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ENORMOUS RATE REDUCTIONS ARE NOW ASSURED INLAND TOWNS

SPOKANE SCORES RATE VICTORY

DOUBLE-BACK RATES NOW IN VOGUE, ARE WRONG.

Very Apparent That Spokane Will Score Great Victory in Decision by the Interstate Commission, That is Soon Ready for Announcement—Record-Herald Says Document is With Printer—Action Started Two Years Ago—Wide Scope.

Spokane, Wash., March 2.—The Washington interstate commerce commission late today announced its decision in the Spokane rate case, sustaining Spokane in its principal claim against the Northern Pacific road.

Chicago, March 2.—According to the Record-Herald today the famous Spokane rate case, which has been in the hands of the interstate commission for two years, has been decided, and is now in the hands of the printers. The Herald says it is understood the decision, which will be given within a few days, is favorable to Spokane's contention, and that the commission holds that transcontinental freight rates to Spokane be reduced.

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ROOSEVELT WILL KEEP CHAIR.
Has Fondness for Chair Used by Him Seven Years.

Washington, March 2.—Cherishing a fondness for the chair which he occupied for seven years at the head of the cabinet table, Roosevelt today sent a duplicate to the office and ordered the old one sent to his home at Oyster Bay. All the president's effects will be removed from the White House by next Friday, when the executive offices will be ready for the Taft family.

BOISE CONGRESS HAD BIG RESULTS

PRACTICABLE TO BOND DISTRICTS FOR NEW ROADS.

Thoroughly Permeated With the New Scheme of Building Railroads, Delegates to Boise Congress Returns—Meeting Here Next—Might Girdle This Valley, Too.

William Miller has returned from Boise City, where he represented the La Grande Commercial club at the recent meeting of the Oregon-I Idaho Development congress. Mr. Miller said that prior to going he really had not given the objects of this association very much thought, having never

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BAKER CITY IS CURSED BY SIN

SAY PETITIONERS, WHO FLAY CITY COUNCIL.

Over One Hundred Citizens of Baker City Last Night Condemned the City Council for Neglect in Enforcing the Laws—Want Abolishment of Houses of Vice—Skating Rink One of the Objects—Expose of Sin, and Vice Existing There, Made.

Baker City, March 2.—The Democrat said this morning:

In bitter terms the city administration was condemned last evening as having failed to regulate local vice, by a delegation of over 100 citizens, who appeared before the city council demanding reforms of alleged vices, which its spokesman declared were needed. James Cates presented the matter, stating that he was acting for the W. C. T. U. and presented an unsigned petition in the names of the parents of Baker City, setting forth the alleged reforms which the committee demanded. These are what was wanted:

The enforcement of the curfew ordinance.

The abolition of certain alleged immoral places, the Armory skating rink.

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ENORMOUS FINE GREATLY SHAVED

IN PLACE OF \$29,000,000 IT MAY BE BUT \$700,000.

Presiding Judge in Standard Rehearing Decides on Motion so as to Mean Savings of Millions to Standard, Though Found Guilty—Prosecution Can Deal With 36 Cases Instead of 1500—Most Radical Decision in the Case.

Chicago, March 2.—That the Standard Oil company will be fined but little over \$700,000, was the tenor of a ruling today by Judge Anderson, who definitely decided the Standard is liable to penalization on 36 different counts, instead of 1500. The ruling is in accordance with a motion by Attorney Miller, of the defense.

Miller's motion that the court order the government prosecutors to introduce no testimony designed to prove more than 36 offenses, was also sustained by Anderson. The United States district attorney, Wilkerson, in presenting the government's case, declared he was expected to prove that the ostensible rate of 18 cents per 100 pounds given the Standard by the Chicago & Alton road for shipment of oil between Champaign, Ill., and East St. Louis, which apparently is interstate shipment, but in reality was interstate.

JACKIES REACH CAPITAL.
Over Two Thousand Will March in Inaugural Parade Thursday.

Washington, March 2.—The cruiser Hartford and transport Prairie, bearing 1500 sailors of the Atlantic fleet, who will march in the inaugural parade, docked here today. The transport Dixie is expected from Norfolk tonight with 600. Thousands of visitors are still arriving today. The weather prophet predicts clear weather for Thursday.

AFTER EXHIBITS FOR A. Y. P. FAIR

OFFICIAL DECORATOR FOR OREGON IN LA GRANDE.

Mr. Benton Asserts That Oregon's Building is Peer of All Coast States at Seattle Exposition Grounds—He Found Exhibits at Union Experiment Station.

W. E. Benton, the official decorator and allotter of space in the Oregon building at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, is in the city looking after the exhibit that Union county is preparing to send. Yesterday he visited the Union county experiment station at Union and secured a large amount of grains and grass exhibits.

