

OREGON RATE CASE DECIDED BY SUPREME COURT

ATTACK MADE ON LAWS IN TWO CASES BY S. P. AND HARRIS MAN LINES.

AFFIRMED MINNESOTA CASE

Decisions Also Rendered for the State in the Kansas, the Arkansas, and West Virginia Rate Cases—Decision Holds Commissions' Rates Not Confiscatory.

Washington, June 16.—Oregon's maximum freight and passenger rate law today has been declared by the United States supreme court not to be confiscatory in their decision rendered in the action on the case known as the Oregon rate case which was brought by the Southern Pacific, Oregon and California, and Oregon Railroad & Navigation company. In this decision the court affirmed the state's rights decreed in the Minnesota case. Decisions were rendered for the state in the Kansas, the Arkansas, and the West Virginia rate cases.

The attack on the laws were made in two cases. The Southern Pacific sued to enjoin the reduced class rates that were fixed by the Oregon Railway commission south from Portland, alleging an annual loss of one hundred fifty thousand dollars. Alleged two creating commissions were invalid, because, the order affects interstate commerce not uniformly, by conferred judicial and legislative powers upon the commission. In the other case, the Harriman lines, appealed from the federal decision giving judgment to shippers for freight overcharge. It was alleged that shipment of original packages from California remain an interstate matter.

FINED \$10.

Italian Caught Following People Around After Night.

Last night Chief MacLaughlin arrested an Italian giving his name as John Mozzello, on a complaint for following some ladies home last evening. The man was seen peering around the shadows of the residence after the party got home, and caused sufficient alarm for them to notify the police. It is thought that this may be the party who has been doing a great deal of window peaking in East La Grande during the past few weeks. There is no evidence except a general correspondence of description, that can be found against him, however. He paid a fine of ten dollars this morning and was released.

CARDINAL DELLA VOLPE.

He is Archbishop of Bologna, Italy, Aged Sixty-eight Years.



Election of Director On

SUCCESSOR TO L. P. DAY WHO HAS FILLED UNEXPIRED TERM

NO NEW CANDIDATES

Yearly Report at School Meeting; Small Attendance Reported.

This afternoon, Clerk Williams, is conducting the annual school meeting and election of one director to succeed the place of L. P. Day, who was appointed to serve out an unexpired term. Mr. Day will probably be re-elected to the position, as no opposition to him has been announced before the election.

The attendance this afternoon was small, and the polls at the election will probably indicate the smallest vote in years for the office of school director.

LAWRENCE AGREES TO PAY

No Testimony taken in Case Against Mrs. Pankhurst.

London, June 16.—Immediately after making his opening statements to the counsel, Justice Coleridge ordered judgment for full claim to which Lawrence agreed. No testimony was taken. Mrs. Pankhurst and daughter Christobel, who were jointly accused as being responsible for inciting suffragettes into window smashing were freed from monetary responsibility by the action of Lawrence, who, in accepting the dictum of the court, agreed to pay.

Sanderson Succeeds Ismay.

London, June 16.—It was announced today that J. Bruce Ismay, who survived the Titanic disaster, would be succeeded as president of international mercantile marine by Harold A. Sanderson, the present first vice.

CURRENCY BILL READY FOR INTRODUCTION NEXT FRIDAY

Wilson Says Currency Problem Will Occupy Lime Light After This Week—Early Settlement Of Tariff is Urged

Washington, June 16.—President Wilson today announced that the currency legislation would be launched this week in congress, probably on Friday. The announcement made at the executive weekly conference was announced. After the president had conferred with Mcadoo and Senator Owen, he said that party leaders were united in their program. Wilson's message is already written and he expects that the currency problem will replace the tariff in the limelight after this week.

Wilson also denied that Secretary and that Bryan dominated the conference. Bryan disagrees on currency question.

Wilson said that the currency bill would be introduced simultaneously in both houses. He is uncertain whether he will send a message before or after introduced. He expects a wide difference of opinion among Democrats. He asserted that the bill covers a

broad and general principal and hopes it will meet general support. Wilson refused to disclose the principle and says he is not a currency expert and does not want it called the "Wilson Bill". Letters from manufacturers urge an early settlement of the tariff stating business is at a standstill. "Insidious Lobby."

