

DRASTIC ORDERS TO RELIEVE COAL CAR SHORTAGE

Interstate Commerce Commission Acts to Relieve Fuel Famine and Lower High Prices—Return to Original Owners of All Cars Ordered—Result of Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Drastic regulations designed to relieve the prices of coal were prescribed today by the interstate commerce commission. The regulations require return to original owners of all coal cars as fast as unloaded and give the railroads ten days to devise methods for relieving the shortage in other types of cars.

The commission's order also requires the railroads to apply the same regulations to refrigerator, heater, ventilated and insulated cars.

Effective February 21.

The new orders become effective February 21. The committee which the railroads are called on to appoint should be vested, the order states, with plenary powers and should cooperate with the commission in seeking relief for the shortage of other types of cars. Unless such a committee is appointed within ten days the commission declares it will act independently and consider the issuance of such orders as it deems necessary to relieve the situation. In issuing today's order, the commission was divided. Commissioners Clark, Clements and Hall dissenting from the majority view.

The new regulations continue in effect until May 1.

Issuance of the order is a culmination of the investigation which the commission has been conducting for several months, the last hearing having been held here December 28. The hearing was attended by the representatives of a large number of roads and shippers and by department of justice officials investigating the cost of living who had been in frequent consultation with officials of the commission.

Unparalleled Conditions.

"The present conditions of car distribution throughout the United States have no parallel in our history," said the commission's decision.

"Mills have shut down, prices have advanced, perishable articles of great value have been destroyed and hundreds of carloads of food products have been delayed in reaching their natural markets. In some territories there have been so many cars on the lines of the carriers and in their terminals that transportation service has been thrown into unprecedented confusion, long delays in transit have been the rule rather than the exception and operation of established industrial activities has been uncertain and difficult. These conditions have made necessary a far-reaching investigation by the commission and now urgently demand prompt decisive action."

VON DER HELLEN IS POLITEST OF SENATORS

(From Cottage Grove Sentinel.)
Senators Garland and Von der Hellen are recognized as the two most courteous members of the legislature. Senator Garland's is that pleasing southern chivalry which is a part of the life of the men of the south. The senator comes from Tennessee. Senator Von der Hellen's courtesy is that you would expect to find in those of royal lineage among the courtiers around some old-world throne.

This courtesy came near becoming embarrassing at the time the senators marched over to the house for the joint session. As it happened those two senators were paired. When it became necessary to change to single file, each stepped back to courtesy the other ahead. But courtesy also consists in performing a favor for another, one quickly fell in behind the other, the procession proceeded and the break in the line was scarcely noticed.

MARRIED

In Medford, January 15, 1917 Guy Garrett and Mrs. Ina Gombh. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. E. Tucker at the Christian church parsonage. The groom is a son of Wm. Garrett, living at 308 South Fir street, and the bride is a nurse at the Sacred Heart hospital. Both are popular among the young people of the city and congratulations are being lavishly bestowed upon them. They will reside on West Jackson street, this city.

CONSTRUCTION OF CRATER LAKE ROAD BEGINS THIS YEAR

Crater lake highway matters are assuming very definite proportions. Will G. Steel has just returned from Washington and Salem, where he was eminently successful in the interest of that road. His work is not yet complete, but he has sufficiently progressed to announce that the road between Prospect and the park line will be built this summer, and he hopes to accomplish considerable more.

While in Washington Mr. Steel was sick for some time, under the care of a physician, but, among other things, he managed to attend the national park conference, which he pronounces the most interesting and effective ever held, of which he has attended every session. Many questions pertaining to national parks were discussed by eminent men and women, and considerable interest was awakened in congress. One of these matters has already borne fruit, in the passage by the senate of the bill creating the Mount McKinley National park in Alaska.

Strong pressure is being drawn on congress to create the Grand Canyon National park in Arizona, and to greatly increase in size the Sequoia National park of California, making it one of the great parks of the country.

Crater lake claimed and received its full share of attention and will receive many new visitors this year as a result of the conference, among whom may be mentioned Orville Wright, who expects to come here with his nephew, and Dr. Reik of Johns Hopkins university, who has certainly the last work on color photography, who will visit the park with Frederick V. Coville, chief botanist of the agricultural department, to prepare in color a work on the botany of Crater lake.

Mr. Steel visited Salem in the interest of state legislation and speaks enthusiastically of the Jackson county delegation, all of whom are deeply interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of southern Oregon.

LOCATION RULES RURAL MAIL BOXES

In a communication under date of January 10 the fourth assistant postmaster general makes the following ruling regarding the location of rural mail boxes:

"If the traffic regulations require all conveyances to travel on the right side of the highways, it is necessary that the rural carriers shall be governed accordingly, and the patrons of the rural service should be directed to erect their boxes in such a manner that they may be served without requiring the rural carrier to drive on the left side of the road.

Patrons who fail to heed your notice within a reasonable time should not be supplied with mail by rural carriers, and their mail matter should be returned to the postoffice to be called for until such time as they choose to properly relocate their mail boxes."

In compliance with the above ruling, Postmaster Mims makes an urgent request that all boxes be located to meet the department's requirements by February 1.

PACIFIC FRUIT CO. BUYS OREGON FRUIT CO.

