

RAILROAD BRIEFS WITH COMMISSION

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son river extension. We submit that the law under which the application is made was intended to prevent carriers from attempting to satisfy any feeling of disappointment in the manner here proposed."

Then the Oregon public service commission adds its voice to the final argument as follows:

"We believe the power privilege and the monopolistic control now sought and asked by the Southern Pacific is beyond the authority of the transportation act, quite contrary to its spirit, and offensive to the decisions and opinions of the supreme court, as well as offensive to the judgment and experience of this commission."

"The Southern Pacific and Union Pacific seek to further extend monopolistic control by refraining from competing for Oregon traffic. Not only does the Southern Pacific seek to acquire other competing lines, but it asks this commission to deny the Northern lines access into the Klamath basin. Manifestly the ambitious program outlined by the Southern Pacific, and to some extent at least, aided by the Union Pacific, presages a combination in restraint of trade as effective and dangerous as any proclaimed against by the United States supreme court."

Lumber Haulage

Since timber traffic is the prime goal of the competing railroad systems, considerable attention is given this subject.

The Northern lines say that "the time has come when the timber resources of these regions are in demand," and that "these timber resources are amply sufficient to support the railroads proposed, so that as the timber is depleted the agricultural lands may be developed and made productive."

To this the Southern Pacific lends a solar plexus blow by claiming that the Northern lines are only interested in denuding the country of its forest wealth as quickly as possible without consideration of reforestation, concluding with the statement that "the coming of the Oregon Trunk will plant no new trees nor make existing trees grow faster."

Considerable attention also is given to use of the Portland gateway with the Southern Pacific pleading the right to be permitted to show results of Portland gateway use after completion of the Natron cut-off line, while the Northern lines contend that there is no reason to anticipate greater use of the gateway in the future when the Southern Pacific has failed to use it under equally favorable rate structures in the past.

Oregon Heard From

The Oregon public service commission raises its voice to declare that use of the Portland gateway by the Southern Pacific is impossible under the Ogden gateway agreement between the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific, and insists that only a cross-state line will fill the needs of the state.

The Southern Pacific maintains its opposition to entrance of the Northern lines into the Klamath basin, while the Northern lines continue to offer support of any joint construction program. The public service commission supports the Northern lines in this respect.

These briefs will be studied by members of the interstate commerce commission, and either a supplemental hearing before the commission as a whole will be asked or an order will be issued covering the construction cases involved.

WET SENATOR OPENS BATTLE IN CONGRESS

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before we passed the Volstead act, and we saw 100 drunks on the

What Pretty Girl Did for Sick Stomach



Miss E. Rich of Brooklyn, N. Y., says: "I don't know what the cause was, but every few days my stomach would feel all bloated up with gas, my appetite was poor and I felt sick to my stomach—to say nothing of headaches."

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streets of Washington, where we see one today."

Senator Bruce of Maryland, a dripping wet democrat, had been laying back with a sheet of figures for just this opening.

"Nothing is more potent than a single fact," he began. "I have obtained the number of arrests for drunkenness from the chiefs of police of large cities. The record shows that arrests in the District of Columbia during the last five years have steadily increased. Arrests in 1920 totalled 5,415; in 1921, 6,275; in 1922, 8,363; in 1923, 8,126; and in 1924, 10,254."

Good Work.

"That shows our prohibition agents are doing good work," Willis retorted.

"I am informed that arrests in Washington last March were higher than in any time in pre-prohibition days," Bruce persisted.

McKellar interjected that perhaps the largest number of arrests now is due to the fact that drunkenness was not considered a crime before prohibition.

"From the amount of drinking going on around here now I am constrained to believe drinking is not considered a crime here now," Bruce answered.

"It used to be that a policeman instead of arresting a drunk, would take him home," McKellar added, bringing chuckles from the floor and galleries.

Railroad to Stage Historical Tour

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—(United Press)—Government officials, historians, writers and students will be brought together by the Great Northern Railway company to form a Columbia River historical expedition to the Oregon country for dedication of the Captain Robert Gray memorial next July, according to Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern, upon return from the lower Columbia river city.

