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## MILLIONS FOR OBSTRUCTION

When the announcement was made about six months ago that the Northern lines planned on coming to Klamath Falls, the Southern Pacific declared that it would be a wilful waste of money to build a second railroad into this city, because the present and potential tonnage would not justify it; that its coming would be destructive competition; that all of the new business that might be developed, together with that which might be diverted from the Southern Pacific, would not be sufficient to pay interest on the investment. These and many similar reasons were advanced by the Southern Pacific to justify its opposition to the entrance of the Northern lines.

Startled by the almost unanimous demand on the part of the people that the Northern lines be granted permission to build, the Southern Pacific changed its tactics and had recourse to its time-worn practice of promising first one railroad extension and then another, until the expenditure for these extensions mounted to the huge sum of approximately \$21,000,000. But with each promise was made the condition that it would not be subjected to "destructive competition," which means that the Northern lines would be shut out.

If the present and potential tonnage of the Klamath district was not and will be sufficient to pay dividends on the cost of the Northern line extension from Bend—roughly estimated at \$8,000,000—where is the Southern Pacific going to get the business to pay dividends on the \$21,000,000 it is willing to spend to keep this district under its exclusive control? Is it not a wilful waste of money to spend \$21,000,000 to accomplish what \$8,000,000, or a little more, will accomplish? If the business in this district is so great that the Southern Pacific can afford to waste over ten million dollars to control it, expecting the shippers to pay freight charges high enough to pay dividends on this waste, then is it not sufficient to justify the expenditure of eight millions by the Northern lines, with the certain resultant of lower freight rates, better car supply, wider markets and greater development?

It is one of two things: Either the Southern Pacific never intends to spend \$21,000,000 in railroad construction in this territory, if it succeeds in heading off the Northern lines, or it was misrepresenting the facts when it first sought to convince the people that there was not sufficient business in this district to justify the entrance of a second railroad.

The motto of the Southern Pacific seems to be, "Millions for obstruction, but not one penny for development."

Did you notice the lack of public notice that surrounded the meetings at Malin and Merrill? When similar meetings were held in those towns last June, everyone knew about them. Not so with this latest move of the Southern Pacific. Only a few hand-picked sympathizers were let in on the secret. Even at that the Malin meeting reiterated its demand for the Northern lines. What sort of an indorsement was secured at the Merrill meeting has not been announced.

### CENTENNIAL PAGEANT TO RECALL WESTERN PIONEERS

LAFAYETTE, Ind.—Descendants of pioneers who blazed a trail and came through the wilderness more than a century ago will take part in a pageant featuring the Lafayette-Tipppecanoe centennial, September 27 to 30.

More than 3000 persons will participate in the spectacle showing the growth and development of Lafayette since its foundation by Robert Johnson, a tavern keeper. The battle of Tippecanoe, marking the breaking up of Indian power in western Indiana, will be shown in pantomime. The celebrators also will honor the hero of Tippecanoe, William Henry Harrison, who later became president of the United States. Tippecanoe battlefield, now a state shrine, is but a few miles from here.

Lafayette was named after Marquis de Lafayette, the French nobleman, who aided the colonies during the Revolutionary war.

### SEEKS SUITABLE OWNER FOR FREAKISH NEW HOUSE

SEATTLE, Wash.—A house five feet nine inches wide at one end and 16 feet at the other was built on a lot 16 by 130 by 11 here this summer by A. B. Wark, contractor. An ordinance requiring the house to be in line with others on the two streets it faces was the reason the structure took the shape of a flatiron, Wark said.

The dwelling contains three fan-shaped rooms. In the rooms a disappearing breakfast nook, a receding bed and a vanishing iron board were installed. The basement has a combination laundry and garage.

Wark said he was trying to find somebody the house would fit so that he could sell it.

### McDONALD ARRIVES

A. A. McDonald of the R. A. Pilscher and company store, returned last night from Portland and was accompanied home by his son, Archibald, who will be affiliated with his father here in business.

No Wonder He Boils Over Occasionally



## Stewart's Washington Letter

BY CHARLES P. STEWART  
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON.—No prosecution ever went into a case with less enthusiasm than the war department goes after Col. "Billy" Mitchell, for the reason he gave the army's and the navy's management of their respective aviation services.

And no wonder, for here's a situation in which the prosecution is on the defensive, with the accused, quite indifferent as to his own fate, but after a verdict of guilty against his accusers.

The worst of it, from the war department's standpoint, is that Col. "Billy" can't lose, no matter how the case ends. The war—and navy—departments can hardly do anything else.

Suppose the colonel's vindicated. That means he wins, and he can win only on the ground that what he said about aviation was justified—a frightful pair of black eyes for the war and navy departments alike.

