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VALLEY SAW MILLS ARE DEFENDED

Portland Lumbermen Are Simply Trying to Hog the Entire Pacific Coast Lumber Market

The Portland lumber interests, under the guise of charging the Southern Pacific company with discrimination in rates on lumber to California in favor of lumber manufacturers in the Willamette valley, are in reality making another effort to destroy the lumber industry along the Southern Pacific lines south of Portland. Not only is the Willamette valley interested, but also the Umpqua and Rogue River valleys. The same tactics were resorted to by them in 1907 in a hearing before the Interstate Commerce commission over the Willamette valley-California rates, at which time they demanded that the commission give them the same rates as the valley, and also when they got the commission to grant them a preferential rate of 2 1/2 cents per 100 pounds to Utah, when previously the rates from the valley were the same.

It is the old cry of the Portland lumber interests whose articles in the Portland Evening Telegram show conclusively a disposition to be not satisfied with the advantages they already have, but demand further concessions in order that no one else shall be allowed to have even a fair chance to compete with them. That the time has arrived for the merchants, lumber manufacturers, farmers and residents of the Willamette valley and Southern Oregon to take some action to protect their interests is quite evident, as unmistakable efforts are being made to kill the lumber industry in the territory south of Portland.

We have listened in recent years to many allegations and charges of discrimination by the railroads, but on reflection it has been found they have generally originated with and in the interest of purely selfish persons and communities. Since the amended Interstate Commerce Act was passed in 1907 and the creation of State railroad commissions, nearly all of the rates carried by the railroads, particularly in the west, have been passed upon and revised by either one or both of these bodies and it is safe to say that if, as alleged, discrimination was practiced the carriers themselves have assisted in removing same and that such conditions do not now exist.

It is very easy for anyone to quote figures, dollar-per-car charges and whatnot, and make almost any kind of a showing to suit the particular end sought. The investigations by the commissions have disclosed the underlying principles surrounding rate-making by the railroads and the commissions themselves, while they have made changes, have in many instances approved the rates established by the carriers after investigation in which the sound policy surrounding the making of the rates was disclosed and considered. While the public have through their commissions and other regulative measures been busy during late years in removing what they considered was

NEW REGISTRATION SYSTEM IS EXPENSE

New Law Takes the Birth and Death Registration Out of Hands of Health Officers

For the quarter ending September 30, the cost to Linn county under the new birth and death registration system, was \$10.50, while under the old system it cost practically nothing, according to County Clerk Russell. The report from the state department has just been filed with the clerk.

The new system, which went into effect only about six weeks prior to September 30, took the registration out of the hands of the county health officer in connection with the county clerk and provided for the districting of the county. Each district is supplied with a registrar and these officials report direct to the state department. For each birth or death recorded, the county has to pay these registrars a fee of 25 cents. During the quarter enough were recorded in Linn county to make the sum of \$10.50.

The county is divided into eight districts and each district has a registrar. The new system was inaugurated under a new state law passed at the last legislature.—Albany Herald.

a disparity of rates, etc., they have at the same time surrounded the transportation companies with many conditions which have in numerous ways prevented the public from enjoying the full measure of help of the railroads, particularly in interior territory. One of the greatest handicaps placed upon the interior communities has been the refusal of the commissions to permit the carriers to recognize market competition in making their rates as the railroads were wont to do at one time; now it is strictly a transportation condition that permits of competition. People and communities located in inland territory must recognize that they are subject to only one mode of transportation and that their success is dependent wholly upon the development of the inland district. In their struggle to even commence the inland development, they must be enabled to reach the outside markets and if they are to be prevented from doing this we may as well bid good bye to our future hopes of becoming a substantial mommonwealth.

Without championing the cause of the Southern Pacific or any other railroad company, but because in this instance we believe the Southern Pacific, on whose lines most of the lumber mills south of Portland are located, is entitled to the greatest credit as it can honestly be said that they have made every effort to assist in the development of the lumber industry in the face of the strongest kind of opposition, and we do not believe that they can in any wise honestly be charged with discrimination. The Portland Evening Telegram and its constituents are simply endeavoring through the once popular railroad baiting process to

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SCHOOL NOTES

Kenneth White was absent from school Monday, on account of a severe attack of lagrippe.

Miss Jackson spent the week end in Monmouth with her parents and—?

Dr. Prill was a school visitor last Thursday.

Ask Eunice whether pretzels are salty or not.

Tired of staying in Seio, Miss Johnson packed her suit case and went to Albany Friday evening, returning Monday morning.

There is a certain young man that waits at the corner of Joe Wesely's store every day to escort a high school girl to school. Gladys R. would be much disappointed if she did not find him waiting there.

Last week Prof. White was telling us what to do in case the school caught on fire. Just as he finished talking, the fire bell was heard and we all knew that meant to empty the building as soon as possible. No one waited to be told to go but as there was no fire, no body was very excited. Miss Smith's little folks took it just as calm as though they were marching out for recess. One thing we noticed different from our usual marching was that Miss Berryman did not play the march.

