

CO-OPERATION WILL DEVELOP LAKE, SAYS FEE

In one way and out the other, is the proper way to route Crater Lake tourist travel, said Charles S. Fee, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, at an informal reception at the chamber of commerce rooms last night, discussing the Crater Lake matter with the ten citizens gathered to greet him.

The railway passenger department had found, he said, that they lost trans-continental business by trying to induce tourists to buy a return ticket over the same route. He long ago instructed agents to sell the tourist the ticket he wanted, and not to attempt to persuade him to travel over the same line going and coming. This, said Mr. Fee, had proved the best policy, and he thought that Medford and Klamath Falls would find it to their advantage in developing the Crater Lake travel to co-operate in an endeavor to route tourists into the lake from one side and out the other.

It was said that the Medford directors of the Crater Lake company and the company itself was pursuing this co-operative policy, but that there was a sentiment in Medford that was still antagonistic to Klamath Falls, and some reports had reached the local chamber of commerce that tourists were advised that the Klamath Falls road to the lake was not as good as the Medford route, and they would fare better if they entered and returned via Medford.

Mr. Fee promised to do all he could to overcome this had policy, both in personal discussions and in future advertising.

This is the first visit of the railway official to Crater Lake in 14 years. He still has vivid impressions of his former trip, and looked forward with much pleasure to another view of the lake's scenic splendor. He said that Klamath county had a unique asset in the lake, and though development of the tourist interest might be slow, he predicted that the day was coming when the lake would be a point on the itinerary of all western tourists. Within his experience, he said, the Yosemite annual visitation had grown from 2,500 persons until this season it is estimated that 80,000 persons will enter the park before it closes.

Asked as to the possibilities of railway extension, Mr. Fee gave his opinion that the railways were in no position to build. He said that finances were at a lower ebb at present than at any time during the 40 years of railroading. Competing auto truck and bus lines were seriously impairing railway revenues, he said. In California the railway commission has just issued an order permitting the Southern Pacific to lay off sixteen local passenger trains in the bay region and Sacramento valley. The roads emerged from government control with their rolling stock and roadbeds impaired and earning power consequently decreased.

Despite all, however, Mr. Fee was optimistic. "We'll come out of it all right," he declared, but he said he foresaw no immediate prospect of construction.

The railway man is traveling in his private car, Berkeley, accompanied by his wife and two daughters. The party left for the lake this morning. The ladies will return to Klamath Falls and go by rail to Medford. Mr. Fee will go by stage from the lake to Medford and resume the rail trip north, with them.

RUSSIANS LIVING ON FLESH OF HOBSES PAPERS REPORT

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—Russian horses, which numbered 38,000,000 before the war, have practically disappeared, having been eaten by the famished population. This was revealed in articles in Russian newspapers published in Moscow, which have been received here by the American relief administration. Classes at the Moscow university are reported to have been dismissed when the students became too weak from hunger to work.

Government Demands Tax From Legion for Post Benefit Dances

A special meeting of the American Legion will be called at 8 o'clock tonight at the city hall for business arising from the dances held last year by the post. One dance was given at the Scandinavian hall and three others at the White Pelican hotel.

It developed today with a visit from O. C. Davis and George G. Howett, federal income tax collectors from Portland, that the dances given were subject to the rulings of the internal revenue department, and demand has been made for the tax.

At the time when the post gave these dances, no idea was entertained by Roy N. Fouché, J. H. Carnahan and Louis Porter, post officers, that a return would have to be made to the government, as profit was not considered, nor was there to be a division of the proceeds. All money derived above expenses was turned into the post fund for books, literature and equipment, stated the post officers today.

Today notice was given Roy Fouché, post adjutant, that \$78 tax and a penalty of over \$40 for non-payment would have to be made the government by midnight. The members are called by the post officers to meet and take care of its emergency.

FREE MARKET TRIAL SATURDAY

The basic idea of the free market plan, trial of which takes place Saturday at the Arcade hotel, is not competition with local dealers in green-stuff and meats, says Chris Blanas, proprietor of the hotel and originator of the plan for a local free market, but stimulation of the growing of vegetables, poultry and other produce that can be distributed through the free market by furnishing the grower with a direct and profitable market for his products.

Mr. Blanas expects Saturday's tryout to prove the feasibility of his plan and is working hard to interest both producers and consumers. He has the co-operation of members of the women's auxiliary of the chamber of commerce and it is expected that a large crowd of housewives will be on hand when the market opens Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. Producers are urged to remember that this is a trial opening and to refrain from offering too much of any one commodity until the market is established. Small lots and the greatest possible variety of products is desired, says Mr. Blanas, in order that the demand for different food-stuffs may be gauged. If the trial Saturday is successful the free market will be held weekly.

Potato growers for instance, said Mr. Blanas, might bring in a few sacks of potatoes, showing fair samples and take orders on the samples for later delivery if the demand warrants. Vegetables of all kinds, chickens, eggs and meat will be offered.

