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LUMBERMEN ARE VICTORS IN 'FIRST ROUND'

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION DELAYS EFFECTIVE PLUMMER TARIFF.

HEAR ARGUMENTS LATER

Interstate Commerce Commission Holds Plummer Gateway Proposition Until February 28, for Argument—Action Follows. Hears Remonstrances Started This Week.

Eastern Oregon White Pine Lumber manufacturers won a signal victory in the form of a first round knock-out when, according to telegraphic communication from the interstate commerce commission relayed to La Grande by George Cornwall of Portland, the Interstate Commerce commission today suspended operation on the Plummer gateway tariff which was to become effective today. The new tariff has been held up until a hearing is held on February 28. The telegrams sent out by the individual members of the eastern Oregon division of the White Pine Manufacturers' association, the La Grande Commercial club, following the meeting here a few days ago, and personal effort by George Palmer of this city, who is in Portland this week, and George Cornwall, editor of the Lumberman, to have Chairman Clyde B. Atchison of the Oregon railroad commission give his personal attention to the matter at Washington, all combined to get the results. Mr. Atchison fortunately was in Washington at the time, and could personally take up the important proposition with the Interstate Commerce commission, before the tariff becomes effective at midnight tonight.

Means Much to Shippers. While of course no final victory has been won, the local millmen are elated at the suspension ordered. Between now and February 28, argument will be prepared to present to the commission along with similar gateway arguments in the Spokane, Denver and Silver Bow remonstrances. Conditions almost identical with the Plummer gateway matter prevail and the commission will take under consideration the several cases at one time, and it is presumed that it will be a year or more before a final decree is issued in the matter. In the meantime the

GALLOWS CLAIM 2 MURDERERS AT SALEM PEN

BOTH REITERATE INNOCENCE IN CRIMES FOR WHICH THEY DIED TODAY.

HANGING BEE IS BRIEF

Priests Followed Condemned Men to the Gallows, Where Brief Statements Are Made by the Victims Before Black Caps Are Attached—Murdered a Medford Greek.

Salem, Ore., Oct. 31.—Mike Spanos and Frank Seymour were hanged at 8:30 at the state penitentiary today for the murder of George Dedaskou, a Greek, in Medford, September 22, 1912. Both mounted the scaffold stoically and before the black caps were adjusted each, in brief statements, declared himself innocent of the crime for which they were hanged.

Seymour expressed his hope that he would be the last man in Oregon to go through the trap. Seymour was pronounced dead at 8:37 and Spanos at 8:45.

The men were accompanied to the gallows by Father Moore and Father Victor, repeating the miserere.

Milwaukee connections at Plummer Idaho, will be available to eastern Oregon shippers. The Plummer connections have really been more in the nature of a club over the O.W. The junction there gives a northern shipping route, where cars can be furnished by the Milwaukee on demand or desire, and the entire matter has been of much moment to eastern Oregon, where but one line taps and where any similarity to competition is always welcomed.

The meeting called in La Grande a few days ago was for the purpose of focusing remonstrances against the order of the interstate commission closing the Plummer gateway. A large flood of telegrams went in from here and George Palmer, then in Portland, Editor Cornwall, and the Oregon railroad commission combined forces with the temporary suspension of the new tariff resulting. The proposition was brought about in a short period of time, and is of much consequence to all eastern Oregon manufacturers, for the territory that can be reached by the Plummer connection is material—although territory is not the sole object sought by the shippers.

Innocent Pranks But Not Depredation Permitted



HALLOWE'EN

Just as long as innocent pranks that Halloween suggests are adhered to tonight, there will be no trouble with the police. The line of demarcation between innocent pranks and depredation, however, is sharp and police officials will be on the alert for anyone attempting to destroy property or commit deeds of hoodlumism.

