

Fight for Control Of Western Pacific Railroad Shaping

New York — (UPI) — A bitter railroad war has broken out among the western rail giants for control of a relatively small carrier, but the stakes are big.

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by Alice Brooks

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The Western Pacific Railroad Co. has only 1,200 miles of mainline track, but its strategic location in California provides a lucrative rail link eastward.

The two major contenders for control of Western Pacific are the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co. in Chicago and the Southern Pacific Co. in San Francisco. Meanwhile, other interested roads are lining up behind one or the other of these two carriers in an effort to tip the balance in the struggle.

Part of Through Route

Western Pacific, headquartered in San Francisco, forms an important part of a through route from the Pacific Coast to Chicago.

The Santa Fe, which has no such central route eastward, connects up with the Western Pacific in California.

The Southern Pacific has main trunkage eastward via Ogden, Utah. Though shorter than the competing WP's route which terminates at Salt Lake City, the right of way is steeper and therefore less efficient.

Consequently the Southern Pacific is fearful that if Santa Fe gains control of Western Pacific it will cut deeply into its California traffic to and from the East.

The Santa Fe, at the moment, appears to have the edge in the battle. It owns 20 per cent of WP's stock and also has the support of the Great Northern which owns about 8.6 per cent of the WP's outstanding stock. In addition the WP management is supporting the Santa Fe's bid.

SP Owns 10 Per Cent

Southern Pacific owns 10 per cent of WP shares and the Union Pacific, which is supporting SP, recently said it has bought 9.9 per cent of the carrier's stock.

Southern Pacific also has picked up the support of two other western railroads — the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Co. and the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad.

This week the ICC held preliminary hearings on the conflicting claims and is expected to fix a date sometime in the spring or summer for a full ICC hearing on the complicated matter.



ON ELEPHANT RIDE—Prime Minister Prince Boun Gum Na Champassak of Laos rides atop an elephant during a festival near the site of a 13th century Buddhist temple. Sharing the rattan seat with the Prime Minister is one of his nephews. On the elephant directly behind, is U. S. Charge d'Affaires John Holt. (UPI Telephoto)

Engineers of Area To Observe Week

The Rogue Valley Section of the Professional Engineers of Oregon will observe National Engineers Week starting Feb. 19.

The annual observance is sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers, with which the Rogue Valley group is affiliated. The observance is designed to bring to the attention of the public the role of the engineer in society and his vital function in furthering scientific achievements, technical progress and public welfare.

The week of George Washington's birthday is traditionally chosen since the first president of the United States was himself a notable civil and military engineer.

"Engineering—a career of opportunity" has been chosen as the theme for this year's observance. The Rogue Valley

Section of Professional Engineers of Oregon is acting on this theme in encouraging high school students to take up engineering as a career.

During the summer, the Rogue Valley engineers take high school students on tours of construction projects. The local engineering group also gives two or three scholarships each summer to high school juniors who attend a three-week series of introductory engineering courses at Oregon State college.

The summer session encourages high school students to take engineering courses during their senior year.

Lester M. Stinson, Medford, is president of the Rogue Valley Section of the Professional Engineers of Oregon. Terry Hercher, Medford, has been appointed chairman of the observance of National Engineers' Week.

Feeding the Family

By ZOLA VINCENT
Food Editor

Washington Split Pea Soup Is Menu Treat

Few realize that nearly all of our country's split peas are grown in a relatively small area located in eastern Washington and adjoining Idaho; in a strip 25 miles wide and 60 miles long. Split peas are a top soup making favorite. They are an exceptionally good buy, nutritionwise and budgetwise.

Split peas enjoy great popularity in soup because they break up easily during cooking; need no soaking. Most packages have recipes for easily prepared split pea soup, usually beginning with a ham bone with chopped onion added.

Soup Variations

Instead of using a ham bone, cook one-half to one cup chopped ham with the split peas. Or use ham broth in which ham has been cooked in place of ham bone and water. Frankfurter rounds are often served with split peas.