Washington, June 16.—An idea of the cost of keeping sugar off the free list was today given by Henry Oxnard who appeared before the senate committee investigating the "Insidious Lobby" charges. Oxnard swore that the sugar interests had spent seven hundred fifty thousand dollars in fighting free sugar in the last twenty years. He said that the books of the American Beet Sugar association had been destroyed. He said they would show nothing anyway for the man who disbursed the funds was not required to render an account.

HENRY JAMES.

American Writer, Living in England, Recently Seventy Years Old.



Lou Rayburn Highest Man

HITS 142 OUT OF 150 BLUE ROCKS AT HUNTINGTON SHOOT.

STRAIGHT RUN OF 72

Press Lewis Among Leaders. Granders in Boise This Week.

A communication from Lou Rayburn to the Observer was received this morning in which the famous La Grande Nimrod says: "I took them all to the cleaner, professionals and all. Rayburn was highest man at the Huntington shoot, going 142 out of a possible 150. He also made the record for the shoot killing 72 without a miss.

Press Lewis also shot well in the Huntington meet. The La Grande shots are now in Boise warming up for the big shoot there this week.

NEAR BEER HOUSES OUT

Must Continue Only as Pool Halls and Cigar Stores.

Wallowa, June 16.—(Special).—The near beer houses of Wallowa have practically gone out of business this week, the law recently passed by the legislature taking effect, which provides a fine nearly five times as great for selling near beer, as the fine for selling intoxicating liquors. oBth John Goebel and Wolfe Bros., state that they have quit so far as near beer is concerned, and will hereafter run their places simply as cigar stores and pool and billiard parlors.

The law in question makes it a misdemeanor to sell near beer in a dry territory, or to sell any beverage containing alcohol. It provides that the possession of a government liquor license is the only evidence necessary to bring about conviction. It is said the law will not affect the saloons in Joseph.—Wallowa Sun.

LITTLE GIRL NEARLY SHOT

BULLET SMASHES THROUGH WINDOW MISSING GIRL

Much Careless Shooting Reported on Foothills West of Town.

Yesterday afternoon, little Wilma Neiderer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Neiderer, living at 303 Adams avenue, while standing in front of a dresser in her room, was terribly frightened by a bullet smashing in through the window of the room, missing her by but a few inches, and striking against the opposite wall. The little girl was only seven years old and the scare was quite severe as it proved likewise to be to her mother who has not been very well lately.

It is known that the stray bullet came from some of the careless boys, probably out to shoot squirrels. A great deal of shooting is reported every evening along the foothills just west of town, and the residents on the outer edge are constantly in fear of stray lead such as nearly struck Miss Neiderer. Yesterday's narrow escape from a terrible accident may however put a check on so much careless gunplay by unthinking boys.

Observer Late This Evening.

Due to mechanical break downs the Observer was forced to make a late appearance this evening. The faults will be corrected by tomorrow, however.

SIX DEAD OF HEAT.

Chicago Temperature Reaches Ninety-five Mark at Noon.

Chicago, June 16.—One year's heat record of ninety-five degrees was reached here at noon today. Three additional deaths occurred this morning, making six in the last fifty hours. Prostrations are numerous. Five prostrations are reported in Milwaukee in order to escape the intense heat.

ELK'S FLAG DAY GREAT SUCCESS

JUDGE LOWELL DELIVERS EXCELLENT ORATION.

Musical Program Excellent, Ritualistic Work Impressive.

Flag day exercises of the Elks' lodge were held yesterday afternoon and a program complete in every detail was carried out. Exalted Ruler L. F. Dunn presided and the ritualistic work of the order for the occasion was carried out. E. F. Coolidge in his tribute to the flag again reflected his ability as an orator to the audience. Mrs. Richardson in rendering the "Star Spangled Banner" made every note a message of patriotism and the selection was well received by the audience. Mr. Ferrin also rendered a vocal solo which was up to his usual excellent standard. Stoddard sang an appropriate number, after which the patriotic speaker of the day, Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton, was introduced by the Exalted Ruler. For over an hour the Judge, in his extraordinary eloquent manner, talked of the flag, the nation, and the Elks' order. It was a speech that no person in La Grande should have missed. In these days when oratory has almost become a lost art, it is delightfully pleasant to listen to a polished speaker such as Judge Lowell is known to be. His talk covered the flag's history and dealt with conditions that arose in years gone by and also conditions that confront us at the present time.

