

STAND AGAINST S. P. RAILROAD IS COMMENDED

High Freight Tariffs Declared Out of Reason

HARD FIGHT NEEDED

Resident Upholds Views Voiced Against Espee Corporation--Says Community Has Stood Too Long for High-Handed Policies of Road. Herald Will Continue.

The following letter, which reached us this morning is recommended to the attention of those interested in the subject discussed. The writer brings up many ideas that are deserving of careful attention, and The Herald hopes they will be acted upon. But whether they are or not, this paper will continue its labors, depending upon, as the writer so aptly puts it, "the sovereign people of this community." With their unstinted support--and The Herald is going to need every bit of it--this paper will fight on, confident of the ultimate victory that must, because of such co-operation, come to crown its efforts in the tasks it has assumed.

My Dear Editor--Anent your article, "The S. P. Congratulation" and especially congratulations to Klamath Falls in having found one man fearless enough to come out openly about the wretched condition of our (?) railroad. Truly, yours must be a lion in his den. All these years we have been paying top prices for lowest services, and meanwhile the Southern Pacific, looking down upon us from its impregnable heights of robbery, tightens the shackles that keep us bound hand and foot, and smilingly sends us back to our little city of Klamath Falls as nincompoops--people not even to be considered. Anyone who has ridden on trains knows that every word you say in the editorial is true. Those who pay freight know and feel the charges on our (?) branch line is simply a grand hold-up and robbery, because there is no one to champion our cause.

There may be those among us who pay freight under present extortionate rates, and who paid it in the days of wagon freighting. These will verify the fact that, on the average, the wagon freighting over a distance, say of seventy miles, was just as cheap as our present railroad freighting, with this difference, that we received our merchandise in good condition, or if perchance, it was damaged or soiled, we were not obliged to wait six months or a year to have things righted, and we were not forced to wade through a mile or more of endless red tape.

Of course, we can blame ourselves in a great measure for this condition of affairs. We were too busily engaged taxing ourselves for new court houses and exhibiting our bravery in the fight for sites. We wasted our strength beating each other to the ground, with the result that the Southern Pacific found us "easy ones" to be victimized. The officials of the company, very intelligent men when it concerned their own pocketbooks, were keen enough to see that so long as we fought among ourselves, we would be too weak to combine to battle them in their unjust demands and poor service. And who knows but that they, unseen, supplied the fuel for our internal dissensions, and still unseen, today continue to add to that fuel. True, the officials have from time to time paid us a visit, and their visits were always heralded with headlines as a great boon. They rode behind the engine that brought us to Klamath Falls, but who ever saw them sitting in our dirty, smoke-bazed, whiskey-reeking smoker, endeavoring to have a quiet puff on their 50c Havanas between the jostles of the drunks coming from Dorris. Oh has anyone ever seen them in our sitting car, endeavoring to read by the light of the candle-lamp--now freezing, now sweltering? No, they rolled in in all grandeur, comfortably housed in their private cars, and dined by their private porters and chefs, and they left us to report that everything was prosperous (for the S. P.) on our (?) Klamath Falls line.

You say very truly, Mr. Editor, that the time has come for the Klamath Falls people to force, if necessary, the S. P. company to make a 100 per cent improvement on our (?) line. Ours, because we have paid for it over and over again in uncalculated high rates.

Your editorial will undoubtedly go by the waste-basket, both in Klamath Falls and in the S. P. main line, unless the merchants and city and county officials unite to fight. If these do not do their duty, then the sovereign people of this community must gather round you as their champion to force the issue, and they will guarantee that the S. P. will not force you out of business because of your present stand. I am not for government owned railroads, nor do I favor hold-up by mighty corporations. Please do not refer the matter to any Interstate Railway Commission--that's a farce, created for and by the railroads at the people's expense. Yours in Justice to All

LOCAL MAN GUILTY ON FEDERAL CHARGE

PORTLAND, Feb. 11.--T. J. Driscoll of Klamath Falls, indicted by the grand jury for disposing of liquor to Indians, was sentenced to serve 60 days in the Multnomah county jail and to pay a fine of \$100 and costs by Judge Wolverton Saturday. Driscoll entered a plea of guilty and the court imposed the minimum in view of the fact that it was his first infraction of the law.

WOOL GROWERS BODY COMPLETE

PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION SAYS PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION IS NOT TO ANTAGONIZE CATTLEMAN BUT CO-OPERATE.

