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EUGENE'S OBJECT LESSON.

THE city of Eugene is enjoying a wonderful period of railroad building. Half the streets of the city are torn up by gangs of men busy laying double tracks of heavy steel rails, for electric lines.

The Welch electric system which has been purchased by the Southern Pacific, in addition to double tracking the present trolley line, is extending over other streets, and building a line to Corvallis.

The Oregon Electric, Hill property, is being extended from Salem through the Willamette valley, and constructing a belt line around the city. It will eventually be extended south to Roseburg and thence to Medford.

The Southern Pacific is extending eastward to Klamath Falls and Central Oregon and westward towards the Siuslaw and Coos Bay.

What has caused this phenomenal activity? What is there at Eugene to tempt transcontinental lines to fight for its traffic? The main resource, and has always been, is timber, but there are vast tracts of timber adjacent to other cities, equally accessible. The country about is a rich and fertile one, but does not show, as yet any marked or systematic effort at intensive production. It is no richer than territory around other Oregon cities.

Eugene is 120 miles from Portland and 210 miles from Medford. Its development cannot have any marked effect upon this city, except perhaps to stimulate similar railroad development. Outside the timber business, its railroad business has not been as great as that of Medford.

The cause of the railroad development does not exist in the traffic in sight, but in that which the railroad extensions will in themselves create. Similar development will follow similar railroad building elsewhere, though for 20 years no railroad extensions have encouraged development in Oregon—and would not today were it not for the Hill invasion.

Eugene lies at the head of the Willamette valley. To the east is situated one of the two passes through the Cascades it is possible to extend a railroad into the Central Oregon country, the other pass lying 200 miles south, opposite Medford. To the west and south lie Coos Bay, the natural seaport for this section of country, as Crescent City is for Southern Oregon.

Eugene is therefore the strategic point for railroad building and the creation of a city for the Willamette valley. Not that other cities will not have branch railroads and enjoy extensive growth as the adjacent country develops, but that in geographical situation, Eugene has the advantage, just as Medford has in Southern Oregon, and Medford's development will be the next on the railroad program.

Eugene furnishes an example of the effectiveness of the adage that the Lord helps those that help themselves. A couple of years ago the live and progressive citizens organized the Lane County Asset Company, with the announced intention of constructing a railroad to the coast. Fifteen or twenty citizens subscribed \$1500 apiece to pay for surveys and rights of way. They aroused both the Hill and Harriman lines to action, and though the citizens are out their subscriptions, they have made Eugene a railroad center. They started things, and the Hill invasion has done the rest. The Southern Pacific, awakened from its Rip Van Winkle sleep of 20 years, is feverishly building in all directions to head off its rival.

Eugene's example furnishes an object lesson to Medford. Let the citizens all subscribe for a railroad to the Blue Ledge or to the coast and start things, and the big railroads will fall in line quick enough.

or may hereafter become entitled to pension under the acts of June 27, 1890; Feb. 15, 1895, and the joint resolutions of July 1, 1902, and June 28, 1906, or the acts of Jan. 29, 1887; March 3, 1891, and Feb. 17, 1897.

Sec. 5. That it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Pensions, as each application for pension under this act is adjudicated, to cause to be kept a record showing the name and length of service of each claimant, the monthly rate of payment granted to or received by him, and the county and state of his residence; and shall at the end of the fiscal year 1914 tabulate the record so obtained by states and counties, and shall furnish certified copies thereof upon demand and the payment of such fee therefor as is provided by law for certified copies of records in the Executive departments.

And the Senate agree to the same. Amend the title so as to read: "An act granting pensions to certain enlisted men, soldiers and officers who served in the civil war and the war with Mexico."—Isaac R. Sherwood, John A. M. Adair, managers on the part of the House; P. J. McCumber, Henry E. Burnham, managers on the part of the Senate.