For a thick soup, put split peas through a sieve before adding the meat from ham bone or other meat. Mix two teaspoons flour with a little water and stir into the soup; boil one minute, stirring constantly.

Salt pork, bacon, tomatoes and other good old time-tested baked bean flavorings offer further variety. Personally, we're partial to a generous squeeze of lemon juice.

Cinnamon Toast

Short cut for cinnamon toast is to blend one cup butter or margarine, two cups brown sugar and one tablespoon ground cinnamon thoroughly; makes two cups spread. Store in refrigerator. When cinnamon toast time comes, toast one slice of bread under broiler, turn and spread with cinnamon butter, then return to broiler for a few seconds to heat the cinnamon spread. Aroma will bring family to breakfast fast.

Cinnamon toast is highly esteemed with tea at tea time or anytime.

Sausage-Peach Loaf

A meat loaf, well seasoned and baked with canned cling peach halves is a treat to both eyes and palate; is a budgeteer's delight. Six servings like this:

- 1/2 cup fine dry bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 2/3 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon sage
- 1/2 pound bulk pork sausage
- 1 pound ground lean beef
- 6 canned cling peach halves

Tomato catsup

Combine crumbs, milk, lightly beaten egg, salt, sage and pepper. Blend with sausage and beef. Shape into loaf about 4x8 inches and make six indentations for peach halves. Bake in moderate oven, 350 degrees, one hour.

Fill well-drained peach halves with catsup and place in top of meat loaf. Return to oven and bake 30 minutes longer. Cut in squares with peach on each serving.

Fruited Lamb

This fruited and baked breast of lamb is a bargain beyond compare. Eight servings that will give unusual eating pleasure.

- 6 pounds breast of lamb
 - Salt
 - 4 medium-size apples, cored and sliced
 - 4 medium-size oranges, sliced
 - 2 cans (1 pound 4 ounces each) crushed pineapple
- Sprinkle lamb with salt. Place lamb on rack in shallow roasting pan or use broiler pan. Bake in moderate, 350 degree oven, 30 minutes. Drain off drippings. Add apples, oranges and undrained pineapple. Bake all, uncovered, 1 hour and 15 minutes or until lamb is tender.

Change in Ham Styles

Administrations change, fashions change, the weather changes. Ham, the popular cured, smoked portion that grows apt on the pig changes also in style, catering to the consumer. We attempt to bring order out of the confusion of ham designations.

There are only two kinds of ham sold in most retail stores today. They are: fully cooked or cook-before-eating hams. Your meat packer today is branding hams with one or the other of these terms for your easy reference, quick choosing.

Fully cooked hams can be served cold without further cooking. Or if you prefer, they may be reheated in all of the customary ways. Canned hams are also fully cooked and may be served cold or reheated according to desire of the hour.

Cook-before-eating hams require additional cooking before being served.

When it comes to styles, there are bone in, skinless, shankless (only the shank removed and the meat skinned and trimmed of excess fat); semi-boneless; boneless; boneless-skinless (shaped into rolls) and canned ham which are

also boneless and skinless. All of these are available in various sizes.

Refrigerate all hams at 40 degrees or lower. Like all meats, ham is best when used promptly. It is not recommended that ham be frozen.

Vegetable leaders are potatoes, onions, green and red cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, winter squash, turnips, rutabagas. Lettuce seems to have weathered the recent storms very well; is of excellent quality, reasonable in price. Winter tomatoes are surprisingly good; featured at lower than usual for time of year.

February fruits are limited in variety to apples, avocados, bananas, grapefruit, grapes, oranges, lemons. For other varieties, there are many good canned "specials".

Meat and poultry situation remains about the same. Lamb quality is excellent.

Fish and shellfish offer menu variety with cod, Dungeness crabs, fish sticks, flounder, halibut, oysters, rockfish, sablefish, salmon, scallops and shrimp.