Society life is on the high speed ahead, and while youngsters are planning to celebrate the day with fitting pranks and capers, every social organization and many private individuals are planning on extensive and elaborate society functions. All in all Halloween will be observed with a great deal of gusto tonight.

tion on November 9, as a protest against the three-year army law. The new "class" of young Frenchmen will be called to the colors on November 9. The size of this "class" will be doubled this year, as it has been decided to take as recruits, youth of 20 years as well as those of 21. This was necessitated by mustering out of the two "classes" now serving their two-year terms and by the new three-year law passed by the Chamber this summer which calls for three "classes" under the flag.

Instruction Car Moves.

After spending several days here, Superintendent of Air Brake Instructions Wentworth of the O.W. went west with his car today. He will stop at Kamela and way points before completing his instruction tour of eastern Oregon.

Residence Property Sold.

Prof. Heuston, now of Elgin, but formerly employed in the city schools here, has disposed of his residence property on Fifth and Spring. W. H. Bohnenkamp is the buyer.

MINIMUM WAGE LAW ATTACKED

A PORTLAND MANUFACTURER BRINGS TESTING ACTION. Act Held to Be Unconstitutional—Hearing Commences Today.

Portland, Oct. 31.—A hearing in the case instigated by Frank Stettler, a manufacturer, against the State Industrial Welfare commission, to enjoin the commission from ordering into effect the minimum wage law, calling for a minimum wage of \$8.64 per week and forbidding employment of women after 6 o'clock, began in circuit court here today. The constitutionality of the act creating the commission is attacked.

COURT MEETS WEDNESDAY.

Only Minor Cases Coming Up for Consideration.

There are but six men in jail at the present time, four of whom are serving sentences for from 15 days to one year.

Court will convene on next Wednesday. So far only three cases have been set for trial, but others will likely come up for trial in the course of the week. They are state cases and of no very great importance. On November 5th the case of State vs. Mills will come up for trial, on the 6th, the case of State vs. Morelock, and on the 7th the case of the State vs. Murchison. In the first two cases it is a charge of assault and battery and in the last one, trespass.

TRUST PROBE TO BE DEEP

GOVERNMENT WILL GO INTO TRUSTS THOROUGHLY.

Believed Complete Control Can Be Gained by Next Congress.

Atlantic City, Oct. 31.—Federal Commissioner of Corporations Joseph Davis, in an address delivered at the convention of the National Association of Manufacturers, promised a vast trust probe by the government. "It will be possible to bust the trusts without hampering industrial development or freedom," said he, "and the next congress will deal largely with the trusts."

Whether laws are to be enacted providing for the destruction of the trusts or merely for the control of monopolies, is uncertain from the question he put namely: "Does monopoly or competition afford the fairest method for all the people?"

Suffragette at 103 Will Vote.

Eugene, Or., Oct. 31.—At the age of 103 "Grandma" Sarah Todd, the oldest suffragette in Oregon, and perhaps the oldest in America, will cast her first ballot at the elections here on November 3. "Grandma" Todd registered recently, her registration being the occasion of quite a celebration by local suffrage leaders. Mrs. Todd for years has been an ardent supporter of votes for women and she is far better informed on political questions, both state and national than the average male voter in Oregon.

MANY WOULD-BE GOVERNORS ARE AT THE 'MARK'

BOB STEVENS IN OREGON TODAY AND IS AVOWED OFFICE SEEKER.

M'CUSKER FINDS FAULT

Portland Objects to an All-Portland Aggregation of Candidates—Fears U'Ren Will Nab Nomination and Then It Is Democrat Certainly—"La Follette Consistent."

