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HILL INTERESTS

(Oregon Journal)

From financial circles in New York comes a story of an alliance between early entry of the Hill railroads into The combination was effected some 18 months ago, it is said, change for allowing the Western Pa- problem of the high cost of living. cific to meet its competitors on an equal footing in Portland and Oregon.

According to this information the the high plateau and debouching into from its report: the Sacramento valley through the mento valley from somewhere in the vicinity of Red Bluff southward.

In Oregon this would probably ining to that city would not stop there. The fault is thathad a pretty definite translation in the range would tap additional tim- the west. ber in the corners of Douglas and where a contract has recently been

May Mean Right of Way War Southward it would for a distance of some 60 or 70 miles follow the route would necessarily continue in a southeasterly direction toward the Pitt River pass, bisecting the Klamath valley, skirting a rich region of tim line, and the Pitt River pass is declared by competent engineers to be the most desirable of all the northern gateways into the Sacramento valley.

In seeming confirmation of these sources in Portland, though no one seems to be authorized to confirm the details. It is asserted that the Hill lines' general offices in St. Paul have through the Pitt river and McKenzle passes and that the California plans were incubated even before the line was pushed south of the Columbia

ing the plans of that company contem- ities. plated the building of roads through these same passes, giving thereby indications of another railroad war over rights of way in the defiles of these gateways.

Southern Pacific Hastening Work Another fact that seems to have a bearing on the situation is the construction of the Modoc Northern from Fearuley, Nev., to Susanville, Cal., the contract on which was awarded only about a year ago. Now it is stated Friday, Feb. 7, in the role of "Granthat the line will be opened for traf- mum" in "A Night Out." She not pushed through to Klamath Falls, to has the same effect upon everyone house by Representative Ferris, which the survey has been completed and the right of way acquired for about two years.

This line when completed becomes a link in the projected Pitt river line of the Southern Pacific, forming the southern part of the Natron cut-off, giving the route of easiest grades into just a spice of quaint, old-fashioned California from the north and would feeling thrown in here and there. connect with the present main line at Chico, it is claimed. Apparently the Southern Pacific is hastening completion of the line from Fearnley as the cut-off from Klamath Falls to the curred just as the cartain was going Central Pacific because it forms the dismissal of the large audience, part of the new California line placing it within striking distance of the Pitt River pass.

THE REAL FOOD PROBLEM.

THE New York State Food Investigating commission has issued a report of its committee on markets, prices and costs, of which this very interesting resume has been prepared by W. E. McKenna for "The Public."

This report deals with the food problem in some of its aspects, but not in all. For example, it explains that combinations to fix prices, whether of sellers or buyers, have only been examined incidentally as part of the economic inquiries into cost." It may be noted that the report adds little information to that branch of the subject.

Nevertheless, many of the committee's findings are interesting.

The consumer will no longer be able to lay the flatter- have any bearing on the Rogue River ip- unction to his soul that he himself is entirely blameless valley. It may be stated emphaticfor the high cost of living. Consumers buy in packages ally that the reports sent out by the It's when they could buy cheaper in bulk; they want choice cuts of meat and insist on eating steaks and chops, alto the arid intermediation and other though these things are becoming extinct; they run up bills districts, principally where large recand sometimes neglect to pay; they have a weakness for lamation projects have been under rading stamps, and they want small packages sent home way for some time. In these districts instead of carrying them. One flagrant instance of the the difficulty all lies in the fact that last-named offense is related, which aroused a grocer to alkali is the real menace. Besides rebellion and caused him to declare that he would deliver uration" is due to the character of no order of less than three eggs or of one pint of milk. It the soils and subsoils is partly owing to these mental and moral imperfections of The soils in question are what is the consumer that the retail business is so expensive; for the committee finds that while the retailer adds an average of 33 1-3 per cent to the price of goods, only 5 per cent of small quantity of nitrogen. The minteral salty, though sufficient for the this is profit. The rest is cost. So, from an economic needs of agriculture for a number of standpoint, the retailer is a failure and must go. "The bigh operating costs of the individual retailer," says the form and are easily carried away by report, "make his elimination inevitable." When he does the subsolls are sandy or are go, it may be some consolation to him to remember that he underlaid with coarse gravel, hence will lose only five per cent, and be in we firstly a few decreases the subsoils are sandy or are geles, January 25. will lose only five per cent, and be in no further danger of percolation of the water from the soil Hill and Gould interests that indicates hearing over the telephone a soft soprano request for an earries away plant food. Once the egg and a half.

Wholesalers and jobbers also have their troubles. They the gravel it cannot be brought back for the purpose of admitting the Hill are hampered by inadequate market, trucking and storage carried in it is lost. lines into California territory in ex- facilities; and this, of course, does not help to solve the

What of the producer?

