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RELIEF PROMISED IN ONE DAY

The Fuel Famine in the Northwest Will Be Broken Because of the Inquiry by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

CAR SHORTAGE SAID TO BE DUE TO HOT BOXES

The Railroads of the Northwest Also Claim Lack of Locomotives, Inadequate Terminal Facilities, Etc., Cause of Shortage.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 17.—The fuel famine in the Northwest will be broken within 24 hours as a result of the Interstate Commerce Commission's inquiry in this city today. The commission was represented by James S. Harlan, of Chicago, and Franklin K. Lane, of San Francisco. Mr. Lane is taking personal charge of the fuel inquiry, while Mr. Harlan is busily engaged in the car shortage inquiry. It was decided that the fuel famine was the more important, there being already many reports at hand of the suffering.

Mr. Lane questioned E. C. Blanchard, division superintendent of the Northern Pacific at Duluth, and D. M. Phillips, assistant general agent for the Great Northern road at Duluth, today. Before Mr. Lane had finished his examination both witnesses had promised that relief would be forthcoming within the next 24 hours, and orders have been given to rush coal to the suffering towns, all other traffic being made secondary until supplies shall have been furnished.

The secretary of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce submitted a statement showing that the movement of the crop this year had fallen off many millions of bushels, compared with previous years.

It puzzled the attorneys and members of the commission at the afternoon session why it took a freight car on the average about 13 days to make a trip that could be made at a 10-mile rate in 25 hours.

Mr. Blanchard, by whose testimony the situation was brought out, explained it by stating that hot boxes frequently delayed the progress of a car, and that various causes contributed to the delay of the car in transit. According to his testimony it would not be uncommon for a freight car to move from point to point at the rate of not less than a half mile an hour. He stated that there was an increase in shipments of every commodity—grain and lumber from the coast, merchandise, coke, coal and wood products.

Mr. Lane asked the witness for how long a period it took so long a time as from 10 to 13 days to move a freight car 250 miles, and he was told that the conditions were most unfavorable to speed during September, October and November.

"And you know about this every year, don't you?" ask Mr. Lane.

"Yes, we expect it," was the reply.

"You have nine months to prepare for it?" stated the commissioner.

"Yes, we try to do our best," was the answer.

REMEDY PROPOSED IS NOT ILLEGAL

Attorney W. T. Muir Submits Opinion at Meeting of Manufacturers—Two States Represented.

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—Money is being raised by the Oregon and Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association, to insure effective legislation by the Oregon Legislature to guard against a repetition of the car shortage which now exists. The members of the association are unanimously in favor of a reciprocal demurrage law and there is a strong sentiment for a railroad commission.

At a mass meeting of the members of the association held yesterday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium, the first steps were taken to raise money to insure the enactment of the desired legislation. Over 70 mills were represented and members of four lumbermen's organizations—the Oregon and Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association, the Shinglemen's Bureau, the Southwestern Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association and the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association—were present.

Attorney W. T. Muir has been engaged by the association to draft certain provisions the lumbermen desired to have embodied in the bills that will be presented to the Legislature. He submitted a communication yesterday in which he said that it was his opinion that power could be conferred upon a railroad commission to fix or suspend demurrage charges.

The matter of legislation has been placed in the hands of a railroad com-

mittee, under the direction of which Mr. Muir is at work. The bill that has been drawn up by the transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce will be used as a basis for his work. By this method it is hoped to have all the interests affected by the car shortage agree upon the bill. The lumbermen take the view that if every body or organization interested submits separate bills there will be much needless confusion, which may interfere with the accomplishment of the end in view.

BRYAN THE NEXT PRESIDENT.

President Roosevelt's Stand on the Japanese Question Will Cause a Political Revolt.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt's stand upon the Japanese question has aroused the Republican party in this state, which gave him as the head of the party 100,000 majority, as it never was aroused before. An evidence of this is found in the Chronicle of this morning, which prints a strong editorial denouncing the policy of the president as outlined in his message to congress and as reaffirmed by the speech of Secretary Root at Philadelphia. It says in part:

"It is not likely that Secretary Root favors any change in the political control of the government, but his position as secretary of state and his Philadelphia address immediately following the astonishing act of the president in placing the machinery of the department of justice at the service of the Japanese government in an attempt to deprive state governments of one of their most sacred and undoubted rights, has placed the Republican party in a most dangerous position.