Statement of House Managers. The bill, as it passed the House, proposed to grant pensions for 90 days or more service in the civil war or 60 days in the war with Mexico and less than six months, \$15 per month; for six months' service and less than nine months, \$20; for nine months and less than one year, \$25 per month, and for one year or more, \$30 per month.

The bill was amended by the Senate by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting a provision to amend the existing law, known as the act of Feb. 6, 1907, so that pensions allowed under that law would be granted at the following rates and under the following conditions: When a man had reached the age of 62 years and had served 90 days in the civil war he should receive \$13 per month; six months, \$13.50; one year, \$14; one year and a half, \$14.50; two years, \$15; two years and a half, \$15.50; three years and over, \$16 per month. When such person had reached the age of 66 years and served 90 days, \$15 per month; six months, \$15.50; one year, \$16; one and a half years, \$16.50; two years, \$17; two and a half years, \$17.50; three years and over, \$18. When such person had reached the age of 70 years and had served 90 days, \$18; six months, \$19; one year, \$20; one and a half years, \$21; two years, \$22; two and a half years, \$23; three years or over, \$24 per month. When such person had reached the age of 75 years and served 90 days he should receive \$21 per month; six months, \$22.50; one year, \$24; one and a half years, \$25.50; two years, \$27; two and a half years, \$28.50; and three years and over, \$30 per month.

It also provided that the Commissioner of Pensions should make a separate report for each county, state, territory or district, showing names and lengths of service, rates of payment and residences of all pensioners in the United States.

It also provided that any person who was in receipt of an income of \$2,400 per year should not be eligible to pension under this act.

The Agreement. Your conferees, after a full conference, reported an agreement to the effect that the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment. This amendment does not amend the existing law, but makes this a new act.

It provides rates differing from the rates in the Senate amendment as follows: When a person has served in the civil war or war with Mexico and reached the age of 66 years, and had a service of two and a half years, he should receive \$18 instead of \$17 per month; three years' service, \$19 instead of \$18 per month. In case such person had reached the age of 70 years and served one and a half years, \$21.50 per month instead of \$21; two years, \$23 per month instead of \$22; two and a half years, \$24 instead of \$23 per month; three years and over, \$25 per month instead of \$24. And in case such person had reached the age of 75 years and served one and a half years, \$27 instead of \$25.50; two years, \$30 per month instead of \$27; two and a half years, \$30 per month instead of \$28.50, and three years, \$30, as provided in the Senate amendment.

Your committee also recommended another amendment which provides that certain classes who are provided for in certain acts and point resolutions of Congress and are now receiving pensions under existing laws should be entitled to the benefits of this act.

It also changes the provision in the matter of the Commissioner of Pensions publishing the names of the pensioners. It provides that he shall keep a record of the pensions which are allowed under this act and at the end of the fiscal year 1914 should tabulate the same and give them to those who desire them upon the way.

OLD FOLKS

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ment of fees for certified copies. It also eliminates that feature of the Senate amendment providing that those who have an income of \$2,400 should not be pensionable under this act.

Your committee also found it necessary to amend the title because of the fact that in view of the combination of age and service it could not be construed to be a service act. They therefore amended the title in accordance with the amendment adopted by your conference.

The amendment recommended by your conferees increases the amount as carried by the Senate amendment about \$1,685,000.

Respectfully submitted.—Isaac R. Sherwood, John A. M. Adair, conferees on the part of the House.

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New Pension Bill as Passed by Congress

The following is the text of the new pension bill as passed by congress and senate last week.

