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NATHAN HYDE KILLED

Formerly Federal Commissioner of Southern Oregon.

WASHINGTON TOWNS GROWING

Railroads Preparing to Operate Trains Without Delay in Case of Strike—Farmers Get Blame for High Prices.

(Special to The Evening News.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—In a blood-stained letter written by Nathan B. Hyde, former Federal Commissioner for Southern Oregon, the police believe that they hold the clue to the identity of the murderer of Hyde, who was struck and killed by a blow on the head. A crow bar was his weapon used by the murderer, who is believed to be Emil Mathias, who is missing. It is thought that Hyde was writing the letter for Mathias, and the body was discovered when blood seeped through the floor and ceiling into the room occupied by the latter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The census bureau announces that the population of Ellensburg, Wash., is 4,269, and that of Wenatchee, in the same state, 4,050.

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—From sources considered well informed in railroad matters the report is received today that all railroads in the Northwest have been quietly placing reserve engineers at all important division points, such as Portland, Spokane, Tacoma, Seattle, Pocatello and Butte, in anticipation of the threatened strike of locomotive engineers. This is being done in order that the companies may be in a position to operate the trains without delay in case of a tie-up. It seems to be the general feeling on both sides that the question of difference in wage will be amicably settled.

Blames the Farmers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Sir Horace Plunkett, president of the Irish Agricultural Society, is in Chicago on a tour of the country, and said that farmers are to blame for the high cost of living, and said that the farmers organize and distribute their own products, cutting out the middle men, that there could be no reduction in living expenses.

Tariff Too High.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Defend-

TEN MILL LEVY.

At the regular meeting of the city council held last evening the tax levy for 1911 was fixed at 10 mills. According to a statement filed by the county clerk the total valuations, on all assessable real and personal property in Roseburg amount to \$2,105,830, from which \$21,058.30 will be realized from a 10 mill levy. This sum will be increased materially, however, when the valuations of the Southern Pacific Company, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, Western Union Telegraph Company, Postal Telegraph Company, Pullman Car Company, Union Oil Tank Line and Wells-Fargo Express Company, are levied by the tax commissioners. County Assessor Frank Calkins estimates that the city of Roseburg will realize approximately \$25,000 for the year 1911 from the 10 mill levy. In the year 1910, the city raised a little over \$18,000 from a similar levy, the present increase being due to increased valuations.

ing the resolution he introduced yesterday for modification of the rules to permit by schedule revision of the tariff from the charges that it was "Revolutionary and drastic." Senator Cummins said today: "It was not my purpose to precipitate a tariff debate. I believe, however, that some portions of the tariff law are indefensible. I gave close attention to the recent political contest, and throughout the country the sentiment was expressed that the schedules are too high. Unless the rules are modified the present tariff law will continue in effect until those believing in high protection think a new act necessary, or those opposing high protection wage a successful war."

The funeral of the late Homer Endicott, who died at Mercy hospital early yesterday morning as the result of a bullet wound, was held at the Hammitte Undertaking Parlors this morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. McConnell, pastor of the First Christian church, officiating. Interment followed at the I. O. O. F. cemetery. The funeral was well attended, while the floral offerings were beautiful. The classmates of the deceased attended the services in a body.

WAS BUMPER MEETING TO MOVE OBSTRUCTION

Roseburg Commercial Club Holds a Busy Session

IMPORTANT MATTERS DISCUSSED

Will Ask for Federal Building Appropriation—Excessive Freight Rates Given a "Drubbing" Action to be Taken.

One of the best attended and most enthusiastic meetings of the Roseburg Commercial Club occurred last evening at the club rooms, and a vast amount of work concerning the welfare of Roseburg and all Douglas county was dispensed. With President Seely in the chair and the secretary, Mr. Neuner, at his post of duty, all matters, both of an important and secondary consideration, received their just attention and due action taken thereon.

The reports of a number of committees were read, among those of importance being the report of the committee, consisting of Jos. Micelli, C. S. Jackson and Henry Richardson, recently appointed to inquire into the unjust freight rates being charged local shippers by the Southern Pacific Co., also the committee appointed to confer with the local light and power company as to the cost of power for additional cluster lights in the city; the committee appointed to raise funds for the purchase of band instruments reported that upwards of \$400 had been raised and by the payment of a small additional sum the instruments would become the property of the club. The progress made by the committee in reference to a railway motor system between Glendale and Drain, to be known as the Umpqua Valley Motor Line, was discussed, and the matter of securing a substantial appropriation for the purpose of enlarging the Oregon Soldier's Home, on which the committee handed in a report, was discussed with much interest.

Regarding Freight Rates.

