Bill Patton, Brad Curtis and others are planning a full week of modern plays during November which will be performed at the Lithia theatre.

These players are incorporating a group entirely apart from the festival association and will combine their talents (which, incidentally, include the outstanding performers, minus a few, of the festival) to give the southern Oregon area some legitimate acting in the modern vein.

This association of the varied talents of the group could very well lead to making Ashland the summer AND winter drama center north of the bay area.

With the right publicity, the venture could prove quite lucrative. The Lithia theatre is small, intimate, and lends itself admirably to modern productions. Its location is strategic and Angus Bowmer's past successes provide a good foundation.

If some people would be sceptical about the money that could be made, they should remember that the bulk of the paid admissions at the festival came from Medford.

People in the Rogue valley appreciate good theatre as their support of the festival shows. They should virtually EAT UP modern productions done with the finesse of the actors in the company.

At any rate, this writer is sure that drama enthusiasts in this area are happy that the actors have chosen to take on such a project and will give it all the support that they can.

Ashland opens its doors to you thespians, or rather, keeps open the festival doors, and wishes you great success.

P. S. Barbara Huggins might possibly return to Ashland in a short while to help the group. BRAVO: the newly-organized actors company that will bring the same excellence of the festival plays to this area in a modern form.

BOOS: To all the problems that stand in the troupe's way, and a fervent hope that they can all be surmounted.

O AND C

Next Timber Sale Sept. 11

No bids were received for five of the seven tracts of timber on O and C lands at the sealed bid sale for timber in the Medford forest district held last Tuesday, August 21.

The two successful bidders were the Gulf Red Cedar company who purchased 2 million board feet of incense cedar in the Butte Falls area for \$4 per thousand and Talent Saw Mills, incorporated purchased timber on a small salvage sale on the Dead Indian plateau east of Ashland.

One of the no bid sales was some salvage timber in southern Douglas county. Three tracts of O and C and public domain timber in the Medford district were located in Josephine county and one in the Applegate area of Jackson county. The total volume of timber that failed to sell was 10 million 90 thousand with a minimum appraised value of \$259,363.75.

Another Sale Set
Another sale of O and C and public domain timber will be held on September 11. One of the tracts will include 800 thousand board feet of pine along the Klamath river in Klamath county. The second tract is located near the mouth of Elk creek in Jackson county and totals approximately 1 million 100 thousand board feet of ponderosa pine and douglas fir. The third tract across the Rogue river from Trail includes approximately 1 million 300 thousand board feet of ponderosa pine and douglas fir.

See the wide range of wedding announcements available at the News Review.

YOUR COUNTY AGENT:

Peach Harvest 'In Full Swing'

By C. B. CORDY
County Agent, Horticulturist

The local peach harvest is now in full swing and the eating quality of the fruits is very excellent. The peaches are ripening rather rapidly due to the continued warm weather, but the J. H. Hale peaches will continue available all through this week, as some orchards come on later than others.

The results of some of our early spring troubles are becoming more apparent during the harvest than they were earlier. Some of our peach crops this year are running very high to large sized fruits. This large sized fruit is a result of a relatively small number of fruits per tree. The origin of this goes back to the unusual blooming season we had this spring.

Fruit Failure Explained

You may remember that when the peaches came into bloom, a few blossoms opened and the remainder stayed in the pink bud stage for a prolonged period. This condition was much more exaggerated in some orchards that it was in others, and in the orchards where they bloomed more at the same time the crops are heavier. The failure of the later blooms to set fruits may have been because they were weak buds to begin with, or it may have been due to a lack of pollination.

The J. H. Hale blossoms produce no pollen, so in order for them to set fruit it is necessary that other varieties of peaches be blooming at the same time so that the bees and other insects can gather the pollen and carry it to the J. H. Hale blossoms. This year the Elberta and Rio Oso Gem varieties, which are our chief pollinizers, bloomed more normally, so when these delayed Hale blossoms opened there were practically no pollinating trees in bloom.

Don't Expect Recurrence

This straggling bloom was due to some weather peculiarity, possibly a lack of sufficient cold during the winter to properly break the rest period of the buds. At any rate it had not been observed in previous years so we do not anticipate its recurrence again in the immediate future.

We also find that many trees have a large number of fruits only 3/4 to 1 1/2 inches in size, very green with an odd flatish shape. These small peaches are also a result of a lack of pollination and are most numerous in orchards with light crops. If they are opened up it will be found that inside of the pit there is no seed.

The blossoms setting these odd fruits apparently received some form of stimulation which enable them to stick on even though the pollination process was not completed. Although they were able to stick on they

still had not received sufficient stimulation to cause them to develop normally. These small peaches will remain on the tree and will eventually ripen.

Larger, Edible

The larger of these fruits in most years will develop a fairly good flavor although the smaller ones may never be edible. Where an orchard has any amount of these small fruits and not a good heavy crop of normal fruits, the grower should consider furnishing additional pollen trees. It might be an additional row could be planted along one side of the orchard or, if replants were needed, a pollinizing variety could be set.

