

THE PEOPLE'S STORE

COMMISSIONERS WILL HELP

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that immediate action becomes expedient, the commission will in this case file its own complaint. Ten days later a hearing will be held and then the O. R. & N. will be ordered to commence immediately a rectification of the inadequacies. Mr. West did not affirm that such would be the case, but his conversation was such as would indicate that if some citizen, club or organization does not file a complaint about the La Grande depot, the commission would do it.

Acted on Stockyards.

The commission has already ordered the stockyards near this point improved. The only fault found was the condition of the ground. Its depressed condition has made the place a veritable mud hole and stock has wallowed around in the deep mud. This the state body has balked at and improvement work is now on. However, Mr. West also inspected that section of the city to learn to what extent the repairs have reached.

Commission Should Be Aided.

Now, that the commission has deemed it advisable to take the initiative, the commercial club can do nothing better than get in line to aid secure, by arbitration as it were, what can in reality be secured by the good sense of existing laws.

What Laws Provide.

Section 28. Upon complaint of any person, firm, corporation or association, or of any mercantile, agricultural or manufacturing society, or of any body politic or municipal organization, that any of the rates, fares, charges or classifications, or any joint rate or rates are in any respect unrea-

sonable or unjustly discriminatory, or that any regulation or practice whatsoever affecting the transportation of persons or property, or any service in connection therewith, are in any respect unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory, or that any service is inadequate, the commission may notify the railroad complained of that complaint has been made, and 10 days after such notice has been given, the commission may proceed to investigate the same as hereinafter provided. Before proceeding to make such investigation the commission shall give the railroad and the complainant 10 days' notice of the time and place and when and where such matters will be considered and determined, and said parties shall be entitled to be heard and shall have process to enforce the attendance of witnesses. If upon such investigation the rate or rates, fares, charges or classifications, or any joint rate or rates, or any regulation, practice or service complained of shall be found to be unreasonable or unjustly discriminatory, or the service shall be found to be inadequate, the commission shall have power to fix and order substituted therefor such rate or rates, fares, charges or classifications as it shall have determined to be just and reasonable and which shall be charged, imposed and followed in the future, and shall also have the power to make such orders respecting such regulations, practice or service as it shall have determined to be reasonable, and which shall be observed, followed, used and supplied in the future."

Mr. West leaves for Pendleton again tonight where a grain rate hearing is in progress today.

Salem postoffice shows 39.2 increase in receipts over last year, a greater gain than all the towns of its class in this region.

FIFTEEN YEARS FOR DEFAULTER

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nounced he would suspend sentence in the case of Curtis, the latter's wife collapsed and was carried unconscious from the room.

In passing a minimum sentence on Curtis and suspending it, the judge said:

"The recommendation of a particularly painstaking and intelligent jury and district attorney, has inclined the court toward clemency. The court does not believe it is the intention of the defendant, Curtis, to engage in illegal transactions. In the opinion of the jury and the court, he embarked upon a wrong course. When he found himself involved, he did not have the strength to stop. His personal honesty has never been assailed. I believe in it. I am advised by outside records that he has undergone a financial ruin besides disgrace of conviction. In the case of Morse, nothing need be said or added to the evidence. He used the bank for larger general schemes and the depositors for his own speculation purposes. If such schemes do not entail severe punishment and are allowed to be carried out with impunity, the public will be at the mercy of bank adventurers."

The court granted 10 days for the filing of an application for a writ of error.

There are plenty of doors labeled "Pull," but the majority, after all, bear the legend, "Push."

Twenty-two people from the vicinity of Greensburg, Ind., have arrived in Medford this fall, and seven more from the same locality are coming.

A new kind of barley, called Black barley, that did well in Baker county this year, will be tried by several Morrow county farmers.

BOURNE VISITS LA GRANDE

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tion of Mr. Taft—that we never dared believe possible. He cites in substantiation of his prophecies the fact that today Oregon offers more inducements to the homeseeker and investor than any other section in the United States. Within Oregon today lies the largest body of fertile land in the United States, which is without transportation facilities. This will not remain a fact, states the senator, Oregon is becoming widely known. A few years ago all the east knew was California and Washington, but at last we are receiving our just recognition.

