

I. C. C. ORDERS NEW RAIL LINE

Crane-Crescent Lake
Petition In Favor
With Board.

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sented but he held the commission had the power to direct the construction but that the use of it in the case under consideration was not justified. Commissioner Woodcock dissented without comment.

U. P. Will Fight

It is considered certain that the commission's decision ordering the Union Pacific to construct the new route will be taken into court, in view of the opposition the Union Pacific has evinced to undertaking the work.

The line would run from east to west across the center of Oregon and would link up transportation lines which now operate chiefly on the east and west borders of Oregon. The commission remarked that a line "across Central Oregon has long been a desire of people of that state," while the area to be traversed was said "probably to constitute the largest area within the United States without rail facilities."

Acted Within Rights

Several railroad arguments questioning the right of the commission to order a common carrier to extend its line were reviewed, and the majority decision, in spite of statements of dissenting members, specifically stated that under existing law "we find that authority has been vested in us to authorize or require the construction prayed for."

Development Hampered

"The view of the public service commission of Oregon is that the development of central and western Oregon is being seriously hampered due to the absence of an east and west line of railroad across the state," the commission commented. "Traffic now originating in western Oregon and destined to eastern points must move either south or north before eastward movement begins. It is urged that Oregon's development has been held back and seriously hampered by lack of direct routes."

Traffic No Bar

Majority declared, however, that "case after case might be cited where applications of carriers for certificates covering construction under less favorable circumstances as related to probable traffic, revenues and public benefits than are present in this case have been granted."

Since railroad undertaking to build have been allowed to go forward where earnings on contemplated investment were in doubt the commission said "there can be no justification for denying appeals of the people for relief and for reasonable chance to develop a great state."

Cost \$9,000,000

The order directed construction started on or before July 1, 1930, and completed by July 1, 1932. The Oregon commission estimated the cost of the construction desired to be about \$9,000,000, but railroads oppos-

ing the project estimated the cost of the construction desired to be \$11,000,000, and inserted testimony indicating a return on that investment would not be earned.

U. P. Strong Financially

The commission, however, in determining the Union Pacific should undertake it, declared the new line, while not profitable of itself, might justify its cost by acting as feeder to the main trunk and that in view of the strong financial position of the Union Pacific, that company could make the expenditure without "impairing the ability of the carrier to perform its duty to the public."

Public Necessity

"We find that extension of the rail line of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company, now terminating at or near Burns, Oregon, from the station thereon designated as Crane to connect with the Cascade line of the Southern Pacific by the Oregon-Washington Navigation company is reasonably required to the interest of public convenience and necessity," the commission held, "and that facts justify an order requiring such an extension to be constructed. As previously shown, the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company is owned by the Oregon short line which in turn is owned by the Union Pacific. In view of these facts it is expected the cost of construction will be financed by the Union Pacific."

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 13. (AP)

—Construction of the Crane-Crescent Lake line, ordered today by the Interstate Commerce commission, will complete the railroad construction program initiated by the Oregon Public Service commission in 1923. H. H. Corey, member of the Oregon commission, said today. Corey was mainly instrumental in starting the movement. He said the new road would give all Oregon and western Idaho market outlets in all directions.

Corey Lead Fight

"The news received from Washington, D. C., this morning carrying the information that the Interstate Commerce commission had issued its order in the Oregon public service commission complaint case which requires the construction of a line of railroad from Harrison near Crane, Oregon to Crescent Lake, Oregon, a distance of approximately 155 miles is indeed gratifying to all who participated in this long and arduous battle," Corey said.

All Carriers Defendants

"In the complaint filed by the Oregon commission which made all the carriers of the state of Oregon defendants, the prayer was that the Interstate Commerce commission order the construction of a line of railroad to be constructed from Oakridge to Kirk, Oregon, known as the Natron cutoff; also a line from Bend to Klamath Falls; and a line from Crane westward to connect with the line from Bend to Klamath on the Natron cutoff in the vicinity of Crescent Lake, and that a line be constructed from Harrison to Burns and a line from Lakeview to connect either at Klamath Falls or north-west to connect with the cross state line."

Will Complete Program

"It will be noted that this entire program is practically completed or in the course of completion with the exception of the cross state line, Crane to Crescent Lake, which is now

ordered to be constructed.

"The completion of these lines will give all Oregon and western Idaho market outlets in all directions and it will open the entire state to the consuming markets of the east and to the Pacific markets, ports and terminals, whereby heretofore unserved territory may ship their products to the markets of the United States and foreign countries and establish a more direct route east for more than \$900 million feet of timber which must reach eastern markets in competition with lumber from the neighboring states of Washington and California, that heretofore have had the benefit of the shorter haul."

Idaho Utilities Board Gratified

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 13. (AP)

—Construction of the Crane to Crescent railroad across south central Oregon, ordered today by the Interstate Commerce commission, will open a short route from southwestern Idaho and eastern Oregon to coast points that will be worth a "vast amount" the Idaho public utilities commission said today. In addition it will permit rapid development of the south central Oregon country and give western Oregon timber territory a shorter through haul to eastern markets.

Fulfills Dream

The railroad brings to fulfillment a dream of the late Edward H. Harriman for just such a line as is now ordered by the commission. The route was surveyed 29 years ago and extensions along the route have already been built, one from Ontario in eastern Oregon, westward to Crane. In addition, it was pointed out that feeder lines which the railroad naturally would build would add extensive traffic to the system.