Condemnation Suit Filed by State

A condemnation suit has been filed by the state highway department against five persons and an insurance company for several parcels of land near Ashland for Highway 99 freeway right-of-way. The complaint, filed in Jackson county circuit court, is against Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Van Vleet, The Prudential Insurance Company of America, and Kathryn B. Neil.

The property involved totals 39.915 acres, for which the state has listed \$16,425 as the true cash value. There are seven parcels of land involved ranging from .015 acre to 25.66 acres.

The land is sought for construction of the freeway, frontage roads, and realignment of the Southern Pacific Railroad company's facilities in the Seven Oaks-Neil Creek section of the highway and for the south Ashland interchange.

WELFARE HEARING

Salem — (UPI) — The second round of hearing on the Oregon public welfare controversy will be held here Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. House Speaker Robert Duncan, Medford, will again preside.

Conditions in Red China Described At Ashland Event

Ashland—More than 100 members of the Siskiyou Knife and Fork club were alternately amused and alarmed by the address of Dr. No-Yong Park Tuesday night.

The speaker presented an analysis of conditions in the Orient, while maintaining a philosophical viewpoint.

Although Dr. Park, a graduate of Harvard university and a naturalized American citizen, claims to be no modern Confucius, he possesses a pungent wit and a facile tongue plus a keen understanding of political affairs. Dr. Park contrasted conditions in Red China with those of affluent America, describing commune life that now supplants the ancient way of Chinese family tradition, painting a vivid picture of destruction and forced labor.

Warns Against Propaganda

He warned against the current propaganda that conditions in China have been improved under Communism.

"If you would find happiness, pack up your bag and go not to Hawaii or Florida, but to an underprivileged country and live among and like the natives," advised the speaker, continuing "If you want to taste the blessings of Paradise, slip down and feel the heat of inferno."

He differs sharply with the new administration on its approach to recognition of Red China, saying that China ought not to be allowed to shoot its way into the United Nations, and adding "Who says China wants to come into the U.N.? She is doing very well on the outside with Russia attaching from the inside."

Foreign aid he labeled as "a fabulous fraud" that makes for enemies and could better be carried on by dozens of other agencies if this country is so anxious to assist. He remarked that were he the President his first proclamation would be to cut off every foreign aid dollar.

The paradox of misery in the midst of plenty, of abundance in America, and the futility of materials rather than

spiritual wealth were stressed by the speaker. "Real happiness cannot be taken like a package," Dr. Park said. "It is a do-it-yourself project. It cannot be handed down to your children and grandchildren." He recalled his only boyhood toys, shells picked up on the seashore, as contrasted to the surfeit of the average American child, who has so much that he is discontented with everything.

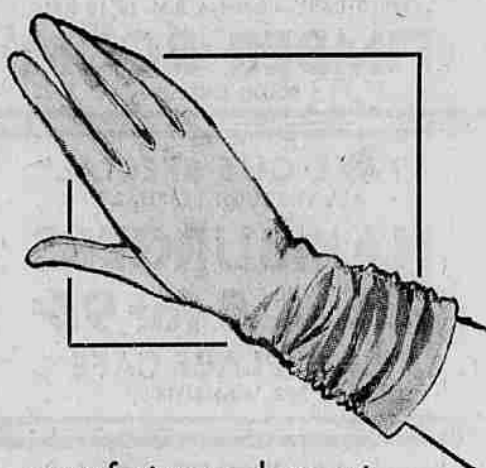
During the question and answer period the speaker discussed the Formosa problem and expressed the opinion that any threat of invasion would prove Red China's Waterloo. He also declared that U.S. defense of land-locked Laos would be "an extremely dangerous venture."

Dr. Park was introduced by

the club vice president, Richard Herndobler, who announced that the next regular meeting of the dinner club will be March 9 in the Mark Antony hotel when Oliver Aubrey, investment banker, will speak on "How to Protect

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