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HEARING UPON DEPARTURE BY ROADS OPENED

LOWER RATES TO INTERIOR
POINTS THAN TO COAST
SEAPORTS WANTED.

ISSUES MOST IMPORTANT
YET HEARD BY I. C. C.

Railroads Would Meet Canal Competition by Giving Lower Rates Than Previously Charged to Interior Towns Remote from Pacific Coast—Would Depart from Old Policies.

Washington, April 12.—A hearing before the Interstate Commerce commission has begun on the issues raised by transcontinental railroads with terminals at Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, asking permission to establish lower rates to interior cities of the Northwest because of canal competition. The railroads would meet the canal competition in this drastic plan, a complete reversal of previous practices of charging less for shipments from eastern seaboard to Pacific coast ports, than they did for points in the western states, but in the interior. The hearing is admittedly very important and is considered by many to be the most important one that has yet come before that body.

OLD STUDENTS GATHER

Interesting Hour Spent Between Veteran Pedagogue and Alumni

About 20 of the old students of the Oregon State University met with Professor Straub at the lecture room in the Y. M. C. A. building Saturday evening and spent a delightful hour visiting together and "reminiscing" the memories of other days. The youthful appearance of the professor gives no intimation of the fact that he has been one of the most energetic and active instructors in that institution of learning continuously almost since its doors were first thrown open to the youth of this state, for the professor has been an active educator in the university for 37 years, during which time many thousands of the best young men and women have passed through that institution and received instruction from Professor Straub, not only in the arts and sciences, language and literature, but in that which is no less important, in the fine art of right living.

Saturday evening was spent in delightful social intercourse, in stories of college days, and in revealing pleasant little secrets of the past. But it was really a source of surprise to see that these things had not often escaped the "foxy" professor, whose memory of incidents long past is rather remarkable.

On Sunday morning Rev. Clark of the Presbyterian Church gave up his pulpit to Dr. Straub who gave a splendid address on the triumph of mind over matter.—The Development of Man.

INITIATION TONIGHT

Knights of Pythias Will Exemplify Rank of Page This Evening.

The rank of Page, will be exemplified this evening by Red Cross Lodge No. 27, Knights of Pythias. It is important that as many members as can, attend. Lodge begins promptly at 7:30.

FRAUDS DRAW BIG PENALTY

MAYOR ROBERTS SENTENCED
TO SIX YEARS.

Indiana Politicians Accused of Fraud Get Punishments.

Indianapolis, April 12.—Prison sentences of from three to six years and fines ranging from \$500 to \$2000 were imposed upon the Terre Haute politicians recently convicted for conspiracy and fraud in elections in Vigo county. Mayor Roberts was sentenced to six years in the federal prison and to pay a fine of \$2000.

QUARANTINE CALLS FOR DOG MUZZLES

UNION COUNTY AMONG THOSE
UNDER THE BAN.

Under Heavy Penalty, Dog Owners of County Must Muzzle at Once Dogs Not Used for Herding.

Union county is under quarantine, along with 10 other counties of Eastern Oregon. The State Livestock Sanitary board has issued instructions to muzzle all dogs in these eleven counties unless used in herding livestock. The order was agreed upon because of the exposure of stock to rabid coyotes in a wide area of Eastern Oregon. The counties embraced in the quarantine order are Lake, Harney, Crook, Baker, Umatilla, Malheur, Wheeler and Union, where rabies prevails, and Multnomah, Clackamas and Jackson, to which it is feared the disease may spread.

County Judge Phy has received no instructions to date about the order. All violators of the quarantine will be punished to the fullest extent of the law, the penalties being fines from \$50 to \$100 for each offense. Mr. Lytle, state veterinarian, announced that all peace officers will be called upon for assistance in enforcing the order.

RECEPTION THIS EVENING

Friends and Congregation of Methodist Church Invited.

This evening, commencing at 9 o'clock, friends of Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Fyke are cordially invited to be present at a farewell reception in their honor. The congregation and public in general is invited.

Atlantic Fleet in Practice.

Newport News, Va., April 12.—Big guns from Uncle Sam's dreadnaughts shook the Virginia capes today. The Atlantic fleet is at practice. Sailing yesterday from Tangier Bay, the big fleet is banging away at targets and holding battle practice.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels and other Washington officials are expected to visit the fleet during the three weeks' practice program.

BIG NAVAL BATTLE IN THE NORTH SEA RUMORED

Said That German Squadron Has Escaped
From Heligoland

FRENCH HAVE BEEN BEATEN BACK AT ST MIHIEL

London, April 12.—Reports that a German squadron has escaped the blockade and has been engaged by the British warships south of Bergen, have been received from a number of Scandinavian ports. The admiralty refused to comment on the matter.

Scandinavian captains from Copenhagen reported sighting 15 to 24 German warships in the North Sea, 450 miles from Heligoland, last week. Norwegian papers at Bergen printed stories of rumored naval battles fought off the Sartor Islands. The stories declared cannonading was heard and gun fire seen on the horizon, windows of the houses of the island being rattled.

