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S. P. CHAIRMAN TURNS GUNS ON UNION PACIFIC

Possibility of Any Build- ing From Here to West- wood Seems Slight

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The Union Pacific may not be expected to build a proposed railroad line from Klamath Falls to Susanville or Westwood if it accomplishes its purpose of acquiring the Central Pacific, Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the executive committee, board of directors, Southern Pacific company, declared at the hearing on the Southern Pacific's application for permission to lease temporarily Central Pacific lines, now before the interstate commerce commission here.

The Southern Pacific company is seeking authority from the commission to retain control of the inter-oven lines of the Central Pacific, which has been an integral part of the Southern Pacific system since 1870, until the commission decides what shall be done with the Central Pacific in its plan for consolidation of the nation's railroads under the transportation act of 1920.

Modoc Northern Not Immediate Prospect
Kruttschnitt said he did not believe for a moment that the Central Pacific, as an independent and therefore financially weak road, could build the line from Klamath Falls to Westwood Junction. When asked as to the plans of the Southern Pacific with respect to that line, Kruttschnitt said:

"The studies and surveys were made a number of years ago and it is one of the projects that is in the company's archives for use in the future. We built from the Central Pacific up to Susanville and Westwood because there was a large lumber mill located at Westwood and that line is doing a very satisfactory business in lumber and livestock. But there is a good deal of poor country in between Westwood or Susanville and Klamath Falls that does not seem at the present time to warrant the expense of completing the line. I do not mean to say that it is abandoned or put in the discard. We have a survey there. My recollection is that we have at some critical points acquired rights of way.

Keys U. P. Wouldn't Build It

"If the Union Pacific should acquire the Central," said Kruttschnitt, "it would have an outlet to all the lumber around Westwood and Susanville, via the Central Pacific. It would have an outlet for traffic from Klamath Falls and thereabouts via the line through Weed and thence southward. I do not think they would be very apt to build that line. They have several lines that have been weathering for 15 to 20 years that they have started and never finished, notably the line from Vale to Bend and another line from Bend southward. They were going to build into Klamath Falls and I do not think they have done anything on either of them for 10 or 12 years, so I doubt whether they would show any preferential regard for this particular line."

William McCulloch, representing the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association, asked Kruttschnitt if the Central Pacific as an independent road would be in a position to build a proposed line from Oakridge to Kirk, Oregon.

"I do not think they would," said Kruttschnitt, who had explained in detail the impoverished financial condition in which separation would leave the Central Pacific. "It is a very expensive line. It involves construction of about 100 miles of road, a great deal of it over a pass in the Cascade mountains of very heavy work. My recollection for that line was \$10,000,000."

Asked as to the Southern Pacific's plan regarding filling in of this gap, Kruttschnitt said:

"I was asked the question by the editor of The Oregonian, evidently on behalf of the people of Oregon, some six or eight months ago. The matter was discussed with our directors and I was authorized by them to say that, on the title of the Southern Pacific to the Central Pacific being made certain, they would at once begin the completion of that gap."

SULTAN ANXIOUS ABOUT HIS 800 WIVES; SENDS RADIO TO HIS PALACE

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 23.—Officials of the Sultan's palace today received a radio message from Mohammed VI., who, has fled to Malta, inquiring after his wives, all of whom he left behind. The following reply to his inquiry was forwarded.

"All are well and happy." Turkish newspapers today assert that the Sultan took with him \$500,000 in currency, a solid gold antique dinner set and several hundreds thousand dollars worth of jewels as well as a field marshal's uniform.

SENIOR CLASS TO CANVASS CITY WITH GYMNASIUM PETITION

Signatures to Be Sought in Klamath Falls and Throughout County; Teams Organized
Members of the high school senior class, some 64 in all, will cover Klamath Falls and a portion of the county tomorrow to get signatures to a petition to the county court and the budget committee asking that \$3,000 be added to the high school budget next year for construction of a gymnasium. This was announced today by Albert Moorland, president of the student body.

The seniors have divided the city into districts each of which will be covered by a team headed by a captain. It is hoped that most of the town will be covered tomorrow as well as a portion of the county.

The petition asks that work on the gymnasium be started as soon as the levy is made. Since it may be signed by patrons of the high school as well as by tax payers, and since the need of athletic facilities at the high school is generally recognized, the students believe a large number of signatures will be obtained.

A meeting of the senior class was held this morning when details in connection with the canvass were arranged.

RED CROSS DRIVE ON Plans Made to Sell Memberships in All Parts of City

Miss Clara Calkins chairman of the Red Cross Roll call drive, assisted by Mrs. George Stevenson, and with A. B. Epperson in charge, this morning announced plans for obtaining Red Cross memberships for the year 1922.

