

RAILROADS FACE SERIOUS PROBLEMS DECLARES SPROULE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 14.—"The condition of railroads generally is a serious problem to be faced and the opening of the Panama canal and the diversion to the canal of business the railroads have hitherto enjoyed adds to its perplexity," said President William Sproule of the Southern Pacific company, upon his return from New York, Sunday, October 19. Sproule has been in the east for three or four weeks on routine matters of business.

"The problem of railroad earnings," he continued, "is rapidly becoming a public one, for unless the railroads can make liberal earnings to maintain their credit, so they may get new money to make improvements and extensions, responsive to the business of the public, it is the public who will suffer. The public will suffer because there will be no field of expansion into which the general business of the people can develop, and further, if business should, within its present bounds of distribution, boom again as it did in 1904, 1905 and 1906, there will be such a congestion of railroad facilities in the country as will stop the boom by congesting the business of the public and preventing that kind of material improvement and development which every man of business, large or small, is looking forward to for his salvation. For example, the railroads are not ordering equipment in any considerable quantity because they cannot pay for it. In every way they have had to shrink their expenditures. What this nation needs more than anything else is a soundly informed and constructive public opinion, instead of the destructive criticism which destroys confidence and helps to make hard times. Bad methods of a few should not bring censure on all.

No Extensions Planned

"With public opinion directing itself toward helpful methods of building up the general business, we will have constructive statesmanship, which is the crying need of the time, regardless of party or of party names.

At the present time, the Southern Pacific company contemplates no extensions or special improvements for the general reason that the European war has resulted in the dislocation of all financial arrangements in this country as well as in other countries, and for the particular reason that, while the company's earnings last year fell off by several million, the company's earnings this year are dropping month by month below last year, so that it has not the money or the means to enter into any special or new undertakings."

Mr. Sproule declined to discuss the political situation, saying that the issues generally seem to be not so much political as a serious question into what will make for good times.

Dry Agitation a Surprise

"However," he said, "with respect to California, the East finds it impossible to comprehend the suggestion that California should think of voting to extinguish the wine industry. I saw in one of the leading New York papers an editorial about it expressing as much surprise as if the champagne district in France were about to abolish the making of wine in that district, or, similarly, the Moselle or Burgundy districts in France. Indeed, I have been asked the question whether the proposal to confiscate the vineyard and wine industry was because of women's suffrage, which is still regarded in the east as leading to novel suggestions in legislation. I am one of those who have a strong faith in the intuitive good sense of women, far beyond what most men give them credit for, and, naturally, I answered that the suffrage question had nothing to do with it. In fact the voting since our women folk got the right to vote has shown that they exercise their right just as sensibly as the men.

"From the east as well as from California come reports of inquiries with respect to winter travel on a larger scale than usual. We hope these will be followed by the travelers, themselves. The two expositions are not as well known in the east as they should be. All the railroads, however, are doing great work in advertising them, particularly exploiting the Panama-Pacific exposition. I noticed, however, that some of this advertising is done under the name of the "Pan-Pacific exposition." This contraction of the word Panama should be stopped, as different titles for the same exposition are not desirable."

Why Not
Get the best smoke, Gov. Johnson, and also patronize home,

FLOOD OF APPLES SWAMPS SEATTLE PRICES TO GROWERS

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 11.—Western avenue jobbers are endeavoring to assist Washington growers to living profits on apples by holding out individually for \$1 to \$1.25 for Jonathan. Several of the older and larger houses yesterday, acting on this idea as individuals, asked that price from all buyers who wanted the best fruit. Only for some of the smaller houses, whose principal revenue comes from the consigned fruit and the commissions paid them this standard of values, jobbers declare, could easily be maintained.

Commission men who have been on the street for several years and have witnessed the frequent changes in ownership of firms that were short lived, declare the consignment plan, which growers have permitted to thrive and wax fat, is responsible for much of the demoralization of the present apple price. They maintain that jobbers who do not buy the bulk of their fruit and produce outright encourage consignment direct from growers, in order, without risk, to take 15 per cent commission. The result is that day by day, with no governing factor to prevent it, orchardists indiscriminately send fruit to this market, already overloaded, only to suffer the loss of profits as jobbers endeavor to get the offerings into the highways of trade.

On last Saturday there were seventeen carloads of apples on the railroad tracks for this market, the bulk of which was consigned. There was a grand total in fruit and produce of 97 cars for that day. This showing was not extraordinary, but was typical of the reasons for losses to the actual producers under the consignment system.