The paramount question at last evening's session of the club was that of a more just freight rate on both incoming and outgoing interstate shipments, and it was shown beyond a doubt that Roseburg business men are being "skinned" to a fare-you-well by the local railroad company. Attorney C. S. Jackson, a member of the committee appointed to inquire into local freight rates, showed by comparison between the Eastern and Western states that on hauls of two hundred miles, approximately the distance between Roseburg and Portland, that the class rates were from 100 to 400 per cent higher in the West than in the East, while the operating expenses for Eastern railroads were from 25 to 50 per cent higher than here. It was the sense of those present last evening that the freight rate question, which is of vital importance to this section of the state, be thoroughly investigated and taken up with the Interstate Commerce Commission. It was also shown that Roseburg would meet opposition from Portland to any movement for lower freight rates, or, in fact, to any move tending to a closer rate for this community, for fear the metropolis would lose in a business way. In order to get quick action on motion of Mayor Haynes President Seely appointed the following committee of local business men to inquire into the matter, and if good grounds for action are apparent, which at this time seems conclusive, to immediately bring the cause before the Interstate Commerce Commission, with the necessary proof setting forth their claims: J. W. Perkins, W. H. Richardson, A. C. Marsden, J. G. Goodman, J. F. Barker, Jos. Micelli, C. S. Jackson and W. L. Dytlinger.

Following is the report of the committee recently appointed by the club in reference to freight rates charged local merchants, and was adopted without a dissenting vote. We, your committee to whom was referred the matter of the unjust local freight rate out of Portland, charged to shippers and consumers of Roseburg, and Douglas county, on both incoming and outgoing interstate shipments, beg leave to submit our following report. We find after careful investigation that Roseburg and Douglas county should not be required to pay the local rate out of Portland in addition to Portland's terminal rate, but are entitled to, at least, the rate that Portland receives; and should, by virtue of our geographical location have the Portland terminal rate less the proportionate rate from Roseburg to Portland on all incoming and outgoing interstate shipments.

We believe that this unjust and unlawful discrimination against Roseburg and Douglas county can be abolished by concentrated action of the people, as did Spokane, Wash., Baker City, and LaGrande, Ore., and other intermediate way stations. We further find that this unjust discriminatory local rate out of Portland to Southern Oregon points was brought about largely by a concerted action upon the part of the Oregon Short Line Railroad acting in conjunction with other interested con-

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUSTAIN COMPLAINT OF MR. LONG.

Complaint of Mr. Long.

PAPER ORDINANCE IS DELAYED

Many Minor Matters are Considered and Referred to the Respective Committees—Special Meeting Called Thursday.

Last night's session of the city council proved a very quiet one, and had it not been for a brief discussion relative to the disposition of the so-called newspaper ordinance, recently compiled by the city attorney with a view of protecting local news agents, the session would have been void of an interesting feature.

As City Recorder Orcutt was about to read the ordinance preparatory to final passage, Councilman Houck, chairman of the health and police committee, interrupted in stating that he deemed the ordinance defective, and not in accord with the wishes of the committee responsible for its compilation. He said that the ordinance was originally framed with a view of protecting local news agents against transient "newsies," but that upon interpretation, it had been found that the ordinance was misleading and would work a hardship upon minor dealers who were unable to donate the stipulated license of \$5 per year.

Councilman Josephson suggested that the ordinance be indefinitely postponed, but in this he was opposed by Fred Wright, local agent for the Portland Oregonian, who declared that the ordinance should be passed, and not held up as per programme. Mr. Wright spoke at some length, and insisted upon recognition.

Apparently satisfied that some action would be taken in the future relative to reaching a settlement of the controversy, Mayor Haynes interrupted Mr. Wright, and instructed the recorder to place the question to a vote.

Micelli demurred, and offered an amendment to Josephson's motion, to the effect that the ordinance be referred to the health and police committee, and not be postponed indefinitely as suggested. Councilman Micelli claimed that Josephson had kicked over the traces in advancing such a motion for the reason that his procedure was not according to the parliamentary rules practiced in this modern day.

Councilman Josephson appeared determined, however, and objected to withdrawing his motion, hence it was placed to a vote. Councilman Micelli registered the lone dissenting vote, the remaining members of the council balloting as a unit. In order that another ordinance may be compiled without unnecessary delay, Councilman Josephson then advanced a motion empowering the health and police committee, to prepare the necessary document and have the same in readiness for consideration at the next regular meeting of the council. The motion carried.

To Move Obstruction.

The committee on judiciary, to whom was referred the matter of investigating an alleged nuisance said to exist in front of the P. M. Matthews property, on East Douglas street, reported that they had acted as instructed, and had found the allegations set out in the complaint true. The report was accepted by the unanimous vote of the council. The original complaint was filed by

John T. Long, who protested against a certain light of cement steps recently installed by Mr. Matthews. The complaint alleged that the steps projected into the street in direct violation of the city ordinances, and in addition, were dangerous as well as unsightly. According to the action taken by the council, Mr. Matthews will be compelled to remove the steps.

