

The Evening Herald

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FOR FAIR PLAY

THE only place where readers of The Herald will find any expression of the editorial policy or attitude of this paper is in the editorial column.

We are prompted to say them because of certain statements that The Herald is allied with the chamber of commerce in a campaign of propaganda to advance the interests of the Southern Pacific in the railway dispute.

Such criticism is unwarranted and doubly unfair. It is unfair to this paper and unfair to the chamber of commerce.

The contents of the news columns of any paper—and it is so of this paper—comes from many sources. We endeavor, as far as humanly possible, to print the facts.

In the news columns we endeavor in every instance, exactly to identify the source of every statement on controversial topics, so that the intelligent reader may gauge the motives behind it and weigh it accordingly.

We know of no fairer way to open up matters of public concern to public discussion. If both parties to the dispute are honest in their convictions, they will avail themselves of the opportunity to lay their arguments before the public.

In carrying out this policy we open our news columns, without price and without condition except that the source of all statements which we do not know of our own knowledge to be true be clearly identified, to a great deal of matter that is not pertinent, and possibly for that reason misleading.

But it is the reader's privilege, and his responsibility, to estimate the truth and pertinency of all statements. In other words we can furnish our critics material upon which to exercise their reasoning powers, but we cannot control the degree of reasoning that they individually apply.

We are quite willing to share our opinion of the railway dispute with any one who is interested, as far as that opinion is formulated.

We do not believe that it is to the best interests of Klamath county to take any side in this matter. The issues are so involved, the effects will be so far-reaching, that it would puzzle the wisest to decide at this minute the course that will best serve our future destiny.

This opinion is opposed to the findings of the chamber of commerce committee; but we know them as honest men, and believe them to be honest in their conclusions. If they are in error, or if they do not represent the sentiment of the majority, time will rectify the mistake.

The Klamath community, by virtue of the traffic it can furnish, is entitled to transportation service.

It seems to us that instead of relying upon any carrier to fulfill the obligations imposed upon them as corporations operating in the public service that we should insist upon that service as a matter of right, if it is our right to have it.

The interstate commerce commission is representative of all the people, certainly empowered, and presumably competent, to decide the question as to which system can best, most expeditiously and most economically, give us the service we require, and the manner in which it should be given.

And we do not believe that appeal to the interstate commerce

commission on any other than such equitable ground as this will influence them one iota.

This is the opinion of The Herald and the editor of The Herald, in accordance with this opinion, has maintained and will continue to maintain a neutral attitude as long as the question is in a controversial stage.

But he holds it of equal right that others may have differing opinions, and every column in The Herald except the editorial column is open to their free expression.

As regards the advertising columns, space is a commodity we sell. There is no restriction on what the advertiser may do with the space after its purchase, or what he may put in it, providing it does not make this paper a party to the violation of existing laws.

Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Beckley are in town today from their ranch at Fort Klamath.

Alfred Collier of Swan Lake was in town this morning attending to business matters.

L. Hazel Williams, of Portland, arrived here last night and is registered at the White Pelican hotel.

Andrew Collier, R. E. Geary, and J. F. Goeller were out after quail yesterday and report fair success.

W. G. Fortman, an insurance agent, is in town today attending to business affairs from his headquarters in Portland.

L. P. Montgomery was a county seat visitor over the week-end from Kirkford, where he is interested in the lumber business.

Wm. McNealy and T. A. Stevenson spent Sunday hunting deer near Keno. They saw several tracks but no deer.

George Blehn arrived Saturday from Portland and will be in Klamath Falls for the next few days attending to business affairs.

Ben Porden of Portland, a timber cruiser, was here today en route to Lakeview where he will spend several days looking over certain swamp lands.

Fred D. Fletcher locked his law office this morning and started out on a two-weeks' hunting trip. He expects to be back in town about November 1.

D. V. Knykendall, Sam Walker and Claude Daggett left today for the eastern part of the county on their annual hunt, expecting to be away a week of 10 days.

Another wedding Saturday which created a great deal of interest was that of Mrs. Marguerite McGrath Armand to Henry A. Runde of Algoma.

