

NEW RATES IN DANGER

INLAND CITIES AWAIT DECISION

INJUSTICE IS TO REMAIN

IF COAST CITIES WIN POINT

EASTERN CITIES RALLY TO HELP TERMINALS' AID.

Double Rates Paid by La Grande May Remain in Force.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The assurance that he will have the support of eastern cities in the fight against the proposal of inland railroads to establish new rates and destroy the advantage of water competition enjoyed by Atlantic and Pacific ports, were received by William R. Wheeler, traffic manager of the San Francisco Merchants Exchange, who will appear before the interstate commission to present the arguments.

When the full significance of the Spokane rate decision dawned upon Pacific coast terminal cities, Wheeler was sent to Washington to fight against the extension of their distributing business.

Atlantic Aids Pacific. Since his arrival in the east Wheeler visited Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, and pointed out to commercial organizations that they are as vitally interested in the matter as the Pacific coast cities. Today Wheeler received word that representatives of these cities will be on hand tomorrow to assist him.

All the inland empire, La Grande, Baker City, Pendleton and Spokane, are thus pitted against the powerful coast cities and whether the recent decision in the Spokane rate case, which would remove the necessity of La Grande merchants paying Chicago-to-Portland rates and then local rates back to La Grande, will stand unremoved is a matter of doubt. The coast cities have fought the measure unitedly, while the inland empire is virtually alone in defense of the new rates. It is a matter of dollars and cents to every merchant, shipper and buyer in La Grande.

McCloud Strike Over. McCLOUD, Calif., June 8.—Danger of trouble in McCloud, where lumbermen are on a strike is past. The State militia is breaking camp.

SOLDIER IS BURIED. E. E. Carpenter Laid to Rest With Due Military Honors Today.

The funeral of Edward E. Carpenter was held this afternoon from the Christian church under the auspices of Oliver P. Morton Post, G. A. R. of

which organization he has been a member during the 17 years of his residence in La Grande. His laudable life's history was read during the services and reflected his high standing in army and social circles during his long journey through life. Nearly the entire post members responded to the call of yesterday and were on hand today to pay the last respects to the aged pioneer and civil war veteran. Deceased is survived by seven children, six of whom live here.

PITTSBURG MAN HERE.

Comes From Coast to Coast to Make Homestead Entry in Local Land Office.

William H. H. Ogan of Pittsburg, Pa., is in La Grande today. He made homestead entry at the land office here. It is very rare, indeed that anyone come so far to secure land and it goes to show that the land in Eastern Oregon is very much in demand.

Special Trains No Go

It has been definitely announced today that there will be no excursion train from Wallowa to La Grande on the day of the Fourth. But the schedule for the excursion train from Elgin is out. The train will leave Elgin at 8 o'clock and returning leave La Grande at 10:30. The round trip from Elgin is \$1.00, Imbler 70 cents, and Alice 50 cents. While this is some discouragement, the committee will make the best of it.

FINE HORSES FROM AFAR

Horses will be entered in the La Grande stock show next Sunday from North Powder, Union and Elgin, according to notices received by Chairman West. Blue and white ribbons will be awarded the respective winners.

With such widespread support, the affair will undoubtedly be the best thing ever attempted by this city or any other community in Union county and no doubt the eastern half of the state.

Strikers Win Strike.

DANBURY, Conn., June 8.—The strike of the united hatters was ended today. Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, strikers winning a complete victory. Strike called off when 17 of 22 factories against which a strike was declared five months ago, signed agreement with the executive board of the union.

REPAIR ALARM SYSTEM

L. J. Tolls, a representative of the A. G. Long company, of Portland, dealers in fire equipment and alarm systems and devices, is in the city in the interests of his firm, which several years ago, installed a striking system here which has never been successful. Mr. Tolls says his purpose in coming is to get permission

from the city officials to make the old contract good. He says his firm is now positive that they can install the system so that it will perfectly perform the work expected of it, and that they have never asked for any money on the old contract, and do not intend, to do so unless they can make good.

FINE WATER SAYS EXPERT

ANOTHER BRANCH MAY BE TAPPED ANY TIME DESIRED
THINKS GOVERNMENT AGENT

WILL FILE REPORT TO UNCLE SAM

Thomas H. Parker, Chief Ranger of the Whitman National Forest, returned Saturday from a trip along the route of the Beaver Creek pipe line, where he went with Engineer Pickler in order to gather data on which to make a report to the government of the amount of timber, etc., which will be used in construction and failed to clear the right of way. Mr. Parker will forward his report tomorrow. In regard to the amount of timber it will be necessary to cut, he held that the majority is lodge pole pine, with a little yellow pine. The yellow pine trees, however, are scattered along the six miles of right of way through government land and will be easily avoided.

For three years the forest service has protected a territory some five miles square for the benefit of La Grande, and the water is absolutely pure. Mr. Parker says that all along the streams which furnish the flow there are springs of the purest water bubbling out of the banks, and that in his estimation no city any

place has an opportunity as good as ours to obtain a plentiful supply of the best of water. In addition to the proposed intake, the government will give permission to the city to tap another branch at any time it is needed, and will enlarge the reservation so that the territory drained by this second branch will be protected from stock.

It is his belief that all the necessary red tape will be unwound and that actual construction, as far as the forest service is concerned, may begin by the first of July.

Mr. Parker is of the opinion that at least a third of the pipe may be hauled in from North Powder over the old Daley road more advantageously than from here. The grades will not be so heavy, and less road construction will be necessary. In a few days he will go over the North Powder route with a representative of the contractors, and it may be that some of the material will be unloaded at that place.

