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## PREPARING TO ACT ON CUTOFF MATTER

### Chamber of Commerce Forms A Special Committee For This Duty

At a meeting of the Springfield chamber of commerce in Stevens hall, Saturday evening, Aug. 5, the matter of the threatened enforced separation of the Southern and Central Pacific systems, the probable demoralization of traffic movements in this region to result therefrom, and the effects upon the interests of Springfield and this part of Oregon were discussed at some length. As a means of preparing the chamber to effectually cooperate with other bodies of citizens in the region for the protection of their interests, and to keep in touch with all movements, friendly or unfriendly having a bearing on this matter, it was moved and carried that the chairman appoint a committee of three to act for the chamber of commerce in all matters relating to this affair, this committee to be known as the "Natron-Klamath Falls Extension committee."

W. F. Walker, president of the chamber of commerce, appointed as such committee Welby Stevens, G. G. Bushman, and W. N. Long. By resolution, the duties of this committee were set forth as follows:

"First, to encourage and foster the building of the Natron-Klamath Falls-Susanville railroad line;

"Second, to investigate and expose through the public press and otherwise all false propaganda, leagues, associations, firms, or other organizations which have for their purpose the spreading of misleading information for the primary intent of confusing the public mind as to the sincere purpose and pledge of the Southern Pacific company to bring the Natron-Klamath Falls cutoff to completion;

"Third, to discourage and oppose any separation of the Central Pacific railroad properties from those of the Southern Pacific, and to oppose to the fullest extent any joint trackage arrangements which any railroad, not at present financially interested in this section of Oregon, might try under the present circumstances to force upon the Southern Pacific in the state of Oregon."

At this meeting it was voted that copies of the record of this action be sent to the Morning Oregonian, Oregon Daily Journal, Portland Telegram Eugene Guard, Morning Register, and The Springfield News, as well as to all interested commercial bodies of Oregon.

## WITH THE TOURISTS ON THE AUTO CAMP

H. J. Navotney and wife, of Bremerton, Washington, camped on our ground Wednesday night of last week. They were on their way to San Francisco, where they expect to make a two-month's visit with Mrs. Navotney's relatives. Mr. Navotney is a radio instructor at the Bremerton navy yard.

L. L. Fish and wife, who camped here Friday night, have the distinction of laying out the longest trip of all who have yet visited our camp, so far as we have record. They came from Honolulu, T. H., by way of San Francisco. They did not come all the way by auto, however. Mr. Fish has been connected for the past seven years with a large supply house in Honolulu. His health was becoming impaired, and his physicians had told him he must get away from there for a while—seek a dryer region perhaps. So he is taking a year's vacation. From here they expect to go through Portland, and from there up the Sound as far as Vancouver, B. C., back to Seattle and across the state to Spokane. They expect to go through the Yellowstone park, and may turn aside to Glacier park on the way. Mr. Fish was born in the province of Quebec, Canada; was principally brought up at Newburyport, Mass.; and seemed familiar with New Hampshire. Mrs. Fish's early home was somewhere farther west. They expect to visit those regions, then go down the Atlantic coast, and back to some Pacific port by a southern route. Then they would discard the automobile and make their way back to Honolulu by steamer. Some trip.

Mr. A. Buckley and Ed Hitch, men rather past middle age, traveling together, were on the ground, in and out for a day or two at the first of this week. They are traveling agents

## WALTERVILLE NOTES

Miss Helen Lane spent a few days with her cousin, Miss Nettie Fountain, at the library.

And Ray Hotelling left Wednesday morning on a camping trip of about a week. They started towards Salem.

Miss Virginia Kelley of Portland is spending a few weeks with her cousin Frances Hotelling.

Miss Alice Page spent the week end with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Page.

Miss Erta Scott, of Bend, arrived here Wednesday morning to stay with her mother during her vacation.

Mr. A. A. Campbell is very sick again and was taken to the hospital Wednesday.