W. H. Denno, who for the past nine months has been driving jitney for the Houston-Kropp jitney company, has accepted a position with the Mecca pool hall.

Frank Burns left this morning for Sacramento, where he will spend several days attending to affairs connected with his lumber interests in that section.

Traffic Officer J. J. McLoughlin, who was injured during fair week, is still confined to the hospital with an injured leg and, according to reports today, would not be fit for duty for about two weeks.

The wedding of Miss Mildred Thrasher and Paul Hilton furnished a surprise to the many friends of the couple Saturday night by the unexpectedness of the event. Both are well known members of the city's younger set, and have spent the greater part of their lives here. The marriage was performed at the Christian church parsonage early Saturday evening and after the ceremony, which was read in the presence of relatives and friends, a wedding supper was served at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Thrasher.

Would Widen Channel Of S. F. Harbor Bar

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14.—A project for widening and deepening the main channel across the bar to San Francisco harbor has been favorably received by many members of congress and the possibility of speedy action is very encouraging, according to Charles F. Curry, congressman from the third California district who has just returned here. "The necessities of commerce in western waters amply justify the expense of the harbor entrance," said Mr. Curry.

CARELESSNESS CAUSE OF FIRES

Three-Fourths of Annual Toll of 15,000 Lives Preventable

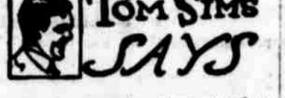
CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—Carelessness is the cause of three-fourths of the annual fire toll of 15,000 lives and property worth half a million dollars, according to George B. Muldrew, general agent of the underwriters' laboratories, in an address broadcast simultaneously from 20 radio stations as part of the observance of fire prevention day, the anniversary of the Chicago fire in 1871.

"The time to put out a fire is before it starts," he said. "No amount of fire extinguishing apparatus can cope with universal carelessness. By the education of the public, industrial organizations and school children to avoid carelessness, indifference and selfishness, the desired result can be brought about."

What do you know about the fire hazards existing in your own house? When did you last go over the house with a view of seeing if any danger exists? Where is the nearest fire alarm box? Do you know how to operate it? What do you know about the condition of your children's school? Is it fireproof? Are they plenty of exits? Has it fire escapes? Do they have fire drills? Are the motion picture theatres to which you and your family are in the habit of going properly protected?

"A clean house is a safe house. Safety from fire is largely a matter of good housekeeping. An annual house cleaning is as slovenly as a weekly bath. The house should be kept clean at all times, not periodically."

"Place fire extinguishers where they may be readily got at and train yourself in their use. Provide yourself with home inspection blanks and see that they are filled out at regular intervals and the information thus obtained placed in the hands of the proper city authorities."



The armen saying they stayed up 35 hours have nothing on prices which have been up for years.

Roses are red and violets are blue and so are we when the coal lamps are few.

Many a dull man acts smart.

Burlesque shows report business much better on account of the longer skirts on the streets.

When people marry for money that is all they get.

Monkey gland operations succeed because the glands are transferred from monkey to monkey.

The man worth while is the man who can smile before breakfast.

A politician on a speaking tour makes many speaking detours.

Only reliable thing about some people is their unreliability.

Many a man who worked up from bottom has a son who is working down from the top.

Bonar Law says Britain cannot police the world alone. Well, Ireland is policing America.

In Russia, retail trading is done with wholesale money.

Love nests hatch plots.

Letters from the People

SAVS RAIL ATTITUDE SHOULD BE NEUTRAL

Langell Valley, Oct. 16, Editor Evening Herald:

Note in late edition of your paper that the committee of chamber of commerce have gone on record as favoring Southern Pacific control of Central Pacific properties, giving several reasons for so doing but not seeming to take into account the possibility of operating the properties by joint ownership and operation. President Spruille of the Southern Pacific sometime ago came out with a statement that jointly operated lines would be a detriment to the country served, requiring duplication of shops etc. I believe that this statement made before a body of railroad men would be met with ridicule as there are at the present time many miles of jointly owned and operated lines that are serving the public with 100 per cent service.