FAMILY REUNION

Quinland Family Enjoy Happy Reunion Sunday.

Mr. James Quinland and wife, who reside on the Island City road, enjoyed a family reunion Sunday. Their five sons, a daughter, three daughters-in-law, and four grand children being present. Chas. D. Quinland and wife, of Anaconda, Mont., Mrs. Betty Kohn and daughter, Dovey; J. B. Quinland J. J. Quinland and wife, of Island City; Phil Quinland, L. M. Quinland and wife, of La Grande, and their little grandchildren, Idell, Irene and Alden. A very fine day was enjoyed by all

MINERS MEET AND ORDER A NEW STRIKE

CLAIM OWNERS FORCED STRIKE BY VIOLATING COMPROMISE AGREEMENT

STRIKE NOT SANCTIONED

General Strike is Generally Indicated. Meeting by Miners Against Owners Antennae, Mass Meeting held All

Through Strike Districts Sunday. Orders of Frbid Miners to Return.

Charleston, June 16.—The dispute between operators and miners in the coal regions of West Virginia is as far from settlement today as ever. A general strike is now strongly indicated. The feeling against mine owners by miners is bitter. Mass meetings were held throughout Paint creek and Cabin creek districts on Sunday. Orders were issued forbidding miners to return to work, which were generally obeyed.

John P. White, president of the International Miners, arrived here today to consult with unionists regarding the new strike. The miners declare that owners forced a renewal of the strike when they violated the compromise agreement which was procured by Governor Hatfield to settle the dispute.

Reports indicate a small percentage of miners near Cabin creek to be on strike in response to a mass meeting order. The miners' organization has not sanctioned the new strike.

SUNDAY WALLOWA EXCURSIONS

Regular Sunday Trains Will Begin on June 29th.

Regular Sunday excursions on the Wallowa branch will begin Sunday June 29th, to continue throughout the summer. The trains will leave La Grande at 7 a. m., returning the same evening.

Mr. Egensparger, manager of the head of the lake is in La Grande today and announces that he is preparing for the largest crowds in the history of the resort for the coming season.

MRS. SCHILKE ELECTED

Associate Grand Conductress is Distinction Given Her.

Mrs. Fred G. Schilke, for the past year holding an appointive office in the grand chapter of Eastern Star, has been honored with the only new elective office, at the present session in Portland. She becomes associate grand conductress. She won by a clean and handsome majority. Because there are 10,000 members in the lodge in this state, and the elective officers are freely sought after, the honor is all the more meritorious.

BLACKHAND BLOWS UP ITALIAN HOME; 11 YEARS OF PERSECUTION

Los Angeles, June 16.—A remarkable story of persecution by the black hand for eleven years was told to the police today by G. D. Trappani, a merchant, whose home was blown up today by Peppino, the principal owner of another Italian store. Trappani was taken to the hospital where several severe burns that he had sustained in the explosion were dressed. Speaking of his experiences, Tra-

pani said that the black handers drove him from New Orleans eleven years ago, having demanded a thousand dollars or penalty of death. He reported it to the police, but later a bomb was thrown in his yard. They drove him from Seattle, then San Francisco. He was determined not to be driven again, and his resistance to the last letter led to today's explosion.

LA GRANDE MUST RAISE MONEY TONIGHT OR NO MORE BASE BALL

"There must be money raised tonight or there will be no ball game tomorrow," is the edict issued by Pat Foley, who has charge of La Grande's ball team this season. The team is broke because many of the notes that were signed at the beginning have not been made, and Mr. Foley refuses to go farther in debt.

Tonight at the Commercial club there will be a meeting to determine the course to pursue. If money can be raised to pay salaries all will be serene and the national game will con-

tinue, but on the other hand if the money is not raised—"bing" and the base ball business is off for keeps. The gates of the park will not open tomorrow unless the meeting this evening takes care of the financial troubles. All of the local fans are expected to be present and the persons who signed notes must be prepared to pay at once, whether the team quits tonight or not, for the outstanding accounts must be paid with money from the notes.