Most of the farmers around Walterville have their threshing done.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith returned home Monday evening. They visited Portland, Astoria, Seaside, Tillamook and various other points of interest. They report a very pleasant trip.

of the Interstate Freight Auditing company, solicitors and claim adjusters, apparently. Mr. Hitch for a number of years worked as a blacksmith at various points in Slaskiyou county, California; and he and the visitor exchanged notes concerning observations there and in the Rogue river country.

A. E. Burgdorf, who said he was a "Duke's mixture" as to nationality—German, French, Irish and plain United States—camped in one of the favorite nooks, in the northwest corner of the south glade, Monday night. He said some traveler whom he met down south that day recommended to turn in to the Springfield camp. He and his wife and little girl had been living a few miles from Klamath Falls. We judge they were "well fixed" there, but Mrs. Burgdorf's health demanded a lower altitude, at least for a time. If he could find a good tract of 30 or 40 acres in a satisfactory location, somewhere in this region, he thought of settling here, for a few years at least.

The auto camp and vicinity showed more activity at noon last Friday than is usual at that hour. Two family parties from opposite directions met on the south side of the ground the night before, and arranged to make a fishing trip up the McKenzie together. They were going up Friday afternoon. One party was an elderly couple from Hood River; the other, a middle-aged couple with a little girl, from the eastern part of Klamath county.

Two young men from Portland were on a trip that would take them through California; such a trip, they said, as they were in the habit of making every summer. They had turned in to cook their dinner.

A big wagon which had occupied a nook in the northwest corner, and whose owner sleeps there and stables his team elsewhere, was still there.

## ITEMS OF BUSINESS BY THE SCHOOL BOARD

The school board at a meeting held Monday afternoon, elected Miss Louise Haasen as teacher of mathematics in the high school for the coming year. Miss Haasen has had special training in mathematics at the university. She was recommended by the university appointment bureau.

The board, at this meeting, elected the janitors for the coming year: E. W. Smith for the high school and W. H. Gantz for the Lincoln school. There will be no change in the wages of the teachers or of the janitors, except that Mr. Torbet, as principal of the high school, will receive \$150 a month or \$1350 for the year.

There will be no regular athletic teacher employed. The athletics will probably be handled by university students who are majoring in athletic education.

To suit Mr. Ditto's convenience, the school board meetings hereafter will be held in the afternoon, instead of in the evening.

## NEW HOUSES STARTED AND OTHER NEW WORK

Three new houses have been commenced in Springfield within the past week.

A Mr. McMurray, of Medford, is putting up a building on lots just north of Geo. Perkins' new residence. He expects to occupy it with a suburban grocery, and build a dwelling later. He is experienced in the grocery business. Mr. Perkins sold him the lots, and is putting up the building. Mr. McMurray and family are living in Eugene at present.

Thomas McKinnis commenced the building of a house for himself, last Friday, on D street, between 8th and 9th. It will be a bungalow, 26 by 52, including porches at the front and rear. The foundation walls are now laid.

Fred Montgomery commenced work, Tuesday, on a dwelling on E street, between 6th and 7th. Robert Dufour, of Sutherlin, is the builder.

John Moskop is re-roofing his house at the corner of 9th and D streets. The front of the main roof and of the porch roof are to be remodeled.

Robert Vitus has re-roofed his house on D, between 7th and 8th.

A small rear porch has been built on the rear of the old Browning residence, now owned by Mr. Voria.

## LINEMAN KILLED BY SHOCK AT ALBANY

While Sigwert Myers, a lineman in the employ of the Mountain States Power company, was working in the sub-station at Albany last Thursday, one of his arms came in contact with a 2300 volt current. He was knocked down, but was afterwards able to crawl a short distance. Two physicians worked with him for two or three hours, with the use of a pulmotor, but failed to resuscitate him. His heart continued to beat for probably two hours.

Mr. Myers' home was at Albany. He was buried there last Sunday. He leaves a wife and a boy about 3 years old. He had frequently been in Springfield in the line of his work, and was known to a number of persons here.

