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For once the interstate commerce commission has rendered a decision that pleases everyone. We refer to the celebrated Spokane rate case, which has involved all of the principles of rate making, and now after 26 months of deliberation a decision is reached so that all parties are pleased. Spokane has won a victory and the Portland and Seattle jobbers claim the validity of water competition, which gives them special rates, is sustained. Whatever reduced rate Spokane succeeds in obtaining, means other inland shipping points will in time be benefited in a similar way.

Oregon is spending thousands of dollars in publicity this year. Portland heads the list with \$1000,000, and more than this amount has been raised by other sections of the state. Is it any wonder that our trains are crowded with home-seekers during the special rate period. Advertising pays—honest advertising—when the representations made are backed up by the facts, and when it comes to exaggerating the wonderful resources of Oregon—well, it never has been so portrayed, notwithstanding some very pretty things have been said of it. Yet the half has never been told.

Today without doubt, the greatest president since Lincoln retired, after seven years of intense public life, to the ranks of a private citizen. Today, upon taking the oath of office, President Taft enters upon the duties of our chief executive, trained as no other man ever was who has been called to this high office. The people have hopes of great things of President Taft, and there are few of our 90,000,000 people but what feel that they will not be disappointed.

Narcotism, produced by excessive and continued use of morphine, is the defense which Cashier H. E. Neal is relying on to keep him out of the penitentiary, for wrecking the Boise bank for which he is now on trial.

The bill to provide bank guarantee of deposits was snowed under in the Idaho legislature this week by a large majority. The voters of Oregon at the next election will in all probability vote on a similar measure.

Every one realizes that the inland empire sooner or later will derive a reduction in present freight rates as a result of the decision in the Spokane rate case.

CITY HALL WALLS SINK

The wall under the city hall and fire house is sinking, necessitating a new foundation to prevent seriousness. In the city recorder's office the walls are gradually receding from the ceiling, leaving large crevices, and the same is true in the corridor of the city jail. The front wall of the fire building is perhaps weakened the most, and workmen were sent at it to make repairs this morning.

The reason for the gradual depression of the foundation is not known, though it is thought the sinking has

been long and gradual, only recently being sufficient to crack the walls.

BUSY SESSION OF COUNCIL

The council meeting last night was one of the busy sessions of which the first of the month usually finds, the auditing of bills being the most important feature.

A report was read from the American Light & Water company, which stated that their attorneys were about ready to file their report as to the legality of the proceedings of the council leading up to the issuance of the bonds. The letter stated if the legality was confirmed, the bonds would be immediately placed.

BLIZZARD MARS CEREMONY

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Inauguration of Vice-President.
James Schoolcraft Sherman, of New York, stepped into the vice-presidency promptly at noon, according to the hands on the marble-faced clocks in the senate chamber. The galleries had filled up within a few minutes after the outside doors were opened at 11:15. Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Roosevelt and their families were among the early arrivals in the executive gallery, and they were soon joined by the families of Vice-President Fairbanks and Vice-President-elect Sherman.

In order to allow the seating of the members of the house of representatives and the other distinguished witnesses of the vice-presidential inauguration, the senators were all gathered on the right side of the center aisle. Vice-President Fairbanks was presiding over the body for the last time, and the business details of the closing session of the 60th congress were hurried through with all possible speed in order that the more spectacular proceedings might have right of way. "The chief justice and the associate judges of the supreme court of the United States," announced a robust voice on the floor of the senate chamber, and instantly the hum of voices ceased, and the battery of opera glasses that had been trained on the ladies in the executive gallery was lowered.

When the forms of Roosevelt and Taft appeared, framed in the doorway, the galleries set up a spirited clapping and waving of handkerchiefs, whereupon Vice-President Fairbanks tapped smartly for order, as the two high-backed chairs received their distinguished occupants and the members of the committee of arrangements effaced themselves, only to reappear a moment later, escorting the chubby, good-natured Vice-President-elect. Without delay Vice-President Fairbanks recited to him the oath of office. Mr. Sherman repeated the obligation after him, word for word, kissed the Bible that had been kissed so many times before on similar occasions, and for an instant—about as brief as the "constructive recess" that congress enjoyed a year or so ago—the United States had two vice-presidents in office. Then as Vice-President Fairbanks' gavel fell upon the marble slab of his desk, with a single stroke, he declared the 60th congress adjourned sine die. Now there was but one vice-president of the United States, and his name was Sherman.

At the conclusion of his address Mr. Sherman administered the oath of office to the new senators-elect. One of the old senators made a motion to adjourn; it was carried without opposition, and the galleries and chamber were cleared as if by magic.

The Inaugural Ball.

President and Mrs. Taft will make their first official appearance at a social function tonight, when they will lead the grand march at the inaugural ball. For months society of the capital, and for that matter, of many other cities, has been in a pleasurable state of excitement over the inaugural hop, and the amount of money that will be represented in gowns and jewels on the floor of the great Pension building when the Marine band assembles the dancers, would buy or build a railroad.