More Steamers Struck.

London, April 12.—The largest British merchantman to fall a victim to the German submarines is the steamer Wayfarer. She was struck but is being towed toward Queenstown. The British steamer, President, was sent to the bottom, but the crew was saved.

CLIMATIC DATA.

Climate data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 6 o'clock:
Maximum, 72; Minimum, 46
Temperature at 12:30 today, 72.

The French steamer, Frederick Frank, went down today.

French Advance Halted.

Paris, April 12.—The French offensive about St. Mihiel where a terrible slaughter has been going on, is temporarily halted pending a redistribution of French forces and arrival of reinforcements. There is a lull in the attacks on the northern side of the German wedge.

PRESBYTERY MEETS HERE

Grande Ronde Presbytery Will Convene in La Grande This Week.

Much interest in the annual meeting of the Grande Ronde Presbytery which will meet in this city this week, commencing Wednesday, is shown. Several out-of-town guests will attend, coming from Walla Walla on the north, and Baker county on the east.

Mississippi Commission Meets.

St. Louis, April 12.—The Mississippi River Improvement commission met here today for the annual spring session. Prominent congressmen interested in river improvements are with the commission, which will sail down the river to New Orleans and hold hearings en route.

Usual Groaning Heard.

Today the usual monthly groaning of those who didn't pay their water rent, was heard by the water department. Approximately the same number was tardy that comes in the list on an average month.

ADDED UMATILLA UNITS TO OPEN

NINE FARMS OF 20 ACRES EACH
INVOLVED.

Entry Day Set for May 1st in This City—No prior Rights Will Be Recognized—Cost Set Out.

The Secretary of the Interior has just issued a public notice opening to entry and irrigation certain lands within the Fifth Unit of the Umatilla irrigation project, Oregon. The lands consist of only 250 acres, divided in to nine farm units.

According to the terms of the public notice the lands will be open to entry at the local land office in La Grande, Oregon, on and after May, 1915, and no entryman will be given prior right on account of any settlement or filing made before that date.

The farms average about twenty acres each. The construction charge is \$70 per acre, payable as follows: Three dollars and a half per acre as an initial instalment, at the time of making entry and water right application; no further payments on the account of the construction charge will be required for five years, after which the first five annual instalments shall be five per cent of the construction charge, and the remainder shall each be seven per cent thereof per annum, or \$4.90 per acre, until the whole amount shall be paid. The first of the annual instalments will become due and payable on December 1 of the fifth calendar year after the initial payment, and subsequent instalments shall be payable on December 1 of each year thereafter. There will be an annual charge for operation and maintenance based upon the amount of water used.

Garden, truck and alfalfa are the principal crops, and dairying one of the leading industries. On account of the low altitude, crops mature earlier there than almost anywhere in the Northwest, thus insuring an especially good market for early fruits and vegetables. Owing to the small farm units the conditions are more nearly suburban than rural, while the wonderful fertility of this soil, splendid climate, and character of the crops bid fair to make of this section the garden spot of the Northwest.

MINNESOTA ON ROCKS BUT HER LOAD IS SAVED

PASSENGERS TRANSFERRED TO
JAPANESE LINER AND
TAKEN INTO PORT.

BIG LINER MAY BE
FLOATED AT HIGH TIDE

News Reaches Seattle That Big Liner, Owned by Great Northern Steamship Company, Has Gone on the Rocks in Sea of Japan—Two Holes Stove in Her Side Below Water Line.

Seattle, April 12.—Hard aground on a rock in the Sea of Japan, the big liner Minnesota is disabled, with two holes stove in her side below the water line.

Passengers have been transferred to the liner Oanfa and have been taken to Kobe.

This information has been received at the general offices of the Great Northern Steamship company, owners of the Minnesota, from Captain Garlick, of the Minnesota.

The ship may be floated at high tide, though this is not certain. The ship is one of the biggest on the Pacific.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Farmers' Union Would Study Expenditures and Law Enforcement.

The following resolution was brought before the County Convention of the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative union of Union County held in La Grande, Saturday, April 10, and endorsed by that body, as follows:

"Whereas, We have on our statute books, good and wholesome laws such as the recent prohibition law passed by the people, and made effective by the legislature;

"All others which are meritorious, and

"Whereas, many of the laws are not enforced by our officers;

"Therefore, be it Resolved, that all farmers' organizations should unite in the demanding that rigid enforcement of all laws,

"And will stand by our officers in performing the same, and

"Whereas, the farming interest of Union County and State of Oregon, are of the greatest importance and paramount to all other industries, and bear the heavier burden of taxation;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that our farmers' organizations should take a more active interest in watching the expenditures of our County and State funds management.

"To this end we recommend that each Local appoint a committee to study and advise the membership of conditions in their local neighborhood and report their findings to their Local thence to the county meeting.

"To the end that we have better law enforcement and thereby better government."

Mrs. L. McAllister, W. C. Combs and W. F. Hug, committee.

Union People Here.

