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THAT MERRILL MEETING

In the interest of justice, accuracy and common decency it is due the people of Klamath county to inform them that the so-called railroad meeting at Merrill last night was not a representative gathering; that the expression voiced by a mere handful of people cannot possibly be taken as the expressed will of the people of that thriving community.

The citizens of Merrill have been placed in a false light before the eyes of their fellow men. The Merrill meeting last night was called by an avowed Southern Pacific partisan solely for the purpose of "endorsing" the latest vagrant promise of that Prince of Promisers—the Southern Pacific.

The meeting last night was attended by approximately 20 persons, including children. The chief speaker was the Southern Pacific champion—the same man who, the night before, sought vainly to sway the Malin farmers to repudiate their former resolution of confidence in the Oregon Trunk.

It will be remembered that less than three short months ago another meeting was held at Merrill; a meeting which was attended by more than 300 persons, and at which authorized speakers for the Southern Pacific addressed the people of that community. At the conclusion it was voted, almost unanimously, to encourage the Oregon Trunk, or any other railroad, which sought entry to Klamath county. There was none of the unfair partisanship as displayed by that group of people last night.

It is only fair to the people of Merrill to expose this crude attempt of the Southern Pacific to make it appear that Merrill was unanimously back of the Southern Pacific, with its many and conflicting promises. Twenty people—including children—called together by an admitted partisan of the Southern Pacific should not have the effrontery to pretend that it can represent that community.

Admitting for the sake of argument that the people of Merrill might possibly be blinded by the latest bit of Southern Pacific hypocrisy, in simple justice to the great majority of Merrill people who knew nothing of last night's quiet little party, let this clarion-toned spokesman for the Southern Pacific call a public mass meeting in the community hall and there reiterate or repudiate its former stand in this matter of railroads.

Because we have taken exceptions to the misleading Southern Pacific statement recently issued over the signatures of fourteen lumbermen, The Klamath News has become very much exercised. It claims we have appointed ourselves the spokesman of the Northern lines, very much to the embarrassment of those railroads. The News seems to have lost sight of the fact that our editorial policy is not controlled or influenced by any railroad or other corporation, nor are its editorials written by the paid publicity men of the Southern Pacific, as in the case of the one under discussion. Of course, if we had a Power corporation that was willing to take care of our finances, or if we had a railroad company that was an owner of some of our stock, we might feel under obligations to let their views find expression through the columns of our paper. But since that is not the case, we feel that our only obligation is to the readers of The Evening Herald. That our course meets with their approval—and theirs is the only one we are interested in—is evidenced by the continued increase in the circulation of this paper—a circulation that is paid for by the subscriber and not by the California Oregon Power company and the Southern Pacific company. A newspaper that becomes the paid instrument of private interests and permits its columns to be used for the presentation of false facts, occupies a position in the field of journalism similar to that of a quarantine hospital in a community and that is why we must perforce extend our sympathy to those who have to bear the odium of the reprehensible course now being pursued by The News.

BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY
Windows in Men's Shop Are Credit To Any Community

A window display which would be a credit to any community was unveiled last evening at Men's Shop.

The latest modes in fall and winter wearing apparel are on display, with back grounds painted by G. L. Baxter, who has proven himself an artist of unusual ability. Crowds gathered in the store today for the official fall opening.

New Items Of Interest From Oregon Cities

EUGENE PARENTS MEET

The first meeting of the fall term of the Eugene council of the Parent-Teachers association was held at the office of City School Superintendent Jones in the city hall yesterday afternoon.

Plans for the annual reception to the superintendent and teachers were made and it was decided that instead of a night affair at the chamber of commerce, as has been the custom, to hold it in the form of a tea on some Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. P. L. Poindexter made a report on the recent state meeting, which she attended.

Mrs. R. M. Day, vice-president, presided at the meeting in the absence of Mrs. John Gilfrer, president.—Eugene Register.