"Foreign nations must, and most of the American people will, accept these words and deeds of these high officials as an authoritative declaration of the policy of the Republican party. Nothing can prevent that except the most unequivocal repudiation of the Root speech by every Republican political body which can be got together to take action upon it. If, however, Secretary Root's position with regard to the reserved rights of states be accepted by the Republican party, all Republican candidates for the presidency or other high offices may as well engage their passage to accompany President Roosevelt on the tour of the world which he will presumably make at the expiration of his term. It will be useless for the Republicans to nominate anywhere. The election of Bryan and a Democratic house is a foregone conclusion.

The San Francisco labor council, at a meeting last night, adopted resolutions submitted by a committee appointed for that purpose at a previous meeting, in which it deprecates and condemns the utterances of President Roosevelt regarding the attitude of the people of California toward the Japanese, declaring the president's statement that the Japanese had been shut out from the common schools of San Francisco was not in accordance with the facts. The council regards the statement of the president to the effect that the Japanese are more obedient workmen than whites as an absurdity and not deserving attention. Copies of the resolution were ordered sent to President Roosevelt, members of the cabinet, representatives and senators, the governor of California, the mayor and board of education of San Francisco.

WHOLE MOB IS ARRESTED

An Attempt to Rescue Two Prisoners in Portland Leads Fifty Men in Jail.

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—Shortly after one o'clock this morning an attempt was made to rescue two prisoners from Patrolmen Thorpe and Carr, as they were approaching the station. The alarm was given, and Captains Bailey and Bruin rushed the reserves to the rescue. The officers arrested every man they could catch, and their prisoners numbered 50.

The jail was crowded to the doors, and proved entirely too small to lodge the prisoners with comfort.

Queer Properties of Numbers.

"The most remarkable arrangement of numbers that I know of," said a Chicago business college man, who takes a delight in solving curious problems and digging up mathematical oddities, "is the combination of the six figures of 142,857. Multiply the number by two and the answer is 285,714, by three and the answer is 428,571, by four and the answer is 571,428, by five and the answer is 714,285, by six and the answer is 857,142. Each answer contains exactly the same digits as the original sum, and to cap the climax, multiply the number by seven and up comes the answer, 999,999.

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LEFT TO ROT ON PLATFORMS

Central Washington Dealers Are Denied the Privilege of Loading Their Wheat Into Empty Northern Pacific Cars.

HUNDREDS ARE STANDING ON THE SIDINGS

Committee Calls on Northern Pacific Superintendent at Spokane and Makes Charge That Flour is Given Preference.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 17.—That a million bushels of wheat is being put left to rot on platforms at Northern Pacific stations in Central Washington because the railway officials refuse to permit the grain to be loaded into empty cars which stand idle on the sidings was charged today by a committee representing the Central Washington grain dealers in a conference at the office of Superintendent Beamer, of the Northern Pacific.

N. E. Hayes, Ned W. Munger, Simon McLean, J. S. Lakster and Richard Stevens constituted the committee. They contend that the claim of car shortage has been a mere pre-emptive maneuver by the railways to meet the complaints of those suffering the rigor of coal famine, of lumbermen, grain dealers and flour manufacturers. N. E. Hayes was authority for the statement at the meeting that 305 empty cars are now standing on sidings between Pasco and Sprague, and that the railroads excuse for not filling them with grain is that it has not the motive power to haul them.

Members of the committee begged that they be permitted to transfer their grain sacks from the platforms to those cars for mere storage purposes, as 10 per cent would thus be saved. They charge that the railroads are in reality discriminating in favor of flour shipments, which pay better, and think it a significant fact that the flour manufacturers, who were invited to join them in the conference, failed to appear.

Local officials asserted that the heavy demand for cars to move the crop in the Dakotas was responsible for the local tie-up, but the grain dealers replied that the shipment into Minneapolis from the Dakotas are lighter this year than last.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST.

