



# THE SPRINGFIELD NEWS

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## RAILROAD CRISIS FROM A NEW ANGLE

### How Separation Will Affect Old Southern Pacific Employees

Two veteran Southern Pacific employees in the train service, E. Veatch, a conductor, and Frank J. Connolly, an engineer, men who have had thirty five years' service with the company, spent several hours in Springfield Tuesday, talking with our citizens about some of the effects of the threatened separation of the Southern and Central Pacific systems. They were presenting the matter from a new angle, from the standpoint of the interests of a large number of old employees who would be transferred with the property, and lost their rights of seniority.

The sympathies of the people of Springfield and all this region are pretty much all one way in this matter, because their interests are that way. But it will count for something to have their attention called to fact that there is a large class of men holding subordinate positions under the S. P. company whose interests in this matter are identical with ours.

These men spoke very positively of the completion of the Natron cut-off as a settled feature of the policy of the managers of the Southern Pacific. One of them quoted Mr. Sproule, the president of the S. P., as having made this declaration in a personal conversation with him, and spoke as having authority from Mr. Sproule to make such a statement. They stated that the Klamath Falls line, as far as built, had cost the company about \$11,500,000, and that it would cost about \$12,000,000 more to finish it; and that the company was willing to spend this amount to save what it had already invested in it, besides the other advantages to be derived from it.

As to the shops, they spoke of them as a matter of course, in the event that the integrity of the Southern Pacific system is maintained; and spoke of Springfield as the logical site for them, and the only one to be seriously considered.

Mr. Veatch is a relative of Marlon Veatch of Eugene.

## BROTHERHOOD PICNIC AT HENDRICK'S PARK

The last gathering of the Methodist Brotherhood for the season was a picnic held at Hendricks' park last Friday evening. Monday evening, the 19th, was the Brotherhood's regular date, but it was postponed on account of the school election. There was a gathering of all the members of the families of the Brotherhood and their friends, but the men were the caterers. Cars were provided for those who did not have them, and the start was made from the church. Several went by street car. The grounds were furnished with tables and swings and such other things as the party needed for the picnic and for the sports, in which they indulged, they provided for themselves. About ninety persons attended. No business was transacted. The Brotherhood's activities will be suspended until the close of the summer.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION GROUP GATHERINGS

As announced by Gordon C. Griffin, missionary for the Eugene and Roseburg districts, the season opens July 2nd for the second annual series of group gatherings for the Union Sunday schools in Lane and Douglas counties. The schedule is as follows:

- July 2. Spencer creek district meeting at LeBlue school house.
- July 9. Cottage Grove district at Cottage Grove park.
- July 16. McKenzie valley district at State fish hatchery.
- July 23. Roseburg district at Dilard bridge.
- July 30. Cow creek district at John's ranch.
- Aug. 6. Middle Fork district at Lan'ax.

The chief design of these gatherings is the strengthening of the religious work in each neighborhood, but they offer exceptional opportunities for social fellowship. The programs are being so arranged that each rural Sunday school will have a part in the meeting. Outside speakers will bring helpful messages from the Book. Special attention will be given to providing for good meals.

## THURSTON NOTES

Mr. Gary Phetteplace, who has been attending medical school in Portland, the past year, returned home last Friday.

Misses Margaret and Merial King started to Newport Monday, but only got started when the Ford broke down which delayed them until Wednesday. Tuesday night Mrs. William Barnett gave them a farewell surprise party at her home.

Mr. Marvin Jackson, from Spencer Butte, came over Tuesday and helped John Edmiston mow hay.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Martain, from Wendling, spent Sunday with Mrs. Margaret Campbell.

Major Rollin's family, from Eugene, was in Thurston last Friday.

Last Friday evening Miss Laura Ruth entertained about 16 of her girl friends in the new barn which her father is building.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gray, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Edmiston and Mr. and Mrs. John Price motored to McKenzie bridge last Saturday and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Arch Shough, and Sunday they motored to the Foley springs, returning in the evening.

Last Sunday Mrs. Rena Edmiston with Mr. and Mrs. Bud McPherson and family, motored to Peoria to visit Mrs. George Horning, who is a cousin of theirs.