MEDFORD MAN ILL

The condition of William Hanna, who recently underwent a serious operation in a Portland hospital, was reported yesterday as very grave. When his condition was thought to be favorable, and he was seemingly recovering from the effects of the operation, he suffered a hemorrhage and yesterday an operation and transfusion of blood was performed in an effort to save his life. No word from Portland as to his condition had been received up to press time today.—Medford Mail-Tribune.

DEER HUNTER SHOT

Lewis Ludtke of Nehalem, is in the Kelzer hospital at North Bend as a result of being shot through both arms by Robert E. Starr, his son-in-law, while he was carrying a deer on his back. The accident occurred Saturday evening shortly before dark seven miles east of Gold Beach.

Three men in the hunting party, Ludtke, Starr and C. H. Hanson of Tillamook, spotted three deer and separated in an effort to hunt the bucks. Ludtke succeeded in getting one of the trio and was carrying it over the hill on his back. Starr, mistaking the buck on his father-in-law's back for a live one, took two shots which passed thru Ludtke's arms near the wrists. The injured man was taken to the hospital Sunday.—Marshfield News.

NEW TREASURER NAMED

Mrs. Grace Schiska, who recently resigned her position at the office of Judge George A. Gilmore, city recorder, will be the new county treasurer taking the place of Miss Edna Ward, who leaves the services of the county in October, having recently submitted her resignation.

It is expected that the appointment of the new treasurer will be made as soon as the county court meets to sign the order.

Mrs. Schiska has been employed at the city recorder's office for the past eight months since appointment at the first of the year. Mrs. Schiska is also a former city recorder of Eugene.—Eugene Guard.

DISLIKES WORK

"Have you got a rock pile gang, or a road work crew for your fall-birds in this town?" was the first inquiry yesterday of one John Burke brought to police headquarters on a charge of drunkenness and possession of liquor.

"Good," he exclaimed, upon being informed in the negative by acting desk sergeant Louis Ison. "This city won't get any of my money."

Burke was arrested on a downtown street by Traffic Officer Edwards. In his possession was found a bottle of denatured alcohol and a second bottle containing a mixture of soda pop and alcohol. He had \$18 with him, but he made it plain to the desk sergeant that as long as he would not be required to work during his incarceration in the city jail he would "lay out" any fine that might be imposed upon him.—Salem Statesman.

ASHLAND CHIEF MAY QUIT

Rumors were prevalent yesterday afternoon that Chief of Police Geo. McNabb was about to resign his position as head of the city police department. When interviewed, McNabb declared these rumors were correct, in part, that for a time he had been considering resigning, but this morning he declined to make a statement as to whether he would continue in office or not.

The trouble which has arisen is believed to be over the arrest of the two women alleged to have been involved in the petty thieving ring which was broken up by McNabb last week. These women were taken to Jacksonville Sunday night by Sheriff Ralph Jennings but were released the next day, following their arraignment.—Ashland Tidings.

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FROM OLENE

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Tax Reduction Bill Planned

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 19.—A bill to reduce taxes by \$350,000,000 will be prepared by the ways and means committee of the United States House of Representatives this fall and submitted to Congress for action, according to Congressman W. C. Hawley, who is visiting here.

The proposed reduction would be equally divided between the income and excise tax, Hawley said.

Legislation and appropriations wanted by the electorate of his district are being discussed by Hawley on his trip through the state. He will leave for Washington, D. C., on October 8.

Judge Leavitt Is Asked to Confirm Bonds of Project

Judge A. L. Leavitt was this morning asked to confirm the sale of \$20,000 of bonds authorized by the Willow Valley Irrigation project.

Before the way can be cleared for the irrigation project the law states that the circuit court must confirm the sale of the bonds. Petition for the confirmation was filed in circuit court this morning. The bond issue was undertaken to finance improvements on the district.

Complacency of Klamath Public Surprises Board

"Apparently everybody is satisfied," Bill Lee, county assessor remarked this morning with a shrug of the shoulders.

Lee, a member of the board of equalization, which convened six days ago for the purpose of adjusting complaints on taxation, reported that but one small complaint had been considered by the board.