Girls will be stationed in all the mills and box factories one day this week with instructions to sell a membership to every worker, who has not been sold by some of the town salesmen. Booths will be established Friday and Saturday and Tuesday and Wednesday in the following business houses: The Blue Bird confectionery, American National bank, First National bank, Pipe Tree theatre, Liberty theatre, Underwoods Drug store and White Pelican hotel.

SUPREME BENCH NOMINEE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—Pierce Butler, St. Paul, Minn., Democrat, was nominated today by president as associate justice of the supreme court to succeed Associate Justice Day, resigned.

BARON SENNINO DYING

ROME, Nov. 23.—Baron Sennino, former premier, suffered a stroke of apoplexy today and is reported to be dying.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy macy recorded a rising barometric pressure until noon today, since when the tendency has been slightly downward. Being well into the "fair weather" the indications are for a continuance of our real pleasant weather.

Forecast for next 24 hours:
Fair; Continued cool.
The Tycoo recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures today as follows:
High 43
Low 24

KLAMATH WILL MAKE BID FOR NEW SETTLERS

Survey of All Resources To Be Made By Chamber; Advertising Aid Seen

With California and Oregon on the eve of a million dollar advertising campaign to start settlers westward, the Klamath county chamber of commerce will undertake a survey of the county between now and January 1 to gather statistics relative to all resources. This step has been deemed necessary in view of the increasing number of inquiries from prospective home-seekers and investors, and the probable increase of inquiries with the advertising campaign in both California and Oregon in full swing.

Survey to Be Complete
The survey will show the amount of land being cultivated, both irrigated and dry, and its productivity; and facts regarding the dairy industry, live stock, agriculture and general lumber and other lines. The reclamation service, farm bureau, irrigation districts and other agencies will cooperate to make it the most complete survey ever made in the county. With completion of the survey a booklet portraying the opportunities of the county will be published for distribution among prospective settlers and investors. Numerous newspaper cuts showing many views in the county are already on hand, and the pamphlet will probably be published shortly after January 1.

With the tremendous amount of advertising Klamath county has received during the year due to the railroad unmerger controversy, opening of the Tule lake lands, pine beetle proect, proposed completion

DRAW JURY FRIDAY

Jurymen for December Terms of Court Will Be Selected

An order for the drawing of the regular jury panel at 10 o'clock tomorrow was issued today by Judge Leavitt. The jury drawn at that time will be called December 11 to begin the December term.

The grand jury will convene December 4 to consider criminal cases and other matters which have not appeared in court.

President's Cousin a "Gob"



While President acts as commander-in-chief of the navy at his white house desk, his cousin, William H. Harding, labors for the good of the service on the battleship Oklahoma. "Bill" Harding is from Marion, O., and is the 19-year-old son of W. S. Harding, first cousin of the president.

Bonanza Sprague R. Route Made Official Highway By Commission

PORTLAND, Nov. 23.—The highway commission today designated the road from dairy to Bonanza in Klamath county and north via Sprague river valley toward Hly as the official highway.

I. O. O. F. HEAD HERE

Grand Patriarch Wadsworth Visits Ewanna Encampment No. 46

Grand Patriarch W. E. Wadsworth of Harrisburg, Oregon, visited Ewanna Encampment No. 46, I. O. O. F., at the regular session Tuesday night. The patriarchal degree was conferred on J. Seeds and C. H. Carlson. The degree team was highly complimented by Wadsworth. Following the coronation a banquet was served.

BASKETBALL FRIDAY

High School Classes Will Meet in Double-Header

The first of the high school inter-class games will be held in the hall on Ponath and Klamath tomorrow night at 7:30. The games will be between the junior and freshman boys, and the senior and sophomore boys.

Although these will be pre-season games and with much new material in the lineups nevertheless they promise to be fast games, since the honor of the classes is at stake.

All business men are urged to be present so they will be able to pick the team they think will win the championship and boost their team in the games to follow. A nominal admission will be charged those without season tickets.

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, Nov. 23.—Cattle weak. Hogs and sheep, steady. Eggs unsettled, butter firm.

SEATTLE WOMAN IS HELD PRISONER IN RUSSIA THREE DAYS

Taken from Hotel Room at 2 a. m. By Government Agents; Released After Imprisonment

RIGA, Nov. 23.—Mrs. Idalalde Parker Bennett, formerly a school teacher in Seattle, Wash., has been released from prison in Russia, according to word reaching Riga, after being arrested by the agents of Cheka and detained three days.

Mrs. Bennett was taken from her hotel room at 2 o'clock in the morning but the police agents refused to say why she was arrested. She was later questioned by political investigators.

Mrs. Bennett has been in Russia over a year with her husband, a hydraulic engineer in the employ of the soviet government and admittedly a member of the communist party.