On the other hand, suppose he's found guilty of insubordination and even deprived of his commission.

In that event he's a martyr, a mighty popular one, too, and those who made him one are correspondingly unpopular for doing so.

The war department will try to disregard what Col. "Billy" said and concentrate on the proposition that the way he said it was what made

it insubordinate. The colonel will admit that he was insubordinate, perhaps, but insist insubordination was a patriotic necessity, because the country's welfare depended on the broadcasting of the truths he had to tell.

If the war and navy departments could show that American aviation really is up to snuff they wouldn't have so much to fear, but Mitchell undoubtedly can prove the air inferiority of the United States to France, England and Japan, at least.

The question, "How does this happen?" arises naturally, and Mitchell's answer, "Official incompetence," comes in very pat.

He may not be able to make out his whole contention—that aviation has rendered surface fleets obsolete and surface armies nearly so.

But he can make out enough of it—that our two flying services aren't what other countries' are—to get the war and navy department's goats.

WASHINGTON.—But for the fact that transportation facilities are ample in the United States, considerable part of the govt would be on the eve of as genuine a famine as ever gripped China, according to arrivals in Washington from the drought belt, described as extending roughly from the southern Virginia and North and Carolina coasts through most of Georgia, Alabama,

Mississippi, Louisiana and into Texas. That it has been a dry season in this region is no news, but if reliable eye witnesses' stories are to be believed the situation's real seriousness is only just beginning to be revealed.

Not only have crops suffered heavily, but in some sections it is declared that good trees are dying, to such a depth is the earth completely dried out.

Small lakes and numerous fairly large streams have disappeared so completely that their beds are deep in dust and buzzards are eating dead fish from them.

References are made to Texas ranchmen who are shooting their livestock, too emaciated to sell and doomed otherwise to a slower death from lack of food and water.

Many Georgia farmers are feeding small brush for their other stock. Towns are mentioned which are bringing in their water supplies in tank cars.

The situation has the recompense, the boll weevil can't stand such dry weather much better than the cotton can. The boll weevil distinctly is a wet, without moisture he dies.

That's what he's been doing lately, at a prodigious rate. Indications are that next year he'll be scarce.

Later on he may increase and multiply again, but his absence even for a single season will be a blessing. It will mean, given an adequate rainfall, a good 1926 cotton crop, at any rate.

News from Bulgaria, King shined his own shoes. About the only king left who really knows how to shine.

### The Old Home Town



## FROM ALL OVER OREGON

Bits of News From Towns Throughout the State

### WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING

#### NEED MORE MOTORISTS

Although the response of the motorists of Bend has been generous, 25 more members of the Oregon State Motor association are needed if the local office is to be kept open this winter, report George H. Wyckoff and W. C. Finley, representatives of the association, now in Bend.

As a result of the recent campaign for members, 15 more Bend motorists have joined the association. Aside from maintaining a branch office here, the A. A. A. gives its members free towing service, and provides visiting members with information. Miss Nell Market is in charge of the information bureau in the Pilot Butte Inn.

The membership card of a member of the association is accepted in lieu of bail for a traffic violation.—Bend Bulletin.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE WED

Mr. Virgil Paxton and Miss Irene Brady were united in marriage last Friday evening at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. N. A. Nichols. Both young people are very popular among the younger set and have a host of friends in the city. Mr. Paxton is associated with the Lakeview Electric company while the bride conducts a beauty shop at the Home Supply company store. A merry carivari party was held Saturday evening in their honor.—Lakeview Examiner.

#### SENT TO COLLEGE

Money has been raised for the transportation of four Oregon deaf students to Gallaudet college, Washington, D. C., according to announcement by the state board of control today. The students are Hilda Hughes of Salem, Theodore Erickley of Sherwood and Lois J. Palmer and Alice R. Campbell of Portland. Half fare has been allowed by the railroads, or \$75 for each student. For Miss Hughes the Salem Professional and Business Women's club raised the money and for the other three the money was loaned in Portland. Under a legislative appropriation of \$400 for each of the four \$20 a month for maintenance will be allowed each. Their error in the act the money was appropriated for tuition but this has been allowed by the college through scholarships, and the board of control, taking a broad view of the matter, will allow the money to be used for maintenance. Mrs. R. E. Bondurant of the institutions committee of the State Federation of Women's clubs secured the loan in Portland.—Medford Tribune.

#### ASHLAND MATRON DIES

Mrs. Ida Alice Luke died this morning at her home on Seelye Drive at 3:00 o'clock. Mrs. Luke was 64 years of age and was born in Shakopee, Minnesota. She has been a resident of Ashland for two years and has many friends here. She is survived by a husband, R. J. Luke, a son, S. W. Luke, and a daughter, Mrs. Leta Davis. The funeral date will be announced later.—Ashland Tidings.