Officials Silent

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 13. (AP) —Union Pacific officials here were non-committal today on an order of the Interstate Commerce commission, requiring the system to build 151 miles of line in Oregon.

It was learned reliably from unofficial sources at the system headquarters here however, that the railroad is considering an appeal from the commission's order.

J. L. Haugh, vice president, said: "No statement can be made until the text of the commission's order is received."

Gray Non-Committal

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13. (AP) —Carl R. Gray, president of the Union Pacific railroad which was today ordered by the Interstate Commerce commission to build the Oregon cross-state railroad, said today: "No statement can be made on the Interstate Commerce commission decision until the text of the order is received."

Gray Is in Portland as Principal Speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Shippers' Advisory Board.

MERCURY DROPS

PENDLETON, Dec. 13. (AP) —A thin coating of ice covered Pendleton today after a sudden drop in temperature during the night. Snow fell in the surrounding mountain country.

Attend Meeting of Road Commission

Judge Fred R. Goddard and County Commissioner C. A. Williams are in Portland where they attended a meeting of the state highway commission. Goddard was recently appointed with the approval of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce to represent them at the meeting.

The highway commission and bureau of public roads met in Portland today to discuss the resurfacing of the Green Springs highway, citing and fixing up the old road and other road problems of the state.

WALL STREET'S ACTION THRILLS

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ed to keep investment buying in check and discouraged any extensive public participation in the market.

The market turned upward decisively in the last hour, and several important shares registered large advances. Auburn Auto 10 points above the previous close, Western Union 9 1/2, Pullman 7 1/2, Sears-Roebuck 5, Radio 4 1/2 and Bethlehem steel and Public Service of New Jersey 3 1/2. Prices generally did not recover the high figures of the forenoon, but the rallies were substantial. General Electric rising 14 points. Final dealer saw fresh selling in spots. The close was irregular. Sales approximated 4,300,000 shares.

Officials Recover Missing Weapons

AUBURN, N. Y., Dec. 13. (AP) Five of the twelve guns missing from the Auburn prison arsenal, and believed to have been used in Wednesday's inmate riot, have been recovered, prison officials announced today.

The weapons were found in rubbish heaps, sifted for two days by guards and state troopers. Other debris is being searched for the remaining missing weapons.

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"You people in Klamath Falls can hardly realize how your town has grown in the past few years," stated S. H. Morris, postal inspector, who has been in the postal employ for the past 35 years, and is visiting with the local postmaster today.

Growth Impresses

"I am impressed with the growth of the town, the activities in the city and surrounding communities, the building progress, transportation facilities by rail, stages, highways, and the up-to-date, live, metropolitan appearance of the city as a whole."

"It's a fine town, all right."

Mr. Morris first came to Klamath Falls 21 years ago as a postal inspector for this district, and stayed at the Lakeside hotel in Linkville district. At that time he hired a rig from one of the local livery stables, traveled around the country for four days, surveying the postal situation, a job which now takes part of a day. No railroads were in this part of the country at that time.

Covers Wide Area

Since that time he has been in Boston, Philadelphia, New Jersey, San Francisco and Oakland for many years, and just recently was transferred back to Oregon, and now has headquarters at Eugene. With Mr. McCall he visited the Langell Valley district yesterday.



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Investigating the situation there. Recently the residents of that district petitioned for a rural route, and that is what brought Mr. Morris back to this city.

"I was born in Massachusetts, raised in Oregon, and have traveled widely throughout the United States, and never have found a better place to live than in Oregon, and especially Klamath Falls."

Robbers of Dairy Store In Custody

The trio of robbers who entered the Gibson store at Dairy on Thursday evening, are all safely tucked away in the county jail. Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattoon stated today.

Two of the robbers, Mr. West and Mrs. Reed, were arrested last night at 9:30 in Klamath Falls by Deputy Sheriffs Lloyd Linville Dale Mattoon and Sheriff Lloyd L. Low. The other, Clarence Pratt, was arrested at 1 o'clock this afternoon at Chillicothe by George McNabb and brought to Klamath Falls.

Mr. Gibson identified West and Mrs. Reed as two who entered his store, pulled a gun on him and escaped with \$35 in cash. The robbers left in a car for Klamath Falls, and the sheriff's office immediately began a search for them.

Annual High School Dance Is Tonight

The annual county high school dance will be held this evening at the high school gymnasium, when students from various county schools will congregate to enjoy an evening of fun, dancing and entertainment.

Each person will be "tagged" with his name and school as he enters the gymnasium, and a number of the peppy girls of the local high school will act as usher and entertainment committee, to make the guests acquainted with each other.

Dancing will be followed by refreshments in the cafeteria. From 8 until 9, before dancing starts, a clever and diversified program will be given in the school.

TAX ADJUSTING AID TO MILLS

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process that depends fundamentally on transportation."

The announcement that the Interstate Commerce commission has ordered the Union Pacific to construct the cross state railroad for Oregon came almost simultaneously with Gray's statement concerning the fundamentals of country progress.

PASS CLOSED

All traffic over the McKenzie pass was definitely suspended today, following the announcement that the state highway commission would prohibit cars from crossing during the present storm. The snow plow on the west side of the mountain was bucking 20 inches of snow today.

OSTEND, Belgium, Dec. 13. (AP) —The last party of British troops leaving the Rhineland, after eleven years of occupation, embarked here today for Dover, England, and home.

The king of the Belgians was the first reigning monarch to take up flying. Both he and the queen had made several balloon ascents previous to 1914.

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