## TRAFFIC VIOLATORS TAKE FAIR WARNING

There has been a good deal of slackness in the enforcement of the traffic laws and ordinances in Springfield heretofore; but conditions here now are such as to demand a strict enforcement and the officials having to deal with these matters have undertaken a campaign of vigorous application of the laws. Many of the citizens of the town have had rather vague notions as to what the city ordinance required, and have sometimes misled persons who have inquired. Under these circumstances, the officials have felt like erring, if at all, on the side of leniency; but they wish all persons concerned to take fair warning from the time this notice has had time to soak in, the state laws and the town ordinance will be strictly enforced. These points should be specially noted, and our citizens should call the attention of their outside friends to them on inquiry:

First, the law requiring parking on the right-hand side of the street.

Second, the 30-minute limit for parking on main street.

Third, the 20 mile speed limit everywhere within the city limits.

## TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS FEWER IN NUMBER

Violations of the traffic ordinance are becoming fewer and less serious, most of them showing no evidence of disregard or intentional violation. Following are the offenses for the past week:

Claude Gradner, failure to display tail light, \$2.00.

L. E. Thompson, parking on wrong side of street, \$2.00.

D. P. Curley, turning between intersections, \$5.00.

The council is amending the ordinance fixing the speed limit, to conform to the state traffic law, which fixes the limit in cities and towns at 20 miles. The recorder is advised by L. L. Ray that this takes away from towns the right to fix a lower limit. The law, however, requires a driver to have due regard for the safety of life and property; and this would be a matter to be established by evidence on a trial. The signs are being changed to conform to this change in the limit.

## FORD EXPOSITION MAKES BRIEF HALT

The Ford and Fordson Power Exposition, a caravan of 17 motor vehicles, turned into Springfield last Friday for half an hour. They exhibited at Creswell the day before, and were to go to Junction City that day. It was an impressive spectacle, and attracted a good many curiosity seekers and interested examiners; but nobody called for a demonstration of any part of the outfit, and so the caravan moved on. Incidentally, the demonstrations would be exhibitions of the working qualities of various kind of machines which they carried along, the Ford motors furnishing the power. This tour is undertaken by the Ford branch in Portland, will reach all parts of Oregon and will occupy two or three months. A similar expedition is being carried out by every Ford branch in the United States.

## THURSTON NOTES

George Platt has two cows that have qualified for medals. One for a gold and one for a silver medal. Zilk 382897 has qualified for a gold medal by producing 12,624 pounds of milk and 703.06 pounds of butter in a year. She started test at 4 years and 3 months old. Alice won the silver medal for eleven of the months she was on test.

The Thurston High school board met last Thursday evening and decided to have high school with only one teacher, if they can secure a capable teacher.

Mrs. Bessie Brown suffered a stroke of paralysis last Thursday, paralyzing her left side. She is improving slowly.

H. M. Price of Noti spent Friday night with his son, John Price, and family.

Miss Bessie Fountain, of Elmira spent the week end visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Rosa Baughman and sons Harold and Howard and Loren Edmiston visited at Pleasant hill last Sunday.

Ross and Arthur Calvert, Jep Jensen and Miss Dora Calvert, all of Junction City were in Thurston last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jackson and family, of Spencer Butte, spent Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baugh's home.

The Thurston thresher started work Monday at the Barnett place.

Ross Mathews and family drove to Portland Sunday to be gone about a week. Mrs. Clifford Weaver and Austin and Carribe Mathews are in charge of the store and post office during their absence.

Mrs. W. W. Weaver and Mrs. Dave Weaver and the latter's son, who have been visiting in Portland for several days, returned Monday evening. Mrs. Dave Weaver and her son Roy started for their home in California Tuesday evening.

Lee King, of Newport arrived in Thurston for an indefinite stay.

A Mr. Travis, from South Dakota, moved into the Heersma house Tuesday. He plans on sending for his family and if they like the location will buy the place.

Miss Laura Mitchell and Mrs. Verna Luther are on a hiking trip to Newport.

The young people of Thurston are going to stage the play "The Elopement of Ellen", at Trent next Saturday evening.

