

SAYS EXPENSES ROADS PADDED

Special Agent of Railroad Commission Claims That Southern Pacific Juggles Accounts—Wiley Testifies Before the Board.

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 20.—According to testimony, Special Agent G. M. Wiley, engaged by the railroad commission to prepare estimates relative to the cost of construction and maintenance of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, the commission was advised at the rate hearing that the Southern Pacific railroad juggles items into the operating expenses which are incurred through construction and improvements. The witness has just returned from San Francisco, where he secured full data concerning both operating and construction expenses of the lines in Oregon, and finds that for the past five years the Southern Pacific has been swelling operating expenses from construction work and different improvements made during that period on the line between Portland and Ashland. This testimony as required by the commission, shows what comparative rate the company should charge for the transportation of freight to offset operating expenses. Although Wiley's testimony and findings submitted are not yet conclusive to lead the commission to believe the rates should be reduced to meet a reasonable income to equalize with the operating expenses, the company's representatives have still to show evidence that the operating expenses reported are not padded with construction expenses.

DOLLAR DIPLOMACY BITTERLY DENOUNCED

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Denunciation of "dollar diplomacy" of the Taft administration, sensational charges against Ambassador Rockwell and John Hays Hammond were voiced here today by Jacob Schiff, the New York philanthropist and banker, when he, with a number of other prominent Jews, urged upon Senators Root and O'Gorman of New York the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 with Russia because that country bars Jewish-Americans. Schiff's charges indirectly included President Taft, but he absolved the president from personal blame. He said that Taft had told numerous delegations in good faith that efforts were made to change Russia's attitude. Then he said: "Through the president acted in good faith, Rockwell in St. Petersburg was declaring that he did not consider the matter important, that he was seeking business for American manufacturers, and that he did not intend to jeopardize their interests."

PLAN BIG LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION FOR FAIR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 20.—Plans for a livestock exhibition at the world's fair here in 1915, which will put the product of California are being made today by Edward W. Howard, director of the state board of agriculture. Howard has issued invitations to leading stockmen in all parts of the state to meet in San Francisco to arrange for the exhibit and for the construction of a mammoth stock pavilion for the display of Pacific Coast live stock. "We will make the livestock show feature of the fair the finest exhibit of improved breeding ever brought together in the United States," declared Howard today.

MAN, INJURED, GOES BACK MANY YEARS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 20.—"Reversion to type" is what the doctors claim here today for F. D. Blakely, who after a lifetime of speaking "plain United States," is talking with a decided Scotch burr as a result of a street car accident. Mr. and Mrs. Blakely have just been awarded \$49,641 damages for the accident, which occurred three years ago, when the street car struck their buggy. Mrs. Blakely is still in a hospital. Blakely is slowly recovering mentally and physically, but is unable to shake off the strong Scotch accent.

COST OF LIVING TO BE ATTACKED

Portland Business Men Will Make Effort to Better Conditions in Portland — New Co-operative Stores to Be Established.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20.—A bold attempt to sever the gordian knot of the high cost of living is being fostered here today by 49 prominent business men and lawyers, who have filed a petition with the city council requesting the council to authorize the mayor to appoint a committee to take charge of the affairs of a proposed organization to be known as the Mutual association until permanent officers are selected. The petition will be considered at the next meeting of the council. The purpose of the association is to establish and maintain stores that will deal only in the necessities of life. Goods are to be sold only to people who own stock in the institution and the profits will be divided among the purchasers in ratio to the amount of goods they buy.

GEORGE AND MARY ARE HAPPY ON THEIR WAY

MALTA, Nov. 20.—Escorted by a powerful force of Great Britain's Mediterranean squadron, the Medina, carrying King George and Queen Mary to the coronation durbar, passed here today without stopping. There was great disappointment in the garrison of this fortress and in the city, where elaborate preparations to welcome the British sovereigns had been made.

SAYS RELIGION KEEPS PUBLIC IN IGNORANCE

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Medical and educational circles throughout the east are agog today with excited comment on an address made by Dr. James Ewing, professor in the department of pathology at Cornell university, in which he decried religious and educational influences of the day which, he declared, kept the public in superstitions fear and ignorance of the medical profession and its work. "Public sentiment is out of touch with the medical profession," declared Dr. Ewing in his address before a gathering of distinguished physicians and surgeons. "This is seen in the crude, halting manner in which medical topics are handled by distinguished writers, by the wide extension of Christian Science, and by the wavering defense accorded by legislatures to public health against incompetent practitioners. "Whether from mental deficiency or superstition, the narrowing influence of the church or the educational systems of the last century with their incongruous shootings in rigid mathematical and speculative philosophy, the modern mind is unfitted to grasp the delicate and infinite variety of biological processes." Dr. Ewing added that, although every one admits the necessity for a federal department of health, "we have the astonishing spectacle of the president of the United States holding public meetings to debate on the question."

ASHLAND'S NEW HIGH SCHOOL READY

Ashland's splendid new high school has been completed and the formal opening on Monday afternoon and evening will be made an occasion for public rejoicing. All business houses will be closed between the hours of 1:30 and 4 o'clock in order that all may have an opportunity to inspect the building. This may be done any time between the hours of 1 and 5 in the afternoon. In the evening exercises will be held and distinguished educators will be present to participate. The high school closed on Tuesday for the remainder of the week in order to move into the new quarters. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council at its meeting to be held November 21, 1911, at 7:30 p. m., for a license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors at wholesale in quantities to consumers direct at its place of business, No. 10 North Front street, Medford, Oregon, for a period of six months. YOUNG & HALL. Nov. 9, 1911.

