

EDITORIAL

Effecting Improvements in Service

Western railroad managements have been accused of slowing down freight movement through schedules whereby trains over the various lines from the coast to Chicago require identical hours. The allegation is that there is a lack of competition which would make the lines struggle to shorten the time which, in a large measure, would relieve the car shortage.

There may be some merit to this charge, yet in the light of an announcement released this week by the Union Pacific System, an effort is being made by that line to remedy not only the car shortage but to improve rail transportation service in general. The Union Pacific reports a \$6,000,000 program for extension of centralized traffic control between Salt Lake City and Caliente, Nevada, a distance of 329 miles. The new installation will connect with a 300-mile stretch of CTC in operation for two years between Caliente, Nevada and Daggett, California, providing the Union Pacific with the longest mileage of CTC ever installed, 629 miles from Salt Lake City to Daggett.

In addition to the CTC territory from Daggett, California, to Caliente, Nevada, at present the longest installation in the world, Union Pacific also operates CTC between Pocatello and Glenns Ferry, Idaho, a distance of 160 miles; a 78-mile CTC system between Rieth and La Grande, and 100 miles of CTC between La Grande and Huntington.

Centralized traffic control is regarded by railroad men as one of the most revolutionary railroad improvements. It provides from 60 to 80 per cent efficiency of double track railroad. Generally, train hours or time of trains in transit, are cut 26 per cent, train speed is increased 36 per cent, and seven out of ten possible train delays are eliminated. Operation under written train orders or operating timetables are not needed. Instead, CTC permits continuous flow of traf-

fic under dispatchers who have constant, instantaneous control of all train movements, but who operate trains hundreds of miles away by remote control through finger-tip manipulation of switches and block signals.

Persons familiar with the Union Pacific System's lines will recognize that CTC installations have been made in districts presenting the worst traffic bottlenecks. By stepping up the flow of traffic in those sections much time has been saved between Portland and Chicago and apparently it is the aim of the company, as expressed by its president, G. F. Ashby, "to make Union Pacific properties the most modern and efficient in American railroading."

A Fine Beginning

The 1947 Morrow county fair is history and from comment coming in from all sides it was a pronounced success. In reality, it was more of a success than the fair board and the people at large had anticipated, for enthusiasm and pleasure were manifested on all sides.

Greatest pleasure, perhaps, is experienced by those who participate in making the fair—the exhibitors. While the displays were not large in number they were of high order, drawing favorable comment from the judges as well as visitors. It was proof that almost every garden and orchard, when properly tended, produces something worthy of exhibition. The same holds true with regard to cooked foods, canning, needlework and kindred lines. Morrow county folk are, or can become, just as proficient as the people of other counties. All it requires is a place for them to display their wares, and the fair provides that outlet for them.

As at most fairs, the livestock exhibit was of great interest to everybody. Highest praise is due the 4-H beef club for the splendid showing of young stock at the fair. While all could not win prizes, the youngsters gained knowledge in show-

manship that will come in handy at future fairs. Those who did win had to be good showmen as well as possess fine animals and so good were the top three that the judge admitted it was one of the hardest tasks he had performed to decide the first, second and third place order.

Not all glory is due the 4-H beef club, as there were adult exhibitors with stock that would rank well at other shows. Due to a housing shortage for livestock, numerous growers did not bring in animals for the show. The fair board plans to remedy this deficiency before the next fair and all growers will be urged to bring in their best.

Happy over the outcome of this year's fair, the fair board is looking forward to improvements to the grounds, the addition of buildings as far as present cramped space will permit, and otherwise developing the project to make a permanent set-up in which the citizens of the county will take great pride.

They Did A Good Job

Whether one is a rodeo fan or not, it must be admitted that the men putting on the show, the directors and their helpers and the rodeo talent, worked hard to make the 1947 show one of the best ever. If the rodeo did not quite live up to

expectations it may be due to the fact that other places not too far distant from Heppner were having shows at the same time, and some of these places are in position to offer larger purses, an inducement not overlooked by top hands in counting up their season's take. The boys who did appear here worked hard and took long chances with the tough horses and cattle provided by Harley Tucker. There were thrills and spills, and that is what many cash customers like to see.

