

EDITORIAL



Nothing To Be Gained

The coming of the railroad marked the transition from ox-cart transportation to the modern day transportation system upon which the development of the west has been built. In Idaho, Utah, Montana, Oregon and Washington the extension of rails into the then virgin territory heralded the building of homes, industries, the entire economy of the present day, and the foundation for the future.

It is recognized that the Union Pacific has always maintained its obligation to provide this territory with the best transportation facilities possible. Because much of this area has been served exclusively by the Union Pacific, the management of this railroad has taken unto itself the responsibility to build its services and facilities equal to and usually beyond requirements of the territory it serves. This is practical railroading because development of the Union Pacific has been and always will be closely linked to the development of these western states it serves.

Now comes the Denver & Rio Grande Western railroad, its lines and services confined to Colorado, New Mexico and Utah, with an application to the Interstate Commerce commission to compel establishment of joint rates via its line between Ogden and Colorado junctions on traffic moving to and from this local Union Pacific territory. In cold analysis, this is nothing more than an attempt to invade the territory built up and served exclusively by the Union Pacific through the years by investment of hundreds of millions of dollars in providing facilities, equipment and service; and to raid the Union Pacific's traffic and revenues.

There is no complaint on Union Pacific service. The Rio Grande proposal would not improve service. The Rio Grande acknowledges it would not reduce rates under those already in effect on the Union Pacific. Present rates are reasonable and do not require modification. Routing of traffic via the D&RGW via Ogden would be longer, slower, and would constitute an unnecessary and wasteful transportation practice. Union Pacific officials point out. The Rio Grande proposal would be of no added benefit whatever to shippers or receivers.

It is well known that the Union Pacific or any other railroad is dependent largely upon traffic from the territory it serves for the revenue necessary to the maintenance of the kind of service it provides and which is so necessary to the continuing development of the area. At present traffic from Northern Utah, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia moves on the Union Pacific main lines through Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas on the shortest, fast-

est and most economical route. The desire of the D&RGW is an attempt to break down the Union Pacific's ability to serve. It is unwarranted and unnecessary. The real effect would be to take from the Union Pacific its recognized long haul reward for past expenditures in developing communities and providing service to the home territory. There would be no contribution whatever by D&RGW to the development or maintenance of the territory in equipment, facilities, taxes, and payrolls. The Rio Grande has nothing to offer other than a solicitation campaign.

Fair and rodeo time is almost upon us. Cloistered as we are in the far corner of the back shop, it has not been possible to get out and see the progress made at the fair grounds where a small crew of men is working feverishly to have everything in readiness for the opening next Thursday, but we think their efforts should be recognized by generous support of the business people and citizens in general of Heppner. If the fair is worth having it is worth supporting and if the right support is given it will grow to become the most important civic function we have. But it can't be expected that a few men and women will work their heads off, so to speak, year after year without words of encouragement and a generous amount of physical support from the local people. Our fair will be only as good as we will to make it. If we are not interested in having this annual exhibition the best way to kill it is just to continue to show lack of interest. It won't last much longer. On the other hand, we believe a majority of the people want the fair and there will be enough support to make it worthwhile, even if the support comes from sources other than the immediate locale of the exhibition grounds.

Somebody, or several somebodies, with a lack of sense about the fitness of things, broke out with a rash of vandalism Saturday evening and left their marks in places that make the acts doubly reprehensible. It is not that any great damage was done in either place, but the spirit in which it was done shows a lack of respect and inability on the part of the culprits to understand that their acts reflect upon themselves and not upon the properties subjected to their disdain for decency. A few dollars will replace the cover on the archery target at the Episcopal church, and no damage was done to the Catholic church with the leaving of a number of beer bottles on the entry steps. The real damage was done to the reputations of the culprits.