Our Correspondents

CENTRAL POINT ITEMS.

H. F. Caton and family, who spent several months in California, have returned to this city. Miss Mabel Peart returned to her home here from a long visit to relatives in California. Court Purkeypile of Ashland visited his brother, Water Superintendent I. J. Purkeypile, Friday morning.

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS.

(By A. C. Howlett.) Last Saturday evening F. H. Webber, a traveling solicitor for a tailoring firm of Chicago, came in on the Prospect stage and spent the night with us. He seemed to be very favorably impressed with our country in southern Oregon. He hales from Eugene. Miss Ruby Rayburn, a traveling missionary for the Baptist Women's Foreign Missionary society, spoke in the forenoon on Sunday to a mixed audience and in the afternoon to the women, on the subject of foreign missions. She is a very pleasant speaker and presented her subject with considerable force, causing some of her hearers to stop and think. She was entirely dispassionate in her lecture but sent home some of the Bible truths that made a deep impression. Some of the ladies of our town have taken the matter in hand to try to improve the appearance of our church. They have put a neat carpet on the rostrum, removed the two inside doors, fixed up the lamps, polished the stove and made the house look quite attractive.

WOODVILLE ITEMS.

Mrs. George Loud was a Grants Pass visitor on Tuesday. Mrs. Lance of Medford visited over Sunday with her mother, Mrs. C. E. Seaman. Mrs. C. E. Smith returned from the upper Evans creek country last Saturday where she has been nursing for the last three weeks at the John Hills home. Mr. Hill's many friends are glad to know that he is able to be about after a severe attack of pneumonia. The Wilcox family will move into the old Burkhardt home, recently purchased by Mrs. Seaman. Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Rulo were in Grants Pass on business last Friday.

JACKSONVILLE

Oscar Lewis, who is employed of Hotel Medford, was in Jacksonville Thursday. D. W. Knutzen of Central Point spent a few hours in Jacksonville Thursday. Charles Fredenburg of Sams Valley had business at the court house Friday. George E. Neuber was a Medford visitor Thursday. George E. Hanland of Josephine county, formerly a resident of Jacksonville, married in our city a few hours Thursday. Fred Lay of Antelope visited friends and relatives living in Jacksonville one day last week. W. E. Finney, who has been employed at the Pennsylvania Mining company's mines on Big Applegate for several months, returned to Jacksonville the fore part of the week. Mr. Upson lectured in the assembly room of the Jacksonville school house on the Panama canal two evenings last week, for the benefit of the piano fund. He illustrated his lectures with pictures of that great undertaking. A. M. Wilson of Ashland has been visiting relatives living in Jacksonville. H. H. Taylor made a trip to Medford Friday. David S. Force, who recently bought a farm in Josephine county, made Jacksonville friends a visit this week. Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Nunan have returned from a short trip to Portland. Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Grieve are making a visit in San Francisco. The funeral of the late John Beavene took place Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of the Catholic church. The deceased was for many years a resident of Jacksonville and

engaged in mining and viticulture. Sid Nichol, who has been engaged in merchandising in Jacksonville during the past year, has concluded to retire from business and is selling out. Mrs. F. M. Overbeck (nee Ollie Brentano), who came to Jacksonville to attend the funeral of her mother, the late Mrs. H. Hanna, left for her home in San Francisco Thursday.

Mrs. C. Reuter was a business visitor in Medford Friday. Mrs. C. C. Pursal and William London of Applegate were in Jacksonville Thursday trading with our merchants. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brown have been visiting in Grants Pass, their former home.

There have been numerous cases of chickenpox in Jacksonville recently, but the disease seems to have abated. J. Nunan has invested in a handsome automobile of the Cadillac type. Henry Maury was in from his farm Wednesday. He is raising large quantities of fine alfalfa hay annually.

C. C. Buck and Mr. Hoffenbaeher of Applegate transacted business in Jacksonville Friday.

James Rock, Jr., who is engaged in farming on Applegate, was in Jacksonville during the week. W. J. Flippin of Gold Hill was in

Jacksonville a few days since, after enlivens for county roads. Henry Stephenson of Applegate spent a few days in Jacksonville this week. James Rock, Sr., is filling the position of janitor of the Jacksonville school house.

A neat sum was realized for the resbyterian missionary fund by the recent sale of cooked articles of food.

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J. S. Spitzer, Talent's groceryman, was dealing with Medford wholesale men Monday. Mrs. J. O. Henry of North Talent was in Medford Monday. Weldon Hartley and family autoed to Medford Tuesday evening.

The many friends of Mrs. Bettie Hamlin will be pleased to know that she is getting along very well, after her operation at the hospital in Santa Rosa, Cal. Her son Ed Hamlin of Eden Valley having had word several times from his sister, Mrs. Charles McGraw, who is with her mother.

Only a very few of the gardeners between Phoenix and Talent are holding any potatoes until seed time. The demand has been so great for good stuff that the high prices have tempted them to sell early. Those who have held this choice seed will have good sale for them next spring.

Owing to the early snowfall many cattlemen in the Dead Indian country have already driven their cattle to the foothill ranges.

Despite the fact that Phoenix bonded and built a \$15,000 school house, still they have not enough room for their six teachers, and the city hall is now being used for a class of 27. It will be necessary to build more rooms onto the new school house or bond for a larger one next year as the twelfth grade will have to be carried next year.

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