Senior Editor

WAR COSTS BRITAIN \$21,750,000 A DAY

Asquith Explains the Financial Situation on Eve of Asking For New Credit

London, Nov. 10.—Premier Asquith was to have asked the House of Commons today for a vote of credit of \$2,000,000,000, but some unexpected development prevented him from taking this action, which was postponed until tomorrow. The premier however, made his expected statement in regard to the financial situation.

Including the new vote of credit to be asked tomorrow, the premier pointed out, the total amount allotted for war purposes will be \$8,310,000,000.

The approximate daily cost of the war between September 12 and November 6 was given by Mr. Asquith as \$21,750,000.

Death of Grandma Rice

Word was received in Seio yesterday of the death of Grandma Rice, which had occurred at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. R. H. McCarter, of near Independence.

Grandma had been an invalid for the past year. Some two weeks ago the McCarters came up for a short visit and Grandma accompanied them to their home. The remains were brought to Seio today, the burial occurring at Franklin Butte cemetery.

Grandma Rice was about 76 years of age at the time of her death and is survived by her aged husband, three sons and two daughters.

THE BLUE LAW IS TO BE ENFORCED

Sheriff Bodine Gives Warning to All Business Houses, Not Excepted, to Close Sundays

We have had the matter of the enforcement of the Sunday closing law under advisement with the district attorney and today are in receipt of the following letter from District Attorney Hill:

D. H. Bodine,
Sheriff of Linn County.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is hereby called to Section 2125 of Lord's Oregon Laws, commonly known as the Sunday Closing law. Constitutionality of this law was recently upheld by the supreme court of the State of Oregon in the case of the State vs. Nicholls.

May I ask you, therefore, to communicate with your deputies and take whatever action may be necessary for the enforcement of this statute impartially throughout the county.

Respectfully,
Gale S. Hill,
District Atty.

Although we expect a voluntary compliance with this law, yet in all fairness we think we should give the matter full publicity. It is our intention to work in connection with the district attorney and aid in the enforcement of the law throughout the county. We have communicated with our outside deputies and have advised them that we shall expect all places of business coming under the statute to be closed on Sunday.

D. H. Bodine,
Sheriff.

Thanksgiving Ball

The I. O. O. F. Lodge of this city are preparing to give an all-night dance and supper at their hall, on the south side, Thanksgiving eve. As the committee which has charge of the matter are wide-awake and up in the entertainment line, those who delight in tripping the light fantastic, may expect a good time.

Renewal Subscribers

The Tribune has now been published in Seio a little more than one year. A few subscribers are delinquent for that time and those who wish to pay in advance should call. Remember, all who pay at the end of the year, the price is \$1.50; those who pay in advance \$1.25.

To Address High School

Dr. W. H. Lee, of Albany college, will address the students, patrons and friends of the Seio High school next Monday morning at 9 o'clock. A vocal solo by Mrs. Hobson, a selection by the Girls Glee Club and the local orchestra will supply the music. Everybody is cordially invited to come and hear this distinguished speaker.

The filling up of the Panama canal has cost the farmers of the Northwest quite a bit of money.

MEXICO RETURNING TO NORMAL TIMES

State Department Learns Famine Has Become a Thing of the Past in the Capital

Washington, Nov. 9.—Conditions in Mexico are improving and there are signs that give hope for a gradual return to order and prosperity there, according to a summary of advices from various parts of the republic tonight by the state department.

The famine in Mexico City is said to be over. Railway service is to be re-established in many directions, the government is distributing food to the destitute and while business is still dull, compared to peaceful years, it is pictured as better than at any time since the revolt against Diaz began.

"Conditions in Mexico are such as might be expected in any country that has passed through about six years of civil war," says the statement. "Those hopeful for the restoration of order and of Mexico's former prosperity believe that there is now is a chance for them to improve.

"In Mexico City the famine is a thing of the past. Now, through government officials, there is food for everybody, and the improvement of the railroad service makes it certain that food conditions will be better every day. The government has been maintaining 46 stations where food is free, consisting of a portion of soup, frijoles and bread, distributed daily to every woman or child who comes. In addition there are 56 commissaries where food is sold to those in better circumstances at cost. Further, there are ten dining rooms where meals are served free.

Took Paper 'Leven Years

I've stopped the paper—yes I have,
I don't like to do it,
But the editor he got too smart,
And I allow h'll rue it,
I am the man who pays his debts,
And will not be insulted,
So when the editor gets smart
I want to be consulted.

I took the paper 'leven years
I help him all I can sir,
But when it comes to dunnin' me,
I didn't think he would, sir,
But that he did, and you can bet
It made me hot as thunder,
I says "I'll stop that sheet, I will,
If the doggone thing goes under"

I hunted up the editor
And for his cunnin' caper
I paid him 'leven years to quit—
Yes, sir, I stopped the paper.
—Ex.

Will Buy Cream

The Seio Feed Store will buy cream for the Lebanon creamery, paying the highest market price for same delivered at their feed store in Seio.

Seio Tribune one year for \$1.25