

Freight Car Shortage In Oregon Relieved, SP Says

SALEM (AP) — There has been no freight car shortage in Oregon since July 1, and there is not likely to be one the rest of the year, a Southern Pacific official asserted Wednesday.

J. W. Corbett, San Francisco, a vice president of the Southern Pacific, told the governor's Emergency Transportation Shortage Committee that despite a nationwide shortage of Southern Pacific is overcoming it by constructing more cars, bringing empty cars to Oregon from as far away as Houston, Texas, and by adding to car-handling facilities.

Farm Products Prices Drop

CORVALLIS (AP) — Prices received for farm products dropped 2 per cent in the month ended July 15, Elvera Horrell, Oregon State College extension agricultural economist, said Thursday.

This dropped farm prices to the lowest level in nine years. Prices are 3 per cent below a year ago. At the same time cost of living items remained fairly steady, showing scattered increases, to bring the parity ratio—the relationship between prices farmers receive and prices of things they buy—to 84. This is four points below a year ago and 16 points below the "100" set by Congress as a fair ratio.

Horrell said the month's drop came from lower values placed on hogs, potatoes, apples, cattle, wheat and walnuts. Crop prices and livestock prices have slipped about equally, with hogs and sheep raising the biggest drop in livestock and feed, grain, potatoes, and oil-bearing crops bearing the brunt of the drop on grain.

Most notable drops were 50 per cent on potatoes and 23 per cent in oats since July 1954.

Meanwhile, the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Portland said the change to cool showery weather last week was a hindrance to the seed and grain harvest, vegetables, and specialty crops in Western Oregon. It did, however, help fill out spring grain.

Additional moisture in Eastern Oregon was expected to help fill out the wheat. Rains and cloudy weather closed down combines for several days last week, but no significant damage was reported.

Late rains and thundershowers are expected to prolong the carrying capacity of summer ranges. Livestock is improving in condition on the relatively good feed for this time of the year, the department said.

ALCOHOL FUMES

BURBANK, Calif. (AP)—Alcohol fumes accidentally released at an electrical plant yesterday sent at least 65 workers to the hospital. Twenty-six remained in the hospital after treatment but none were considered serious. An official of the Advance Relay and Electric Co. said the fumes escaped when industrial alcohol was being transferred from a large container to several smaller ones.

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Armored Car Guard Lauded

BUFFALO, N. Y. (AP)—The guard who foiled a holdup of a Brink's armored car carrying half a million dollars is "too brave to be protecting just money," one of the captured bandits says.

Sylvester Mazzella, seized with a companion Wednesday after a dramatic gunfight, said yesterday that guard Eugene Clohesy "should be protecting lives, which are something you can't replace."

Clohesy, 27, alerted police despite a shoulder wound he suffered when a trio of masked men cut loose with a submachinegun at Brink's garage.

Mazzella, 46, of the Bronx, and Anthony Pattinato, 39, of Baltimore, traded shots with swarms

of police but were caught within an hour. Their loot of \$150,000 was found abandoned. The third bandit fled. A 14-state alarm was issued for Jimmy Sheridan, alias Jimmy Salemerio, of New York City. Canadian police were alerted after a report that Sheridan might have fled across the Peace Bridge.

Detectives discounted theories that the gunmen were involved in the biggest cash haul in the nation's history. That was the \$1,219,000 Brink's holdup in Boston Jan. 17, 1950.

"We wanted to hurt nobody," Mazzella told police. "It's ironic that we're here because of one man's courageous act."

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Farmers Seek Tax Change

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation will support the Legislature's attempt to get permission to put emergency clauses on tax bills, and thus make it impossible to refer them to the people.

The action was taken at a meeting of the federation's house of delegates at Bend. George Dewey, federation secretary, said delegates from 12 counties voted for the resolution, and eight against. He said some of those opposing it want an immediate sales tax, instead of waiting for a possible emergency measure later.

He added that the federation might take the lead in promoting the emergency clause measure. The federation's board of directors also voted to give active support to the federal plan of legislation.

WEEK—Thirteen hundred crates of grapes from Indio, California, destined for Vancouver, B.C., and owned by Al Strain of Portland, were dumped onto the Weed highway one night recently. They were being transported in a truck-trailer driven by Kenneth Marshall of Los Angeles with Strain as a passenger.

The California Highway Patrol investigated the accident. Apparatus Marshall attempted to pass a car driven by Pete Pellegrino of Weed at the cemetery lane intersection on Highway 99 north of town. Pellegrino was attempting to make a left turn and the truck overturned to avoid hitting the car.

The Pellegrino car swerved to the right and remained upright. He was uninjured. Marshall suffered a slight injury to his left leg. Truck damage was estimated at more than \$850. Loss of cargo amounted to some \$4,500.

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