It is the belief of some observers that an effort should be made to localize the stock and performers, or at least hire less ferocious horses and cattle. Until the Heppner show can put up a purse that will draw more of the big time performers, it is contended, the boys that do sign up here should have a better break. Be that as it may, several of the lads took bad spills over the week end but their spirit was not broken and they were up and away Monday morning for the next show.

There is always one feature of the Rodeo upon which the public is agreed. That is the parade. Rodeo parades are always good and the 1947 event was outstanding, particularly in the number and quality of riding stock. There was a lack of floats but those entered were tops.

30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times Sept. 13, 1917

Fifth annual Morrow county fair opens its doors to public today, according to W. W. Smead, secretary.

Tash and Akers is the name of a new firm of hardware merchants who made their bow to the public the first of the week.

Governor James Withycombe will address the Fair visitors Saturday, Morrow county feels honored to have the governor as a guest for the day.

The maximum price that will be paid for wool by the government has been fixed at 50 cents a pound to growers in the vicinity.

A marriage license was issued this week to Ivor Nelson of Gooseberry and Miss Leslie Maxwell of Irigon.

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FRUIT GROWERS OPPORTUNITY

Oregon farmers should become more market minded.

This is the admonition of M. W. Baker, Washington, D. C., assistant director of the fruit and vegetable branch of the U. S. department of agriculture, who this week visited the state agriculture department.

Oregon fruit and berry growers ranked high in the nation last year with a gross income of \$64,093,000. California ranked first, Florida second, Washington third, Michigan fourth and Oregon fifth. The rankings were based on all fruits, including citrus. The three Pacific coast states accounted for five eighths of the national total of farm receipts from fruits which amounted to \$1,674,796. Oregon ranked second to Louisiana in the production of strawberries. Of the five ranking states Oregon stood second in prune production; third in pear production, and fourth in the production of apples and cherries.

Oregon would rank higher in fruit and vegetable incomes if more attention were given to processing, packaging and pricing to provide competent profits for producer and distributor.

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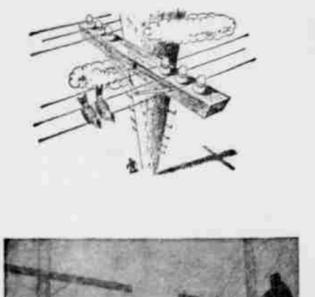
New Skating Schedule

Until further notice, the skating rink at the Fair Pavilion will be open on
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings from 7:30 to 10 o'clock

Tom Loyd

Operator

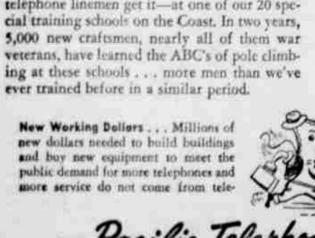
How to climb a telephone pole



One move at a time is the best advice, any telephone lineman will tell you. While you're moving your feet upward and setting your gaffs, concentrate on the job of climbing safely. After reaching the working level, place your safety strap in position around the pole and make sure it is properly engaged with the body belt. Then lean back in your safety belt and go to work.



But it takes practice... and here's where the telephone linemen get it—at one of our 20 special training schools on the Coast. In two years, 5,000 new craftsmen, nearly all of them war veterans, have learned the ABC's of pole climbing at these schools... more men than we've ever trained before in a similar period.



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Every time there is a copious rainfall in Morrow county a front page item in the Portland Oregonian announces a cloud-burst at Heppner. It seems Heppner cannot live down the bad effects of an old disaster. When a genuine calamity happens, then let's tell it, but when a rain falls that does not soak up the streets enough to keep the dust settled for 24 hours, then let's keep it under our hats. We have been suffering from over-exaggeration on this cloud-burst business about long enough.

