

# JACKSONVILLE MAY PURCHASE BARNUM'S R. R.

### County Seat Determined to Prevent Tearing Up of Rails—Medford Gives Assistance—Importance of Railroad in Future Stressed.

There were no new developments today in the Medford-Jacksonville railroad dismantling situation, following a conference held yesterday afternoon and this forenoon by Fred A. Williams, attorney for the city of Jacksonville, and City Attorney John H. Carkin, and none are expected until after the hearing, which will be held here on October 16 by the public service commission.

It is possible, however, that in the meantime the two cities will get together with W. S. Barnum, owner of the railroad, in conference and reach a friendly agreement by which Mr. Barnum will sell the railroad intact to the two cities, or one of them, on advantageous terms at its salvage value.

W. E. Phillips, attorney for Mr. Barnum, stated today that the latter never intended to tear up the rails between Medford and Jacksonville until after the public service commission had ruled on the matter after a formal hearing, and that he had only been dismantling that part of the old logging railroad which extends from Jacksonville about three miles up Jackson creek canyon, as this part of the Medford-Jacksonville road is useless now as the timber had been worked out from that region.

Interviews were given out today by Wilbur Cameron, mayor of Jacksonville, and Fred A. Williams, that city's attorney and former chairman of the public service commission, telling of the necessity of keeping the railroad intact for the future development of the valley.

**Crime to Despoil Road.**  
"As mayor of Jacksonville, Oregon, I want to say that if the pioneers of my city saw fit to donate \$15,000 35 years ago to establish this railroad, I think I would be desecrating their memories in not preserving it," said Mr. Cameron. "I am a native son of Applegate valley and have seen Jackson county develop from small settlements to a country with cities and factories with market for our products over the whole world."

"It would be a crime to have the road despoiled, and after discussing the matter with several citizens I know that they will take over the road from Barnum and pay him the salvage value. He should leave the road where it is until the public service commission can hear the matter."

"There are several billion feet of timber in upper Applegate valley ready for manufacture, and millions of tons of ore in Blue Ledge, all to come out to Medford and Jacksonville over this line. Railroads develop communities and cities and there is plenty of tonnage available. If Barnum doesn't want to extend the road then let him offer the road at its salvage value and the citizens will take it over I am sure."

"It has cost Medford and Jacksonville more than it has Barnum, and all these years he has operated it he has made money, and now he owes it to the people of Medford and Jacksonville to get together with them in this proposition."

**Williams Urges Retention.**  
"From an investment standpoint in actual cost, Medford and Jacksonville in principal and interest have over \$80,000 already invested in the Medford Coast Railroad," said Fred A. Williams. "In addition, Medford paid Barnum handsomely for hauling the rock which the city used in building its streets."

"Now if the pioneers in the Rogue river valley of Jackson county had the sincerity of purpose sufficient to warrant them in helping to establish this railroad, it would from a point of sentiment be disrespectful to allow their work to be despoiled by the avarice and stubbornness of a man who wantonly ignores the rights of the citizens of these two cities and the state of Oregon to wreck this work."

"After a railroad has once been dedicated to the public as a common carrier, it cannot be discontinued without the consent of the sovereign powers, the state itself, and much less can it be dismantled without the consent of the state of Oregon represented in this instance by the public service commission."

"It is uniformly held by the supreme courts of the several states and by the United States supreme court that the consent of the state must be procured before a railroad can be dismantled or torn up."

"In proceeding as he is today, Barnum is violating the order of the public service commission, which has ordered to refrain and desist from further dismantling said road until the matter can be heard. Barnum has made application to the public service commission for permission to dismantle the railroad and it is set for hearing on October 16 next."

**Asks Barnum to Be Fair.**  
"If Barnum wants to be fair he should make a written offer to the citizens of the public as a common carrier, I am sure, exercise this right."

"It is, and should be of great concern for not only is there a great amount of standing merchantable timber, estimated three billion feet in Applegate, to come out through Medford and Jacksonville by an eight or ten mile extension of this road, but there is a vast amount of ore tonnage in the Blue Ledge, enough to run 50 years that will be tapped in the next few years."

logical unit in such a system.  
"Had the P. & E. been dismantled in 1919, Medford would be missing an annual million dollar payroll. In that instance the owners of the P. & E. though they had a judgment for salvaging it, gave Medford people the opportunity, and due to the efforts of its citizens the factories covering an acres of land stands as a monument today to greet the visitors and prospective investors in Jackson county."  
"Barnum is under obligation to the citizens of Medford, Jacksonville, Jackson county and the state of Oregon to leave the road alone until the state of Oregon decides on his application. If he wants to be fair he can announce to the public what value he places on the railroad as junk and give the people a chance to purchase it."

## CENT. PT. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS RECORD BREAKER

CENTRAL POINT, Sept. 18.—The schools of this city opened last Monday, September 14, with a record enrollment in both the high and the grade schools, 92 being enrolled in the high alone.

The personnel is as follows: H. P. Jewett, supt. of schools; H. C. Terrell, English and athletic coach; Mr. Saubert, commercial; Miss Kirtledge, civics, history and domestic science; Mrs. Zoe R. Hubbs, science. Grade school—Mrs. Amie, principal, 7th and 8th grades; Mrs. Marie Diney, 6th grade; Mrs. Eastburn, 4th and 5th grades; Miss Hazel Stephenson, 3rd grade; Miss Mildred Beeson, 2nd grade; Miss Gladys Bond, 1st grade.

The little six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thompson of Trail, who has been suffering from typhoid-pneumonia is reported as slightly improved and hopes are again entertained for her recovery. The little lady was brought to Central Point several days ago, where Dr. Heckman took charge of the case.