30 YEARS AGO

September 4, 1919
Mrs. J. F. Lucas returned from Portland Wednesday after going down with her daughter Lovelle who will attend school there this winter.
H. V. Gates president of the Heppner Light & Water company, has been spending a few days in the city on business.
Heppner's first French war bride arrived this week when Mr. and Mrs. Will Morgan and their infant son came in Tuesday. Mr. Morgan saw two years of service in France in the aviation branch.
Several large realty deals were closed during the past week. The Paul Webb ranch in the Rhea Creek section consisting of 4580 acres was purchased by D. O. Justice and his son Neils. Mollahan brothers purchased the Stanfield ranch on Rhea Creek, better known as the Penland ranch. C. A. Minor has bought the Dyk-

Health For All

TB AND DANGER SIGNALS
People who refuse to "keep tabs" on their health with regular physical examinations, even though they are well, are unwise. But those who ignore definite signals that something is wrong take a foolish chance and invite serious illness and even death.
During summer months, people who seem tired all the time, lose weight, and never seem hungry at mealtime frequently blame the summer heat and insist there is nothing they can do about it. It's true that intense heat and humidity can interfere with "pep" and appetite, but the loss of energy can also be the sign of such a serious disease as tuberculosis.
Tuberculosis has no obvious symptoms when it first strikes, but is frequently accompanied by fatigue, loss of appetite and loss of weight. Hence, while a person who has complaints is busy blaming it all on the weather, he may be losing valuable time in fighting his disease.
There are other danger signals of tuberculosis, which usually come later, including a cough that hangs on, pain in the chest, and spitting up of blood. When these accompany fatigue and poor appetite, tuberculosis may have taken serious hold.
If people would get chest x-rays regularly—at least once a year—tuberculosis could be found in an early stage, before it became more advanced and more difficult to cure.
Hot summer days are frequently responsible for bringing out the lazy streak in us. The weather might be responsible for making a person feel "dragged out" all the time—and again it may not. But a constant feeling of exhaustion might mean tuberculosis. Those who suffer from such fatigue should see the doctor promptly and find out what is wrong.



By CHARLES L. EGENROAD
Washington, D. C. — Last week's fight to "Give us a Democrat congress and we will take action against monopoly."
President Truman promised it on September 30, 1948, in Louisville, Ky. The 81st congress, after seven months, has taken no action whatever on anti-monopoly legislation. There wasn't even a Small Business committee set up in the senate until recently.
On October 29, 1948, in Yonkers, N. Y., Mr. Truman thundered: "If you want to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act, then you had better go to the polls next Tuesday and vote the Democratic ticket straight."
A Democrat senate has refused to repeal the act and the Democrat house hasn't yet taken up labor legislation since repeal failed months ago.
"We favor legislation assuring that the workers of our nation receive equal pay for equal work regardless of sex." (Democrat platform.)
No action in either house on such legislation.
"We intend to go forward with

the development of our national resources, by such means as soil conservation, reforestation, the utilization of our water resources and the development of great waterways like the St. Lawrence Seaway." (President Truman, October 13, 1948, Superior, Wis.)
So far, no action yet in either house on St. Lawrence Seaway or Columbia Valley development.
"With a Democrat president and a Democrat congress . . . we will be unified for the expansion of social security, the improvement of our educational system and the expansion of medical aid." (President Truman, October 13, 1948, St. Paul, Minn.)
Social security expansion is still in a house committee and no action has been taken in the senate.
A federal-aid-to-education bill passed the senate back in May, but is hopelessly bogged down in the house.
The socialized medicine, or health program, is still languishing in committees.
"Our determination to attain the goal of equal rights and equal opportunity must be resolute and unwavering. For my part, I intend to keep moving toward this goal with every ounce of strength and determination I have." (President Truman, October 29, 1948, Harlem, N. Y.)
An anti-lynching bill is in a house committee; and an anti-poll tax bill passed the house but administration leaders in the Senate have refused to put it to a vote. An anti-segregation bill

passed the house April 4, but there has been no action in the senate. Finally a fair employment practices bill is tied up in the house committee.
"We need controls on inflation. A Democrat congress will give us these controls." (President Truman, October 23, 1948, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.)
Ah, yes, lest we forget!



DEPENDING CHILDREN DESERTED

No one will refute the fact that hungry ill-cared-for children almost invariably become embittered against the laws of society and the government. Yet the 1949 legislature ordered a 13 per cent cut in aid for dependent children. However, as the facts were presented to the lawmakers at the time of the enactment of the law, they should not be censured for the move.

