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## RAIL CASE BEFORE COMMISSION

### Commerce Body Has Briefs of Carriers for Klamath Trade

#### Many Cross-Accusations Made in Voluminous Filings of Northern Lines, Southern Pacific, Strahorn Road and Oregon Service Board Over Extension Plans

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—(United Press)—Arguments in the Central Oregon railroad controversy have been simmered down to a point where the northern transcontinental railroad lines pointedly accuse the Southern Pacific of trying to maintain a transportation monopoly in southern Oregon, while the Southern Pacific labels the northern extension projects as unnecessary duplications engineered to salve a wounded pride.

This is detailed in the final briefs on the bitterly contested central Oregon controversy filed today with the Interstate Commerce commission.

While the Southern Pacific and the northern lines aim direct blows at each other in an effort to win a knockout for their respective cases the Oregon Public Service commission takes sufficient time away from its task of dragging the unwilling Union Pacific into the picture to add its quota of punches at the Southern Pacific.

Briefs Voluminous.

### No Gift Delivery On Christmas Day

#### Carriers Will Have Holiday; Midnight Lights For Santa Claus

There will be no Christmas Day delivery this year, according to word received from Washington by Postmaster John A. McCall.

This year Postmaster General New is trying an experiment. Believing that the "shop and mail early" campaigns of the past decade has had its results, New wants to see if the public will not prove sufficiently generous to cooperate in the plan to give postal authorities a holiday.

Last year there were deliveries up to 12 o'clock Christmas Day. The previous year deliveries were made up to 11 o'clock. But this year deliveries will be made until 12 o'clock midnight from the local post office. Folks will be asked by Postmaster McCall to keep their front door lights lit for late calls from Santa Claus in the person of the carriers.

Specials and perishables will be delivered Christmas Day. Outgoing mail will be sent out as usual.

To this end the post office department is calling attention to the fact that those who do last minute shopping accept what other earlier shoppers have left. And that there is no selection from which to make purchases.

### LIQUOR WITNESSES GET ROUGH SHRIFT

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(United Press)—Chained to stanchions, four members of the coast guard cutter 126, accused of complicity in the \$25,000,000 rum syndicate, allegedly headed by William V. Dwyer, Cincinnati and New York sportsman, were reported taken to sea tonight aboard the cutter Seneca.

The men told their story through a letter they managed to send ashore to their attorney, Michael R. Matteo. Matteo had seen one of his clients on board the Seneca earlier, and said the man was chained to a stanchion.

### GRAND JURY STILL BUSY WITH CASES

A closed door through which no information drifted presented itself to persons who passed the room in the court house yesterday where the Klamath county grand jury is in session.

Several cases are before the deliberating body, among them, it is reported, being those of Ted Jackson, held in connection with the death of Miss Mabel Lawber, and that of a prohibition officer, accused of slugging.

### Nye Fighting For Place in Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Denied by overwhelming vote of the privilege and election committee of the senate, Gerald P. Nye will get his fight directly into the senate, the final arbiter, Wednesday. The senate is expected to take immediate action.

The two railroad briefs and the public service commission summary are voluminous and strike fire at many places. A fourth brief was filed by the Oregon, California & Eastern organization (Strahorn type) systems, making claims of that organization for permission to extend to Lakeview, Silver Lake and up the Willamson river.

The northern lines proposed to spend in excess of \$6,000,000 to push their Oregon trunk unit from Bend to Klamath Falls. The Southern Pacific resists this movement and advances a program of extensions estimated to cost \$51,000,000.

The Southern Pacific wants to absorb the O. C. & E., and the Nevada, California & Oregon and also wants to extend a line southeast from Klamath Falls to give a new district outlet to the East through Alturas, Calif.

"Is the public interest served by permitting a railroad to pay whatever price it chooses in order to exclude a competitor?" questions the northern brief.

"The Southern Pacific has already taken on heavy commitments to keep the Union Pacific out of Southwestern Oregon and now proposes to spend \$51,000,000 in addition in order to keep its Southern Oregon monopoly. Apparently it is ready to spend whatever may be necessary for this purpose; and if new lines are proposed whenever competition is threatened, it may readily get to improvident extremes in this direction."

