

# UNMERGING PLAN HARRIMAN LINES IS DISAPPROVED

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—Raising its stand on its objection to the breaking of the local system of the Southern Pacific within the state of California, the state railroad commission early today handed down a decision which practically defeats the plan for unmerging the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific railroads as arranged by railroad officials and Attorney General Wickersham. The principal petitions of the Southern and Central Pacific railroads for joint use of tracks and terminal facilities have in effect, been denied.

**Opposes Dissolution**

The commission declared the proposed plan of dissolution would reduce the Southern Pacific to the position of an inferior line, that there would be one strong line and one weak line, and that the Union Pacific would dominate the Southern Pacific. The commission also flatly stated it would withhold its approval of the unmerging plan unless the Southern Pacific would agree to allow any competing road the same privilege or joint use of the Benicia line and terminal facilities upon similar terms which it proposes to accord to the Union Pacific. It also suggested if the federal authorities should insist on the divesting of the Southern Pacific of the main line of the Central Pacific to Oregon, it would prefer to see this accomplished by a lease.

The commission's stand on the unmerging plans was sent to Attorney General Wickersham at St. Louis today in the following summary:

**Summary of Plan**

"George W. Wickersham, attorney general of the United States, St. Louis: Commission approves application on the following conditions:

"First: The Union Pacific be limited to the line from Sacramento by way of Niles to Oakland as an exclusive line.

"Second: If Southern Pacific grants Central Pacific right to use the Benicia short line, it shall accord to all of the competing carriers like privilege on similar terms.

"Third: If Southern Pacific grants to Central Pacific joint use of terminal facilities and industry tracks it shall grant to any other competing line applying therefore privileges on similar terms.

"Fourth: Commission approves 999 year lease on line from Tehama to Oregon.

**Sale of Weed Line**

"Fifth: Commission approves sale of California portion of line from Weed to Natron, Oregon.

"Sixth: Commission approves trackage rights over Bay Shore cut-off for a term of fifty years.

"Seventh: Commission reserves right to pass upon valuations for rental and sale purposes when arrived at under the method provided in the contract.

"Eighth: Commission imposes condition that Central and Southern Pacific shall file joint rates, which shall not exceed the rates now in effect between the same points upon the Southern Pacific within the state of California.

"Ninth: Commission provides, by agreement of the parties, that its approval shall not serve to revive or extend any franchise of companies involved. Although the commission deems this unnecessary, it was done on application of Oakland and Sacramento and by agreement with representatives of railroads.

**Railroads Pledged**

"Tenth: Commission requires that railroads involved shall bind themselves to accept conditions imposed before order becomes effective."

Judge Lovett testified that imposition of conditions would require further negotiations and would defeat plan and requested that if the commission found such course necessary it indicate the terms upon which it would approve those matters within its jurisdiction. Accordingly in supplemental opinion commission sets out terms of its approval.

**Medford Baptist Church**

There will be preaching at the Baptist church tonight at 7:30. Dr. McCullough will preach. Dr. McCullough is preaching very able sermons and should be greeted with a full house. Everybody invited. There will be services every night this week.

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# RUBBER WORKERS DESERTING STRIKERS

AKRON, Ohio, Feb. 25.—Refusal by the Ohio legislature to investigate conditions in the rubber industry and failure of the state board of arbitration to bring the men and their employers together caused heavy desertions here today from the ranks of the strikers who are fighting the rubber trust for higher wages and better working conditions.

It is estimated that nearly 2,500 strikers today quit the ranks of the men thus reducing the number out to about 15,000. At the plant of the Goodyear Rubber company, one of the struck concerns, even the pickets deserted their lines and returned to work.

The officials of the rubber plants declare they will treat with their men individually but not as members of the Industrial Workers of the World.

## CENTRAL POINT ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hopkins and sons, Frederick and William, are at home in this city after a six weeks' trip to the Panama canal zone.

Mr. Lane and his mother, Mrs. Lane, arrived Monday morning from southern California where they have been visiting since the first of the year.

Miss Mary A. Mee, Mrs. Emma Bebb, Mrs. E. R. Gleason spent Monday afternoon in Medford.