Portland is grooming a coterie of gubernatorial candidates who, after tonight, will look to their political lightning rods with care and precaution, for Bob Stevens, erstwhile sheriff of Multnomah county, will reach Portland tonight from New York and will enter into his gubernatorial affairs with a vim. He confided as much this morning when he passed through La Grande on his way home from a trip to the Atlantic seaboard. Thomas McCusker, Oregon generalissimo for Robert Marion La Follette, the Wisconsin senator, and Jonathan Bourne, during the 1912 presidential campaign passed through the city last night on his way to Joseph on good roads matters, so he says, and will come back Saturday to meet local good roads men at the Commercial club for an interesting discussion on the subject, but Thomas is always loaded with political information. Incidentally in an interview today he had something to say about aforementioned Bob M., but the Oregon gubernatorial conflict comes earlier and Mr. McCusker is inclined to think that it might be well to resurrect an up-state candidate instead of allowing Portland to contribute all. Among these "up state" men he mentions one Stephen A. Lowell, Pendleton's silver-tongued orator, who may run for senator unless McCusker and others can switch him into the governor fight.

The political pacers, now in training, some still on the Q. T. include of course, Bob Stevens, Gus Moser, Robert Miller, all of Portland and the George Fels handiwork, U'Ren, single tax, and what not despicable. "I would like to see some men get into this race from the up state part. You know a one-eyed man can see that a whole bunch of republicans are going to split things up so that Mr. U'Ren will grab the nomination, and then a democrat for governor. That's easy," Mr. McCusker claims that any democrat would be preferable to the single taxer.

La Follette Still Consistent.

Commenting on R. M. La Follette's action in voting for the Underwood tariff bill with the democrats, Mr. McCusker—who managed the La Follette campaign in Oregon last year and knows about as much about what La Follette's political stunts is today as anyone in the state, had this to say: "Mr. La Follette was entirely consistent in his vote. True some portions of the Oregon press have tried to read him out of the party but how could he do anything else but vote for it? Hasn't he been fighting the Payne-Aldrich tariff for years? Wouldn't a vote against the Underwood bill be a vote for the Payne-Aldrich bill? Mr. La Follette attempted to have a small tariff placed on wool, and the chief reduction made on manufactured goods but he couldn't make his point stand against the democrats and consequently had to vote for an aggregate bill, details of which were objectionable but on the whole an improvement. Mr. La Follette's political standing is better than it ever was. If there is anything he tries to do it is to be consistent, and his tariff vote certainly was just that."

VIADUCT PROGRESSES.

Bridge Just Be Built Before Actual Construction Begins.

The O.W. is today making good progress on its part or the Second street viaduct. A culvert bridge must be built before the viaduct proper can be built, and to do this, piling is being driven today.

CONSIDERATION OF REBEL CAUSE GIVEN AT WASHINGTON; HUERTA UNFARTHS ALLEGED CONSPIRACY

Vera Cruz, Oct. 21.—The German, Russian and Swedish ministers at Mexico City are expected here late today to confer with Emisary Lind concerning probable American policy if Blar Hue is declared president.

Followers Busy. Washington, Oct. 31.—Confidential advices from Mexico City to the state department indicated today the greatest activities by Huerta's followers.

Wholesale arrests are being made in connection with the alleged plot to assassinate Dictator Huerta and it is understood that Huerta plans to have before the congress tomorrow a canvass of the election results, Huerta's leading candidates are conceding their defeat.

President Wilson conferred during the forenoon with Boaz Long, head of the bureau of Latin-American affairs, concerning consular reports of conditions in the Mexican interior. Former Solicitor General Moore who handled the Mexican affair in Taft's administration also conferred but re-

fused to reveal the nature of the conversation. Moore originally favored recognition of Huerta but it is understood he now favors extension of recognition to General Carranza, the rebel leader.

An emissary of arranza is expected late today to submit the rebel plans and urge the embargo on arms and ammunition be lifted by the United States. The emissary went ask for recognition of the rebel cause according to good authority but will pledge his word that Carranza will dust Huerta in 60 days, is allowed to import munitions of war.

Army Roll Opposed.

Paris, Oct. 31.—The governor today admitted that it is preparing for extra police guards in Paris and other large cities of the republic in anticipation of expected trouble when the revolutionists and Socialists hold the promised anti-militarist demonstra-