

CALIFORNIA AND S. P. WIN CASE, IS O. WEST'S OPINION

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6.—California and the Southern Pacific have won their fight to prevent the separation of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific systems, in the opinion of ex-Governor Oswald West, who has just returned from attendance at the hearings before the interstate commerce commission in Washington. If this proves to be correct, West declares Oregon has lost the greatest opportunity for development in recent years.

Success will be due to the complete organization of the Southern Pacific's publicity and the united front put up by California civic and traffic organizations, he says. Incidentally, the ex-governor takes a shot at the neutral stand of the Portland chamber of commerce in the fight.

He said: "This unmerger fight is, if I am not mistaken, going to result in California, getting everything and Oregon nothing. Practically every western and southwestern state was ably represented at the hearing and all except Oregon were there knowing just what they wanted and were out to get it."

"San Francisco was lined up with the Southern Pacific and was given aid by Portland interests who seemed to be more concerned in the development of California than in that of Oregon."

"The people here, at least a large number of them, were fooled into believing that the unmerger of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific railroads would result in an improvement of service and an increase in rates over the lines of the Southern Pacific. There was not a chance of any such thing happening. Regardless of what disposition the interstate commerce commission made of the matter the Southern Pacific and its present service would be fully protected and in no manner impaired."

Willamette Fund Grows.
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 6.—According to a statement given out by the Willamette university endowment fund campaign committee, a total for the state of \$820,000 has been pledged toward the \$1,250,000 needed.

MEDFORD POULTRY WINS HONORS AT ASHLAND FAIR

By P. W. Harris,
Editor Pacific Poultryman, Seattle.
ASHLAND, Dec. 6.—(Special to Mail Tribune.)—With 200 pens, 500 fowls in all, some from Portland's finest show birds, the Southern Oregon Poultry show opened at Ashland yesterday with flying colors. The writer has covered the leading poultry shows of the west coast, and can assure the local association their exhibit of poultry ranks with the best. I have never seen a better display of rabbits than is now being shown here. It exceeds in number the great Portland Rabbit show at the Pacific International Livestock exhibit in November.

The quality of the chickens is high, especially in the barred Plymouth Rock and Rhode Island Red classes. The Red Wing Poultry yard of Medford, P. M. Bolten, manager, showed finest birds in the Rhode Island Red class, with Ernest Webb of Central Point, a close runner up. All popular breeds of poultry are on display, as well as many varieties of waterfowl, including Toulouse geese, Indian Runners and Mallard ducks.

Medford and Ashland are to be congratulated on blue ribbons won in good competition with birds from larger shows.

This is a show worth going far to see, and every one interested in standard bred poultry and rabbits should make it a point to attend on one of the remaining days until Friday night. A big program at the Armory every evening.

Knights Templar Meeting
Malta Commandery No. 4,
Wednesday evening, Dec. 6,
1922, at Masonic hall, Ashland. Stated convocation and election of officers. Refreshments. All Sir Knights
courteously invited.
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OKLAHOMA CITY—Five persons were killed when a car on an interurban railway crashed into an automobile.

"The Old Homestead" at Page Today



THESE two are Uncle Josh and Ephraim Holbrook, proprietor of "The Old Homestead" and the village store, respectively, at "Ganzy, N. H." Father and mother will remember instantly that these names were used in Denman Thompson's famous play, "The Old Homestead," but some of the youngsters may have to be reminded that when it comes to "runs" this play has everything—still has, as a matter of fact—gassing for air.

It has been made into a Paramount picture with Theodore Roberts as Uncle Josh and George Fawcett as Eph Holbrook.

This is heralded as being one of the greatest film productions of the year and is offered this week by the Page theater, beginning today. As a play "The Old Homestead" has been popular for nearly forty years. The big scenes and episodes of the original play have been incorporated in the picture. One of the biggest scenes in the film is the cyclone episode, in which an entire village is shown being swept away. Supporting Roberts are George Fawcett, T. Roy Barnes, Harrison Ford, Fritz Ridgeway and Ethel Wales.

Several brief films and "Betty" Brown's music complete the program.

PARENTS URGED TO VISIT THE SCHOOLS

Slogan: Visit the schools today.
Dr. Crabtree, secretary of the National Education association, says, "ignorance of conditions causes apathy."

Do you know that there are 1600 more children in the schools of Jackson county than two years ago?

