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Letters From The People

EDITOR EVENING HERALD:

Believing that it is only right and proper that the question of railroads in Klamath county be discussed by all branches of business, agriculture as well, I venture to express the opinion of an ex-station agent, and now just plain farmer. Having been in the service of the Penna R. R. Co., for nine years it is inconceivable to me that there is place in our country that would refuse to support the idea of additional railroad facilities. Can it be that Klamath county will again make its people the laughing stock of the whole country (as in the court house fight) by doing what no other country or section has ever done to my knowledge,—refuse to accept added transportation facilities.

Have heard the statement made by our representing lumber interests that we could not expect better service should we get additional railroads. Speaking from nine years experience in the east where we had to compete with three other large systems for business, would say Klamath Falls not or never will know the meaning of service as pertaining to railroads until there is added transportation. Why is it that it is cheaper to ship freight to Dorris, Cal., truck it from there to the Falls, than to ship it direct.

Why is it possible to start out in an auto from Medford or Klamath Falls and beat a passenger train into Portland. Why is it that for years we were unable to gain the smallest concession in the way of rates or better service? Why is it that all of a sudden there is nothing that is too good for Klamath county providing we do their bidding. Now brother farmer these are things to think about. We should not blame the management of the system. They are hardhearted business men, making the capital entrusted to them produce the largest revenue possible. But we must blame ourselves if we do not use our best efforts to change conditions which we know are wrong. Take the statement that if competition was allowed to enter the field, the present system would not consider further expansion. It is logical that with their large investment already there they would sit idly by and see the vast tonnage moved by their competitor. It is not logical that it would spur them on to even greater efforts to retain the business. The question was asked at a meeting if there was another area as large as this without competing railroads. It was admitted there was not. But that Mexico was fertile ground for expansion of S. P. funds would say granted. But we live first of all in U. S. A. secondly, in Klamath county. And do not consider that in our argument. Why is it that the state of California has grown and prospered as never before, only since it was removed from the grasp of our system. Southern Oregon and especially Klamath county has served them long and well. We have paid all the bills. Let us use our best efforts to make this a better place to live.

Yours truly,
H. J. Ticknor.

New Items Of Interest From Oregon Cities

LANE DISPLAY PLANNED
Arrangements are being made this afternoon by George E. Love, past commander of Eugene post of the American Legion, to have a display of Lane county products prepared for shipment to Omaha to be exhibited during the annual legion convention from October 5 to 9. The Lane display will be part of an Oregon exhibit that will be forwarded free of cost by the railroad companies as a publicity feature for the state. The products will be used for an all-Oregon banquet to be held at the close of the convention. Mr. Love is conferring with the Eugene Fruit Growers association to obtain some of the products of the local plant for the display.—Eugene Guard.

RATE WAR STARTS
A passenger rate war involving fares to the Oregon state fair over all lines entering Salem was developed between railroads and stages, with the railroads having the upper hand so far, but the stages expected to make another play before the fair opens next Monday.

The stage lines filed with the public service commission an excursion schedule of fair and a third for round trip which has been the usual practice. To beat this the Southern Pacific and the Oregon Electric company today came in with a schedule offering round trips

over all their lines into Salem for the price of a one-way ticket, which is a big cut under the special stage rates.—Salem Journal.

RUSH PAVING WORK

This is fine weather for paving operations, says Harry E. Devereaux, city engineer, and all the contractors are using every endeavor to complete their jobs before the rainy weather sets in.

E. C. Wilfert, who has the contract to pave Thirteenth avenue west from Lincoln street to Monroe street will start pouring concrete today, said the engineer, and George W. Reed, who has the contract to pave Onyx street from Twenty-first avenue to Twenty-fourth avenue started surfacing yesterday.

Stein Brothers have two crews at work on Agate street and Oscar Snow is paving the intersections on Charnelton street. The Head Construction company is again working on Villard street.—Eugene Register.

GRANTS PASS HOPEFUL

The high school football season opens on Saturday when the locals will clash with the high school eleven from Klamath Falls. The deep gloom which settled upon the brow of Coach Brown the first night of practice has not yet been dispelled as he will be forced to go into the opening game with a number of men who have never played before. Reports from Klamath Falls of a husky aggregation of lumberjacks is doing little to relieve the worry of the local mentor and he

has been pushing the boys hard. There has been a practice period of less than two weeks and there is little hope of getting the team in first-class shape for the opening game.

The lumberjacks will know that they have been playing after mixing with the locals, who are full of fight even though they lack the needed experience. An effort was made to postpone the Klamath Falls game but this was unsuccessful. Officials have not been named for the contest but these will be selected within the next few days.—Grants Pass Courier.

ROLD BARBECUE

Members of the Masonic lodges of Coos county were guests at a big venison barbecue at Port Orford Sunday and it was reported that over two hundred and fifty attended from all over the county. The Port Orford lodge furnished the venison and the barbecue was held on the beach.

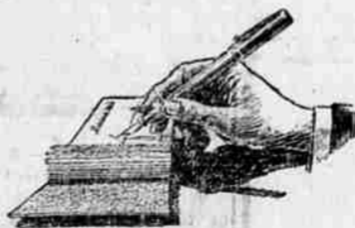
D. R. Chaney, Grand Secretary of the State, was one of the main guests at the barbecue. Those attending from Marshfield were Messrs. and Mesdames Dan Orr, Carl Evertsen, A. P. Davis, Hugh Barclay, Arthur Blanchard, A. B. Gidley, Dr. Ira Bartle, Charles McKnight, Norris Jensen and Walter Asplund.—Coos Bay Times.

LOS ANGELES.—Charles Ray P. Dias, Inc., organized to produce motion pictures featuring the actor, Charles Ray, was adjudged bankrupt in federal court.

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WANT NIGHT POLICE

A large delegation of business men of the city visited the council last night with a plea for the appointment of a special police officer to guard the business district. The merchants offered to pay one-half of the officer's salary, and asked the city to pay \$50 per month toward maintaining the officer.

A. A. Wilder acted as spokesman for the party, stating that the district which it is proposed to have the special officer guard extends along Sassa and Jackson streets from the Penny store to the Douglas hotel. Mr. Wilder stated that the businesses in this district pay of 50 per cent of the city tax and because of the value of the territory feel the need for greater protection.

The special officer, according to the plans of the merchants, would work under the chief of police, and would make his rounds of the district every thirty minutes.—Roseburg News Review.

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