MERRILL, Feb. 10. (Special).--The final organization of the Klamath Wool Grower's Association was effected at the Gale school house last evening, when upwards of a hundred men who are directly or indirectly identified with the sheep industry gathered for the purpose of joining in the final steps taken to launch the association. President Hammond expressed the feeling of the meeting when he said:

"The purpose of this organization is not to antagonize the cattle interests, or any other interests. We are simply organizing for the promotion of the welfare of our members and for the purpose of co-operating with the cattle men so as to prevent for all time any friction that may interfere with the harmonious relations that we, as sheepmen, are desirous of seeing maintained between us and all other interests. And to that end every member is urged to lend his earnest support."

The by-laws and constitution were adopted, and provide for, in addition to a president and secretary, for a vice president and an executive committee of five, two of which shall be the secretary and president. The vice president and executive committee were elected last evening.

The officers of the organization, as now constituted are: President, Eugene Hammond; vice president, Daniel B. Murphy; Secretary and treasurer, C. G. Merrill; executive committee, M. P. Barry, Dennis O'Connor, and Charles McCarthy.

BILL FORTY HAS BECOME A LAW

MEASURE WHICH WAS INTRODUCED BY BALDWIN TO INSURE IRRIGATION IS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

Bill number forty--which was introduced by Senator Baldwin providing for the irrigation as well as drainage of the Lower Lake marsh lands, has been passed by both houses, signed by the governor and is now a law. It was a question under previous conditions whether the marsh land owners could irrigate their holdings legally after they had been drained, but this matter has now been definitely and satisfactorily settled. W. S. Slough representing the Klamath Drainage District here made a trip to Salem during the early part of the session in behalf of this measure.

CONVENTION OF ELKS MIDDLE OF COMING AUGUST

Several Thousand Live Boys to Visit City

THREE DAY MEETING

Active Preparations for the Biggest Event in History of the City Are Now Under Way--Unusual Convention Features to Be Introduced for Visitors' Entertainment.

The dates of August 14th, 15th and 16th of this year are going to be memorable ones in the history of Klamath Falls and Southern Oregon, for these are the dates set for the State Convention of the B. P. O. E. This matter has just been decided at a Portland Conference from which Past Exalted Ruler E. B. Hall and Trustee Clarence Underwood returned last evening. From now on the preparations for this mammoth event are going to be on here in full swing and from all indications there will be several thousand of the live ones of Oregon, who will gather here for the big event.

A petition will be made to the Southern Pacific Company for special rates of a fare and a third to Klamath Falls from all parts of the State. An effort is to be made to bring in Past United States Exalted Ruler, Benjamin Raymond from California for an address at this time.

Street dancing here and a big barbecue on the shores of the Upper Klamath Lake are among the features planned for the occasion. These will take place on the fifteenth. It is planned on the last day of the affair, after the big street parade and closing ceremonies, to take the visitors in a body by auto down thru the beautiful Klamath Basin before their departure via Crater Lake.

Among other matters discussed at the Portland meeting was the formation of a state organization for finding employment for soldiers in various towns through the state. Dr. H. W. Toney of McMinnville introduced this measure.

Dr. W. S. Kennedy, president of the state organization, also proposed a plan for forming a "Victory night celebration." His proposals were adopted and when the soldiers all return each lodge will set aside an evening to do honor to returned members.

TEACHER GUEST LAST EVENING

FRIENDS OF YOUNG LADY WHO LEFT FOR FRANCE THIS MORNING, GATHER FOR FAREWELL PARTY

In honor of Miss Adelaide Dampier, who left this morning to do hospital work in France, a number of her young lady friends gathered for a farewell evening last night at the White Pelican Hotel where she has made her home. The crowd danced and sang songs until a late hour and everyone reports a fine time. The following were present, Misses, Rieth, Head, Deggendorfer, Wells, McCourt, Weeks, Lee, Mills and Mrs. Barlow. This morning Mrs. E. B. Hall gave the departing teacher a farewell breakfast at the Hotel. Miss Dampier has made a large number of friends during her few months residence here as teacher in the High School, who regret to see her leave, and hope to have her back again.

STATE HEROES MAY GO THRU COLLEGE FREE

SALEM, Feb. 11.--A bill has been introduced by Senator Pierce which provides that the State pay the expenses in the Oregon colleges of the men who served in the army and navy in the present war. A favorable report from the committee seems assured.

ARRIVES TO VISIT BROTHER.

Earl Templar, a brother of Wellington Templar of the Klamath Auto and Machine Company of this city will arrive this evening for an extended visit from Antioch, California.

