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TAKE THE STREET

Hon. W. Bollons, division superintendent of the O. W. R. R. & N. Co., was parked on the siding in the Hermiston yards with his private car a week ago last Tuesday.

Recently a spark from one of the locomotives of the company set fire to the dry grass on the company's property adjoining the track near the Hermiston Auto Co's. garage. The fire destroyed the wooden ditch used to irrigate the property, and a number of boards on the side walk leading from the garage to the track.

The fire left the side walk in a very dilapidated condition, and we noticed that Mr. Bollons was compelled to take the street to walk up town.

We sincerely hope that the gentleman was not put to any inconvenience while a guest in our city, but we do hope he sends in a report to the company that will compel immediate attention to the side walk, and will hasten the laying of a cement walk through the company's property. This particular walk is a disgrace to the city, and if the railroad company will not build a walk the city should, and then make them pay for it.

GOMPERS WINNER

The triumphant reelection of Samuel Gompers as president of the American Federation of Labor will probably meet the approval of most people, even including some who have not agreed with his policies.

The "Grand man of Labor" has been president of the Federation for forty years and it has been under his leadership that union labor has become the mighty organization it is today. A man in such a position makes lots of bitter enemies and also makes many mistakes, but the organization seems to have adopted Lincoln's advise against swapping horses in the middle of the stream. At any rate Gompers was an easy winner, defeating Mr. Lewis of the mine workers by a two to one vote. It will be seen that the rule that "Youth will be served" has exceptions.

THE RURAL NEWS CONTEST

As announced in another column the Hood River Glacier is judged the state's best country weekly by the committee which awarded prizes in the O. A. C. Department of Journalism's news contest. This is a high honor for any paper to receive and the Glacier has a right to be proud. Hood River's other paper the News received second place, indicating that Hood River must be an exceedingly good newspaper town.

The Herald sent copies to Corvallis but they were too late to be judged so we have no opportunity of knowing whether we would have figured among the winners or not. The Herald has tried to make a strong feature out of its country news service and judging by Mr. McIntosh's letter which we are printing in this issue, our paper stands very high among the state's papers.

O. A. C. is doing a fine thing in getting these newspaper contests started, for if there is one thing a country paper needs more than another it is rural news service. The Herald is greatly indebted to the correspondents who send in the outside letters to it and takes this opportunity to thank them. They are doing splendid service, not only to the paper but to the community, for a good paper is the very best advertisement a locality can have.

With the help and support of its correspondents and friends The Herald will aim to bring a few honors to Hermiston next year.

Portland has just emerged from a thrilling school election in which the ticket backed by the newspapers was overwhelmingly defeated. Nobody seems to know who won or what issue was decided. Even the new directors are said to doubt their good fortune, inasmuch as the voters defeated the measures to vote extra taxes to run the schools. This will make extreme economy necessary and the new directors have the responsibility of making the money go around.

We have not been carrying a complete sporting service but in case any of our readers have overlooked it, we want to mention the fact that Portland won a game last week, after losing twelve in a row. Who will now say that nothing out of the ordinary never happens?

CHARLES RAY AGAIN - A COUNTRY BOY IN "HOMER COMES HOME"

His New Ince Picture About a Small-town Youth Who Staged "Comeback"

In "Homer Comes Home," to be shown at the Play House next Saturday. Charles Ray has another of those country boy roles for which he is famous on the screen. Thomas H. Ince produced the picture.

The story centers around Homer Cavender, who, having exhausted all the jobs of Mainsville, goes to the city and becomes a clerk. Having accumulated a few hundred dollars, he returns home on his vacation and creates a big impression with the townfolk as a man of wealth and affairs. He renews his acquaintance with pretty Rachael Prouty, completely outshining his rival, Arthur Machim, son of the local hotel proprietor. On the last day of his visit, Homer remembering a chance remark of his boss's, starts selling stock to build in Mainsville a branch factory of the concern for which he works as clerk.

Thinking Homer must be at least a partner in the firm, the villagers all. But young Machim learns the truth and proceeds to ruin Homer's little scheme. However, things turn out happily, and Homer wins not only the girl, but the management of the Mainsville factory. Priscilla Sonner is the leading woman in "Homer Comes Home." The picture, which is a Paramount Art-raft, was directed by Jerome Storm.

"Eat Honey" Week

The Beekeepers of Mississippi inaugurated a special campaign, "Eat Mississippi Honey," which extended over the week of April 10 to 16. The object, of course, was to interest the public in general, and Mississippi honey in particular. All hotels, cafes, drug stores, merchants and especially the buying public, were appealed upon to help make the movement a real success. Judging from some newspaper clippings coming to this office, much desirable publicity through the press was given to the project.—American Bee Journal.

NEW EXPERIMENT TESTED IN PHOTOPLAY PRODUCTION

An experiment, which will no doubt be adopted by all successfully tried out in the technical department of the Charles Ray studio during the filming of "Peaceful Valley," which will be shown at the Play House Sunday. This was the blending of the art and technical departments so that the directors of these two departments will work in tandem. Clarence Dewitt and Robert Bennett, were appointed technical supervisors and the new plan eliminated much lost motion and resulted in more harmonious production.

KIRBY AND RATHIE LOSE APPEAL FOR NEW TRIAL

The appeal of Elvie D. Kirby and Jack Rathie, sentenced in the Umatilla circuit court to be hanged for the murder of Sheriff Tilman D. Taylor, was lost in the Oregon Supreme court. The men were given 20 days in which to file a petition for a rehearing.

The sentence of Kirby and Rathie was stayed and should they fail to file the petition, they will be returned to Umatilla county and will be re-sentenced here.—E. O.

EASTERN OREGON TO FIGHT NEW COAST RATE SCHEDULE

Spokane, Wash.—At a mass meeting in La Grande, Oregon the eastern part of Oregon was organized to fight the attempt of transcontinental railroads to reduce coast rates without corresponding reductions in rates to interior points. Baker, Wallawa, Umatilla and Union counties have joined in the undertaking.

The earth is said to be passing through the tail of a comet, but no ill effects have been noticed around here.

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Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, says:

"I have taken up the question with the Interstate Commerce Commission and they informed me that they do not anticipate any reduction in coal rates in the immediate future."

E. Morris, Chairman of the Central Freight Ass'n, says:

"Under existing conditions, no general reduction in the freight rates can be justified or made effective."

The above statements from men who know should dispel the expectation that the present level of freight rates on coal will be lowered this season. Any further delay in buying on this account, therefore, can mean nothing but trouble.

The coal mines cannot produce and the railroad cannot transport a year's coal requirements in four or five months. What is sought by coal operators, railroads and dealers, and what is for public welfare is a normal demand and movement of coal—Not a delay till winter and then an overwhelming rush.

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