Announcement is made of the purchase by the Pacific Fruit & Produce company of the controlling interest of the Oregon Fruit company, having a branch at Medford. The consideration is in the neighborhood of \$50,000 and consists of the purchase by the Pacific Fruit Co. of the stock held by S. C. Dalton, secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Oregon Fruit, and that held by Page & Sun. There will be no change in the management of the Oregon Fruit or in its policies.

The Oregon Fruit company is only a little more than a year old and recently celebrated its first birthday. It began with a single house, but now owns and controls branch houses in this state numbering eleven. The Pacific Fruit owns and controls a total of twenty-five houses, scattered all over Washington, California and Oregon, and the addition of the eleven houses of the Oregon Fruit company will give it still greater prestige. Today the Pacific Fruit is the largest concern in the Pacific northwest engaged exclusively in the buying and selling of fruits and vegetables.

SAYS HE CAN TALK MONKEY LANGUAGE; GOES TO JUNGLE



PROF. ROBERT L. GARNER.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Professor Robert L. Garner, who studies monkey talk and nature, is going to Africa again to bring back more specimens of his favorite subjects. He says he knows 20 words of the

monkey vocabulary with which he will talk to the apes in the jungle and learn more about them than any other man could.

Garner says the ape has a language somewhat like man's, only it has less sounds. We have 120 groups of sounds, while the ape's language is built only on seven groups, he says.

Garner came to this conclusion, after studying the ape in a large, strong wire cage house he had built himself in the jungle away from any other humans.

He lived in this cage with his monkey subjects and found it gave him every advantage to study the ape's language and habits. This is how he learned 20 words of monkey talk.

Years of study alone in the jungles of Africa have made Garner especially fitted for the new expedition. He will explore western and central Africa for his collection.

PAGE TO BUILD TWO STRUCTURES FRONTING MAIN

Dr. F. C. Page has had plans made for the erection of two business blocks on East Main street, near Riverside avenue. One of these will be on the southeast corner of Main and Riverside and will have a frontage of 146 feet on Main street and 88 feet on Riverside, to be built on the concrete foundation already in.

This building will be of brick, one story high, and will be so divided as to be suitable for store buildings.

The other building will be on the southeast corner of Main and Riverside. This will have a frontage of 50 feet on Main street and 140 feet on Riverside. It will be of brick, one story high, and will be for store and theater use. The theater will have a seating capacity of 600. This will be given up mostly to moving picture shows and for public gatherings—such gatherings as would not feel justified in renting so large a room as the Page theater.

"I have been contemplating the construction of these buildings for several years," said Dr. Page, "but no time during the past three years have I felt I would be justified in making the expenditure. I believe that now is the opportune time, and unless something unforeseen happens along I will build this spring. I have

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If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless, "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a 20-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. See that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

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CUTTING TIES FOR EXTENDING RAILS TO LUMBER BELT

W. G. Laidley, who is logging foreman for the Applegate Lumber company, was in Medford Friday night on business. He tells us that the logging camp is well established and he has men at work getting out railroad ties and bridge timber for the extension of the railroad into the timber.

There are now over 5000 ties cut and ready to be laid, while the bridge timber is nearly all out and on the ground ready for the bridge building gang. There are several thousand feet of mill logs now cut ready for delivery to the mill. One donkey engine has been put in place and another one will be brought down from Butte Falls as soon as the track is laid into the timber. About the first of February a large gang of loggers will be put to work felling timber for the sawmill.

The railroad construction work is progressing as rapidly as could be hoped for during the bad weather. There are seven trestles on the extension, three of which are completed and the track laid over them, and four more to be completed as soon as the bridge gang can make them. One of these is 300 feet in length and some of them are seventeen feet high.

Knights Templar.

You are urgently requested to meet at Masonic Hall at 2:45 p. m. Sunday to attend the funeral of the late Sir Knight William H. Stewart. Full Uniform without sword.

By order of the Eminent Commander.

Attention Masons.

All Masons are requested to meet at the Masonic Hall Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. for the purpose of attending the funeral of Brother W. H. Stewart.

J. R. WOODFORD, W. M.

A. F. & A. M.

Special communication of Medford Lodge 493 for the purpose of attending the funeral of Brother W. H. Stewart.

By Order of the W. M.

Notice

All Elks are requested to be at Elks Home Sunday afternoon, January 21st, at 2:30 p. m., to attend funeral of Brother W. A. Stewart.

By order of C. W. HELLBRONNER, Exalted Ruler.

L. L. Jacobs, Secretary. 156*

STORES CHANGE CLOSING HOURS

These stores employing lady clerks will close on Saturday nights beginning Jan. 20, at 8:30: The May Co., and J. C. Mann. These stores will close at 9 p. m.: The Toggery, Daniels for Duds, The Model, M. M. Department Store, Heilbronner, Kidd, Schmidt, Golden Rule and Behling. 257*

Announcement.

I desire to announce that I have resumed the general practice of law at rooms 209 and 210, First National Bank building, Medford, Oregon. Prompt and careful attention will be given all legal business entrusted to me. Mr. Orin Bell, a painstaking stenographer, jointly occupies these rooms and solicits stenographic work from the general public.

Very respectfully,
E. E. KELLY.

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