MERRILL TEAMS FORM

High School Boys and Girls Organize Basketball Quintettes

Special to The Herald
MERRILL, Nov. 23.—Both the boys and girls of Merrill high school have organized basketball teams and the outlook is bright for a successful season.

The first turnout of boys was larger than usual and Coach Rutherford is confident of a winning team. Six lettermen from last year's team and a new star player from Springfield high school add much to the team's strength.

The lineup: Kenneth Kiger and Fred Pope, forwards; Estin Kiger, center; Kenneth Colwell and Will Hill, guards; Kenneth Bettis and John Merritt, substitutes.

The girls have organized a team and Miss Nichols, the coach, thinks that with hard practice they will develop a winning quintette, although only a few have played before. The lineup: Mary Taylor and Geneva Glenn, forwards; Agnes Emsman, center; Esther Moore, side center; Eva and Joyce Sigford, forwards.

TIMBER DEAL CLOSED

5,000 Acres in Linn and Lane Counties Change Hands

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 23.—The largest timber transaction in many months was consummated here today with the trading of interlocking tracts by the Continental Timber company of Delaware and the Drew Timber company of Iowa. Approximately 5,000 acres are involved and places the two companies with bodies of timber that can be logged in the same direction. The timber is situated both in Linn and Lane counties on the western slope of the Cascades in township 15 south, range 2 west.

Both companies in Oregon are timber holding concerns, and are among the largest in the state. The Drew people are now operating in Iowa, Minnesota and other states. About a year ago they made a similar trade with the Booth-Kelly company, and now have a great tract of fine timber high on the Cascade range which can be logged in the same direction. The Continental interests have also a similar tract.

GEORGE HEADS PARTY

Former Prime Minister Is Elected Leader of National Liberals

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Former Prime Minister Lloyd George was unanimously elected leader of the national liberals at a party meeting today.

The new parliament will be asked to continue and extend the ameliorative measures prepared by the Lloyd ministry as regards trade and employment, and also to guarantee a loan for the restoration of Austria, said King George today in a speech from the throne, officially opening the session.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Ramsay MacDonald, laborite, assuming the position as leader of the opposition in the house of commons today, declared in a debate on the speech from the throne that the king's address regarding unemployment was profoundly unsatisfactory to labor.

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS TO QUIT JAN. 1

Resignations Will Be Tendered New Governor; Hall Slated For Job

(Special to The Herald)
PORTLAND, Nov. 23.—It has been announced in semi-official form that all three members of the state highway commission will tender their resignations, to take effect January 1, or as soon as the 1923 Governor Pierce can or will accept them.

Within a few days after the result of the voting was known the members of the board decided that under all the circumstances it was up to them to quit. The result is that they wrote out their resignations without delay, and Mr. Pierce is at liberty to appoint new men the day he goes into office. This means that the threatened investigation of the department, which has been the talk of the state since election, will have little if any effect. Mr. Pierce will be able to put into force his reforms without the delay incident to getting the old commissioners out of office.

Rush For Contracts

Interest in this matter will be keenest in those counties that have uncompleted highway programs, and there will be a rush to get contracts let before the men now in office go out. Just what attitude the commissioners will take is a question, but rumor has it that they are expected to let all the pending contracts and so far as possible get out of office with a clean conscience. In such cases the action to be taken has been an important matter pending in 1922 county, there being about fourteen miles of pavement to lay to complete the west side highway. This has been due to Polk county having a county court that antagonized the commission. At the recent election those favoring acting in harmony with the commission prevailed, winning by a big majority. It is believed that it will be possible to let the contracts let for this paving before the present highway commission goes out of office.

Rumors Specify in Some Cases

So many rumors were circulated during and following the election concerning the highway commission that it would be useless to attempt to verify them all, and their repetition would prove tiresome. It remains a fact that the claims of extravagance of this department have much to do with the outcome of the election. It was claimed, for instance, that all employees of the department are overpaid, and that in nearly all cases the contractors were paid more for the completion of their work than their contract price called for.

Stories floated about to the effect that contractors, finding that they were going to lose money, appealed to members of the board and were allowed huge extras; that roads built through sections requiring little grading cost much more than the contract price, and that in fact the commission spent money with a reckless hand. Even before the vote was polled it was said that Mr. Pierce stood pledged to an investigation of the charges, and that if he found them well founded would proceed to remove the highway commissioners and put in new men.

Would Know Truth

These rumors of charges have gone to the point where there are many voters who would like to know the truth. The mere resignation of the commissioners in office will not enlighten those who would like to know. If Mr. Pierce and his supporters really believe in the charges made it would seem that they ought to delve to the bottom and report their findings. All the records will be at their disposal. Somehow there is a general belief upon the part of the people that the so-called bipartisan trust has been having things its own way in Oregon, and that it is getting too much of the business at a price that yields a fat profit. Taxpayers all over the state really want to know the facts and if they do not get them from Mr. Pierce