CIRCUIT COURT DRY AFFAIR TO DATE

The arguments in the case of Lee vs. Carroll are being made this afternoon. The possession of certain town lots in North Powder is at issue.

The case of Halverson and Phoenix Insurance Co. vs. the O. R. & N., Josephine Graybill vs. O. R. & N. and the O. R. & N. vs. O. F. Coolidge, were continued for the term.

The case of J. R. McLarin vs. M. F. Wilcox, where church property

at North Powder is at issue, was set for Thursday.

Friday the case of Walter Nledner, Receiver of the Farmers' & Traders bank vs. Turner Oliver, to recover on bank stock, was set for trial.

The Elmer Christiansen case is due to follow the present one and it is possible that a jury may be drawn tonight.

ENGINE 199 IN THE SHOPS NOW

SPLINTERED CARS BROUGHT BACK FOR REPAIRS.

Mail Car And Tender Will be Sent to Albina Shops.

Engine No. 199, which went in the ditch taking mail, baggage and express car and three coaches with it at North Powder Saturday morning, is in the local shops undergoing repairs. The baggage car will also be repaired here while the mail car and the tender will be sent to Albina. They are pretty badly smashed up, but will undergo a speedy repair and the "hoodoo" engine will again be in use.

PAPER SCARES HORSE.

Fluttering Sheet Starts Delivery Horse on Short Dash.

Startled by a piece of paper which blew across his breast, the brown horse driven to one of the meat carts belonging to the Grande Round Meat Company broke his bridle this morning and made a quick run to the barn. No damage was done.

PAWNS WOODEN LEG FOR DRINK

OAKLAND MAN DEPORTED FOR GROSS MISDEED.

Got "Tank'd" And Forgot Where He Left His Malnstay.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 8.—Because Richard Williams, of Oakland, California, pawned his wooden leg for a flask of whiskey, he has been ordered deported. He reached Vancouver 10 days ago and got drunk. When taken to the police station, Williams forgot what became of his wooden leg. It was missing. Since then it was learned that he pawned it for liquor.

How is This For Oregon!

Joseph Barton of South Baker, holds the record for making soil produce quickly and it is doubtful if even Luther Burbank could compete with Mr. Barton. On Monday afternoon he planted radishes in his garden and the next Friday evening they were up; he also planted a lawn on Tuesday and the next Sunday the grass was peeping through the ground in nice shape. The old Willamette valley, noted for

its vegetation, can take lessons from Eastern Oregon, after all.—Baker City Herald.

Raffles at Walla Walla.

The mysterious Mr. Raffles, who has established quite a reputation as a quick change artist, and who was recently captured at Portland while doing his stunt for the journal, will try the same scheme at Walla Walla for the Morning Union. In all probabilities he will not last long in so small a town.

Hard Work on Program.

The sports committee for the fourth of July celebration is hard at work arranging a program that will eclipse all previous records for sports on the Fourth. Arrangements have practically been completed for one or two races with the hose team from Wallowa and one with the team from Elgin provided the executive committee can secure the special train over the Wallowa branch.

Bread Prices Shoot

The bakers of the city, Herman Roesch and Fred Dutil, have announced that they can no longer sell bread at a less price than five cents a loaf. They assign as a reason for their action that flour has advanced so much that they are unable to make a living profit at the old price at which tickets were sold.

Special Agent Here.

A special agent of the general land office is here today transacting business in the local land office. He will leave tomorrow.

PORTLAND LIQUOR LAWS DEFEATED

PORTLAND, June 8.—20,000 voters failed to go to the polls yesterday, with a result that Simon was elected mayor by a plurality not exceeding 4500. The new charter was decisively defeated and the McKenna Excise and the Gohtenberg Amendments were

NEW POLICY IN ADMINISTRATION

TO ENGENDER MORE "GET"

DIRECTORS NEED COMPANY

COMMERCIAL CLUB FEED SET FOR MONDAY NIGHT.

Want All Members to Help Wield Destines, Too.

At a meeting of the Merchants' Association, held last night in the banquet room of the Model restaurant, announcement was made of a similar function of the Commercial club membership, for next Monday night. As in the merchants' meeting last night every fellow paid for his own meal, and the same plan will be followed at the club supper.

During the past year the club has accomplished a great deal of good, but most of the work has been done by the board of managers.

President Collier says that a new policy will be followed in the future, and the membership will be asked to more actively engage in the various projects to be undertaken during the coming year. A report of the past year's work will be made by Mr. Collier, and afterward he will outline the plans, purposes and objects to the next season's work.

The board of managers has not objected to doing work for the club, but they feel that more enthusiasm will be engendered and consequently good be engendered and consequently good activities of the body is general among the membership, instead of being confined to the few.

North Powder Theft Last Night

NORTH POWDER, June 8.—(Special)—Two boys presumably tramps, between the ages of 17 and 18, broke into the Lindley grocery store, here last night and stole a watch and several other small trinkets. After committing the theft they went to the

hotel, where they were found this morning. The goods were found on them and they were lodged in jail. They will be brought to La Grande tonight. All the goods were recovered.

GIRLS START TROUBLE

Two girls who have been making their headquarters in La Grande of late went to Joseph recently, and, according to reports coming from there, shot up town in fine shape. They imbibed freely of the flowing bowl, if the reports are correct, and while they escaped from the ire of the officials there and came to La Grande last night, the boys in the

case were not so fortunate and will be put on trial tomorrow at Joseph for violating divious ordinances. The girls are not exact strangers, having drifted in some time ago. A few days ago they were sent to Joseph to work in a restaurant by a local employment agency which believed the girls were honest in their search for work.