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RAILROADS CAN'T "PASS IT ON"

There has just started a movement on the part of railroad employes for shorter hours and higher wages. The railroads claim that to grant the demands of the men would cause a great amount of trouble and immense cost, part of which would be rearranging of division points. They also claim that it would mean an increased cost of operation amounting to more than \$100,000,000 a year.

The railroads would not have any trouble meeting their men's demands were it not for the interstate commerce act which does not permit them to raise rates without the consent of the commission. If it were not for this, the roads could grant the demand and by increasing rates pass the extra cost along to the patrons of the road and eventually to the consumer.

The Oregon Voter always quick to catch the point where a corporation is touched, puts it in a nut shell thus: "Our complex and cumbersome system of railroad regulation makes impossible quick readjustment of rates to meet increase of wages such as is demanded by railway employes."

The system is neither complex nor cumbersome, but it is forceful. If it was not for this supervision the roads would simply advance rates and consequently let the public pay the increased wage granted by them. That is what the voter intimates the roads would do, and it is correct.

Fortunately for the country and for the railroads too, the era of "the public be damned," has passed. Unfortunately to effects of that period are still with us. During it, and up until recently, roads were capitalized at three or four times their cost of construction and rates were fixed to meet fair returns on these fictitious values. Even suppose the amount of water poured into the average railroad stock was only one-half, its earnings would have to be largely increased to meet interest charges. A rate that would permit six per cent on the actual cost of the road would have to be much higher to meet the six per cent on the water. In other words in order to allow the company to draw six per cent on its actual investment it would have to be permitted to draw 12 per cent on that sum.

If the original builders or exploiters of the roads still owned the stock the matter could be easily adjusted, but as we as a people have permitted these railroad exploiters to sell their watered stock to an innocent public, our mouths are closed, and we must go on forever paying double interest on money invested in railroad shares. We must do this or throw the burden of our carelessness on those who are blameless and who invested their money in good faith.

The Voter seems to regret the good old days when a railroad company could do as it pleased, and tell the public—well, what Vanderbilt told it. It regrets also all other things of this kind judging from its editorial in the March 18th issue quoted above, and which it concludes thus: "Thus the public, as usual, in its attempt to rule economic conditions, fails to achieve its main purpose and has to meet the high cost of bungling."

Passing the blame up to the public for the criminal acts of the railroad exploiters, is an evidence of supreme nerve, to put it mildly, but it is the old railroad trick, and one that has been played so often, it is no longer effective.

Americans have been warned to leave Lower California, and a few are heeding it. Conditions there are reported normal, due largely to the iron hand of Colonel Estaban Cantu, the military governor of the state, who has ordered the arrest of all persons "talking on political subjects." He is the kind of man to be at the head of the government for he has what Carranza and Villa lack—judgment and firmness. At the same time with a break between Mexico and this country which is possible if not probable, even he could not control a Mexican mob full on mescal. Hence it is the part of wisdom for such Americans as are in that country, to heed the warning, and get out.

CEMENT MAN WANTS CEMENT ROADS

Mr. Aman Moore, vice president and manager of the cement plant at Oswego, is some booster for his goods. Discussing the comparative value of cement and bitulithic pavements he gives the fulness of praise to his own product pretty strongly. He points out that "the oldest constructed roads in the world were constructed by the use of Puzzolana cement concrete binding of rocks together, and have stood the wear for something over 2,000 years, although the quality of the cement was not one hundredth part as good as the present modern Portland cement of today."

Now if Mr. Aman Moore's argument and statements are correct, then a road built of modern Portland cement would last 200,000 years and still come up to its work smiling. This ought to settle it, although he qualifies it later by giving cement roads a life of seventy-three years, his statement being based on the experience with cement at Bellfontaine, Ohio, and the statement of Mr. Inskip, the city engineer of that city.

But if roads built with inferior cement lasted 2,000 years, and those built with modern cement were good for only seventy-three years, why would not a road built without either be the longer lived? The better the cement the shorter the life of the road, the poorer the cement the longer. Why not get perfection by using none?

While the press correspondents are keeping the wires hot with slush from El Paso, San Antonio and other points along the border, they are sending out little real news for the very good reason there is none to send, but they are there and have to earn their money—or pretend to. So far, according to General Funston's official statement, not a shot has been fired by Americans on Mexican soil, since the affair of the Columbus raid. There is no evidence that any of the Carranzistas have gone over to Villa despite many rumors to that effect. In view of these conditions it is best not to grow excited over any report coming from the Mexican borders. Job said: "All men are liars," and newspaper correspondents are real men.

It is reported at El Paso, on reliable authority that Ananias Munchausen, a leading citizen of Chihuahua, recently stated to another Mexican who had asked him for a cigarette, that it was rumored at several points in Sonora that a Mexican deserter had reported General Villa was surrounded in at least six different places, and was in imminent danger of capture in all of them. The correspondent was able to verify this statement getting it direct from a friendly Mexican who said he had a friend who told him he had heard the same rumor. This is "reliable" Mexican news.