#### PROSPECTORS FLOCK

A great flock of prospectors is presented by the Power river copper zone and they are not slow to take advantage of it.

All the way from the base of the Elkhorn range of mountains east along the belt to Snake river there are claim hunters, but more especially between Clover creek and Goose creek where the outcroppings are more marked the camp fire of the prospectors is seen smouldering and his camp equipment near by while the energetic claim hunter is busy to find a place to set his stake.

In the Eagle creek section, too, the prospector is trying his fortune in seeking both copper and gold.

At Medical Springs where several splendid prospects have been found and are being developed, others are trying to find a surface showing that will justify tunnel or shaft.

All over the country north of Baker there is mining activity and a showing that is encouraging to the hardy prospector and miner.—Baker Democrat.

#### DATE IS SET

Roll call for the Lane county chapter of the American Red Cross will be held for 16 days, from November 11 to 21, it was announced today by Miss Grace Norton, Red Cross secretary. The roll call includes the renewing of memberships and the receiving of donations for the Red Cross work.

A mass meeting of the chapter members will be held to start the annual roll call, and discussion of plans for this meeting will be the feature of the regular monthly meet-

ing Monday, October 5. At that time a committee will be appointed to lay plans for the 10-day activities, Miss Norton states.

L. P. Corbett, new Red Cross director for Oregon, has been here conferring with members of the local chapter on plans for the event. Of the 31 members \$25.50 goes to national headquarters in Washington for use in relief work in time of disasters, Miss Norton states.—Eugene Guard.

#### PERMITS CONTINUE

Building permits for three new residences were granted today at the office of W. H. Alexander, city building inspector.

The following permits were granted: Residence and garage, 1444 Twenty-Third avenue east, cost cost \$2000; Oscar Conroy, owner.

Residence and garage, 1959 Tyler street, cost \$3500, Ruth Danford, owner.

Residence, 1440 Twenty-Third avenue east, cost \$2100, Geraldine Mauteaux owner.

Remodeling residence, 943 Washington street, cost \$500, H. D. Roe.—Eugene Guard.

#### HIGH IS CROWDED

An additional room and an additional teacher are necessary, according to City School Superintendent Hedrick, to take care of the overcrowded condition of the high school.

A room of sufficient size and in the proximity of the building is being searched for and several are now under consideration. The teacher to be employed, will handle classes of various courses.

Latest tabulations place the high school registration at 456, a total 10 per cent higher than at this time last year, 100 of this number being members of the senior class, one of the largest ever on record.

At present in the large assembly and its balcony, only desks for the seniors and a portion of the Juniors are available. Other students are quartered in various cell rooms in the building.—Medford Tribune.

#### GOLDIE MILLER IMPROVED

Goldie Miller was able to resume her position with Moe's shop today, after being confined to her home for the past week with a severely infected throat. While not completely recovered, she is very much improved. Within a short time Mrs. Miller plans to have her tonsils removed.

#### FROM MALIN

Charles Kenyon motored in from his ranch at Malin to transact business matters here today.

#### MOTOR TO WILLIAMSON

Mrs. H. G. Wortley, Mrs. Rhoda Tompkins and Jim Kline enjoyed a motor trip to Williamson river on Sunday.

#### MISS BRADBURY LEAVES

Miss Maxine Bradbury left Sunday afternoon for Eugene where she will enter the University of Oregon. She was accompanied as far as Medford by her father, R. E. Bradbury.

#### STAFF HERE

Bill Staff of Medford is among the valley visitors here today. Mr. Staff is connected with Copco and will transact business here.

#### ELLIOTT RETURNS

After an absence of three days, District Attorney E. L. Elliott returned from Eugene, where he accompanied his daughter, Miss Nell Elliott, who has entered the university to take up a course in business administration.

#### IN FOR THE DAY

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sutton of Miller Hill are in the city today shopping and transacting business matters.

#### MRS. DALTON HERE

Mrs. Dehlla Dalton is in from her home at Malin today on a shopping trip.

SAN PEDRO, Calif.—When Uday Singh, Hindu, was lodged in the immigration jail here to await deportation, he told officers he would lose caste if his turban were taken from him, so they let him keep it. The unwound turban dangling from a second story window of the jail told how Singh and Julian Erroa, Spaniard, also awaiting deportation, had escaped after loosening the barred window with a smuggled monkey wrench.

#### Look

Mrs. Wm. Bessler, furrier, formerly of 825 Washington St., has moved to 436 Klamath Ave., between 4th and 5th St., next to Moose hall.