Senator Bourne was busy all day meeting friends, and remarked many times over that he could never forget the beautiful weather nor the generous treatment that had been extended him on every hand.

There are self-made men in this world who ought to be suffering from remorse.

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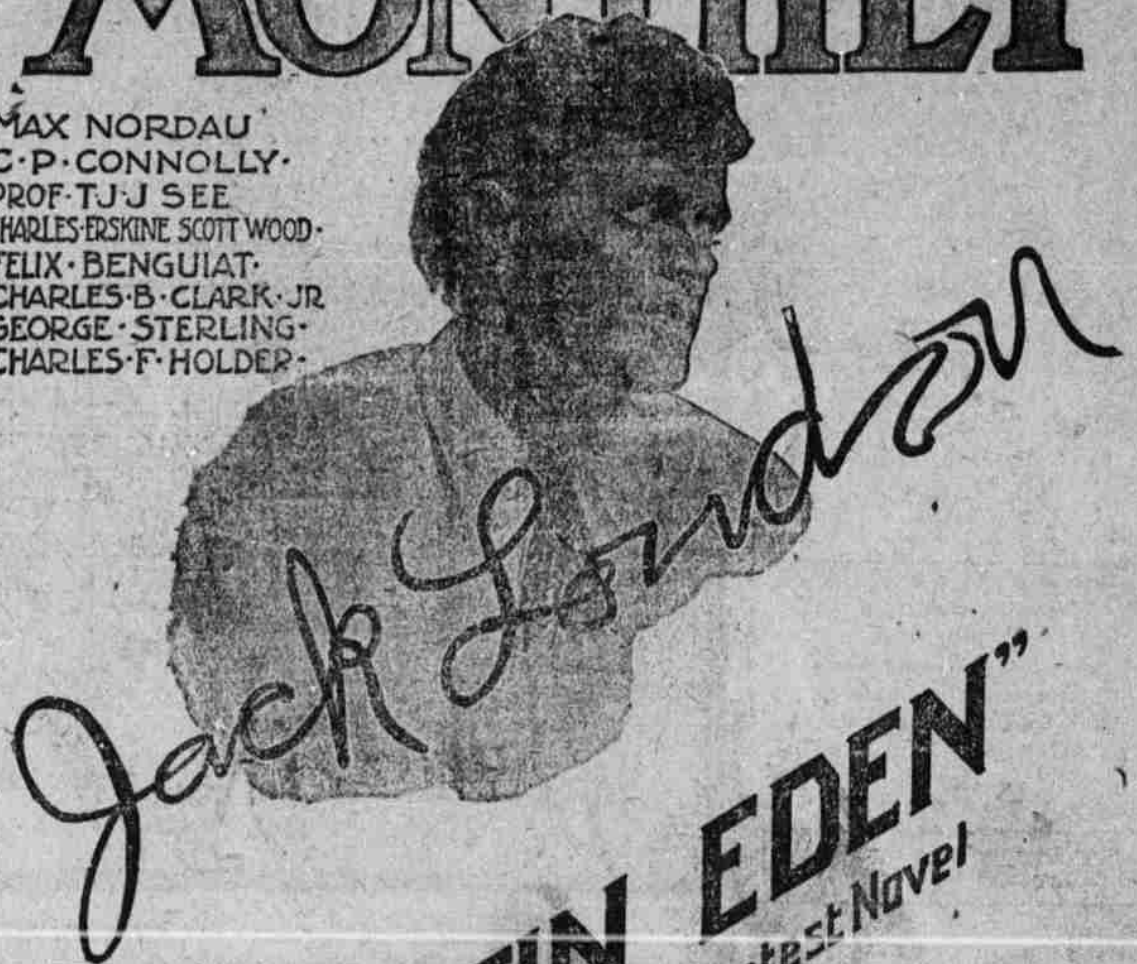
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