Mrs. W. E. Alexander, Mrs. Greenleaf, Mrs. M. R. England and Mrs. H. N. Aldrich were Monday morning visitors at Medford.

Miss Marjorie Watkins of Medford spent last of the week here.

Mrs. Gregory and daughter of Agate were shopping here Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Brophy of Medford motored here Sunday afternoon.

## THAW TO TELL INQUIRY OF BRIBE FOR FREEDOM

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Harry K. Thaw will be asked to tell Governor Sulzer's committee of inquiry what he knows about the most recent attempt to procure his release from Mattewan where he has been confined for five years for killing Stanford White. The demand that Thaw be examined came from William F. Clark who declared "a prison ring" existed who traded in pardons.

**Titanic Hero After Reward**

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—To receive a medal from congress for the part he took in rescuing Titanic survivors, Captain A. H. Rostron of the liner Carpathia, who is here today, will depart for Washington in a few days.

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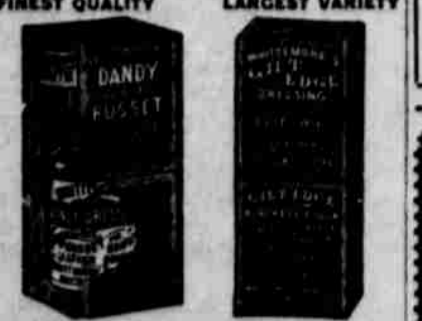
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# COUNT VOTES OF PHONE WORKERS STRIKE PROBLEM

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 25.—Returns are being received today at the central headquarters of the Pacific district council of the Electrical Workers in the vote on the offer of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company of a 25 cents per day increase for electricians in lieu of the fifty-cent increase asked for. The vote will be canvassed Wednesday night.

The Pacific district includes Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada and California.

Officials of the company here are hopeful a strike will be averted.

Medford local of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers held a meeting Monday night and in accord with the other locals in the Pacific district, voted on the offer of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company of a 25 cents per day increase. An increase of 50 cents was asked.

The ballot is a secret one and its

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result is not known. It is believed, however, that the Medford local has voted to reject the offer.

## EAGLE POINT EAGLETS.

By A. C. Howlett.

R. R. Minter, our sheep man was in town the latter part of the week. Our athletic club is progressing finely under the direction of professor Singleton.

O. S. Brown an attorney of Grants Pass, called on your correspondent last week. He was here on business with our new barber Mr. Evans.

I omitted to state in my last that Mrs. Cross of Butte Falls was in town last week, the guest of Mrs. J. B. Jackson and they two called on Mrs. Howlett and the girls.

Our city dads met, informally, last week and granted the Electric Power company an extension of time

of ninety days in which to bring the electricity into our town. They seem to be having trouble in procuring their transmitters from the factory.

Archie Wilson of Cottage Grove, and T. G. Bunch of Medford passed through our town the last of the week on their way up to the Lake creek country. Rev. Burch was going up to try to organize a church of the Seventh Day Baptists in that neighborhood.

George W. Wamsley, who has been visiting relatives in Los Angeles and vicinity for the past few months returned last week to his home in our town.

Mr. and Mrs. Cingcaid of Prospect passed through town last week on their way home.

Ed Foster who has a farm on Rogue river below Trail, was doing business with our merchants last week—this is Monday morning and

so about all of my items are of last week's gathering.

George Fisher, one of our leading blacksmiths, has concluded to take the Daily Mail Tribune so he can get "All the news all the time."

P. H. Daily, principle of the Washington school of Medford called on us for dinner Saturday. He had business here with the First State Bank.

Messrs. R. H. Harnish, Wm. Brown Sr., Mr. Heath, one of our merchants, Mrs. Roe and her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Lawton and Mr. H. B. Tronson, the apple king, went to Medford Saturday and Mr. Diamond, a brother of Mr. and Mrs. Diamond, and who was formerly in the employ of the P. & E. railroad, came out on a visit to his father and brother, the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hoyt and

another one of our daughters, Miss Hattie started for Klamath Falls last Saturday.

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