S. P. Replies. To this the Southern Pacific has its reply ready in outlining the motives behind the Oregon Trunk extension move, as follows:

"Having failed to obtain joint use of the Natron lines the Oregon Trunk now proposes to build its own line, not only over a route by which it will compete intensively with the new Natron line, but over a route that is substantially contiguous to the existing Strahorn line and its prior proposed Willamson line."

### Not Open Evenings Until Next Week

This decision simply is a matter of fair play to our clerks and not contrariness. We are open five days of the week, year around, from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.; Saturdays 'til 9 p. m. We maintain a large force of efficient clerks to give above average service to customers within these ten hours. Our clerks are all home folks. They appreciate your business. Also, they like to give service within hours which are necessary and which you yourself would appreciate if you were a clerk.



In the Center of the Shopping District.

### Schools Closing Not Necessary

#### Health Officer Would Send His Boy; Parents Urge Board

No new cases of spinal meningitis, six of which recently developed here, were reported to county health officials yesterday and Dr. G. S. Newsom, director of the unit, expressed considerable satisfaction. "I am very optimistic," he said. "With each 24 hours which elapse with no additional victim, our chances for stamping out the disease are increasingly good."

Two persons have died from the disease and four cases are now in Klamath county. Against the advice of Dr. Newsom, the city school board yesterday closed the doors of all the city's educational institutions until after the Christmas holidays. It was intimated that pressure had been brought to bear on the directors by parents who felt that danger lay in attending classes.

It was further pointed out that the schools were to have been closed for the holiday, regardless, next Friday.

Yesterday various ministers requested the opinion of Dr. Newsom as to whether church services should be held while the disease lurks in the city. He explained to each of them that there was no manner by which the churches might be legally closed, but added that, perhaps, such gatherings might not have the best effect.

Feeling that no emergency exists in Klamath Falls, the city council, at its Monday night meeting, declined to declare an emergency and close up various institutions in the city.

Dr. Newsom has held consistently, and has been backed up in his contention by the state board of health, that schools should remain open, that pupils might be kept under proper observation and that precautionary measures might be taken.

"What is more," Dr. Newsom said yesterday, "my own boy would regularly be in attendance if the schools were kept open."

### FOUR KILLED IN EXCAVATION CAVE

#### Firemen Drill Concrete to Reach Men Buried Under Wall

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—(United News)—Driving through tons of concrete and brick with electric drills, scores of firemen and volunteer workmen Tuesday night succeeded in reaching the four men who were killed when a one story brick structure which housed the Peerless Welding company, was reduced to wreckage in a foundation slide.

The dead: Victor Storm, John Gasparich, E. Lynch and J. Alexander.

Four other men who were injured in the cave-in were rescued earlier and removed to hospitals.

Excavation work under the building caused the collapse, the cave-in toppling a side wall into the pit with a roar that was heard for blocks. Laborers who were employed on the excavation job were the ones buried.

### Veteran Hospital Wrecked By Blast, Is Held Deliberate

SAN FERNANDO, Calif., Dec. 15.—Digging gingerly in the ruins of two buildings of the new United States veterans' hospital, a force of workmen, under the eyes of department of justice agents were attempting to solve the origin of the mysterious blast which wrecked the buildings Monday, injuring two seriously and causing minor injuries to a dozen others.

A theory that a large quantity of dynamite had been stored in the wrecked hospital units by workmen and accidentally discharged, was scouted by the federal agents. There is a tendency to believe that the buildings were deliberately wrecked.

The destroyed structures cost \$199,000 to build. The buildings, a part of a \$2,000,000 home for disabled and ailing veterans, had not yet been accepted by the government and the loss will be sustained by the contracting company.

### FILM FOLK WILL "SHOOT" TIMBER TALE IN KLAMATH

#### Altamont Pavilion Is Already Leased

#### LOCAL EXPENSE HEAVY

#### "Brute Breaker" Is Picture Title; Thirty People Here Six Weeks

Universal Picture Corporation will send a company of 33 people from Hollywood to Klamath Falls the first week in January, according to word received yesterday by J. J. Miller, local agent of the Southern Pacific. The picture to be filmed will be entitled, "The Brute Breaker." It is a lumberjack story.