## A BIT OF WILD LIFE AND BUSHELS OF FUN

A party consisting of Wm. Darling, C. G. Hemmway of Creswell, Chas. Brinkley of Portland, and E. J. Horton of Junction, started from Springfield on a vacation trip by auto on July 22. Mr. Brinkley is in the employ of Mason, Ebrman & Co., of Portland; and Mr. Hemmway had formerly been in their service. They went by way of the McKenzie pass to Bend; then swung in west to Todd lake; then took the skyline highway south, visiting a number of small lakes by the way, and fishing in all of them. It was a wild life indeed. They saw but few people, aside from those they met on the highway, except at Elk, Odell and Crescent lakes, which are kept up as tourist resorts.

They had planned to go on to Crater lake; but, according to Mr. Darling's account, by the time they got to Crescent lake they had had so much fun they could not hold any more, they had caught fish until there was no novelty about it any more, and altogether were so surfeited with the varied pleasures of the trip that they were not in a condition to appreciate Crater Lake; so that they decided to leave that for another time. They turned back at Crescent lake, came over the Willamette pass and came down the Middle Fork, reaching Springfield Sunday evening, Aug. 6. They were gone about 15 days, and came back with a ravenous appetite for work—and home food. They made the trip over the McKenzie and over the pass before the highway was so badly torn up as it is now, and they found the traveling good all the way round.

The Lane county butchers' and grocers' picnic at Cottage Grove last Thursday, brought together a great crowd, estimated as high as 7,000. Quite a number went from here.

Robert Kizer and Mary Hrynchuk were married in Eugene by Judge C. P. Barrard, Monday evening.

## GIST OF MEASURES TO BE VOTED ON

### Referendum and Initiative Measures To Be On Ballot At Next Election

The News has received from Hon. Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, an advance copy of the voters' pamphlet setting forth the measures to be voted on at the coming election. The following nine referendum and initiative measures will be on the ballot:

Two referendum measures, of no direct concern to the people of Lane county:

"Amendment permitting Linn county tax levy to pay outstanding warrants."—Nos. 390 and 391.

"Amendment permitting Linn and Benton counties to pay outstanding warrants."—Nos. 392 and 393.

Seven measures proposed by initiative petition:

"Single Tax Amendment."—Nos. 394 and 395.

"Salmon fishing and propagation amendment."—Nos. 396 and 397.

"1925 Exposition tax amendment."—Nos. 398 and 399.

"Income tax amendment."—Nos. 310 and 311.

"Interest rate amendment."—Nos. 312 and 313.

"Compulsory education bill."—Nos. 314 and 315.

"Income tax bill."—Nos. 316 and 317.

The News has undertaken the task of analyzing these measures, or at least the more important of them, and summarizing, where it seems possible and necessary, the affirmative and negative arguments, so that its readers may have before them, not prejudged, but in a digestible form, such information as it can bring them, for their study, as early as possible.

Since the compulsory education bill seems likely to receive as much attention as any on the list, and since it will take more space to set it forth clearly, even if that can be done at all, we will limit our summary of the individual measures, for this week, to that one measure.

"A bill for an act to propose by initiative petition to amend section 5259, Oregon laws.—Compulsory education. Be it enacted by the people of the state of Oregon:

Section 1. That section 5259, Oregon laws be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 5259. Children between the ages of 8 and 16 years. Any parent guardian or other person in the state of Oregon, having control or charge or custody of a child under the age of 16 years and of the age of 8 years or over at the commencement of a term of public school of the district in which said child resides, who shall fail or neglect or refuse to send such child to a public school for the period of time a public school shall be held during the current year in said district, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and each day's failure to send such child to a public school shall constitute a separate offense. Provided, that in the following cases, children shall not be required to attend public schools.

