Rail Car Supply Drops To 30 Per Cent of Needs in Oregon

Portland — (U.P.)—The supply of rail cars for Oregon shippers dropped to 30 per cent of needs Saturday.

Friday's order to halt grain loadings pending relief of the car shortage raised hopes briefly but they were dashed when it was learned that the empty grain cars probably would not be returned to Oregon. Most of the released cars were on northern lines, railroaders said, where the car shortage is also acute.

Paul Grider, Portland representative for the Interstate Commerce Commission, said the Commodity Stabilization Service may be asked to extend its embargo on grain loadings.

Increased shiploadings at Coos Bay and Newport were the only optimistic sides of the car supply picture reported by shippers. The improved supply of ships available for lumber shipments to the East coast was expected to ease the railroad burden somewhat.

Southern Pacific announced that it had placed its Eugene repair shops on a 24-hour basis.

A Nichol's Worth of . . .

Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington —(U.P.)— If you are a baseball fan, odds are you never heard of Benedict M. Morgan. So far as I know, Ben, who died the other day, never put on a glove or put a stick of lumber to horsehide.

Harman Nichols

Being on the puny side, Ben was a scholar when it came to baseball, which he loved. And he probably had more statistics stacked upstairs than most baseball writers.

His concern mostly was collecting anecdotes and facts about the little fellow of the minors, like the Cobbs and others who grew to rise and shine in the big time. A good part of his hobby appeared in the statistical department of a book that told the story of minor league baseball. Ben helped to compile that fat volume, which didn't sell very well, but which is interesting, even now, to the facts and figure folk.

Today, the baseball writers put a finger on the runs-batted-in department, won and loss records, homers, stolen bases and the like.

But Ben told interesting things like in 1930, when Julio Bonetti of Los Angeles in the Pacific Coast League cut loose only 66 pitches in a whole game to come up winner. Not only that, Julio once toiled 64 straight innings without walking a man.

Modern pitchers are sore if they have to work more often than four or five days. But in 1905, a guy named Louis (Bull) Durham of Indianapolis in the American Association pitched and won five consecutive doubleheaders.

Ben tracked down, through his research, the fastest game on record. That was in between Mobile and Atlanta in the Southern Association on Sept. 19, 1910. It lasted 32 minutes. With stalling, rhubarbing and wasting time, a modern game under two hours is looked upon as awful fast.

Back in 1920, there was a pitcher named Rinaldo (Rhino) Williams, who played with Fort Worth in the Texas League. Ben voted him the man least likely to be named thief of the year. He was caught 35 times trying to steal a base.

Most dangerous pitcher in the Morgan book of memories was Oscar Graham of Oakland, in the Pacific Coast League. In 1903, this wild man on the hill hit 49 batters. The record stands and most hitters hope it always will.

It is nothing for a couple of teams to throw away or lose a hundred baseballs or so during a nine-inning contest. More sometimes.

Balls must have been precious in the old days, for on April 11, 1912, Kansas City and Columbus in the American Association played a whole game, using only one ball. "And it wasn't nicked up much when the game was over," said Ben.

Ben dug up the fact that some of the old-time hitters were something to admire. On June 15, 1902, Justin (Nig) Clarke, of Corsicana, in the Texas League hit eight home runs in eight times at bat. He also batted in 16 runs. Corsicana won against Texarkana (in the Texas-Arkansas League) by a score of 51 to 3. In all there were 53 hits, 21 home runs.

That game, to be sure, must have lasted more than 32 minutes.

Sullivan Supports Partnership Plan

Portland —(U.P.)—John L. Sullivan, former secretary of the Navy in Democratic administrations, spoke out for partnership power development here Saturday.

Sullivan arrived in Portland to deliver the commencement address and receive an honorary degree at the University of Portland Saturday.

Sullivan said "if the private companies can do the power job, then they ought to be given the opportunity, but if they won't or can't then the government should step in."

The former member of the Roosevelt-Truman cabinets is now a director of Aluminum, Ltd., holding company for Aluminum Company of Canada.

TWEEZER TIP

Memphis, Tenn. — (U.P.) — W. C. Cantrell used his wife's eyebrow tweezers to plant seeds in boxes at home. The tweezers helped him put the seeds in place so that the rows "would be nice and straight."

He Must Have Paid In Merchandise

Baker — (U.P.) — Donald L. Nelson, Denver, was fined $28 in Justice court here Friday on an overload charge. His cargo: Money.

Nelson, driver for the Armored Motor Service, Denver, was hauling a load of money, mostly silver, from the Denver mint to a Portland clearing house. When checked at a Baker weight station he had 440 pounds too much weight on the rear axle of his truck.

Brownell Predicts Ike To Run Again

Portland — (U.P.) — Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. said Saturday he thinks President Eisenhower will run for reelection and that he will win another term in the White House.

Brownell stopped here briefly on a flight from Seattle to South Bend, Ind.

The cabinet member said he considered Gov. Paul L. Patterson of Oregon as one of the top leaders of the Republican party and added "we must look to the West for leadership."

Asked if he thought Gov. Patterson would run for the U. S. Senate next year, Brownell said "We would welcome him with open arms in Washington."

Brownell spoke at a $100-a-plate GOP fund-raising dinner Friday night in Seattle.