"Guess we will remain in session for four more days and then call it a session," Mr. Lee explained.

The board of equalization is composed of County Assessor Lee, County Clerk C. R. DeLap and County Judge H. H. Bunnell.

Eggman Hearing On September 25

September 25 has been set for the preliminary hearing of Wilbur Eggman, Klamath Indian rancher on Sprague river, who is charged with having assaulted Monroe Faithful with a knife on his ranch as the result of an argument over ownership of cattle.

Eggman was released by United States Commissioner Bert C. Thomas under \$1500 bond. Lee Corbett and Lena Lewis appeared as his bondsmen.

Faithful, who was stabbed in the heart, is reported to be recovering, and will soon be discharged from the Klamath Valley hospital.

Burroughs Agent Back from Meeting

I. K. Traynor, local representative of the Burroughs Adding Machine company, returned to Klamath this week from the Burroughs convention at Detroit.

This convention, according to Mr. Traynor, was one of the largest ever held by the company. It was attended by the all star salesmen and the agency managers from all United States and Canadian agencies, as well as special representatives from Mexico, China, Brazil and other South American countries.

At the convention Mr. Traynor attended numerous sessions for the discussion of the latest and most progressive business methods and practices, and it is his intention to pass this information along to the business men here.

On his trip, Mr. Traynor was accompanied by L. W. Woodin, agency manager from Eugene.

FROM MERRILL

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Kaylor spent the greater part of the day here on business matters from their home on the Merrill road.

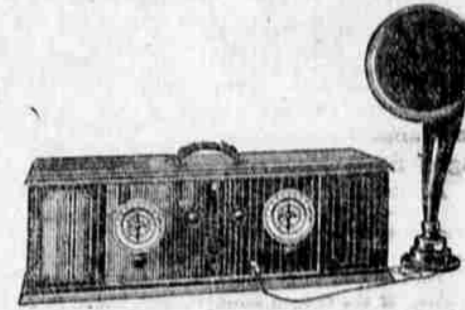
STEWART'S
WASHINGTON LETTER

BY CHARLES P. STEWART
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON — Aviation has been placed decidedly on the defensive in this country by the failure of seaplane PN-9 No. 1 in the at-

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tempt to fly from San Francisco to Hawaii, by the failure of heavier than air craft to accomplish the most important part of the MacMillan expedition's mission in the Arctic, and especially by the Shenandoah disaster.

The dirigible is far harder hit than the plane, so much so that it is quite likely that a full stop has been put to its development in the United States, at any rate for the present.

Public confidence even in the plane certainly has been considerably shaken.

Not only were army and navy flyers looking forward hopefully to very kindly consideration of their plans by congress next winter, but a strong movement was afoot in the interest of a government subsidy for commercial aviation.

The army and navy men may still get, more or less, what they want, but an extremely black eye has been dealt to the argument that airships have rendered surface fleets obsolete for sea warfare.

The subsidy advocates contend that an impetus simply cannot be given to commercial flying by any other means. The recent setbacks, however, have not improved their chances of convincing the national lawmakers of its desirability.

The possibility exists that two hands strengthened by what has been happening—Col. "Billy" Mitchell, who insists that aviation is being mismanaged by both army and navy and that a separate government department ought to be created for it, and Capt. James V. Martin, who maintains that American flying craft are now what they ought to be because a monopoly controls them and discourages improvements by independent inventors.

"It's a punishable offense," says Capt. Martin, himself a master mariner, "to send a surface ship to sea without an adequate supply of fuel—not merely enough, but a safe margin—for her port of destination. Yet this is just what was done with the PN-9 No. 1.

BEND PEOPLE HURT

When the automobile driven by Mrs. Arthur Prevost struck a soft spot in the Bend-Sisters highway near Sisters early Sunday afternoon, the machine turned over, injuring Mr. and Mrs. Prevost and Henry W. Paape, Mrs. Paape, also an occupant of the car, was not injured. Injuries suffered by Mr. and Mrs.