Remonstrators Are Present.

A number of property owners, who filed remonstrances against paying the assessments resulting from the construction of the so-called Central sewer, at a previous meeting of the council, were present last evening with a view of making their objections known, but for some reason consideration of the protests were postponed.

Councilman Josephson said that he did not deem it wise to investigate the complaints in open council, but on the contrary thought it would be well for the members of the street committee, mayor, recorder, city engineer and city attorney, to meet the remonstrators at the council chamber on Thursday evening, December 15, and adjust the differences in the most satisfactory manner possible. Josephson's suggestion met with favor, and upon being placed to a vote carried unanimously.

Minor Matters.

A petition signed by a number of property owners residing in Waite's Addition, asking that a light be installed at the corner of Hamilton and Rice streets, was referred to the committee on electric lights.

A petition asking that a sewer be constructed for the benefit of the property owners on Chadwick and Washington streets was referred to the health and police committee.

A petition asking that a crosswalk be constructed at the intersection of Winchester and West First streets in North Roseburg was referred to the street committee.

A petition asking that a certain light at present stationed in block No. 1, in North Roseburg, be moved about 100 feet north of its present position, and suspended from a pole, was referred to the committee on electric lights.

Mrs. Lucinda Moore presented a petition of communication in which she complained of the condition of the sidewalk in front of the W. H. Fisher property, on East Douglas street. She said that the walk was completely covered with dirt, and that she and her children were compelled to wade through the mud in reaching the business district. She also alleged that she had once spoken to Mr. Fisher relative to the matter, and that he replied, "that he did not intend to clean it up until spring." The petition was referred to the street committee.

Councilman Houck called attention to the practice of residents on East Douglas street who persist in draining their property in such a manner that the water is allowed to stand on the sidewalks instead of entering the gutter as intended. The matter was referred to the health and police committee.

City Engineer Charles Roberts reported the acceptance of a sewer, situated in block No. 91, and Winnie Gaddis, the contractor, was awarded his pay in the sum of \$189.

The city improvement committee reported that they had investigated the complaint recently filed by F. G. Micelli, who claimed that his sidewalk had been moved by the Clarke & Henry Construction Company, and had ordered the same replaced.

Councilman Mullen brought up the matter of planking East Douglas street temporarily and the same was referred to the street committee.

R. B. Matthews, wife and little daughter, leave for Portland this evening where they will spend several days visiting with friends.

STARVING TO DEATH

Senator Elkins in Very Critical Condition

SERIOUS FIGHTING IN MEXICO

Railway Enginemen in Canada and United States Anticipate Trouble—Thirty-Six Thousand Men Are Involved.

(Special to The Evening News.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Surrounded by luxury, but starving to death on account of the inability of his stomach to perform its functions, United States Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, is reported to be near death today. It is asserted that the Senator has lost so much flesh that his closest friends are hardly able to recognize him. No one but the family and nurses are allowed to visit him. Inquiry at the Senator's home last night elicited the information that there was no cause for immediate alarm.

Big Battle Progressing.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 13.—A battle twenty miles from Pedernales, Chihuahua, Mexico, which began Sunday is reported to be still progressing, and heavy losses on both sides have been heavy. All trains going northward on the Mexican & Northwestern Railroad are filled with women and children refugees from the fighting zone.

Preparing for Strike.

WINNEPEG, Dec. 13.—Leading engine drivers on the railways leading out of Winnipeg are preparing for a strike which they believe will soon materialize to Canada and that men on all Western lines in the United States would strike on December 23, unless the demands of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, submitted to the railway companies at Chicago for increased pay, were granted. There are about 35,000 engineers affected by the controversy.

Tacoma Engineers Hopeful.

TACOMA, Dec. 13.—Railway locomotive engineers in this city express the opinion that there will be no strike of a general nature on the Western lines, and state that the matter will doubtlessly be settled by arbitration.

Can Charge Demurrage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Railroads have the right to impose such demurrage charges as they see fit on privately owned cars, is the gist of a decision rendered today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The finding was given in the case brought by the Proctor & Gamble soap manufacturers, of Cincinnati, against the Hamilton & Dayton Railroad Company. The manufacturers objected because the railroad people assessed them for not unloading their private cars standing on their own tracks.

Another interesting game in the series of billiards now in progress at the Roseburg Commercial Club rooms, was played last evening, James Perry and Samuel Black being the participants. The former gentleman proved the victor. To date, Mr. Perry is high man, and indications are that he will win the first prize.

BORN.

HATFIELD—Tuesday, December 13, 1910, to the wife of C. E. Hatfield, a ten and a quarter pound boy.

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