The fine brick public school building at Jacksonville, erected two years ago at a cost of \$16,000, was totally destroyed by fire last week. The cause of the fire is not known. The building was insured for \$10,000.

Newport, over on Yaquina bay, is preparing to establish electric lights.

"It Blew Some" is the way that the "Yaquina Day News," spoke about the gale over there, two weeks ago.

Two Prineville youths thought four of a neighbor's chickens would make a good feast, but later had to pay five dollars each for them, when apprehended.

Thirteen thousand cases of salmon were put up at the Almie and Mapleton canneries, on the Siuslaw, this season.

Four hundred feet of the Columbia River jetty was destroyed by a hurricane Monday, and the loss is estimated at \$500.

The Booth-Kelley Lumber Company is bringing down the Mohawk the largest log drive ever brought down that stream.

Robert Whitney, of French Prairie and father of Lincoln C. Whitney killed by Orlando Murray, died at his home last Friday; aged 72 years. It is said the shock caused by his son's death was through excitement, the cause of the old man's death.

Dow Walker, an O. A. C. football star, was married last Saturday, in Corvallis, to Miss Mabel Davis.

The Portland tax levy for all purposes will be 15 1/4 mills, this year.

J. W. Read, Mayor of Estacada, was convicted in Judge Frazier's court, in Portland last week, of being guilty of colonizing voters in Sellwood precinct, last June.

Gordon C. Moore has been selected as captain of the State University football team.

A large sawmill (100,000 feet capacity) is to be erected on Yaquina Bay in the near future.

Representative Payne, of New York, will endeavor to have the Yaquina Custom District consolidated with other nonpaying ports.

Klatsop county is building a new \$100,000 court house.

An Oregon City man is reported to be lost in the mountains in the vicinity of Ogle Mountain. P. A. Fairclough,

manager of the Ogle Mountain Mines, is the man said to be lost. Search parties are looking him up.

The experiment station, of the O. A. C. at Corvallis, has bought three typical dairy cows, an Ayrshire, a Guernsey and a Holstein.

Oak wood is worth \$12 per cord in Medford.

Thousands of Wheeler county lambs are being sold for spring delivery at \$3.50 and \$4.00 per head.

Benjamin E. Snipes, a noted pioneer of The Dalles, is dead, having died at Seattle on Wednesday of last week.

Dick the young German who was shot by a Salem night watch, has recovered sufficiently that he can be taken to Portland where he will be under the care of the German Vice Consul until he is entirely well.

DISCUSS PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE.

Prominent Linn County Men Meet in Albany Yesterday to Talk Over Linn-Lane Dispute.

There was an informal meeting of the Albany Commercial Club in the rooms of Dr. Ellis, president of the club, yesterday, for the purpose of discussing the proposed change in the boundary line between Linn and Lane counties.

A. A. Tussing and Representative-elect F. M. Brown, who had been delegated by the Brownsville Commercial Club, to confer with the Albany club on the matter, were present; also W. B. Glass and W. W. Robe, of Brownsville. Senator-elect Frank Miller was also in attendance. It was agreed at the meeting that a committee from the Albany club should meet a committee from the Eugene club for discussion of the proposed change and agree if possible upon a measure to be presented to the coming legislature.

The time and place for the joint meeting of the committees will be arranged for later. The Brownsville delegation very earnestly favors the changing of the line to conform with the petition of the settlers affected.—Albany Sunday Herald.

KIND WORDS.

Relative to the installment of a new press in this office we clip a few of the many kind notices, the improved appearance of the News has caused.

The Santiam News is now out in an entire new dress, which gives it a very handsome appearance indeed. We shall welcome the day when business will permit the Herald to follow suit.—Helix Herald.

The Santiam News, published at Scio, has installed a new cylinder press and is making an all home print paper. It is a credit to the town in which it is published.—Silverton Appeal.

The Scio News has changed to a six-column home print, and is one of the best county weeklies that comes to our ex. table.—Jefferson Review.