There is now a concerted effort on the part of the oldest houses to put the business on an f. o. b. basis—that is, compelling all jobbers to buy their stocks outright, as in other lines of commerce. In this way it is pointed out, there would never be need for publicity campaigns to sell the apple crop or for demoralized markets. Unless the plan originates with the growers, however, jobbers insist that it would be likely to meet with failure.

RESOLUTIONS FOR EASTERN OREGON NORMAL ADOPTED

The following resolutions were recently adopted by the Medford Commercial club favoring the re-establishment of the Weston, eastern Oregon, Normal School:

Whereas we believe one of the important duties of the citizens of Oregon is to give to the youth of the state every opportunity for education in order that they may be better fitted for the responsibilities of citizenship; and

Whereas our schools in order to be efficient should have men and women as teachers who have had proper training for their work, such training as can only be obtained in well equipped colleges and normal schools; and

Whereas the people of the eastern part of Oregon are asking the people of the state to restore to them the Normal School at Weston in order that the young men and women who desire to teach in the schools of that part of the state may have adequate training for their life work; and

Whereas the Medford Commercial club has always taken an active interest in the cause of higher education;

Be it therefore resolved that the Medford Commercial club place itself on record as being in favor of supporting the Eastern Oregon Normal School, and that it is our belief that the people of eastern Oregon are justified in asking the voters of the state to support them at the polls in November in their efforts to provide proper educational facilities for their section of Oregon; and be it further resolved that we declare ourselves in favor of state normal schools wherever they are needed for the proper maintenance of our educational system.

BELGIAN GENERAL NOW HELD PRISONER

BERLIN, Oct. 14, via London 2 a. m.—Lieutenant General de Guise, the Belgian commandant at Antwerp, is a prisoner of war and has been transferred to Cologne, according to the correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger at Aix-La-Chapelle.

DRIVING CHINESE OUT A MISTAKE SAYS WYTHECOMBE

Dr. Withycombe mingled a plea for sympathy with his Greater Oregon with hot and cold water for every home address to an audience of 100 people in the Ashland Armory Tuesday evening. The preliminary announcements and introduction took ten minutes and Dr. Withycombe 30 minutes and the audience was out of the hall by 8:45.

Dr. Withycombe complained all through his talk about misrepresentation by the democratic press and declared that he regretted that an honest man could not be a candidate in this country without being maligned shamefully. He took up the charge that he had been eorped up and delivered canned speeches and assured the audience that it was not true. He said he had been charmed with dodging the saloon question, and justified his action by asserting that his party had not taken a stand on the question, therefore he was not privileged to talk, but asked those interested to look up his record, declared the liquor question was a moral and economic issue and not a partisan one, and in earnest voice said he could "treat the dry and the wet in a righteous manner."

Dr. Withycombe denied being in favor of abrogating the Chinese exclusion laws though he believed what he had said about its being a mistake that Oregon people had listened to San Francisco agitators, and drove the Chinese from their work in clearing the lands in Clackamas county for \$25 per acre and that this 400,000 acres of the land was so productive that the owners netted the price from the first crop. He declared he knew this to be true from personal knowledge and had mentioned it in his speech there, and felt hurt that he should be misrepresented declaring the press was the cause of politics. He declared in grave tones that he was being cruelly used by the press by being declared unfriendly to labor when he had worked for wages for three years in Oregon before he bought a piece of land for himself and urged the people to believe him when he said he believed "the laborer was worthy of his hire."

"I am being falsely charged with being opposed to the primary system because I had the temerity to say that I was in favor of a convention to help party organization."

He frequently injected a note of grief and declared that his 43 years in Oregon had been an open book. "I wish politics were cleaner or more honorable and regret that when a man runs for office he can't get a square deal." Half of his speech was devoted to praising Oregon, being delivered in two different parts of his address.

The tone of his remarks drew sympathy but it was manifestly plain to all that he either was unable to grasp the leading issues of the times in which he lives or that he had cautiously sidestepped them.

R. P. Hutton, assistant superintendent of the state anti-saloon league, was in the city and Dr. Withycombe invited him to address his audience before he made his address. Two wet leaders heard of the invitation and objected and the invitation was withdrawn.

LOOK AT CHILD'S TONGUE IF SICK CROSS, FEVERISH

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, it is a sure sign that your little one's stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleaning at once.

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