A visitor from Mars might imagine that in this era of ing at lower levels are ruined by it. route from Portland is to be by way high prices the producer is rolling in prosperity and workof the Willamette valley and up the ing overtime to increase his output. He might be if the age is secured. In the earlier days McKenzle river to the low pass high prices were going to him. But the committee does of reclamation only the lower levels through the Cascades, thence along not find this to be the case. Here are some quotations were irrigated; now the higher

The producer seems to be receiving about forty per cent of the retail ler, with the result that all lands ly-Pitt River pass, making the connection with the Western Pacific a short tion with the Western Pacific a short distance north of Sacramento, sweep-ing the entire length of the Sacration where he must either submit to the prices fixed by these interested dealers or an out of housest Manuelle or the recall ing below are being more or less interested dealers or an out of housest Manuelle or the recall ing below are being more or less interested dealers or an out of housest Manuelle or the recall ing below are being more or less interested dealers or an out of housest Manuelle or the recall ing below are being more or less interested to secure good prices and fair treatment for producers is very interested dealers or an out of housest Manuelle or the recall ing below are being more or less interested to secure good prices and fair treatment for producers is very injuried. The more alkali in a region the more the ultimate damage. interested dealers or go out of business. Many farmers have chosen the

The failure of the producer to realize an adequate price Here we have a district of more than dicate that the announcement made the committee ascribes largely to lack of organization and a quarter of a million acres of availto Eugene people by an official of to the fact that goods have to be shipped to commission these acres have been settled upon the Hill lines that the tracks extend- merchants whose methods are not always above suspicion. there will be fully another quarter of

had a pretty definite translation in plans of the system. It would open ing up. Albany does not receive one-quarter of her butter, eggs, chickens, up a great timber district on the Mcup a great timber district on the Mckenzie and reaching the east side of Kenzie and reaching the east side of the wegetables from the most distant points. Buffalo is mostly fed from ley there is no alkali. The country

The only prosperous farmers mentioned in the report or even the semi-arid class, so far as Crook counties and form a junction are certain able agriculturists of Long Island, who sold its solls are concerned. The soils are with the Hill line south of Bend. their farms to suburban homes development companies, varied there being about eight genand have retired to live on the interest of the money. Land eral types, and about fifty-four varimonopoly doesn't seem to hurt this kind of farmer, if he may be called a farmer.

But suppose we had a substantial slice of the millen- of the soils and subsoils is such that Klamath Falls-Medford line, and the pium. Consider the retailer as eliminated, the consumer "wearing out" by saturation will not and the commission man reformed, the producer organized be so likely. The irrigation of the and market and trucking facilities improved up to date.

Undoubtedly there would result great economies in the ber and possible of agricultural de- business of producing and distributing food. But who unknown in Rogue River valley velopment just over the California would get the benefit of the saving?

The producer?

The consumer?

Or would they devide it between them?

Or would someone else step in and see that prices were ley has wealth beyond the dreams of plans are facts gathered from various kept still high to the consumer and low to the producer? a Croesus. A rational system of ag-The committee distinctly recognizes this possibility when riculture would make this country it observes in its report that "the problem of cheaper food richer and more productive twentysupplies is only in part a matter of facilities, for the saving five years from now than it is today heen in possession for more than from improved facilities might be absorbed by the han-crops, which may be so easily accomthree years of detail maps of surveys diers and the price paid the producers might be so meagre plished, will provide for humus and as to reduce production of food."

Apparently it was not within the province of the com- tilizer, such as phosphates and potmittee to investigate this problem. It is the real food ash, may be accomplished without difproblem nevertheless. And if it were investigated, other hal The Southern Pacific company, on interests than those of food handlers might be disclosed the other hand, has filed maps show- as the probable absorbers of savings from improved facil- arid districts have ceased to support

May Robson will be seen at the Grants Pass opera house on next one. She is a sweet scream and as here today. charming as her gown of favender solitary problem in the whole play, just one luxurious, long laugh, with

Medford theatergoers will probably recall the injury sustained by Miss Robson at the old Medford theatre several months ago, which ocup on the first act, necessitating the

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BURNS WELCOMES A SEEN AT GRANTS PASS PROBELAND FRAUD CASES and. The resident of the Rogue River valley need only go away from home

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"I most carnestly hope and prand old lace. There is not a single that the resolution is passed," said Burns.

> Master mechanics at the various navy yards have received substantial wage increases

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(By Prof. P. J. O'Gara.) Press reports regarding the danger which confronts farming on arid The Home of Feature Photoplays lands have caused people to wonder If the statements that have been made

water from the surface soil reaches by capillarity, hence the plant food

Of course, alkali is, after all, the great "soft poison." Wherever it is present, sooner or later, all lands lytakes place, unless sufficient drain-

little realize the heritage they have

eties, all of which are areable.

The soils are not of the type which will readily wear out. The structure higher levels cannot affect the lower levels by adding or bringing down delaterious salts, because alkali is The rational use of water could therefore only produce good.

There is an old adage which says 'a lime country is a rich country. If this is true, the Rogue River val-In the orchards the growing of cover nitrogen; the addition of mineral ferficulty and large expenditure of cap-

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