Vancouver Man Held On Homicide Charge

Portland —(U.P.)— Heil Edward Roberts, 24, Vancouver, Wash., was bound over to a grand jury here Friday on a negligent homicide charge in connection with a pedestrian fatality three weeks ago.

Roberts was driver of a car that struck and killed Charles Baxter Kopp, 42, here May 14, as he crossed an intersection.

A negligent homicide case involving Charles F. Pearce, 39, also of Portland, was set over in municipal court to June 16. Pearce is charged with the death of a pedestrian.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 1 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

Portland to Take Direct Interest in Ship Service

Portland — (U.P.) — The Portland Commission of Public Docks Friday resolved to take "a direct interest" in all applications for federal operating subsidies affecting steamship service in the Port of Portland.

City officials said the move might be unprecendented in proceedings of a public agency here.

General Manager Thomas P. Guerin recommended the action because of certain practices of the Pacific Westbound Conference. He said they were siphoning away from the Northwest thousands of tons of cargo a year that would normally move through the region's port.

No Guarantee

Guerin said Portland now has no guarantee of direct sailings to or from the Far East but other Pacific Coast ports have subsidy arrangements which guarantee the sailings.

As its first action under the new policy, the port commission decided to intervene in the application of States Steamship Co. now before the federal maritime board for a subsidy from the west coast to the Orient. Guerin said the port would present its theory on the use of all coast ports by subsidized lines.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES MAR. 22 - APR. 20: 21-29-32-38 41-46-61	1 A	31 Up	61 You
TAURUS APR. 21 - MAY 21: 43-44-55-58 70-75-79-86	2 Promising	32 Upon	62 Situation
GEMINI MAY 22 - JUNE 22: 3-8-10-25 28-50-83-85	3 Avoid	33 Attachment	63 Exciting
CANCER JUNE 23 - JULY 23: 4-7-20-64 65-66-74	4 Let	34 If	64 The
LEO JULY 24 - AUG. 23: 12-16-40-42 45-52-69	5 Show	35 Don't	65 Lead
VIRGO AUG. 24 - SEPT. 22: 1-2-11-23 37-47-68	6 Your	36 Plans	66 Or
LIBRA SEPT. 23 - OCT. 23: 34-36-51-53 73-77-78	7 Another	37 Come	67 Through
SCORPIO OCT. 24 - NOV. 22: 13-18-30-33 49-63-84-87	8 Gossip	38 Others	68 Nothing
SAGITTARIUS NOV. 23 - DEC. 22: 5-6-9-22 24-27-72	9 Affection	39 View	69 Rewarding
CAPRICORN DEC. 23 - JAN. 20: 35-39-54-59 62-67-89-90	10 And	40 Today	70 Pleasant
AQUARIUS JAN. 21 - FEB. 19: 14-19-26-31 48-76-80-81	11 Offer	41 To	71 Contact
PISCES FEB. 20 - MAR. 21: 15-17-56-57 60-71-82-88	12 Attend	42 You'll	72 Love
	13 A	43 Some	73 Don't
	14 You	44 Nice	74 Act
	15 Someone	45 Discover	75 News
	16 Church	46 Help	76 Some
	17 Important	47 To	77 Become
	18 New	48 To	78 Upset
	19 Must	49 Or	79 Indicated
	20 Take	50 Don't	80 Distasteful
	21 Don't	51 Go	81 Situation
	22 For	52 Something	82 You
	23 May	53 Wrong	83 Repeat
	24 Somebody	54 A	84 Adventure
	25 Rumors	55 Surprises	85 Them
	26 Face	56 Would	86 Today
	27 You	57 Like	87 Possible
	28 And	58 Or	88 Today
	29 Depend	59 Trying	89 Rose-colored
	30 Romantic	60 To	90 Glasses

Good — Adverse — Neutral — 6/5/55

BPA Plans for $25,500,000 Construction Program Told

Washington — (U.P.) — Plans for a $25,500,000 Bonneville construction program were disclosed in testimony by Dr. William A. Pearl released Saturday by the House appropriations committee.

Dr. Pearl, chief of the Bonneville Power Administration, told the committee that the construction program was designed to expand consumer service facilities to handle new federal power capacity now coming on the line. The program would begin July 1.

Asks $15,355,000

BPA asked the committee for $15,355,000 in construction funds for the next fiscal year and plans to supplement that with ten million more in unexpended balances.

Dr. Pearl said BPA's overall program for the year would cost some $32,000,000 but that it would need only $22,000,000 in new appropriations.

Most of the money will go for continued construction of transmission facilities already authorized but Dr. Pearl said there would be about $6,000,000 left for new works.

One of the biggest projects would be the 108-mile, 345-kilovolt transmission line from Big Eddy to Bethany. It will carry power from The Dalles dam to the Portland area. There would also be additions to the Roundup and La Grande substations to give an interconnection with Idaho Power company at La Grande.

A second 10-mile, 115-kilovolt transmission line would stretch from Bethany to Forest Grove to serve that city as well as McMinnville and the Tillamook county People's Utility District.

Autopsy Shows Small Girl Choked To Death

Portland — (U.P.) — An autopsy Friday showed that two-year-old Patricia Taylor of Portland died after a bean became stuck in her windpipe.

The girl died Thursday afternoon at a local hospital after being strucken with convulsions as she was playing with white beans at her home.

Cause of death could not immediately be established.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor.

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