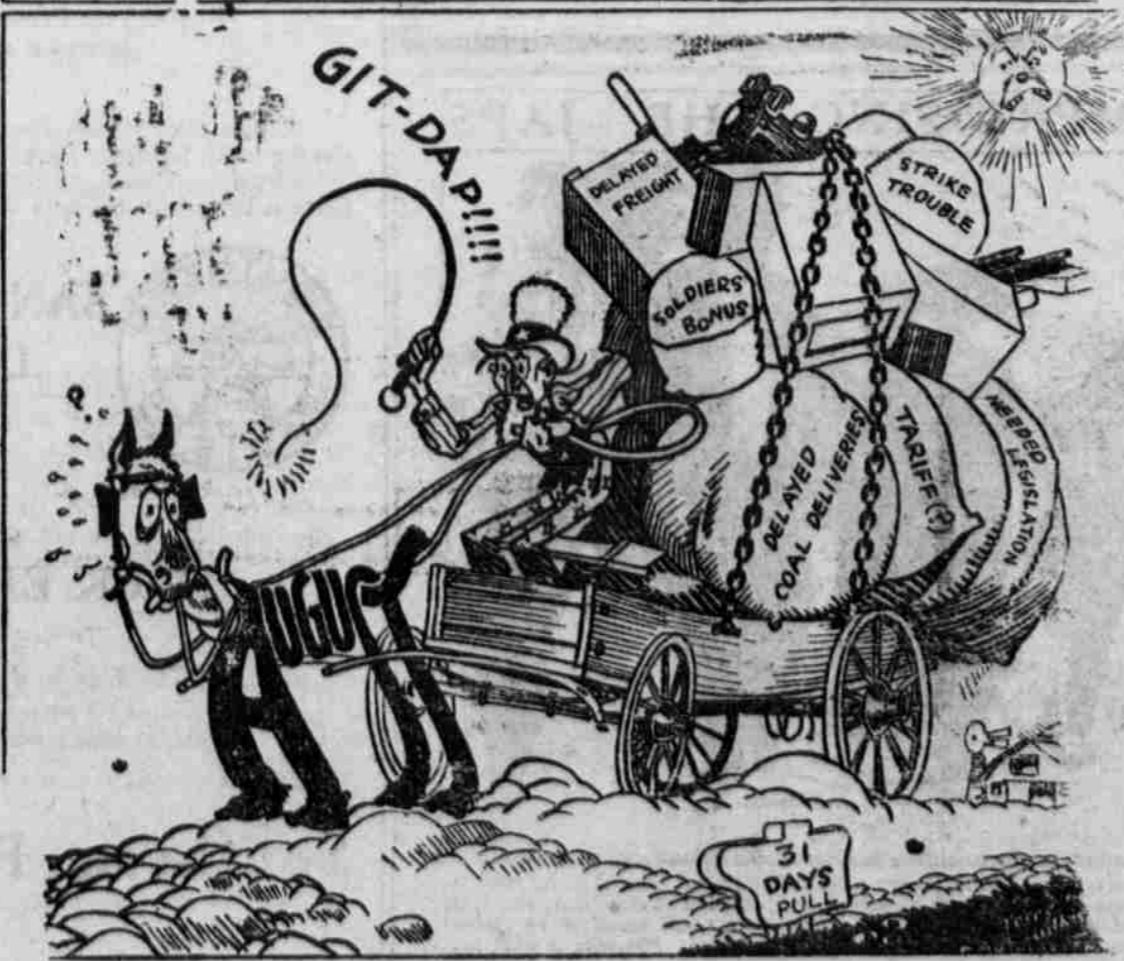
(a) Children Physically Unable. Any child who is abnormal, subnormal or physically unable to attend school.

(b) Children Who Have Completed the Eighth Grade. Any child who has completed the eighth grade, in accordance with the provisions of the state course of study.

(c) Distance from School. Children between the ages of 8 and 10 years inclusive, whose place of residence is more than one and one-half mile, and children over 10 years of age whose place of residence is more than three miles, by the nearest traveled road, from a public school; provided, however, that if transportation to and from school is furnished by the school district, this exemption shall not apply.

(d) Private Instruction. Any child who is being taught for a like period of time by the parent or private teacher such subjects as are usually taught in the first 8 years in the public school, but before such child can be taught by a parent or a private teacher, such parent or private teacher must receive written permission from the county superintendent, and such permission shall not extend longer than the end of the current school year. Such child must report to the county school superintendent or some person designated by him at least once every three months and take an examination in the work covered. If

## A Big Load For The Old Horse



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