Frank Campbell who has been working at Silverton for some time, returned home last Saturday.

Mrs. Perry Beaman, from Washington, arrived last Saturday for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harbert.

Ted Magness, from Walthersville, is working at the Williams Bros' sawmill.

Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Taylor Needham entertained about fifty of her friends in honor of the birthday of her mother, Mrs. Teeter, and little Edna June Yarnell.

Miss Ruth Schaffer has returned home for the summer, having graduated from Willamette university at Salem, at the age of 19.

Mrs. Miller, from Portland, spent several days, the past week, with her mother, Grandma Fowler, and her sister, Mrs. Frank Taylor.

Mrs. Farrell, from Landax, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ruth.

Mr. George Platt and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, visited Sunday with Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, north of Springfield.

Miss Louise Kirk, from Eugene, is visiting Miss Laura Ruth.

Last Thursday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Farrell McQuinn entertained several of their friends at their home.

Mr. Rizzi, of Eugene, attended the party at William Barnett's, Tuesday night.

## SOFT DRINK VENDORS MUST REGISTER AT ONCE

By a revenue act which became effective January 1, 1922, every person, firm, or corporation engaged in the manufacture of soft drinks, syrups, carbonated and other beverages must register with the collector of internal revenue and obtain a certificate of registration, which is to be kept conspicuously posted. Failure to do this renders the taxpayer liable to a penalty of \$1,000. Whether registered before or not, such persons must apply for registration not later than July 1, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922.

## SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF WM. A. BRASFIELD

Wm. A. Brasfield was born near Seilo, Linn county, Oregon, December 1, 1867; and so he was 54 years, 6 months and 19 days old at the time of his death. He went with his parents to Weston, Oregon, in 1780. He settled near Condon in 1887, and soon afterwards took up a homestead there. He removed to Baker county in 1901, and he and his younger brother, George, engaged in the sheep business. He was married in Baker, in 1906, to Miss Gussie Drake. Not long after this they spent about a year at Hinghamton, New York. Mrs. Brasfield's former home. They came to Springfield in the fall of 1905, and had lived in this vicinity ever since.

Mr. Brasfield's father, Thomas A. Brasfield, died near Baker in November, 1920, at the age of nearly 90. His mother, Mrs. Matilda C. Brasfield, died there in February, 1922, aged 84. Two brothers, James and George, have been living there for a number of years. A sister, Mrs. Mary Baker, lives at Bend. He leaves his wife and two children, both girls, Beulah and Alda.

His brother George was here, occupying a tract in Douglas Gardens, during parts of 1916 and 1917, and returned to Baker county. He was on a trip to the Sound, halted a day or two at The Dalles, and, while at Portland, felt strangely impressed that he ought to communicate with William before turning northward. He telegraphed on Tuesday, and received word of his brother's death. Mrs. Baker was sick, and could not be reached.

The funeral and burial took place as announced in The News last week.

## MRS. MOLLIE EAKIN

Died at Salem, Oregon, June 24, following an operation for gall stones on the 22nd. She was a daughter of Egilton Walker, a pioneer of Lane county, and a brother of the late Albert Walker of this city. She was married in Eugene to Robert Eakin, a member of a family who were also well known in Lane county's early days. They removed to LaGrande, Oregon, and made their home there until Mr. Eakin was elected Chief Justice of Oregon. They made their home in Salem the remainder of their lives.

After the death of her mother, her father made his home with them at LaGrande until his death. Judge Eakin died about a year ago.

Mrs. Eakin's funeral was held in the Presbyterian church in Salem, Monday, the 26th, at 3:30 p. m. The body was shipped to LaGrande for burial. W. F. Walker, who was a first cousin of Mrs. Eakin, attended the funeral.

## MRS. CHARLOTTE MORRIS

Died at her home about 1 1/2 miles east of Walthersville, at 3:45 Tuesday morning, June 27, aged 77 years. She had been a resident of that neighborhood for 31 years. She leaves her husband, A. T. Morris; two sons, Harvey, of Walthersville, and Luther, of Flora, Oregon; and two daughters, Mrs. D. A. Estes, of Cottage Grove, and Mrs. J. J. Clark, of Battle Ground, Washington.