The lack of pollen can be temporarily overcome by placing bouquets of Elberta or Rio Oso blossoms throughout the Hale orchard. These bouquets should be placed in a tin can filled with water so that they do not wilt too quickly.

When the J. H. Hale produces a fairly light crop and large fruit it seems that the number of culls will greatly increase. This is probably an illusion, as it has been observed that the actual number of culls per tree remains relatively consistent regardless of crop.

Crop Determines Culls

However, when the crop is small, the percentage of culls increases so they are more noticeable. These culls will be largely split pits, which is an inherent fault of the variety. When the fruits are extra large it is more difficult to pick them without bruising, so there is an additional loss from this type of cullage. All in all, the most profitable crops are those where the tree produces about as much fruit as it can hold and when it is packed out they run around 40 to 45 to the box.

While on the subject of peaches, it might be well to again mention the peach root borers. This year we have suggested the use of DDT sprays in early July and again in early August for their control. Where this program is followed it is felt that the paradichlorobenzene crystals will not be necessary. Where these sprays have not been applied, then growers should apply the crystals. For best results the crystals should be applied during the last week of August or the first week of September.

Average Application

An average peach tree will require 3/4 of an ounce to an ounce of crystals per tree, with less on smaller trees and up to an ounce and a half on big, old trees. Crystals are placed in a circle around the trunk so that they do not touch the bark. Cover with 4 to 6 inches of soil and pack tight so that as the gas is formed it will be held in around the trunk.

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LEGAL NOTICES

SUMMONS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE STATE OF OREGON,
FOR JACKSON COUNTY
ALTA ETHEL HURT, Plaintiff,

vs.
CALVIN ROGAN HURT, Defendant.

TO CALVIN ROGAN HURT,
THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; and if you fail to so appear and answer the said complaint, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in her complaint, to-wit: For a decree of this Court forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant and granting plaintiff an absolute divorce from defendant.

The date of the Order for publication of this summons is August 14, 1951. The time prescribed for publication of this summons is once each week for four consecutive weeks. The date of the first publication of this summons is August 16, 1951.

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Capital Parade...

By Murray Wade

STRIFE RIDDEN PENITENTIARY

State penitentiary guards claim that the prison is in deplorable shape with convicts virtually running the institution.

At a meeting of 140 guards held just after the eight-day sit-down strike, when convicts went five days without food, a report was released and accusations made that:

There is no adequate plan of defense in event of a riot.

The cons are in control.

Prison rules have been relaxed to the point of danger.

Gambling is wide-open among the convicts.

The convicts use obscene and abusive language to and about the guards.

Convicts threaten the lives of guards frequently.

Beatings are going on all the time among convicts to keep the power of ringleaders intact.

Guards have discovered caches of gasoline inside the walls.

Discovery of quantities of an alcoholic drink made by the prisoners called "pruno" have been reported.

One guard said a convict told him that the prisoners had a regular arsenal of knives and other weapons "all set to go."

NEWBRY CHECKS ON PAYMENTS

The practice of covering payment of split salaries by drawing checks payable to a department of state then endorsing them to an employee has drawn the criticism of Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry.

In an audit made by Newbry's office the Educational Surplus Property commission showed that \$1086 had been paid to an employee in San Francisco in the forms of warrants and checks made payable to the E. S. P. commission.

Other alleged practices of the commission uncovered by Newbry and called to the attention of Gov. Douglas McKay included, forwarding of receipts of the commission to an employee; payment of salaries in excess of that authorized by the state civil service commission, operating a service station without legal authority and purchasing and warehousing of tires and tubes in the amount of approximately \$50,000, without authority.

Newbry quoted the 1947 en-

actment law creating the commission and providing that "all money received under the provisions of this act shall be paid by the state educational agency for surplus property to the state treasury for credit to the said surplus property revolving fund."

UNUSUAL POKER PLAY

An infrequently used law on gambling loss recovery is the basis of a suit brought this week in Marion county circuit court.

Jack Putnam is suing J. P. Schimberg to recover double the \$1,178 loss allegedly sustained in a Salem poker game. No money was used. Putnam wrote Schimberg a check, which the latter cashed.

Putnam wants recovery of \$2,356 on the basis of the Oregon statute that provides that "all persons losing money or any thing of value at or on any said games shall have a cause of action to recover from the dealer or player winning same, or the proprietor, twice the amount of the money or double the value of the thing so lost." At least four cases have reached the state supreme court, which each time confirmed the plaintiff's right to recovery. In one instance the recovery was \$19,000.

WORK PERMITS FOR CHILDREN
During the rush of cropping and processing now in full swing in the state an important Oregon labor law frequently is overlooked, says Labor Commissioner W. E. Kimsey. The child labor law requires that each employer must get his own permit from the bureau of labor before he can put a minor under 18 years of age on a job.

Those under 16 years of age have special restrictions on the kinds of work they are permitted to do and are allowed to work only between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

WORTHLESS CHECKS CLIMB

Worthless checks aggregating \$161,000 were presented to the state tax commission in payment for income taxes during the first six months of this year, said Ray Smith, state commissioner in charge of the income tax department. This is approximately \$100,000 more than the amount of the bad checks received during the corresponding period in 1950.

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