Another accident was chalked up for one of Jess Richardson's trucks last Tuesday. John Richardson, the driver and another man who was driving a large touring car met on the corner near the Ross and Ross confectionery; a few minor dents in a fender and the shattering of the silence was the only damage done.

Mrs. R. H. Paxson and daughter, Mrs. E. M. Drysdale, and Mrs. E. S. Paxson and daughter, Mrs. R. J. Hale, motored to Myrtle Point last Saturday to take Mrs. Drysdale to her home and incidentally to view the scenery along the way. The three ladies (on Tuesday) report a most delightful trip with no mishaps. While in that vicinity they made a trip to the coast and found the water as calm and peaceful as a hill-pool, a rather unusual condition at that point.

H. C. Terrell, who returned Friday of last week to resume his duties as English teacher in the local high school, says he is glad to get back to work again so he can rest up a bit, as his vacation was rather more strenuous than a whole year's work.

Ed Vincent, carried on R. F. D. No. 1, is confined to his bed by sickness.  
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller and sons, Bobby and Kenneth are here from Portland, visiting Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Johnson. They expect to remain about a month.

Miss May Johnson leaves Sunday evening to enter the University of Washington.

The local Nimrods are playing havoc with the peace and quiet of the lives of numerous deer, and a good many are proudly exhibiting their trophies of the hunt, quite just too, as some fine specimens have been brought in, among them one fine buck weighing 179 pounds.

So many people reported the fine exhibits at the Jackson county fair that the merchants of the town closed their stores Friday (today) and went to see for themselves.

John Violet, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Fields, was removed from the hospital to her home last Saturday, and is getting along nicely.

The Rev. I. D. Shaw and family have bought the Clyde Hanson place and will make their home in Central Point. Mr. Shaw is the new minister at the Christian church.

It seems that about the only way to get a place to live here is to buy it. No houses for rent.

William Vestal, who formerly ran the John Ross barber shop and who has been for some time employed in Medford, has been forced to give up his work on account of rheumatism; the Vestals expect to leave shortly for the Imperial Valley of California, in an effort to find a cure for the malady.

The store of E. C. Faber and company was entered last Wednesday night by some unknown party and several articles of clothing and a little money taken. It is supposed that it was a tramp as the burglar took time to change some of his old clothing for new, leaving the old rags for a souvenir.

Some time Wednesday night the S. P. depot was also broken into and several trunks ransacked. It was not learned what was taken from the trunks.

The Faber store has been entered several times before and it would seem that the tramps of the land have the place marked as "good pickin's." Eugene Reames, who has been suffering for some time from typhoid-pneumonia, is reported as slowly improving.

Guests recently registered at the Hotel Central are: S. Chamberlain, McCloud, Calif.; E. H. Quiles, San Francisco; F. M. James, San Francisco; G. Volhard, J. A. Geer, proprietor of the Central says that the chief reason for few registrations is the fact that his rooms are largely taken by regular guests.  
Mrs. Barnes Smith left Thursday night for San Francisco to study for library work.

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—(A. P.)—Organization of agriculture and cooperation with business was advocated today by Frank O. Lowden, former Illinois governor, in an address on "Rural and Urban Cooperation," before the district meeting of Kiwanis clubs of eastern Iowa and Illinois here today.

"Fields, mines, factories and railroads, working together under a coordinated plan, make up the industrial system," he said. "Their total product is largely determined by the effectiveness with which they come into gear with one another."

## DEER HUNTING IS GOOD NOW, RAIN HELPING NIMRODS

Many local and valley deer hunters are still out in the hills and it is expected that there will be another influx of such sportsmen over the week end, as the heavy rain of this week has made deer hunting excellent by soaking the forests, so that the hunters can now sneak through them quietly.

In general, deer hunting has become more of a task than early in the season, as the deer for the most part have moved higher up in the mountains.

So far the largest deer killed in Jackson county was a 185 pound buck brought down by Chauncey Florey on Mike Hanley's ranch several days ago, which had a 29-inch spread of horns. Deer on this ranch have now become very scarce because of having been frightened away by hunters since the season opened.

A larger deer, a mule tail, was brought down by a Medford hunter recently in Klamath county, but so far Florey holds the prize for a sizable Jackson county deer.

"Agriculture is sadly out of gear with the other parts of the structure. The main cause of this is generally conceded to be the disparity between prices of the things the farmer has to sell and the prices of those things he must buy."

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Women's Crepe and Muslin Gowns in all colors and sizes; up to \$1.25 values. On sale Saturday, each **79c**

**\$1.39 Aprons \$1.00**  
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## Saturday's Big Specials in Domestic

**65c Sheet 57c**  
81-inch Wearwell Sheet, taped edge; a good grade, cheap at 65c. Saturday, yard **57c**

**20c Outing 16c**  
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**25c Crash 19c**  
16-inch Pure Linen Unbleached Crash, fine grade, cheap at 25c. On sale Saturday, yard **19c**

**23c Muslin 19c**  
36-inch "Daisy" Muslin, bleached finished, soft for the needle; regular price 23c. Saturday, yard **19c**

**\$6 Blankets \$4.95**  
66x80 Wool and Cotton Blankets, 4 1/2-pound weight, in blue, pink, grey and tan plaids; regular price \$6.00. Saturday, pair **\$4.95**

**35c Cretonne 25c**  
36-inch Cretonnes, all new fall patterns, good quality, up to 35c values. Saturday, yard **25c**

## Saturday's Specials in Notion Department

**25c Shampoo 19c**  
Wildroot Coconut Oil Shampoo makes the hair soft and fluffy; regular price 25c. Saturday **19c**

**50c Cream 39c**  
Hind's Honey and Almond Cream, regular price 50c. Saturday **39c**

**Boys' Hose**  
Victory Brand with linen heel and toe. Saturday, **50c** pair

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