It is the only time in four years that the plain American citizen and citizeness has an opportunity to meet the president and his wife on the floor

of a ball room, and with this dazzling prospect in view, it is small wonder that there are generally twice as many tickets sold as there is room for ticket holders. The crush is consequently often nothing short of brutal, and those who attend generally leave, breathing vows of "never again." Those who utter the vows as a rule keep them faithfully until the next president is inaugurated, when the same lure that dragged them to the last ball carries them there again to suffer the familiar woes of torn lace, trodden toes, and hand-to-hand conflicts at the supper table.

Tickets to the ball sell for \$5 each, and supper is served for \$1.50 in addition.

The immense pillars—the largest in the world, are garlanded with greenery and many-colored globes; the basement is converted into a restaurant for the supper at \$1.50 a meal; and great board passageways are built from the sidewalks to the entrances at north, south, east and west.

The famous Marine band comes in its scarlet and white uniforms, and is stationed in a bower of palms at one

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Baker City Will Pave.

Property owners on Front street want paving and they are leaving no doubt about it, from the way in which they are rapidly signing the paving petition now being circulated by the street committee, says the Baker City Democrat.

William Osterling, who was operated upon Tuesday is reported to be recovering as rapidly as possible under the circumstances. Mr. Osterling was in a very serious condition, which the operation revealed.



Miss Marie Drofna with Charles B. Hanford.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution and order of sale and decree of foreclosure and sale, issued out of and under the seal of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Union, bearing date the 13th day of February, 1909, and to me directed and delivered upon a judgment and decree duly rendered, entered of record and docketed in said court on the 10th day of September, 1908, in a suit wherein the Bank of Commerce, limited, a corporation, were plaintiffs and W. R. Rivette, Dulete F. Rivette and D. M. Kelly, were defendants, said decree being in favor of said plaintiffs and against said defendants, for the sum of \$23,336.94, with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 10th day of September, 1908; and the further sum of \$2,000.00 for attorney's fee, I will, on the 24th day of March, 1909, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the front door of the court house, in the city of La Grande, Oregon, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said plaintiff's judgment, interest, attorney's fees and accruing costs, all the rights, title and interest that the said defendants and each of them had, on or after the date of the mortgage foreclosed in said suit, upon the following described mortgage property, to-wit:

The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 23, the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 25, and the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 24, township 5 south of range 40, E. W. M. Also all the saw timber from eight inches through and upwards now standing, growing and being upon the following described real estate, to-wit:

The E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 22; the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 23, all in township 5, south of range 38, E. W. M. Union county, Oregon. Also all of the saw timber now being and growing upon the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, section 25, township 5 south, of range 40, E. W. M. Also all of the saw timber measuring 42 inches in circumference at the base and upwards now standing, growing and being upon the following described real estate, the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and lots 3 and 4 in section 30, township 6 south of range 38, E. W. M., Union county, Oregon, together with the free and uninterrupted use and privilege of ingress, egress and regress, into and onto said lands, for the purpose of cutting, hauling and carrying away said timber and lumber from said lands; also lots 3 and 4 in block 19 of North Powder, townsite, Union county, Oregon.

Dated this 23d day of February, 1909, at La Grande, Oregon.
F. P. CHILDERS,
Sheriff of Union County, Oregon.
2-23-2-9-16-23

NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION.
Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 8th day of March, 1909, a general election will be held in the city of La Grande, Oregon, and that the polls will be open from the hour of 9 o'clock a. m., until the hour of 7 o'clock p. m., of said day.

That said election is for the purpose of electing the following named officers, to-wit:

Mayor, Recorder, Chief of Police, Treasurer, and one Councilman from each ward.

At said election the following question will be submitted to the voters of the city:

"Shall an act relating to parks, approved on the 17th day of February, 1899, be accepted?"

The following are the polling places, judges and clerks of the several wards designated and appointed by the council:

First Ward—At the court house, Judges, J. P. Clark, E. C. Davis and M. McMurphy. Clerks, Frank Kupatzeck and Arthur Warnick.

Second Ward—At the council chamber, Judges, George Ball, John Baker and F. S. Bramwell. Clerks, Walter Ferguson, J. K. Wright.

Third Ward—In the Ramsey building, on Penn. avenue, between Fourth street and Third street. Judges, B. W. Grandy, M. A. Harrison and John Cates. Clerks, A. C. Williams, C. A. Vurpillat.

Fourth Ward—At Harris hall, Judges, G. E. Fowler, G. W. Allen, John Sheak. Clerks, J. M. Kecksparger, W. P. Noble.

In witness whereof I have hereunto attached my hand and affixed the seal of my office this 24th day of September, 1908.
D. E. COX,
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