The funeral was held at the Walthersville church at 10 a. m. yesterday, and was conducted by Rev. J. P. Patterson. The interment was at the Camp Creek cemetery. W. F. Walker had charge.

Virgil Moon has bought out the interest of his brother, R. R., in the bakery, and will carry it on alone. Rolla's health is seriously affected, and he finds it necessary to draw out. He will probably take a rest at some of the springs.

## HARRISBURG EDITOR GOES AWAY FROM HOME

The editor of the Harrisburg Bulletin got a chance to get away from home a little bit, and take a ride in somebody's auto along the highway southward, clear into the Umpqua region, a few days ago. He was surprised to find how many nice little towns there were up that way. But he came back firmly convinced that Harrisburg is the biggest and best town of its size and quality within a radius of several miles. He takes the blame all to himself that the whole world has not found it out; and he is resolved to buckle down and do his best to make all the "outside barbarians" acquainted with the superior advantages and attractions of Harrisburg.

## REV. HEALY BURIED IN EUGENE LAST FRIDAY

The funeral of Rev. Roy Healy, killed by a moonshiner near Plainview, was held in the First Christian church in Eugene, Friday afternoon, June 23. Dr. E. C. Sanderson, president of the Eugene Bible University, of which Mr. Healy was a graduate, made the address. The burial was in Eugene. Mr. Healy was born at Lebanon, Oregon, December 25, 1886. He was married in June, 1911, to Miss Ada Sidwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sidwell, then residing in Coberg, now in Springfield.

## UNVEILING MEMORIAL TO MCKENZIE PIONEERS

A bronze tablet, mounted on a large boulder, was unveiled at McKenzie Bridge, last Sunday afternoon, June 25th, as a memorial to the pioneers of the McKenzie region and particularly to commemorate the opening of the road up the McKenzie river and over the McKenzie pass in 1862, by Felix Scott, Jr., and his companions. The work was done under the direction of the Lewis and Clark chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

A crowd of several hundred people gathered to witness the ceremony.

Mrs. J. E. Hudson, regent of Lewis and Clark chapter, made a brief address, setting forth the object of the gathering. Rev. J. M. Walters, pastor of the Methodist church of Eugene, made the principal address. John H. McClung, a pioneer 85 years old, told of his first trip through the Willamette valley, before the opening of the McKenzie trail. Carey Thompson, of Vida, trapper and guide, related reminiscences of early days on the McKenzie. Mrs. George Frissell, an old resident of the vicinity, unveiled the tablet.

Felix Scott, Jr., was born in St. Charles county, Missouri, July 2, 1829. He came with his father's family to Sacramento in 1845. His father, Felix Scott, Sr., came with pack and saddle horses to Yamhill county in 1846. He and Elijah Edstow, Eugene F. Skinner and William Dodsos, came up the Willamette valley in June, 1846, and were the first settlers of Lane county.

Isaac Stevens tells of a trip he made to the Boise Basin gold mines in the summer of 1862, in company with Felix Scott, Jr. Scott was then engaged in the cattle business near Crescent City, California. His errand was to obtain financial assistance from his brother Marion, who had a rich claim near Florence, Idaho.

## CIVIC CLUB MEETS

The Civic Club met June 27th for the last regular session of the year, with Mrs. Wm. Donaldson presiding. Unfinished business disposed of and the Club decided on a picnic at the auto camp grounds at the time of the next regular meeting, July 11. The ladies of the Club feel very grateful to those who so graciously made the Rose Show a success, and especially to the children who took part in the parade.

Beulah Richardson, as the little queen of the roses, was very much admired for her grace and dignity which was so befitting her part. The ladies wish especially to thank her and her bewitching little attendants who strewed her pathway with flowers.

Every one admired the pretty pageant of the children and it is hoped to make this an annual feature of the Rose Show.

The Club's membership this year has been considerably increased by very able women. We are grateful for the ready response of the community on Envelope Day, which enabled us to sell over 10,000 envelopes advertised in Springfield. We also appreciate the assistance of the men who assisted us with the raising of the flag pole.

We anticipate much interest and activity for the coming year, and the Civic Club will always be found ready to advance the interests of Springfield.—Corresponding secretary.

