

Sproule Sees Good Times Ahead

S. P. Official Tells How Roads Situated

Owing to People Saving to Attend the Exposition, Travel Is Light This Year, But the Outlook Is Good

(Herald Special Service)
 SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Declaring that, with the promise of abundant crops, the Pacific Coast states should forge ahead and help to get prosperity started once more, President Wm. Sproule of the Southern Pacific company, returned from New York Thursday as optimistic as ever in regard to conditions in general. Sproule's visit to New York was of no particular significance, it being a part of the natural routine of his work to be in the East at least twice a year.

"Preparations for the suit to separate the Central Pacific from the Southern Pacific," said Sproule, "are being handled here, recognizing that the suit is not merely a question for the railroad company, but one that touches to a very important degree the material prosperity of the Pacific Coast states."

"We have a strong desire to co-operate fully with the commercial bodies and the state authorities who have shown so keen an interest in the suit, and a desire to co-operate with the company."

"For myself, I cannot help feeling that the suit has been brought under grave misapprehensions, and that this

will quickly develop as the case proceeds. We appreciate very fully the spirited attitude of the communities we serve, and wish to reciprocate their cordiality in working out the suit with them, but we are confident that there will be a favorable conclusion. The answer to the complaint of the government will be filed as soon as counsel are ready.

"Like all other railroads in the United States, we are chiefly engaged at present in an effort to cut our coat according to our cloth. Railroad earnings generally are so poor, their unavoidable expenses so high, and business throughout the nation so prostrate, that it takes an optimist to maintain the belief that this condition will pass with this winter, which has just begun to smile into spring."

"I believe we of the Pacific Coast are more hopeful than the states to the east of us, and without being a prophet, I cannot resist the belief that with the promise we have of abundant crops on this coast, we should forge ahead and help to get prosperity started once more."

"It largely rests with the president of the United States, and it is encouraging to know that he is intensely interested in the problem of restoring prosperity. If he solves it, this nation should go bounding for-

ward beyond our expectations.

"As for California travel this year it is dull because people everywhere are saving up to come to California next year for the exposition. Travel throughout the East is dull, too. Such lines as the Pennsylvania and the New York Central are cutting down their passenger train service materially because there is a diminished public demand for such service. The overland lines serving California find similar lack of patronage.

"The lines generally are doing more work for less money than ever before, with a consequent decline in net earnings and a decrease in their ability to employ labor. When we can put all the men back to work, other lines of industry will be able to do the same, and there will be no army of the unemployed excepting those who have no wish to be employed."

"The man who desires work and is accustomed to it, but who is without employment because of the shrinkage of business, has the deepest sympathy of every good citizen, and it is our duty to do all we can toward putting him to work. It has now become a national problem which can be solved only by the resumption of business actively and not hesitatingly."

Major Koehler on Trial at Ft. Terry



The mystery of the trial of Major Benjamin M. Koehler at Fort Terry on Plum Island, Long Island Sound, has not yet been solved. The court martial has been closed to newspaper men and the public, despite the statement of Secretary of War Garrison that he believed it should be open.

One day, in making a concession to the secretary of war, Colonel Kirby, president of the court martial, permitted newspaper photographers to visit the island. They remained outside the court room, however, and had to

snapshot the characters who figure in the case. On the left in this photograph is Major Koehler, holding his hand to his face to keep the photographer from getting a view of him. On the right are his military and civil lawyers, Colonel Harry J. Hawthorne and Samuel H. Hudson.

The charges against the major have not been given out. There have been hints, however, that they are of a sensational nature. Colonel Kirby says the trial must be kept closed to protect the army, and that the public has no interest in the matter.

Uncle Sam's Jackies Get the Best Butter

United Press Service
 WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—The navy department has just awarded its contract for butter for Uncle Sam's bluejackets. The total was 725,000 pounds—and it is interesting to note that probably few American families will have as good spreading for their bread as the sailors.