We can stand for a good deal from the news boys on the Mexican border, but when one of them hits the wires with a story about the "heavy wagons rumbling through the deep sands," the limit is passed. If the effete dudelet from the far east who is working the hind end of the lead pencil knew anything about wagons or sand, he would know that the combinations can't rumble any more than a Gila Monster can sing, a centipede dance, or an unpressed press agent, know or write real news.

With 144,000 names on the progressive petitions for delegates to the national convention at Chicago, all from the state of California and more pouring in; it would seem the wandering boys have not yet returned to the fold or expressed a desire to get packed away in the trunk of the G. O. P.

Lieutenant Edgar S. Gorrall, the American aviator, lost for two days in the desert, has been found and brought into camp. He says he ran out of gasoline and "had to descend at Ascension." Can't expect much results from an aviator who comes down at the going up place.

Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Reber, head of the aviation branch of the United States army signal corps, fell down a flight of stairs at his home in Washington yesterday. This, so far is the only successful flight recorded by his department.



ALWAYS SOMETHING

It's hard to save for the rainy day; there's always something for which to pay; there's always something demanding coin; we have to pay for the tenderloin, for the grocer's prunes and the baker's bread, new pillowslips for the guest-room bed, for a hat for Jane and a shoe for Jake, for seeds and bulbs and a garden rake! We must subscribe for some magazines, and the house needs paint and the windows screens, and we need some salve for the springtime corns, and the cow requires a new set of horns, we must hire a man who can prune the trees, and make some stalls for the bumblebees, and haul away all the winter's trash—there's always something demanding cash! A man must study and engineer, who'd save ten cents in a passing year, who'd have a bone for the rainy day, as a rod and staff when he's old and gray, to buy a shroud when the journey's done—there's always something demanding man!



STATE MILITIA WILL NOT BE MOBILIZED

President and Cabinet Decide There Is No Need for Them or Volunteers

By Robert J. Bender.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) Washington, Mar. 24.—State militia will not be mobilized on the Mexican border at present.

In the light of reports from Consuls in Mexico and army men on the punitive expedition President Wilson and his cabinet at a conference today decided there was no need for either volunteers or militia. The whole question was considered in detail.

Congressmen from the border states, however, are impressed with the need of additional troops there. It is possible that more regulars may be raised in the line, although Secretary of War Baker would not say so. He said merely that he had not given any such orders.

The administration believes that if militia were to be mobilized on the border now Carranza would be embarrassed and would have difficulty convincing Mexicans that the United States did not intend to shortly launch a campaign against all Mexico.

As far as actual conditions are concerned, much optimism was voiced after the cabinet meeting. One member said that in view of the official report received by the cabinet it was evident that a vast amount of misinformation regarding true conditions had been sent out.

High School Notes

The declamation contest, held under the direction of Miss Iola B. Davis, at the high school Thursday afternoon, was adjudged by all who heard it to be a fine representation of what the pupils can do along that line.

Only the three upper classes were represented in the contest and the speakers certainly deserve all praise for their work.

In the extemporaneous contest the speakers were allowed one and a half hours preparation while the impromptu speakers drew their subject while on the platform. The representatives of the senior class in each contest were: Extemporaneous, Marcella Byrom, Marie Briggs and Lewis Thompson; impromptu, Harry Hampton, Lyle Bartholomew and Felix English.

The junior representatives were: Impromptu, Andrew Vincent, Bryan Goodenough and Henry Leggett; extemporaneous, Florence Frazier, Thomas McGilchrist and Mayoard Sawyer.

The sophomore class was represented by: Impromptu, George Doust, John Seefeldt and Ira Morero; extemporaneous, Floyd McIntire, Dewey Probst and Wolcott Buren.

The winners were, for the extemporaneous, Dewey Probst, of the sophomore; for the impromptu, Andrew Vincent, of the juniors.

The judges were: Rollin K. Page, Pastor Edwin and Rev. Robert Gill.

The junior class, in spite of the fact that the sophomore was first in the individual contest, won the contest in the extemporaneous work while the sophomore won the impromptu contest.

The men who answered the call to fight in Cuba and the Philippines will be guests this evening of Scott Young camp, No. 2, in Portland, and will be tendered a banquet at the Portland hotel.

It is also planned to hold a reunion of Company A which will be its first reunion since the war. This company was raised at Portland and McMinnville and had the honor of including George C. L. Snyder as one of its members. The company was mustered in May 9, 1898, and was engaged in the battle of Manahan, March 23, 1899.

Among those from this company who will attend the banquet and reunion this evening are: George C. L. Snyder, Z. M. Rollman, J. E. Humphreys.

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If Too Fat Get More Fresh Air
Be Moderate in Your Diet And Reduce Your Weight. Take Oil of Koraen.

Lack of fresh air if it is said weakens the oxygen carrying power of the blood, the liver becomes sluggish, fat accumulates and the action of many of the vital organs are hindered thereby. The heart action becomes weak, work is an effort and the beauty of the figure is destroyed.

Fat put on by indoor life is unhealthy and if nature is not assisted in throwing it off a serious case of obesity may result.