## LATE INCOME TAX FIGURES FOR OREGON

The following income tax data, furnished by Clyde G. Huntley, collector of internal revenue for Oregon, will doubtless be of general interest.

The number of personal income tax returns filed during the calendar year 1920, in the United States, was 6.85 per cent of the population. For Oregon, the same year, the proportion was 8.63 per cent. The average net income for the United States was \$2,269.49; for Oregon, \$2,862.98. The average amount of personal income tax for the United States was \$148.08; or Oregon, \$98.30.

The number of returns for Oregon for that year, by classes, was as follows: \$1,000 to \$2,000, 23,923; \$2,000 to \$3,000, 22,198; \$3,000 to \$4,000, 7,359; \$4,000 to \$5,000, 4,377; \$5,000 to \$10,000, 3,522; \$10,000 to \$100,000, 1,361; above \$100,000, 16. Only one above \$500,000.

The number of income tax returns reported from Oregon that year was 47,610; total net income reported, \$102,072,981; total amount of tax, \$6,649,011.

The Springfield Mill & Grain company has been so overrun with orders for feed lately that they have been obliged to put on a night shift.

## SPRINGFIELD BOYS TAKING IN NEWPORT

The state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic is now in session at Newport. The session occupies Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Four of "the boys" from Springfield, Z. T. Kintzley, C. M. Dority, and L. W. Clark went down Monday. E. W. Keyes was all ready to go, when his brother from Washington came to make him a visit.

Will Gott received postcards, picturing Newport scenes, from Kintzley and Clark Wednesday morning. Kintzley's card read: "All O. K. Zack." Clark's read: "Hon. W. H. Gott: Hello Billy. Some town, Newport. Zack and I are taking in the sights today. Yours truly, Lee Clark."

## WALTERVILLE NOTES

We have two newly weds now. Harry Thiennes returned from Boardman Saturday evening with his wife, and Ronald Chase came last Wednesday. He was married in Roseburg. Both couples were charivariated Saturday night.

The funeral of Mrs. A. T. Morris was held at the church Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. She had been sick for some time with pneumonia.

Irl Deadmond is home from Wendling camp with an injured back.

J. W. Vaughan and family made a business trip to Eugene Wednesday.

Mrs. D. C. Trotter went to Eugene Tuesday to stay part of the time with Mrs. Lee Craft, who underwent an operation Monday.

A reception will be given for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thiennes next Saturday evening at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Thiennes.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore went up to the McKenzie on an outing over Sunday.

There was a large attendance at the farmer's meeting last Thursday evening.

## TIMBER ORGAN'S VIEW OF RAILROAD CRISIS

From a discussion of the situation created by the recent supreme court decision, in the June Timberman, of Portland, we make these extracts:

"To all intents and purposes, the properties of both lines, Southern and Central Pacific, are one and common. They form a necessary and integral part of the transcontinental system of Oregon and California, and their severance is incompatible with the proper performance of service.

The original case, involving the severance of Central and Southern Pacific properties, was brought in the federal district court of Utah, where the government lost its contention. An appeal was taken to the supreme court of the United States and the Utah court reversed.

Under the provisions of the transportation act of 1920, the interstate commerce commission is empowered to take the initiative in the consolidation of various competing lines into regional groups, and if action be not taken voluntarily by the railroads, the interstate commerce commission is authorized to take the necessary steps to bring about such amalgamation. Although sustaining in the main the tentative grouping scheme for the various railroads, as proposed by Prof. Ripley, of Harvard university, the interstate commerce commission dissented from the plan of merging the Central with the Union Pacific.

"A glance at the map printed in this issue of The Timberman shows the network of roads formed by the Southern and Central Pacific lines. They are so interwoven that separate ownership is impossible and separate operation unpractical. This intricate network of lines was created by the two corporations in close partnership. To the public, the Central and Southern Pacific lines are one and the same, the Central Pacific's identity having disappeared from the public mind many years ago, and the condition under which it was created has entirely changed.