The railroad company plans to gather a distinguished group of eastern people and a body of about sixty students, representing sixty cities of the east for this expedition, which will center at Astoria and Champoux, with numerous stops at historic spots westbound.

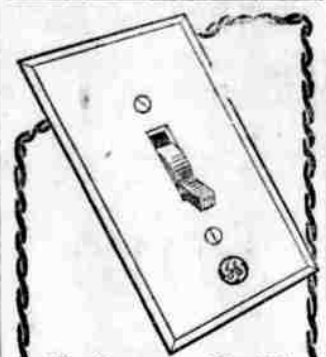
The sixty students will be winners of school oratorical contests on the subjects of early Oregon history in their respective cities.

Labor Conditions Are Good in U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Employment conditions throughout the country are generally satisfactory with no appreciable unemployment, except in the anthracite coal fields in Pennsylvania, the labor department reports.

Though there has been little increase in the demand for labor during the past month, the large volume of employment reported in October was maintained in November. Normal operating schedules are in effect in most of the major industries.

The textile industry is showing improvement, particularly in the south, where the mills have been operating on part time schedules on account of the drought conditions.



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Deer Causes Auto Mix-Up at Yreka

YREKA, CALIF., Dec. 15.—(United News)—A huge buck deer nearly brought disaster to a party of motorists which it encountered on the highway near here.

The animal bounded suddenly in front of a machine in which Willard and Lester Eastlek with their wives were riding. The automobile struck the deer, was whirled completely around by the impact, and suffered considerable damage when a tire was ripped off and a wheel jammed.

As the tire was torn from its rim an inner tube exploded. The report apparently frightened the deer, which bounded down the road and disappeared. The animal apparently was unhurt by the encounter.

EDUCATOR TO SPEAK AT MALIN, MERRILL

E. F. Carleton of Eugene, prominently known throughout the state as an educator, will address the Merrill and Malin high schools today following the cancellation of the forum luncheon of the chamber of commerce where he was scheduled to appear.

For 13 years Carleton served as assistant state superintendent of public instruction, then making his home in Salem.

With the offering of the city superintendent's desk in the city schools of Eugene, Carleton spent the following three years in that city. For the past two years he has served as field representative of the University of Oregon.

DIVORCE SUIT FILED

General charges of cruel and inhuman treatment, and specific accusations of a grave nature, are contained in a divorce complaint filed yesterday by Mrs. Clara M. Collman against John H. Collman with Lloyd DeLap, clerk of the circuit court.

Mrs. Collman, who insists she always was a faithful wife, declares, among other charges contained in a voluminous complaint, that she entertains fears as regards her personal safety at the hands of her husband.

The couple was married in Klamath Falls August 23, 1923. There are six minor children, of whom she seeks the custody.

ALICE HIDES WHILE FLORIDA KLAN HUNTS

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Dec. 15.—While Ku Klux Klansmen searched for the Octoroon bride of Leonard Kip Rhineland in Florida, her sister, Mrs. Grace Miller, protested Tuesday night that the former Alice Jones was in Connecticut, seeking mental rest after the trial in which the wealthy New Yorker failed to cancel his marriage.



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Finance Minister of France Resigns

PARIS, Dec. 15.—(United News)—Finance Minister Louis Loucheur has fallen amid the rains of his elaborate plan to save the franc, rehabilitate French finance and restore the confidence of the masses.

Meanwhile the franc has slipped further into the abyss of inflation. Premier Briand and the remainder of his ministers remain in office. They must select a successor to Loucheur, whose experiment of applying the cold logic of a business man to a national financial crisis failed, and caused him to resign Tuesday evening.

Stubborn aversion on the part of France to rigorous taxation such as Loucheur proposed, caused his fall. The section of Loucheur's scheme to which repeated and specific objections were made would have imposed 2,000,000,000 francs additional taxation. The minister's letter of resignation says of his plans:

"These projects show the real situation and the road to an end of our financial difficulties. They meant heavy sacrifices, but they were necessary."

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