J. W. Patterson, W. T. Davis and John Scarborough were over from Union today on business matters.

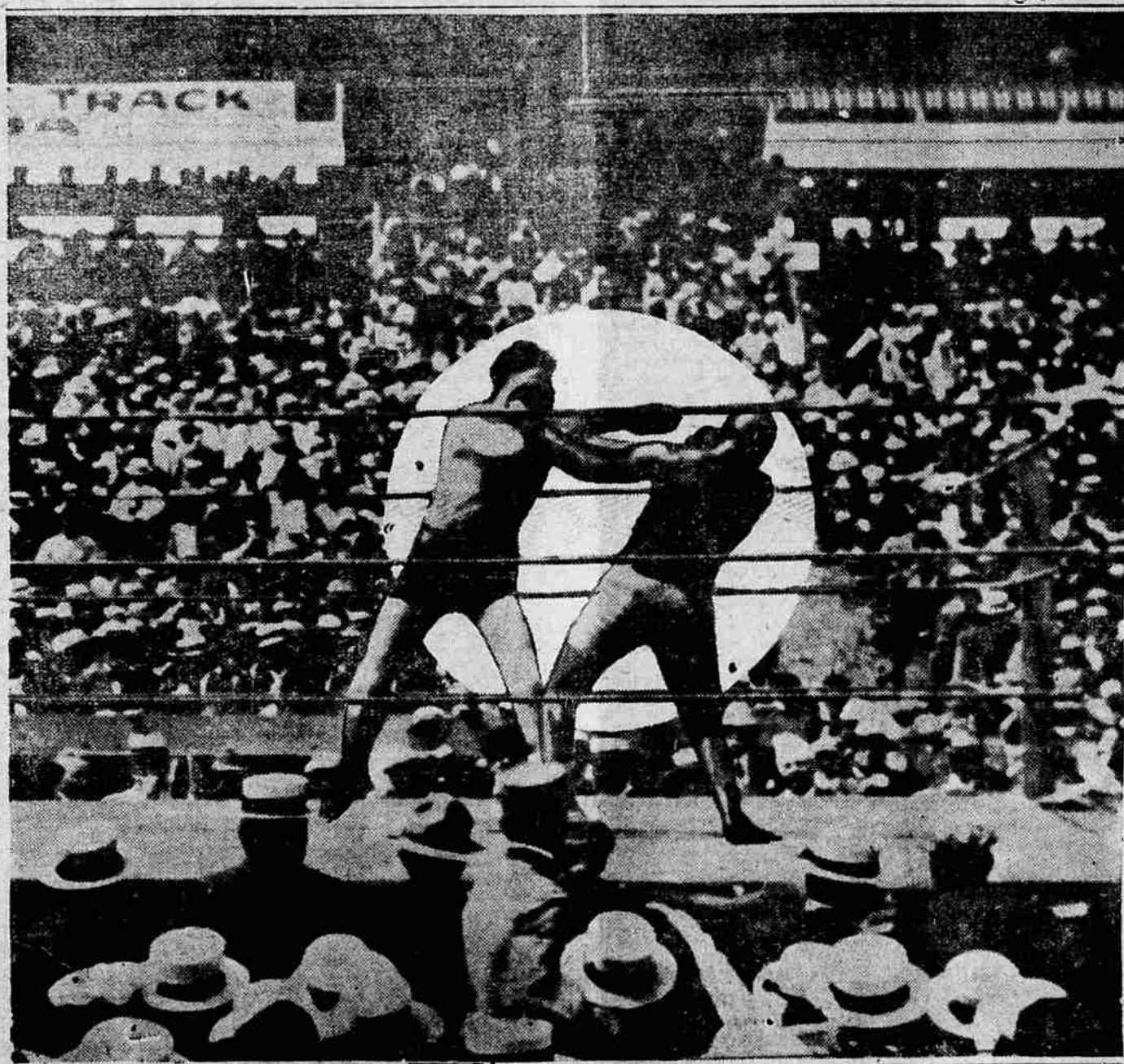
JOHN GIRDLER RE-EMPLOYED

SCHOOL BOARD HIRES SUPERINTENDENT FOR THIRD YEAR.

General Satisfaction Heard Everywhere at Re-election Policy.

John Girdler, superintendent of city schools for the past two years, was Saturday evening re-elected to succeed himself for the next year. His record of efficiency and generalship left nothing to be criticised and his re-election was hoped for by parents and pupils alike. The school board was prompt to re-employ Mr. Girdler.

JACK JOHNSON'S FINISH---BIG JESS WILLARD SMASHING OVER KNOCKOUT PUNCH.



FIRST PICTURE FROM HAVANA, CUBA, RINGSIDE, SHOWING THE END OF JACK JOHNSON AS CHAMPION OF THE WORLD. JESS WILLARD IS SEEN IN THE TWENTY-SIXTH ROUND CRASHING OVER THE FINISHING WALLOP, AND JOHNSON'S KNEES HAVE SAGGED UNDER HIM AND HE IS FALLING TO THE MAT—SENSELESS.