"How are the people of Oregon and California to view the contemplated dissolution? Certainly not with complacency. These two states should make their voices heard by petitioning the interstate commerce commission to compel the roads to associate themselves into natural operating groups. The Southern Pacific should not be dismembered, but should be mandated to proceed with the completion of the Natron cut-off line between Oakridge, Oregon, and Westwood Junction, California. Work was started, and discontinued on account of the pending litigation involving the joint ownership of the Central and Southern Pacific lines. The distance to be completed is about 300 miles, thus making a direct connection via the Fernley-Westwood branch with the San Francisco and Ogden main line at Fernley, Nevada, shortening the eastbound haul several hundred miles, and providing transportation facilities for a rich timber, mining and agricultural section in Oregon and California, which needs development.

The survey and estimates have been made, and necessary financial arrangements undertaken. The newspapers and business organizations should impress this fact on the minds of their congressional delegations, state and interstate commerce commissions. Starting work on the Natron cut-off would be the signal for other railroad construction. In providing other long needed transportation facilities for Oregon, the Union Pacific railroad should construct the link between Bend and its present terminus at Coos Bay. Whether such

## FATAL ACCIDENT TUESDAY EVENING

### Elsie Jackson, Nine Years Old, Killed by Automobile on North Fifth

Another fatal automobile accident occurred in Springfield late Tuesday afternoon. For the second time within a few months, a little girl was struck by a machine and killed. Although several persons saw the occurrence or the incidents connected with it, the precise manner of the contact is not quite clear. The accident occurred on Fifth street, just north of its intersection with Broadway, almost in the extreme north part of town.

Miss Elsie Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jackson, whose home is on K street, between Fifth and Sixth, had been out driving with her two younger sisters, Elsie, aged nine or less, and Jennie, between three and four. She drove out on the west side of fifth street, nearly opposite the residence of Fred Brown, stopped her car and came across the street to speak to Miss Frances Brown and Miss Lola Crabtree. Fred Crabtree, with Miss Brown and his sister, had just parked his car on the east side, a little south of the Brown residence.

J. W. Kirk, a merchant of Dorama, was driving north on Fifth street, at a moderate rate of speed. As he approached the point where the two cars stood, not quite opposite each other, he saw a car coming towards him from the north. His attention was fixed on that, and he did not see the little girl. It appears that they came out from behind the car in front of him, just as he was approaching that point. Elsie was holding Jennie in her arms. The car struck Elsie, threw her some distance, and the wheels ran over her. Her neck and one leg was broken, and her skull was fractured. The little one was thrown upon the fender and carried to the point where Mr. Kirk's car stopped. The injuries she sustained are not considered dangerous, but she is being kept quiet for a few days.

Coroner Branstetter investigated the case Wednesday forenoon. Mr. Kirk and all the persons who had any knowledge of the accident made their statements. The coroner did not think it necessary to impanel a jury. The Jackson family do not hold Mr. Kirk liable for the accident.

Mr. Jackson was engaged in some kind of mechanical work in Salem. The accident occurred within a block of the Jackson home.

W. F. Walker prepared the body for burial, and it was shipped this morning to Myrtle Creek, the former home of the Jackson family, for burial.

## CAMP CREEK COUPLE TREATED TO CHARIVARI

Ronald Chase, of Camp Creek, and Miss Mertie Colie, of Roseburg, were married at Roseburg, on Wednesday, the 27th. They came up to Camp Creek that day, and were stopping at the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chase. Saturday evening a host of neighbors came in and treated the newly wedded pair to a round of jazz music from an improvised orchestra. After the musical part of the program had been rendered, the affair was turned into a genteel social party, which occupied the evening. About 80 persons were present.

## OREGON, CONNECTING WITH THE OREGON SHORT LINE AT VALE

The building of this line would mean much to the people of Central Oregon.

"It will thus be seen that the interests of Oregon and California and the West will be best served by maintaining the present consolidation of the Central and Southern Pacific lines as one natural operating group, rather than by an arbitrary disregard of natural transportation conditions, through an attempted separation of lines which are tied together by a strong community of interest."

When we here think of the completion of the Natron cut-off, we think only of the building of the 75-mile gap between Oakridge and Kirk, and the completion of the line from Weed to Springfield. When the Timberman speaks of 300 miles to be built, it has in mind not only this gap, but, in addition to it, the completion of the line now built from Fernley, Nevada, on the Central Pacific, to Westwood, California, and to be carried on to a connection with the Weed line at Klamath Falls.