Location scouts were over this territory a few weeks since. They were James O. Spearling, director, and William A. Crisley, unit production manager. When interviewed at the White Pelican hotel they said that they were very much impressed by the scenic possibilities. The cost of the production will be heavy, and most of the money will be spent locally, Spearling said.

Miller was asked to represent the picture company in various preliminary arrangements. He has secured for the picture company an option for the lease of Altamont dance hall, where interior settings will be built and shot, under the Kiel lights, during such times as weather conditions may not permit exteriors.

Some of the exterior will be shot at McCallum's mill, the "saw-dust eaters" and lumberjacks there participating in the mob scenes, according to present arrangements. There are also some log driving scenes on the river that Director Spearling said he wished to use in the picture.

Miller has also made arrangements with the power company for additional wiring needed at the Altamont dance hall, and engaged four carpenters for the film company.

The picture people expect to remain at Klamath Falls for six weeks.

### Speeder Won't Pay So Is Held in Jail

An adequately-proportioned individual with the usual number of fists was arraigned before Acting Justice of the Peace Emmitt yesterday afternoon.

"You are charged with speeding," he was told.

According to Judge Emmitt, the man admitted his guilt. "Twenty dollars," drawled the justice.

The eyes of the man with a fist at the end of each arm suddenly narrowed.

"I won't pay it," Emmitt says the defendant announced.

In consequence, the man, W. C. Martins, foreman of the Pelican Bay mill went to jail. He was not loud in his protests. Officers said he seemed to feel he was deporting himself as his conscience dictated.

"Sorry—darn sorry—but we had no choice in the matter," commented Sheriff Burt Hawkins last night. "Martins refused to appear until he was served with a bench warrant."

Martins, who appeared to be a likeable sort, seemed in no way to be put out over fact that he probably will serve the next 10 days in jail.

Martins was arrested for speeding in an automobile on the seventh of this month. Emmitt said Martins requested that his case be continued until the 12th, but even then he neglected to put in an appearance.

ELK SHOOTING CHARGE Today the state of Oregon will open its case against Ed Purcell and Leonard Moore.

### NEW CHRISTMAS STORY TOLD BY CYNIC; HAD FORGOT LEGEND OF "WIDOW'S MITE"

This is the tale that the cynic told, as the Tuesday dusk came on. No story. Not worth the reading. Just the tale that the cynic told, as the Tuesday dusk came on.

The News trusts it is not maudlin. It doesn't smile at sentiment. Yet it abhors sentimentality.

The tale? Don't bother with it. She was an Indian woman. Poor. Her clothes indicated that. Uneducated, and she was not a sentimentalist.

Of course she needed the money. It was so obvious.

Yet she said: "Fifty cents. Here. Kids. Santa Claus. Christmas."

The cynic looked at her twice. Details of the faded dress could not escape him. Nor her eyes. Very black, they were, and in them—

The cynic took the half-dollar and dropped it into the receptacle which The News has prepared for its four-

bit day, to be staged next Saturday. The money will be spent here, and local merchants will buy the toys and trinkets for unfortunate youngsters.

Which is beside the point, for the cynic said nothing of that. The wretchedly-dressed Indian woman with the black eyes turned slowly and left.

Yet the man couldn't forget the faded finery, nor the expression in her black eyes.

So many possibilities. A paopoe, once, maybe. Something like that. Again the cynic coughed. But the Indian woman was gone.

Not much of a story. Just a yarn about an Indian woman in a worn dress who had black eyes. Just a woman who had found 50 cents to be used for some kid's Christmas.

Uninteresting tale, this; just the tale that the cynic told, as the Tuesday dusk came on.

### MATTHEWS TO HEAD LEGION DURING '26

The Klamath Falls Post No. 8 of the American Legion met in the court house basement last night in regular meeting and elected officers for the ensuing year.

The '26 officers are:

O. D. Matthews, commander; Alfred D. Collier, first vice commander; Alfred Fidler, second vice commander; T. D. Case, adjutant; and George M. Barth, finance officer.