BODY OF FAMED SINGER LAID TO REST TODAY

NAPLES, Aug. 4.—Patricians and plebeians gathered early today to witness the funeral of Enrico Caruso, which was held in the historic church of San Francisco di Paola.

Four hundred singers sang a requiem. Representatives of the royal family and United States officials participated.

POSTAL MESSENGER ROBBED

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 4.—Three bandits held up and slugged Tommy Felaido, postoffice messenger at Wood River, Illinois, and escaped today with three pouches. One of the bags is believed to have contained \$60,000 in currency to the Standard Oil company at Wood River.

SUIT ON NOTES

Suit for the collection of three unpaid notes totalling \$250, given the First State and Savings bank by A. T. Miller was filed in the circuit today.

THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND SUBSIDIZING A NEWSPAPER

(EDITORIAL.)

The eyes of the thinking world are focused on England, and all because one man has sought to defy the will of another. That man is Lord Northcliffe, the world's greatest publisher, the owner of upwards of two hundred publications, among them the greatest newspapers in England. The other man is the "little Welchman," the premier of England, Lloyd George, reputed to be the smartest man in England and recognized as one of the great statesmen of the age.

Yet, great as he is, smart as he may be, he possesses the one frailty that has spelled the doom of men as smart, or smarter, or statesmen as great or greater—sensitivity to criticism. When Lord Northcliffe criticized the plan of Lloyd George to attend personally the disarmament conference, which it is proposed to hold in Washington, the premier winced and in his anger struck back at the publisher, by closing certain avenues of information heretofore open to his newspapers, forgetting that information is not the personal property of Lloyd George, but of his masters—the people. He further forgot that premiers have come and premiers have gone, but great newspapers continue on and will be read and listened to when he is forgotten.

Northcliffe is not the only newspaper man who has had to meet the same fight. You will find it everywhere. Opponents of the free press never hesitate to spend time and money to destroy a newspaper that shows any degree of independence or any disposition to stand up for the rights of the people against the selfish interests of would-be dictators to be found in every community. And no newspaper that has had the courage to fight for what it believes to be right, has ever failed.

The subsidized press is the curse of any community—whether that subsidy comes in the nature of direct financial help, promised patronage or secret support. It is tainted from the pockets of the crook, the dishonest politician, who hopes to hide his misdeeds or find a defender when he is caught, from the small souled business man who seeks control of the voice of the press by his advertising, by the fanatic who can see nothing but the distorted vision of a diseased mind, the dishonest rascal whose only thought is self aggrandizement. Rising from such a source nothing could be honest and if it could exist, then the freedom of the press would be a thing of the past and the light that has pointed the way to everything that has elevated, refined and made permanent human freedom would be lost.

The outcome of the controversy will not decide the relative ability of either man, but it will have its bearing on a greater question—the freedom of the press. To throttle the voice of the press, to bend it to their whims and fancies, to dictate its policy, to control its utterances has ever been the aim of leaders of every nation and every cause. It is a struggle that will continue until the end of time, but never will the day come when the world will be without newspapers to champion the people's rights.

There will never come a day when the Lloyd Georges of the world will silence the voice of the press, for it is the voice of freedom.

Found. Helpless Man Near Ft. Klamath

Dan Wilson, aged 41 years, was picked up in a weakened physical condition near Seven Mile creek yesterday by Ambrose Ambroghetti of this city and taken to the mall launch conducted by Capt. Calkins and brought to this city.

Wilson was taken to a local hospital for treatment for stomach disorders arising while lost in the region near Crater lake last week. Investigation of his mentality was made and it was found he was sane. Wilson was sent to the Klamath county infirmary for treatment. He claims, Vallejo, California, as his home. He is supposed to be the deranged man reported at liberty in the Ft. Klamath region Tuesday.

JUDGE HAMILTON WILL QUIT ROSEBURG BENCH

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 4.—Although the primary election is still nine months in the future, the political pot is already brewing and political circles are beginning to make surmises and predictions based on the present outlook. Judge J. W. Hamilton has announced definitely that he will not again be a candidate.

War on Weeds Makes Progress Says Chief

Property owners whose lots are covered with weeds are cutting them and trying in every way to assist the fire department in its campaign against grass fires during this dry period, said Keith Ambrose, chief of the fire department today.

The business section was being cleared rapidly and as soon as the fire committee reports to the council what means can be taken to relieve the menace in the Hot Springs and second Hot Springs addition, action will begin at once on them. Rolling with a log and the use of a mower were suggested to the fire chief by members of the council, but each suggestion has a drawback. Burning off patches, with a fireman detailed to see that no great headway was gained by the fire, has also been suggested.

Make that idle dollar work! Put it in the bank.

DIRIGIBLE TO FLY FROM ENGLAND TO U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—The monster British built naval dirigible, ZR-2, leaves Howden, England, August 25th for Lakehurst, New Jersey.