GARDEN ARMY TO BE FORMED

LIBRARY CLUB PLANS TO ESTABLISH ORDER TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION AND IN STILL THRIFT

The regular February meeting of the Woman's Library Club will be held Friday afternoon at the club rooms. At this time there will be a discussion of the organization of the United States Garden Army among the children of Klamath Falls. The Federal Government, through Franklin K. Lane of the Department of the Interior has authorized the Bureau of Education to put into operation a plan to establish supervised school and home gardens in every community. The purpose is to increase food production, to train our boys and girls in thrift and industry and to extend the garden work now being carried on by school children. It is the plan of the government to enlist every school child in this movement, and it is hoped the enthusiasm of Klamath Falls children can be aroused.

Mr. R. H. Dunbar, City School Superintendent will be present at this meeting to help in any plans of organization of the United States School Garden Army.

COUNTY AGENT NOW ON DUTY

MAN WHO WILL ASSIST KLAMATH FARMERS TO WORK OUT THEIR PERPLEXING PROBLEMS HAS BEGUN HIS TASK

The new County Agriculturist Agent E. A. Thomas has arrived in Klamath Falls from Berkeley and is prepared to undertake his new duties, which he feels are going to be strenuous. He was met here by Mr. Kaddery of the O. A. C. Extension division, who is somewhat familiar with the work here and who went over the situation with him yesterday.

In Mr. Thomas, the county is fortunate in the choice of a selection, if previous experience is to be considered as a factor one of his locations being in San Luis Valley, Colorado, where the altitude is 7,000 feet and general conditions similar to those here. Mr. Thomas sees a big lot of labor ahead in aiding to smooth out the problems in an agricultural way, which have handicapped and bothered the farmers and stockmen for many years. He talks practical business sense and is certainly enthusiastic over his work. Previous to coming to Klamath Falls, he held a position at the Federal Land Bank at Berkeley.

PEACE CONFEREES MAY CHANGE LOCATION

PARIS, Feb. 11.--Teachers in removing the peace conference to a neutral country is now a possibility, owing to the obstructive policy of the French press and the officials.

WEST BENEFITS BY REPUBLICAN LAST VICTORY

Sinnott Slated to Head Public Lands Committee

OF VAST IMPORTANCE

Big Land Problems, Including Homesteads for Returning Soldiers, Will Come Before This Committee. Many Other Gains for the West Are Included.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.--(Special).--While the question whether the Congress will be summoned in extra session by the president after it adjourns on March, 4th is still a matter of speculation here the weight of opinion among the wise ones about the Capital is that there will be an extra session called before the regular session would meet in December. Many think this session will be called sometime in May.

Republican success last November will help the Pacific Coast states in the matter of chairmanships of important committees if the present seniority rule continues to control the selection. This now seems likely in the House. This means a great deal for the West because the West, the great undeveloped section of the country has so few votes relatively in the House because of its population. Chairmen of committees like officers in an army wield more influence than mere members or privates.

At present the Coast has two chairmanships on so called "minor" committees. John Raker of California is Chairman of Woman's Suffrage Committee and C. C. Dill of Washington of Mileage Committee. The coming House will be Republican so Raker will be replaced by some Republican--Frank Mondell of Wyoming is ranking of senior Republican member of that committee and so in line for the chairmanship. Dill was defeated in November. However the Coast will not lose the chairmanship if it goes to Rep. John Elston of California.

There will be many clear gains for the West. Rep. John L. Nolan of San Francisco is ranking Republican on Patents committee; Burton L. French of Idaho of the "Committee on Disposition Useless Executive Papers" and Addison T. Smith of the same state will probably be chairman of "Alcohol Liquor Traffic Committee." Rep. Albert Johnson of Aberdeen Washington ranks on both Immigration and Territories. He is said to prefer immigration as some very important legislation may come before this committee during the coming Congress. Should Rep. Johnson select immigration it would leave Charles F. Curry of California senior member on Territories and so probably keep both chairmanships on the Coast.

The Chairmanship of the great committee on Military Affairs will probably go to Julius Kahn of California--who it will be remembered for generations held up the hands of the Democratic administration in the great battle for the selective service law, when Champ Clark, Dent and other leading Republicans opposed it, but perhaps the greatest gain for the Western country is the probability that Congressman Nick Sinnott of Oregon will be chairman of the Committee on Public Lands, a committee second in importance to none so far as the West is concerned. The big land problems coming before Congress are referred to this committee and these increase every year. The bill for homesteads for returning soldiers should it cover swamp and cut over lands as well as acid lands might come before this committee. Sinnott was not only born and raised in the West and knows at first hand the roles and trials of the homesteaders but is ranked among his associates as a master of land-law second to no

one in Congress. He has the happy faculty of making friends instead of enemies out of his opponents on matters of legislative policy and is a sturdy defender of the interests of Oregon and the West.