The five elective members of the executive committee are: Linn W. NeSmith, F. R. Olds, H. E. Getz, L. W. Crawford and H. S. Matthews.

### MOTORISTS LEGALLY TO GET 'THIRTY-FIVE'

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 15.—The automobile code, the result of more than a month of hard committee work, was introduced in the house today. The bill provides for a speed limit of 20 miles in cities and town and 35 miles outside corporate limits.

Under the present laws the limits range from six to 20 miles in cities and towns while the highway limit is 20 miles.

### HOUSE REPEALS TAX PUBLICITY

#### Other Amendments Failing Bill Stands Without Income Changes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(United News)—With but a flurry debate the house voted to repeal the tax publicity section of the present revenue law, which has been a center of controversy since it was enacted two years ago by a coalition of democrats and insurgents. These same forces, with the democratic supporters greatly diminished, offered feeble and unorganized opposition to repeal Tuesday, and were greatly outvoted.

One offered by Representative Laguardia of New York, who stands with the insurgents, authorized publicity of the amount of tax.

A number of amendments were introduced only to be beaten, some even without a rising vote. The bill remains exactly as it came from committee, with the exception of the change of technical amendments which the committee proposed.

### Farm Conditions Still Need Relief Senator Contends

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(United News)—Recently expressed optimism on the condition of agriculture is unjustified, Senator Howell, Nebraska, republican, declared in the senate Tuesday. He urged creation of an expert corporation to maintain farm product prices.

"The farmer wants immediate relief, not a picture of a blissful future," he said. "He will demand more than co-operative marketing."

8100,000 ASKED

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Olga Petrova is now suing William Henry Roberts, English author and playwright, for \$100,000 damages. The right, for \$100,000 damages, the actress charges that Roberts injured her by alleging plagiarism in his recent suit against her for unlawful use of part of a play "La Rudia."

### Chamber Forum Lunch Suspended

#### Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs Not to Gather; Directors Hear Report

There will be no forum gathering at the chamber of commerce today, it being deemed advisable to dispense with such public gatherings as are not absolutely necessary by the board of directors of the chamber at their regular meeting yesterday. Word was had at the chamber that the Rotary and Kiwanis luncheon clubs would follow the same course of temporary suspension.

A remedial resolution put before the chamber by Wm. H. Gore, president of the Medford National bank, was read and discussed, but action postponed until a later date.

The board of directors heard the report of the local delegation which attended the mid-annual meeting of the western division of the United States chamber of commerce at Seattle. Matters were of such wide interest that it was suggested that the same report be made to the chamber members at their next meeting sometime in the future—and probably after the first of the year.

R. C. Groesbeck reported the Seattle meeting for the delegation from Klamath Falls. Other delegates to Seattle were T. B. Henderson, A. L. Wishard, C. T. Darley and Lynn Sabin, chamber secretary.

### Cupid Scores Twice Locally Yesterday

Cupid once more knothed his bow and noted two arrows were missing as a result of the granting of marriage licenses from the offices of County Clerk DeLap yesterday afternoon.

Arthur Michael Bradford, 515 Klamath avenue and Miss Isabelle Beacker also of Klamath Falls were given a license to wed. Bradford is employed with a local laundry.

Parents of the young couple were present and gave the consent to the marriage of James Lewis Pinion, aged 18 and Miss Beale Anna Sherrick, aged 17, both of Algoma. Pinion is employed with the Algoma Lumber company and is the son of M. B. Pinion. Miss Sherrick is the daughter of Mrs. Genevieve Sherrick and is employed in the box factory.

### Chicago Threatened By Severe Blizzard

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The western snowstorm had reached Chicago Tuesday evening, the weather bureau predicting it would move on eastward in the next 24 hours.

The blizzard that was sweeping the Rocky mountains has abated and air mail service has been resumed in that region.

Wire communication in Nebraska, crippled by sleet, is restored and the storm appears to be slackening as it travels eastward.

The weather bureau predicts temperatures will not be much lower in the Chicago forecast area, but that the snow may be here to stay until Christmas.

CHILD RECOVERING

Lawrence (Dickle) Hoyt, six months' old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoyt, of Lakeview street, is slowly recovering from a severe attack of whooping cough.

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