Uncle Sam demands the best. Sailors are cranky about their butter. In the old days, when the bluejacket was given anything the market afforded, his complaints were so insistent that a plan was adopted that gives him about the best butter money can buy.

Although annually purchased in lots of half a million pounds, the government pays from 3 to 5 cents over the market price, in order to get absolutely chemically pure butter that will stand alike the frigid temperature of the Arctic and the blistering

heat of the tropics without spoiling. After being packed in five pound tins, the navy butter is put in cold storage and held at zero temperature until it is taken out in carload lots to supply the ships. It is for this special preparation and packing that the increased price is paid.

Navy officials insist the butter is the finest in the world. On one occasion a test was made to show just what this butter can stand. A product which tested 95 per cent was kept in storage eight months, and then sent to Cuban waters, with instructions that it was not to be kept on ice, but packed with the usual ship stores. After six months in this shape the butter, then melted to oil, was again put in cold storage, and then tested by the department of agriculture. It tested 88 per cent—and this after fifteen months of cold and heat.

STEEL'S LECTURE IS APPRECIATED

In a short talk in which he explained the improvements accomplished at Crater-Lake Park, Will G. Steel prefaced his illustrated lecture on Crater Lake National Park at the Houston opera house Friday night.

The lecture, which was secured by the Chamber of Commerce, was well attended, and proved of intense interest.

Many views of the wonders of the park were thrown on the screen, besides a number of other views, such as Rainbow Falls, Captain Jack's camp in the Lava Beds, Klamath Falls and Upper Klamath Lake.

The lecturer told of the discovery of a natural arch on the rim of Crater Lake nearly equal in size to the

Natural Bridge of Virginia, which was found recently by Kiser, the Portland photographer.

Mr. Steel received much applause when he stated that the entrance to the park from the Klamath side would be put in a condition of easy access.

Cycle Car Here.

The Cycle car, that little brother of the automobile, made its first appearance in Klamath Falls Friday, having been shipped in by express by the White Pelican garage. The vehicle attracted much attention today, and Jim Baldwin was kept busy with explanations.

The handle of a new cane for men resembles a golf stick, and contains receptacles for cigars and matches.

BALL MAGNATES TO MEET MONDAY

A meeting of the stock holders of the baseball club has been called for Monday night in the club rooms, in the rear of the Palm Cigar store, at which time a board of directors and a manager will be selected. Harry Ruiz and L. R. Robertson, who had charge of soliciting stock subscriptions, have completed their work, and will make their report at Monday night's meeting.

This pair has done wonderful work, and while they met with no bitter opposition, they did meet with something far worse—a nonchalant apathy, a lack of interest, that would have taken the heart out of men less sanguine and energetic.

With enough stock sold to affect an organization, the selection of directors and manager will be made on Monday night, and with their selection the getting together of a team will follow in short order.

LITTLE GIRL HAS A VERY BAD FALL

LOSING HER BALANCE, SHE DROPS TWELVE FEET, ALIGHTING ON PILE OF BLOCKWOOD, CUTTING FACE AND HEAD

A most distressing accident befell the little 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Price Saturday afternoon, which came near to proving fatal.

The little youngster was playing on the back porch of her parents' home on Sixth street, when she lost her balance and tumbled a distance of about twelve feet, falling on a pile of sharp cornered blocks.

The fall resulted in bad cuts on her face and head, one of the gashes requiring eleven stitches to close up. Today the little girl is resting well.

TOLEDO MINISTER WILL CENSOR PRIZE FIGHTS

United Press Service
 TOLEDO, Ohio, March 21.—There will be no feecing of the public through crooked prize fights by crooked fight promoters in Toledo henceforth; and Rev. Aaron E. Jones, curator of St. Mark's Episcopal church is the man who will be personally responsible for straight fighting and clean prize ring sport here.