Resolutions deploring the effects of the law are arriving at the welfare departments. Principal criticism is that all the cut was made on dependent families and none on aid to the blind and old age assistance. A smaller cut all around would not have been so keenly felt.

Conditions are often too pitiful to pass under the name of civilization, in families where the mother is left as head of the household by death or desertion or where the father is physically incapacitated.

Welfare departments have carefully screened cases now existing and find there is greater need in many instances than in the earlier months of the year.

When winter comes there are bound to be new cases requiring care but no funds are available.

The children, if not cared for, soon become delinquents.

POLITICAL CONFLAB

"The gentleman from way down south in Oregon," this epigram may soon be addressed to the president of the U. S. senate, if the pronouncement of a federal southsayer here at the capital comes true.

"Oregon has gone democratic and nobody knows it—not even the democrats themselves. This state is in the 'solid south' column. It's all settled but the realization that the state (the state ticket) could go democratic," says the political fortune teller. It all sounds like something hanging over from the dog days to those who do not know that he has an uncanny way of winning many political bets.

FARM BUREAU TO CAPITAL

The moving of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation from Milton to Salem this week was celebrated with a progress caravan of cars and trucks carrying equipment and staff of men. Welcome ceremonies led by mayors and chamber of commerce officials along the route reflected the spirit of the purposes of the organization. Governor McKay welcomed the caravan at the conclusion of the trip.

OREGON DRIVERS IMPROVING

While the motor vehicle drivers of the rest of the nation are "steeping on the gas" more and more Oregon drivers are holding down to normal speeds, says Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury, who quotes figures from a national speed study. The study found that the average motor vehicle traveled at a speed of 47.7 miles per hour in 1948, the 1946 rate was 45.2. In the same time Oregon vehicles reduced their speed from 50.1 to 46.8 miles per hour.

REGISTER WAR TROPHIES

Several accidents caused by exploding war trophies recently has caused the bureau of internal revenue to prepare a new bulletin notifying the public of the required registration of certain types of firearms that, in many instances, were sent or brought home as war trophies. It is mandatory that firearms of automatic type must be registered unless they have been cleared by certification by a commanding officer. It is illegal to transfer arms of this type except by payment of the \$200 tax, unless the firearms have been rendered unserviceable.

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GOVERNOR GIVES PEP TALK

Governor Douglas McKay endorsed Saturday what he said probably was the most ambitious program ever proposed for Oregon soil conservation, including a ceaseless war against erosion, with a 60 per cent increase in soil conservation district activities within the next 22 months.

BOARD OF CONTROL

A construction operation speed-up at the state penitentiary was demanded by the state board of control sitting in a special executive meeting Thursday. The board offered to secure architectural and engineering assistance for construction of a proposed new cell block authorized by the 1949 legislature.

Warden George Alexander declined the offer, saying the regular prison staff will be able to handle the project as they have done a good job with a similar cell block nearing completion. Working specifications for the proposed cell block, to cost an estimated \$1,000,000, will be presented to the board this week, Alexander said.

RECENT LEGAL OPINIONS

Real property of a municipal corporation held by taxable persons under lease executed prior to July 5, 1947, is subject to taxation for the fiscal year 1949-1950. School districts are applicable to the so-called fair employment practices act of the 1949 legislature, provided they have the requisite number of teachers employed. The decision was based on the fact that they are not included within the exemption provisions of the statute. Nurses need not be licensed under the "healing art" law as nursing is not a healing art. A retired

circuit judge may receive the increased retirement benefits provided by the 1949 legislature even though he retired prior to enactment of the law. Medical and surgical treatment for visually handicapped persons as prescribed by Oregon law and amended by the 1949 legislature is available to such persons of all ages.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardecoth of Adams, Minn. were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwarz. The visitors were on a tour of the west and were going on into British Columbia before returning to their home. Mr. Hardecoth is a nephew of Mr. Schwarz who had not seen him for 50 years.

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