Mr. Benton states that Oregon will have an exhibit that her citizens will have every reason to feel proud of. The building is completed and while many do not realize it, Oregon is actually going to lead the great state of California, which usually leads everything on this coast in the way of exhibitions. Union county is also to be creditably represented as the Commercial club took steps last fall to secure exhibition fruit.

TWO TICKETS IN FIELD AT ELGIN

LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE ADOPTS TICKET BY CAUCUS.

Last Night Saw Two Caucuses in Elgin to Nominate as Many Tickets—Some of the Candidates Appear on Both Tickets—Mayor and Councilmen Differ, However, and Warm Fight is Assured—Hackett and Fine Are Mayoralty Candidates.

Elgin, March 2.—(Special.)—The Law and Order league pitted against the Citizen's ticket was the outcome of a dual caucus held here last evening to nominate tickets for the municipal election next Monday. Each caucus was held without any unusual excitement, the two parties selecting their tickets with little difficulty.

Two in Mayoralty Race.
In the race for mayor and councilman there will, with one exception, be warm races. The recorder and treasurer are the same on both tickets. The Law and Order league is headed by N. Hackett. William Fine is the nominal head of the Citizen's ticket.

Complete Tickets.
The tickets as put in the field follow:

Law and Order—Mayor, N. Hackett; councilmen (two years), Julius Hug, F. E. Smith and O. W. Barlow; councilmen (one year), Henry Rinehart; recorder, L. Denham; treasurer, J. B. Thorson; marshal, J. C. Christianson.

Citizen's League—Mayor, William Fine; councilmen (for two years), R. C. Mays, Robert Mills and F. E. Smith; councilmen (for one year), L. A. Stoop; recorder, L. Denham; treasurer, J. B. Thorson; marshal, William St. Peters.

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DECISION OF SUPREME COURT ENDS QUARREL.

Squabble Over Right of Way Around Garibaldi Point is Settled in Favor of Harriman Interests—Means Road Will Be Built North At Once, Say Leaders.

Salem, March 2.—The Oregon supreme court today gave a decision upholding the claims of the Harriman interests in the right of way quarrel waged with Hill over the Coast Line north of Tillamook. Under the terms of the agreement, the Pacific Railroad & Navigation company built its Forest Grove-Tillamook road up the coast from Tillamook to a point north of Garibaldi point. E. E. Lytle, president of that company, stated today that construction work has reached the junction point of the disputed right of way and that the decision now enables him to continue the work and complete a portion of the new line by fall.

The Astoria & Columbia River railroad has its surveys running south from McSeaside to Tillamook. These surveys conflicted with the Harriman line around Garibaldi Point.

SUICIDE AT PORTLAND.
Crazed by Love Portland Mechanic Attempts Murder and Suicides.

Portland, March 2.—Love crazed, John Carlisle, an expert mechanic, today called at a boarding house conducted by his divorced wife, Ada, and shot her in the doorway, and then committed suicide. The entire side of his head was blown away. The woman will recover. She is the mother of three children. Carlisle was angry because she did not return to him.

GRAFTER COFFEY GIVEN 7 YEARS

FIRST CONVICTION OF RUEF'S BOODLING BOARD.

Hack Driver Coffey Today Sentenced to Seven Years in San Quentin Prison for Accepting Bribe Money From Abe Ruef—Tried and Sentenced in One Month.

San Francisco, March 2.—Seven years in San Quentin state prison for Michael W. Coffey, the first boodling supervisor of the infamous grafting board, selected by Ruef to be tried, was the sentence pronounced today by Judge Dunne. Coffey's wife and daughter wept in court. He accepted a bribe for his vote favoring the overhead trolley franchise.

Coffey was brought to trial and convicted and sentenced in less than a month. He was formerly a hack driver, and was selected for his simplicity. It was figured he could be easily handled by the gang.

MINERS KILLED.
Explosion Creates Havoc in Pennsylvania Mining Shaft.

Pittston, Pa., March 2.—Two miners were killed, 14 seriously injured, one is missing and 25 escaped, is the story of an explosion of gas in the shaft of the South Creek Slope colliery of the Pennsylvania Coal company at Fort Griffith today. It is feared many are still in the burning colliery.

The day shift had been working only a few minutes when the explosion occurred. Scores of men were immediately organized into searching parties.

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HORRIBLE MURDER AT BAY CITY

Bay City, Ore., March 12.—John Peterson, a foreman of the Portland Railway and Navigation company at Kelchie river camp, in the vicinity of Tillamook bay, Tillamook county, was found murdered today four miles south of Bay City. His head was mangled and the body was lying on the stomach.

The pockets were turned out and valuables taken. Adolph Nordstrom, a laborer about the camp, was arrested and brought to the county jail at Tillamook. A blood-stained coat was found in his valise. He had plenty of money. Peterson's sleeping room was literally bespattered with blood.

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