The Santiam News comes to us as an all-at-home print paper. Scio gains a lot of advertising by this change, and we hope the enterprise of Bro. Dugger will be amply rewarded.—St. Johns Review.

The Scio News has installed a new power press. Editor Dugger is giving Scio a splendid local paper and the people there should support it handsomely.—Brownsville Times.

Lane Will Come in January.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane has been detailed to visit the Northwestern states early in January to investigate and report upon the car shortage and freight blockade on the railroads in that portion of the country.

He will first visit Idaho and look into the reported tie-up of coal shipments and the consequent coal famine.

Later, he will visit Spokane, Seattle, Portland and other cities to examine particularly into the alleged sidetracking of lumber and farm products in order that lighter freight paying, better rates may have the right of way.

On his return from the coast states Commissioner Lane is expected to visit Salt Lake and Denver to report upon railway freight conditions at these cities.

Out of Commission.

The South Santiam railroad bridge is again out of commission, a section of the trestle work being swept away by the high water. Trains are again running around by Albany. The railroad company should have changed the track last year, as it is now contemplating several thousand dollars in repairs, trackage charges, etc., could have been saved, besides a great deal of annoyance.

Notarial work of all kinds promptly executed at the News office.

SHOWS FAVORITISM TO JAPS

There is Evidence in the Chinese Papers That President Roosevelt Took the Japs Into His Confidence.

SAID ERA OF RUFFIANISM PREVAILED IN CITY

Agreed That Orientals Should Be Admitted to Public Schools and Promised to Exhaust Every Means to That End.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The Chinese Mail brings remarkable evidence of the favoritism of President Roosevelt for the Japanese. It is proved conclusively that long before the American public was given his recent message, important details were in the hands of the Japanese government.

The China Gazette of November 5, 1906, reproduces a telegram printed in the Osaka Mainichi, published in Kobe, under date of October 29, in which the sender says:

"I lunched today with President Roosevelt and Mr. Root, the secretary of state. In the course of conversation the president authorized me to telegraph that in his message to the next session of congress he intends in one of the principal passages to warn Americans that the Japanese must be treated on exactly the same footing as Europeans.

"The president went on to reiterate his friendship for the Japanese people and pointed out that there is at present a prevalence of ruffianism at San Francisco from which other nationalities than the Japanese are suffering. He also said he agreed that the Japanese had the right to be admitted to the schools and that he should exhaust every means to prevent discrimination."

This establishes the fact that the president's slang assault upon the people of San Francisco was made before he heard from Secretary Metcalf, for Metcalf arrived in this city after November 1.

RINGER HERMANN'S TRIAL TO BE DATED.

Will Probably Be Set for Late in January—All Parties Claim Readiness.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The government will next Monday set a day for the trial of Ringer Hermann, who is under indictment on the charge of destroying a number of letter-press copy books of the general land office.

United States District Attorney Baker has the case well in hand and on Monday he will ask Justice Stafford to set a day for the Hermann trial, and also the Hyde-Benson land fraud cases.

Congressman Hermann, according to his friends, is anxious for a speedy trial. His counsel, it is asserted, will insist that an early day be set by the United States district attorney for the trial.

It is believed the case will come up in criminal court No. 1 in the latter part of January.

SANTIAM FARM.

Still alive and prospering; though with a severe cold in the head.

Mr. Thomas Small has purchased the farm of Enoch Shelton up one prong of Luccoon Hollow, for a dairy ranch. It is well supplied with fir brush for winter browsing.

Our well drillers, Mary & Son, have completed a successful job of drilling 26 feet deep, in an old well that was already 20 feet deep, through solid rock and getting a fine flow of water for David Horsburg.

S. W. Gains had a stock well 23 feet drilled by Mary & Son.

Mrs. Eliza Crabtree is severely ill with neuralgia and erysipelas in the head. She is suffering most excruciating pain.

Our R. F. D. carrier on route No. 1, last Saturday, turned out to be a nice young girl.

Mr. Dean Turner, of Springfield, has returned home for a few days visit with his parents and for a rest from his job of hotel dish washer.