At the present time we have two large systems seeking to gain control of Oregon and California traffic. Why go on record as favoring any particular system? We must admit that the service and rates have been beyond comparison and have had a strangling effect on our county. Let any one system gain control and we will suffer as before from lack of competition. In the central west once one has let it become known that they contemplate a trip of any distance they will have representatives of all the systems visit them, giving all the data needed as to the trip and the beauties of their routes. Could not but note the difference here, when one has to present oneself at a certain time, stand in line and receive the most meager information. This is not the fault of our local office as they have no time to go into details, and cannot possibly keep posted up; but the lack of competition, which allows the railroad people to cur their local force to the minimum. And as long as they have no competition they will continue to so operate, being as they are a soulless corporation, a body of men who are employed to see that every dollar spent brings a certain return. If it is not forthcoming presto, change, another man takes his place. So if the dear public think that the large sums being spent to influence public opinion on the unmerger question is for their benefit and to protect their interests would suggest that they take another nap. Possibly they would have better dreams. It would seem that Klamath county is in a splendid position with two large systems fighting to gain control. This old proverb still holds good, "when rogues fall out, honest men get their due."

And, believe this is the time for us to set on the fence and sit them on. We cannot possibly suffer worse service, and we stand to win. I cannot forget the months of haggling in previous years to get a reduction of freight rates, and the recent effort to get reduction on rate on potatoes, which shows that now that things of vital interest to the railroad are at stake they only need presentation to the proper official and a question of a few hours turns the trick. Completion surely has had its effect, or rather fear of competition. As long as things are coming our way, let them fight.

H. J. TECKNOR.

\$1000,000 Is Given for College Improvement

SAN JOSE, Calif., Oct. 16.—Appropriations amounting to more than \$1,000,000 for constructing a gymnasium, swimming pool, tennis courts and a nassembly hall at the San Jose Teachers' College are to be asked of the next legislature, he requested.

ARMY AIRPLANES SPOT 400 FOREST FIRES DURING 1922

EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 14.—From July 15, 1922, when the United States army airplane patrol of Oregon forests began, until October 1, 1922, when it ceased, the airplane observers spotted approximately four hundred fires in different parts of the western section of the state, according to a report made by Colonel Lowell Smith, commandant of the 91st aero squadron, stationed here during that period.

During that period, the machines spent 65 hours in actual flying time and traveled over about five million square miles of timber, according to the report.

No member of the squadron lost his life during the summer's work and only two planes were wrecked on landing fields outside of Eugene. The local municipal aviation field has been leased by the government as a permanent base for the airplane forest fire patrol.

To Poultrymen

We are making up a carload of Poultry Feeds Oct. 20 and to those who place their orders with the cash we make the following prices:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Egg Mash, Scratch Feed, 00% Meat Scrap, 50% Meat Scrap, Ground Bone, Grit, Oyster Shells, Charcoal.

Murphy Seed Store

224 SOUTH SIXTH ST. PHONE

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October 20 Is the Last Day To Submit Your Essay. Subject: "Why the Mis-Named Compulsory Education Bill should be defeated." The following are the rules of the contest. 1. Essays must be limited to 500 words. 2. Must be written in ink and on one side of paper only. 3. Mail all Essays to Essay Contest, Box 427 Klamath Falls. (Letters will be delivered unopened to the Board of Judges). 4. No Essays bearing a post mark later than Oct. 20th will be accepted. 5. Essays will be judged on subject matter and construction, spelling, punctuation, grammar and neatness of the work submitted. Judges of contest will be: F. R. SOULE, Herald Editor; CHAS. F. STONE, Attorney; REV. H. T. MEYER, Lutheran Minister. For the best essay on the above subject a cash prize of \$20.00 will be given. For the second best essay \$10.00 cash. For the third best essay \$5.00 cash. The above contest is being conducted by the Catholic Civic Rights Association of Klamath County. D. H. CRUMP, Sec'y. Manager.

Everybody Watch This Space. Advertisement for Liberty Theatre featuring 'The Hands of Nara' and 'Orphans of the Storm'.

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