Sinn Fein Reports Ulster Reply Not Favorable to Peace

BELFAST, Aug. 4.—The Ulster cabinet met today in a short session, but no announcement was made regarding the deliberations. It was authoritatively stated that no message from De Valera had reached the cabinet. Reports that Ulster refused to entertain the British government's proposals for peace were officially denied.

DUBLIN, Aug. 4.—There will be a full meeting of the Irish republican parliament, according to official announcement. A report is current that Ulster's reply to the Sinn Fein overtures has been received, and is unfavorable.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—Sir James Craig, Ulster premier, announced that he "absolutely refused to take any side except that of the British empire." "All are seeking peace," he continued, "in their own way, and a foolish word now might cause mischief."

AMERICA WILL TAKE PART IN SUPREME COUNCIL MEET

LONDON, Aug. 4.—Formal invitation for American participation in the allied supreme council at Paris next Monday has been communicated to the American embassy here. Ambassador Harvey and all his staff will leave for Paris Saturday.

MOVIES WIN IN BLUE LAW FIGHT

J. E. Bratton received advice from Pomona, California that the famous "blue laws" closing moving picture houses on Sunday passed last year in that city were declared unconstitutional in court.

A decision by Judge Burnell, of the superior court of Los Angeles county, covering 15 pages declared that he was constrained to hold that the ordinance in question was unconstitutional because it was discriminatory and it was not in the powers of the legislative department to deprive any of the people of the enjoyment of equal privileges under the law, nor could any city be permitted to exercise tyrannical power. The ordinance was unreasonable he said because it prohibits what, in general, is perfectly lawful. It reached and passed the limits of the city police powers.

This decision was going to be fought Mr. Bratton said, by the Civic Betterment League in Pomona, which intended to carry the case to the California supreme court and funds were being solicited to carry on the fight.

When the Irish "Peace Special" Reached London



This picture, rushed from London, graphically shows how enthusiastic was the welcome given De Valera and his aids by Irish sympathizers when the Irish "Peace Special" arrived bringing De Valera to the conferences with Lloyd George. This photograph was snapped in Euston Station, London, just as the Irish train came to a stop. The entire station was one dense mass of cheering humanity.

HAIRCUTS AND SHAVES LOWER NEXT MONDAY

L. J. Bean, proprietor of the Central barber shop, thinks he has correctly gauged the trend of public sentiment and although alone in his stand and faced by possible discipline from the barber's union, today announced a reduction of prices, effective next Monday.

The proposed reductions are: haircuts from 75 to 65 cents; shaves from 35 to 25 cents; shoe shines from 20 to 15 cents.

According to Mr. Bean the average scale on the Pacific coast is 35 cents for shaves, and 50 cents for haircuts. The reduction therefore brings shaving to the general price level. The difference in the price of hair cutting will be justified in the public mind, it is believed, by the generally higher cost of operating here.

Probably no item of cost has been more generally criticized by the public than the local tonsorial prices. Barbers have been getting rapped on every hand. Traveling men have been especially bitter critics and have carried away tales of Klamath Falls barber's charges, probably magnified in the re-telling, that has helped to give the city a lot of bad advertising in the matter of living costs. It is believed that the example of the Central shop will be followed by other proprietors.

Mr. Bean said he did not know what the union would do. The international union maintains the right to establish prices as well as wages, because many employees work entirely on a percentage basis.

Here, however, where there is a guaranteed wage of \$30 a week, and a commission of 60 per cent on weekly receipts over \$41.50, it is doubtful if public sentiment would hold that the employees had valid ground for complaint. The reduction in prices, it is probable, will be offset by increased volume of business and the workers' commission will not be impaired. The \$30 guarantee remains in force until the present contract with the union expires in October.

Medford Reported By Tourists to Be Working Against K. F.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marx of Milwaukee, Wis., William Marx and Paul O'Dowd yesterday drove to Crater lake by the west side route and completed the trip of 185 miles in the day.

William Marx stated that the roads for several miles out of Ft. Klamath were in the finest condition that he has ever known them to be, but from Klamath Falls to Crater lake the approaches to the bridges were in bad condition. In some places, a bank eight to 12 inches high made entry or departure from a bridge unsafe.

In a conversation with J. H. Wise, proprietor of the Ft. Klamath hotel, regarding tourist traffic to Crater lake by way of Klamath Falls, it developed that Klamath Falls was being discriminated against by Medford boosters and business men. Mr. Wise stated that tourists who stopped at his place charged that Medford people when questioned about coming out by the way of Klamath Falls were told that Topsy grade was the only exit from this city and it was practically impassable. Tourists were advised to be sure and return by way of Medford.

Klamath Falls day will be held in Medford on August 10 and local chamber of commerce representatives would doubtless ask explanation of why Klamath Falls is being advertised adversely by the Medford people when they know two routes are possible out of this city, by way of Weed and the Topsy grade.

DIVORCE GRANTED

A decree of divorce of Margaret Lucille Freeman from Guy N. Freeman was entered in the circuit court today. Desertion was the ground for suit.