D. J. Shelleck has arrived in the city to take over the position of head miller with the Heppner Milling Co. The Heppner mill expects to start grinding flour in the near future.

Thos. Brennan returned the first of the week from an extensive trip over the northwest. The trip was made in company with Carl Rhea and Claud Sloan of Echo.

Fred W. Falconer increased his sheep flocks by the purchase of 18,000 ewes. He expects to begin next year as one of the largest flockmasters in Oregon.

"Oregon farmers," Baker said, "must learn to become outstanding merchandisers if they hope to capture eastern markets with the state's tremendous fruit crop. In Oregon there is a great lack of understanding on the part of producing growers, particularly of fruits, as to the condition in which their products arrive at their destination."

He suggested that producers conduct a consumer advertising campaign in the east, and then back up the campaign with good quality produce.

TO ENFORCE GAMBLING LAW

Every district attorney in the state received a mandate this week from the newly created state department of justice to immediately stop operation of all slot machines, pinball games, punchboards and every pay-off device, whether for coin, slug,

LEXINGTON...

Mrs. Clara nee Hayes Lexington looked like a deserted town over the week end as almost everyone went to Heppner to celebrate the Rodeo. The parade was made especially interesting for folks of this community as a Lexington float won first prize. The float was built by the members of the Amicitia club.

School started here Monday, Sept. 8.

Bobby Davidson was guest of honor at a theater party Friday evening, Sept. 5. The occasion was the fifth birthday of Bobby. Ten small guests and Bobby were escorted to Heppner to the show by Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Roger Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller and son Kenneth of Portland were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Peck. They came up to take in the Rodeo. The Millers are former residents of Lexington.

The Lexington Community church will be the scene of the wedding Friday evening of Miss

ed said, "The Taft-Hartley law is basically sound and is a move to return the unions to the workman."

AIRPLANE REGISTRATION URGED

Armed with an opinion by Oregon's attorney general to the effect that state registration fees for aircraft will be in lieu of property tax, the Oregon board of aeronautics is urging owners of aircraft to register their planes to relieve themselves of the necessity of paying personal property tax. The board is advising pilots to register under the law enacted by the 1947 legislature, W. M. Bartlett, director, declared. The registration law became effective July 1.

Winifred Zinter of Ione and Mr. Truman Messenger Jr. of Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haycroft of College Place, Wash., were visiting in Lexington the fore part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McMillan have returned from a visit to Kelso, Wash.

Earl Lacey of Walla Walla was a Saturday guest at the Cecil Jones home.

Don't forget the public rental library now operating in the I. O. O. F. hall. It's open on Tuesdays from 4 to 6 and Saturdays from 2 to 4, and the public is urged to visit it.

Mr. and Mrs. Dit Warner and family and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gillum of Portland spent the latter part of last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earl Warner.

Jack Miller, who has been working here this summer, has left for his home in Portland. He will attend Oregon State college this fall.

Mrs. Harry Dinges has been seriously ill with dust pneumonia the past week but is much improved now.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Padberg spent the week end in Lewiston, Idaho.

Mrs. Cliff Yarnell was hostess at a pinocle party at her home Tuesday evening. There were three tables of pinocle with Mrs. Eldon Padberg winning high prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davidson have moved to their new home in Heppner.

Miss Ruthann Acklen has returned to her home in Grants Pass, after spending a few weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dinges.

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Dunham were Portland visitors Friday and Saturday last week. Mrs. Dunham was soloist at the marriage of Miss Glynn Matteson and Kenneth Starr which took place at 6 p. m. Saturday in the First Methodist church.

In Your Relaxed Moments

or When the Gang Takes Over



New Albums This Week—

- Abe Lyman's Waltz Time
- Harry Owen's Hawaiian Melodies
- Kostelanetz Favorites
- Tschaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite

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