Dr. Jones has just been appointed head of the municipal boxing commission by Mayor Keller, for two reasons. The first is that Dr. Jones is an enthusiastic fight fan as there is in the city, and as such knows the game from first to last.

The second reason is that Dr. Jones is mentally, temperamentally and physically THE man for the place. He believes thoroughly in boxing, if it is properly supervised—and he declared he will see that the game is properly supervised while he leads the local commission.

"I believe every man and boy should be taught how to defend himself," said Dr. Jones today. "We shall give special attention to boys between the ages of 15 and 20. We shall see to it that no man or boy engages in a fight in this city until he has undergone a rigid physical examination and has been pronounced fit. Our aim is to build up men in physical strength, and to make the sport here the acme of what is sportsmanlike. Brutality in matches will not be tolerated."

Co-workers on the commission with Rev. Jones include a tailor and others who have been interested only as laymen in the fight game.

A VISIT TO THIS CITY DECIDED 'EM

Four years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Maheu left their home in Watsonville, Calif., for a six months outing at Long Beach. After five months at the beach they concluded to visit Mrs. Maheu's folks at Spokane.

On the train they met a Klamath Falls booster, who persuaded them to visit Klamath Falls on their way to Spokane.

The result of their visit is well known. Mr. Maheu bought property here and has since built a splendid brick building on Main street, and otherwise improved his holdings in the city.

The last of this month, Mr. Maheu and his wife will leave for Watsonville to look after their city property there, returning to Klamath Falls later to make this their permanent home.

Murphy Is Arrested.

Charles C. Murphy, who operates a saloon at Merrill, was arrested there by Marshal Tom Durham, charged with selling liquor to Robin Hood and Warren Skellock, both Indians. He was brought here for a hearing before United States Commissioner Ferguson, and has been released upon his own recognizance, pending further developments.

Canadian labor unions demand the establishment of an old age pension system throughout Canada.



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Last of the Kings of Jerusalem Starves

United Press Service
 ST. PETERSBURG, March 23.—The last of the "Kings of Jerusalem," Prince Michael of Lusignan, has just died here in poverty and misery. Prince Michael was the last offshoot of Lusignan the Crusader, later King of Jerusalem and Cyprus. King Louis of Lusignan fled to Russia when the Turks captured Cyprus in 1332.

Czar Nicholas I. made him a captain in his guard. Ludwig hoped for years that Russia would help to replace him on his throne, but he finally became resigned to his fate, and when the Grecian throne was offered to the ex-king he was so apathetic that he declined it. In 1863 Ludwig began an action against Turkey for \$50,000,000 for property which he claimed had been confiscated. He never received a penny.

Ludwig VI. died in 1884 at the age of 77, having lived for years on Russian charity. His son, Prince Michael, was then 24. The latter spent his entire time dreaming about the heroic deeds of his crusader ancestors.

In a comic opera uniform of general, with three crowns on his epaulets (Jerusalem, Cyprus and Syria) over which he claimed to be the legitimate king, Michael was for years a well known figure in the streets of St. Petersburg. In the last few years he has been little more than a beggar. He died among paupers and beggars in the miserable ward of the poorest charity hospital in St. Petersburg.

Back From Beach.
 Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald, who have been spending the winter at Long Beach, Calif., returned this week to their home on Walnut avenue

DEBATE TO BE HELD MARCH 24

It has been definitely settled that the debate between the teams of the Marshfield high school and the Klamath county high school will be held at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening, March 24th.

The winning team of this event will meet the winning team of the northern district for the state championship, consequently the Tuesday evening struggle for supremacy will be an interesting one.

Both sides are claiming an advance victory. The result means so much to the victorious side that every advantage on either side has been eliminated.

The judges will be sent from Medford and Ashland, so there will be no question of prejudice or favoritism. Owing to heavy expense of bringing the team from Marshfield, the price general public, 25 cents to students. general public, 25 cents to students.

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