Scott Turner must have a distaste to having such large feet. Some two weeks ago he slashed his right foot with the full blade of his ax and last Thursday he tried his ax on the left one. Such operations, however, is rather hard on his big logger shoes.

Messrs. Riley and Miller have been on the sick list during the past week.

Miss Flo Poindexter has also been listed with the sick during the past few days, but is now slowly on the mend.

S. W. Gains and his better half are contemplating a trip to Portland on

Monday, the 24th, to take in the sights of the city, during the holidays, then return to Hubbard for a few days visit with the former's daughter, Mrs. Ida Graham. They expect to be gone for ten days.

The Corvallis creamery man has lately been through this locality, soliciting for cream. He promised better prices than either of the old creameries are paying, which is appreciated. Competition is the life of trade.

J. H. Poindexter and G. A. Griffin went over to Albany, last Monday, on important business.

Mrs. Rebecca Morris returned to her home in Albany, last Monday, after a week's visit about her old childhood home of 50 years ago—the old Johnny Crabtree donation homestead claim. She carried back with her a petrified fir stump as a souvenir and as a curiosity for Albany and Eastern people to look at.

M. C. Gains and wife and Grandma Poindexter, of Providence, paid J. H. Poindexter a social visit lately. While there M. C. dehorned five cows for Mr. Poindexter, using a fine set of dehorning shears lately received from the manufacturer.

Mr. Editor please forward a copy of your new little paper for one year to Mrs. Ida Graham as a compliment from S. W. G.

Uncle Frank DeVaney was visiting in this neighborhood last Sunday. For one of his age he enjoys remarkably good health.

David Horsburg has recently returned from a business trip to Lebanon. While there he purchased a Myers force pump for use in his newly drilled well.

M. C. Gains has, lately, dehorned 35 head of cattle for T. M. and J. G. Holt, of near Thomas, receiving therefor ten cents per head.

SANTIAM FARM.

DEATH OF UNCLE BILLY DOWNING.

William Downing (commonly known as "Uncle Billy") was born in Venango Co., Pennsylvania Oct. 31st, 1820; married Miss Sarah Louisa Hopkins in 1852; came to Oregon in 1877; died Dec. 1st, 1906; age at death, 86 years, one month and one day. Joined the Christian church in 1863, but his ideal of religion was "to do to others as you would have others do to you." He had but little use for parade and show in religious life, thinking that doing religion was better than talking it. He and his aged wife, whom he leaves behind, journeyed down life's rugged pathway together for over 54 years, without a ripple of discontent in their long companionship.

He was an honest conscientious man, a kind neighbor, a loving father and husband, an exemplary citizen, one worthy the emulation of any young man, and one of the best informed men it was ever my pleasure to talk with; either on religious, secular, or political topics. They raised a family of seven children, five of who together with his wife yet survive him.

In his death, his wife has lost a loving and faithful companion; the children an affectionate father and the neighborhood an esteemed and valuable citizen; and one, for whose general information, the neighborhood in which he lived, will never have another his equal.

His body was laid away to rest in the Lacombe cemetery, where a large crowd of relatives and friends assembled to pay their last tributes of respect. The burial services were conducted by G. L. Sutherland.

K. O. T. M. Officers.

The Macrahee lodge of this city has elected the following named officers for the ensuing term.

Commander—Harrison Phillips.

Lieut. Com.—A. W. Daley.

Rec. Keeper and Finance Keeper—A. G. Prill.

Chaplain—W. M. Abbott.

M. of A.—D. A. Osborn.

First M. of G.—J. L. Bilyeu.

Second M. of G.—J. Flemming.

Sentinel—Geo. Grimes.

Picket—Wm. Brenner.

Trustees—Harrison Phillips, Walter Bilyeu and W. M. Abbott.

Stockholders' Meeting.

A Stockholders' meeting of the Scio Commercial Telephone Company, is hereby called to meet at the City Hall in Scio on Saturday, January 12 at 1 p. m., to transact such business as may be called up before the meeting.

T. M. Holz, President.

The Calapooia Lumber Company has filed a claim with the County Clerk, at Albany, for \$2000 against Linn County, for logs covered up with dirt in the building of the Calapooia Wagon Road.