BILL WOULD REQUIRE TWO MONTHS NOTICE BY TEACHERS

SALEM, Feb. 10.--Teachers in Oregon who desire to cancel a contract made with a school board must do so before 60 days of the date on which the contract becomes effective, providing the senate upholds the action taken by the house in the passage of Representative Dodd's bill, which extends the time limit from 30 to 60 days.

RETURNS FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

Judd Low has returned from San Francisco where he has been taking a course in the Exide battery plant, previous to entering this business in Klamath Falls.

KLAMATH REDS BUILD HOMES

WHITE MAN'S TEEPEES DESTINED TO PRODUCE SIGHS OF ENVY BY PALE FACES, WILL BE BUILT ON RESERVATION.

That a very large number of houses will be erected by the Indians on the Klamath Reservation during the coming year with a part of the big half million appropriation recently made by Congress, is announced here today.

This improvement will be under the Supervision of Roy H. Bradley, who has charge of construction for the Indian Department and who has been here for some time working with the Indians on their new plans. Up-to-date bungalows and houses are to be constructed in all instances. It is stated that the proposed residence of Joe Ball, will be the most extensive, the estimated cost of this structure being \$5,000. Most of the other houses will range in price from \$1,500 to \$3,000.

The Klamath and Modoc Indians residing on the Reservation here are the most progressive of any of the Indian tribes. Large numbers of them engaging in the stock and lumber business have showed the same business ability as their white brothers with whom they come in contact.

BILL WILL PASS AT SIX PER CENT

BALDWIN'S GOOD ROAD MEASURE BELIEVED CERTAIN TO PASS LEGISLATURE WITH AMENDMENT REDUCING LIMIT

That the new good roads bill which has been recently introduced by Senator Baldwin in the State Legislature and passed, will go through the House, where it is expected to come up early this week, with a six percent limitation, is the belief of E. B. Hall, president of the Klamath County Good Roads Association, who had a conference with the two legislators on his way back from Portland. The bill was originally introduced by Senator Baldwin providing that the road bond limitation be raised from two per cent to ten per cent, allowing people of the different sections, the option of voting whatever they might see fit up to ten per cent of the county valuation for road improvement. The Salem representatives from this district who have been pushing the matter are confident that the measure will pass with six per cent as the limit but see no hope as the matter now stands of getting it beyond that point.

JAPS THREATEN WAR ON CHINA TO HOLD PACTS

Would Prevent Chinese from Baring Old Treaties

GRAVE APPREHENSION

Unexpected Attitude of Japanese at Peace Conference is Making Things Look Serious--Chinese Loath to Give Out Secrets Their Neighbor is So Anxious to Keep.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.--The attitude of Japan toward China at the Peace Conference is causing grave apprehension among the other powers.

Japan has virtually threatened war if China makes public the secret treaties between the two countries and fails to carry out her agreement to make Japan the successor of Germany in the rights property and concession held by Germany at the outbreak of the war, according to official information.

China is releasing her hold on the Peace Conference where her delegates have made an excellent impression and have been seeking the support of the United States and England. When the Chinese delegates arrived in Paris, they reported that their copies of secret treaties had been stolen from their baggage on coming thru Japan and that consequently they could not make them public.

PARIS, Feb. 11.--The Committee appointed to study further the complex problems raised by the Armistice Supreme Council has postponed the adoption of the conditions to be imposed on the Germans.

ALL STRIKERS BACK AT WORK

WITH EXCEPTION OF FEW STRAGGLERS, SEATTLE WORKMEN RESUME THEIR DUTIES. BIG MOVE WAS FAILURE

SEATTLE, Feb. 11.--The last of thirty thousand sympathetic strikers returned to their work here at noon today. With the exception of some longshoremen who claim to have separate grievances and consider they are still out, nearly every union man is back at his work.

SEATTLE, Jan. 11.--An attempt of the general strike committee to have all the unions return to work together here failed. Those who were already working continued at their tasks.

BUTTE, Feb. 11.--There were only minor disturbances in connection with the I. W. W. and Metal workers strike here today.

TACOMA, Feb. 11.--Twelve men and one officer left Camp Lewis last night for Butte where they will join forces with the units of the 44th Infantry now on strike duty. All are expert machine gun men. Eight Machine guns have also been sent to Butte.

LONDON, Feb. 11.--All strikers in the Clyde district have been instructed by their leaders to return to work tomorrow.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.--The Alien born anarchists I. W. W. brought from the West Coast have been taken from Ellis Island for deportation. They had a fight with the police on the last boat and as the last boat left the pier, they chanted in Unison "To Hell With America."