That any person who served 90 days or more in the military or naval service of the United States during the late civil war, who has been honorably discharged therefrom, and who has reached the age of 62 years or over, shall, upon making proof of such facts, according to such rules and regulations as the secretary of the interior may provide, be placed upon the pension roll and be entitled to receive a pension as follows: In case such person has reached the age of 62 years and served 90 days, \$13 per month; six months, \$13.50 per month; one year, \$14 per month; one and a half years, \$14.50 per month; two years, \$15 per month; two and a half years, \$15.50 per month; three years or more, \$16 per month. In case such person has reached the age of 66 years and served 90 days, \$15 per month; six months, \$15.50 per month; one year, \$16 per month; one and a half years, \$16.50 per month; two years, \$17 per month; two and a half years, \$18 per month; three years or over, \$19 per month. In case such person has reached the age of 70 years and served 90 days, \$18 per month; six months, \$19 per month; one year, \$20 per month; one and a half years, \$21 per month; two years, \$22 per month; two and a half years, \$23 per month; three years or over, \$24 per month. In case such person has reached the age of 75 years and served 90 days, \$21 per month; six months, \$22.50 per month; one year, \$24 per month; one and a half years, \$25 per month; two years, \$27 per month; two years or over, \$30 per month. That any person who served in the military or naval service of the United States during the civil war and received an honorable discharge, and who was wounded in battle or in line of duty and is now unfit for manual labor by reason thereof, or who from disease or other causes incurred in line of duty resulting in his disability is now unable to perform manual labor, shall

be paid the maximum pension under this act, to wit, \$30 per month, without regard to length of service or age.

That any person who has served 60 days or more in the military or naval service of the United States in the war with Mexico and has been honorably discharged therefrom, shall, upon making like proof of such service, be entitled to receive a pension of \$30 per month.

All of the aforesaid pensions shall commence from the date of filing of the applications in the Bureau of Pensions after the passage and approval of this act; provided, that pensioners who are 62 years of age or over, and who are now receiving pensions under existing laws, or whose claims are pending in the Bureau of Pensions, may, by application to the Commissioner of Pensions, in such form as he may prescribe, receive the benefits of this act; and nothing herein contained shall prevent any pensioner or person entitled to a pension from presenting his claim and receiving a pension under any other general or special act; provided, that no person shall receive a pension under any other law at the same time or for the same period that he is receiving a pension under the provisions of this act; provided further, that no person who is now receiving or shall hereafter receive a greater pension, under any other general or special law, than he would be entitled to receive under the provisions herein shall be pensionable under this act.

Sec. 2. That rank in the service shall not be considered in applications filed hereunder.

Sec. 3. That no pension attorney, claim agent or other person shall be entitled to receive any compensation for services rendered in presenting any claim to the Bureau of Pensions, or securing any pensions for original pension by persons who have not heretofore received a pension.

Sec. 4. That the benefits of this act shall include any person who served during the late civil war, or in the war with Mexico, and who is now

FIRE BLIGHT IN CALIFORNIA PEARS

The California Fruit Distributors issue the following market letter under date of May 25:

Cherries—Fourteen cars, 12 by freight and two by express. Carlots of cherries are now going from Vacaville, Suisun and Newcastle. Shipments are running very largely to Tartarians, with a few Royal Annes. Centennials are moving in a small way and there are still a few Chapmans and Advance.

Plums and Prunes—There is no particular change to be noted, except that in many cases where the crop promised to be short it is now evident that there is plenty, and in many of these instances thinning was necessary.

Peaches—The peach situation remains unchanged and the prospects for a crop is very good. In some orchards where spraying has been neglected there is a considerable mildew appearing which will affect the appearance of the fruit and render it unfit for Eastern shipment.

Bartlett Pears—There has been a considerable change in the pear outlook during the past few days. In the early sections the dreaded fire blight has made its appearance in a virulent form and the heavy cutting that is necessary to save the trees will materially affect the crop in those sections. In the Sacramento river district trees are reported in fine shape, with little or no trouble of this kind. There has been a heavy drop, and while the crop may still be reported to be first class, it is not as heavy as it promised to be two weeks ago.

BOOST OREGON INDUSTRIES

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not to find there either lye, rosin, ammonia or any acids of any kind which tend to injure the fabric or roughen and hurt delicate hands. Use a little gumption, ladies. It is not the big package that does your work. People who pick up the sand in the street, pack same in nice packages, ages, advertise same with beautiful pictures and make you pay the price.

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