When you feel that you are getting too stout, take the matter in hand at once. Don't wait until your figure has become a joke and your health ruined through carrying around a burden of unsightly and unhealthy fat. Spend as much time as you possibly can in the open; breathe deeply, and get from Central Pharmacy or any druggist a box of oil of koraen capsules; take one after each meal and one before retiring at night.

SUFFERED FROM LAME BACK, WEAK KIDNEYS AND DIZZINESS

Dear Editor:

Last winter I suffered terribly from lame back, weak kidneys and dizziness, and uric acid in the blood caused rheumatic joints. I went to Dr. Pierce of Buffalo, N. Y., for his new remedy, "Auric." As soon as the box of tablets came by mail I commenced taking them, and reaped untold good from their use.

(Signed) MRS. KATE THOMPSON.
Note:—This "Auric" is adapted especially for kidney complaints and diseases arising from disorders of the kidneys and bladder, such as backache, weak back, rheumatism, dropsy, congestion of the kidneys, inflammation of the bladder, scalding urine and urinary troubles. The physicians and specialists at Dr. Pierce's great Institution, in Buffalo, N. Y., have thoroughly tested this prescription and have been with one accord successful in eradicating

these troubles, and in most cases also lately curing the diseased kidneys. Patients having once used "Auric" at Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, have repeatedly sent back for more. Such a demand has been created that Dr. Pierce has declared to put "Auric" in the drug stores of this country, in a ready-to-use form. If not obtainable, send one dime by mail to Dr. Pierce for trial package, or 50 cents for full treatment.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a blood cleanser and alternative that starts the liver and stomach into vigorous action. It thus assists in making rich, red blood, which feeds the heart, nerves, brain and all organs of the body. You feel clean, strong and strenuous—instead of tired, weak, and "all-in."

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Frank Lyuff was arrested by Sheriff each yesterday and lodged in the county jail on a warrant from South Bend, Wash., charging Lyuff with the illicit sale of intoxicating liquor. Lyuff is living on a farm on South Prairie about 10 miles from this city but told the sheriff that he made a trip to South Bend recently. The Washington officers have been notified of Lyuff's arrest and will arrive for their prisoner tomorrow.

A suit for divorce was filed in the circuit court today which included also a suit to quiet title to some real property in this city. Rose K. Witte is the plaintiff and Emil T. Witte, Christian Kauffmann and Anna Kauffmann his wife, are the defendants. The plaintiff states that she was married to Emil T. Witte in this county in August, 1913, and that in November of the next year she discovered that her husband was suffering from a loathsome and incurable disease. A few days later, November 16, 1914, he was committed to the Oregon state hospital for the insane and is now an inmate of that institution. The plaintiff asks for a divorce setting aside their marriage and a fair and equitable title to the property in question. She also asks for the restoration of her maiden name of Rose Kauffmann.

An order approving the final account of the administrator of the estate of Daniel S. Buglass was entered in probate court today by Judge Busley.

The final account of Ole Halverson, administrator of the estate of Lulu Halverson, deceased, was approved today by Judge Busley in the probate court and an order was entered discharging the administrator from further duties in the matter of the estate.

Casper Andregg was appointed today by Judge Busley as administrator of the estate of Theresa Andregg, who was killed August 22, 1915, in a street car accident on Asylum avenue. It is stated in the petition today that the Southern Pacific has agreed to pay \$2,500 in settlement of the claim against the company to the estate of the deceased. Of this sum it is asked that \$400 be paid to Casper Andregg, husband of the deceased, for injuries that \$800 be paid to Casper Andregg, Jr., who was also badly injured and that \$300 be paid to Esther Andregg, a daughter, who was also injured. The remainder of the money, \$1,400, goes to the estate of the deceased to be divided among the heirs, Casper Andregg, Sr., Casper Andregg, Jr., aged 11 years; Esther Andregg, aged nine years; and Edna Andregg, aged five years. Carson & Brown handled the case for the family.

FAREWELL TO MINISTER

(Capital Journal Special Service.) Maclay, Ore., Mar. 24.—There will be a community dinner and farewell services to Rev. A. A. Winters next Sunday, March 26, at the Grange hall. All families are invited and are requested to bring basket lunch.

The Rev. Mr. Winters, it is understood, is soon to become the superintendent of a home for aged ministers of the United Evangelical denomination and the people of Maclay, while glad to see him get such a favorable position, are sorry to see so fine a pastor.

The services will begin about 10 a. m. and will continue all day.

Mr. Winters will preach his farewell sermon in the afternoon.

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HEAVY MEAT EATERS HAVE SLOW KIDNEYS

Eat Less Meat If You Feel Backachy or Have Bladder Trouble—Take Glass of Salts

No man or woman who eats must regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which excites the kidneys, they become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood, then we get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders come from sluggish kidneys. The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back, limbs or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of stinging, stop eating meat and get about four ounces of Dr. Salt's from any pharmacy; take a substantial glass of water before breakfast and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate the kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Dr. Salt's is inexpensive and cannot injure, makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

When the fall-ringed French Jack Boatman, scowling a pig, entered the Columbia river mouth, it furnished additional evidence that the Columbia bar is fast slipping into ancient history.

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