Do you know that with all this increase, only two new buildings have been erected, and those in rural districts?

Do you know that only three consolidations of districts have been made within the two years? This means that too many schools still have thirty or more pupils of all grades under one teacher, while consolidation with a nearby school would furnish two teachers for the eight grades of the combined schools. More than 30 or 40 minutes a day could be given to each grade.

Parents, inspect the school—compare it with the best school you know. How can you help toward these best conditions for your school?

Education of children is a more important issue for each community than the management of public utilities, development of irrigation systems, or a revision of taxes.

W. O. W. Notice
Regular meeting I. O. O. F. hall Thursday night. Class initiation and election of officers. Hot dogs. E. C. Stillman, clerk. 220*

PATRIOTISM DAY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Yesterday was Patriotism Day in the schedule of American Education week. The flag, the emblem of freedom, received a salute. Teachers and others talked to the youth of America of the citizen's duty to vote. They presented the standard of the universal use of the English language in the United States, they discussed music as a nation builder. The slogans of today, and of every day this week are: "Visit the schools today"; "Children today, citizens tomorrow"; and "No illiteracy in our land by 1927."

There will be a meeting of the Order of De Molay, Thursday night at the Masonic hall. Initiation De Molay Degree and refreshments. Everybody come. 219*

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WASHINGTON PARENT TEACHERS CIRCLE TO MEET FRIDAY P. M.

The Washington Parent-Teacher circle, will meet at the school building Friday, December 8th at three o'clock. As the week of December 3 to 9 is to be America's Educational Week, its purpose is to promote good citizenship and parents are urged to visit the schools. The association is also working to awaken greater interest on the part of the public in education, especially as it develops American citizenship and patriotism. The National Education association declares that illiteracy is a blot on our nation, and one of their slogans is "no illiteracy in 1927."

The parent-teacher associations all over the United States have, by their co-operation, been a great factor in promoting a greater interest in the schools. They are striving to raise the standards of home life. They believe in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Mrs. A. G. Smith, assisted by the president, Mrs. M. A. Yothers, will have charge of the following program:

Call to order, President Mrs. Yothers; parent-teacher's prayer, by the circle; business; Christmas Carols, by the four upper grades; good books as gifts for children, Mrs. Lyman; the flag—the emblem of freedom, Mr. Hanby; the schools' influence on the coming generations, Mrs. N. B. Newcomb; "America," by the circle. Refreshments will be served. May we see every mother interested present. A daily program has been planned by the principal of the school, whereby many phases of the subject of education will be presented in the class room, and Rev. Coy R. Sims will deliver an address Thursday morning to the 7th and 8th grades on "Education."

WORN NERVES

Nervous troubles, with backache, dizzy spells, queer pains and irregular kidneys give restlessness to sleep, kidney weakness and to try the remedy that has helped your neighbors. Ask your neighbor!

Mrs. A. E. Dodge, 242 S. Holly St., Medford, says: "I am glad to say a good word for Doan's Kidney Pills, as they have given me splendid results. My kidneys were in a weak condition and I was run down and nervous. I tried easily and was often unable to do my housework as my back ached as if it were broken, and I had dizzy spells. My feet and ankles were swollen and I couldn't stand up for any length of time. My kidneys acted irregularly, too, until Doan's Kidney Pills were recommended to me and I used them. They soon strengthened my kidneys and all the other symptoms of kidney disorder disappeared."

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Fancy Work for Gifts, Candy,
Program, Dancing, Cards.

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Thursday, Dec. 7.
8:00 P. M.

Admission, 25c; Children under 12 years free.

Parish House Benefit.



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2 SPEEDS FORWARD
AND NO REVERSE!**

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We cover every need from ties for the Sunday school class to cravats for the most expensive dressed men you know!

Yes—some are loud—they are for young men who are having the time of their lives—and we have hundreds of up-to-date patterns for the man of 45 who have just started to live.

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If it is something for HIM, let a Man's store help you select what he would buy himself. Shop early.

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This means a real economy and is just one of a hundred reasons why careful housekeepers insist upon Royal Baking Powder. Some others are:

**It Contains No Alum
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Medford's Newest Meat Market—Sanitary and Up-to-Date

High Class Meats of All Kinds at the Lowest Possible Prices



Service and Quality. Three deliveries daily by Medford General Delivery Co. Phone your orders early. Telephone 255. All phone orders will be given prompt attention.

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