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## EXCESSIVE RATES MAY COME SOON

### INDUSTRIES WOULD FACE RUINATION IF REQUEST OF RAILROADS WAS GRANTED.

## SPOKANE MAN TO EXPLAIN SITUATION TO AD CLUB

### Wool Rate Pointed To As An Example of How Discrimination Against Interior Prevents Industries from Developing—Long Distance Hauls are Cheapest.

Delegates from all parts of Union and Wallowa counties are expected to be here this evening to attend the Ad Club dinner in the Foley, at which time J. A. Ford, managing secretary of the Intermediate Rate Association, and Bruce Cox will make a detailed report on the recent meeting of the rate association in Salt Lake City. Mr. Cox was the only representative from Oregon to attend the meeting in Salt Lake, which was attended by over fifty representatives from eleven western states that will be seriously affected if the railroads are allowed to reduce commodity rates to coast points without corresponding reductions for interior points.

On arriving here this noon, Mr. Ford stated that if the railroads are granted the relief they ask, which will mean a return to the old system which was so unfair to the interior cities, the entire intermountain country will suffer greatly. Industries that now flourish will not be able to compete with coast cities because of the favoritism shown the latter in the matter of freight rates.

Mr. Ford pointed in the recent demand of the railroads for a lower rate on wool from Portland to Boston. Wool is one of the products that was not affected by the victory when the Spokane rate case was won in 1917. The differential on wool for La Grande is 92 cents, making the rate from La Grande to Boston \$2.58. The reduction on wool asked by the railroads does not provide for a corresponding reduction in the differential.

### Kills Industries.

Continuing, Mr. Ford showed how this high rate on wool is keeping woolen mills from being established in the interior. Wool from this part of the country is shipped to Portland for scouring and baling and then shipped to Boston.

Mr. Ford pointed out that it is hard to see why it should cost the railroads more to make the haul from here to the Atlantic than from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic coast, the latter being three hundred miles longer. If the rates were adjusted so as to make this shorter haul cost only as much as the longer haul the result would be that the wool would be scoured and baled in the interior and it would be advantageous for intermountain cities to develop the woolen mill industry.

The water competition excuse, which the railroads give for wanting lower rates from the coast to eastern points, does not seem reasonable because, if this were the real reason for wanting rates discriminating against the interior cities they would give the intermountain region rates that would equal the rates from the coast, he declared.

## HAWAII HAS OREGON CLUB

HONOLULU, T. H., June 22.—William A. Bibee, formerly of Portland, Ore., and an alumnus of the University of Oregon, has been appointed acting secretary of the organizing committee of the Oregon club of Hawaii. Bibee is vice-president and manager of the A. C. Service & Supply company of Honolulu. He has turned over a portion of his office as a headquarters for the Oregon club.

Organization of the club on a permanent basis will not be undertaken until the list of all former Oregonians residing in the islands is complete. Chief Justice James L. Cole, of Hawaii, a former Oregonian, is slated for president. The club plans to handle the reception of the University of Oregon football team when it comes here in December to play the University of Hawaii.

## Women Announce New Amendment

### Identical Bills With the Same Purpose Will Also be Introduced in All States.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—An announcement has been made of the first meeting of the organized women's national party resolution which is soon to be introduced in congress, embodying the amendment to the constitution designed to do away with "all legal discriminations against women." Identical bills with the same purpose will be put simultaneously before the legislatures of all states, the women have announced.

## GAZING ON HIGHWAYS MUST STOP

### PROSECUTIONS UNDER HERD LAW THREATENED.

### Farmers Along Old Oregon Trail and La Grande-Joseph Highway Are Liable for Damages.

Using the state highway for pasturing and grazing stock is against the herd laws of the state and owners of stock are being notified by County Roadmaster John F. Birney that the practice of turning their stock out on the highway must stop immediately. If this notice is disregarded owners of cattle will be prosecuted under the state law.

"Farmers turning stock out on the highway to graze are liable in case of accidents under the law," Mr. Birney said. "I have had several narrow escapes myself and all motorists are endangered by having stock on the road. Several days ago a herd of cattle grazing along the road became frightened when a train came and ran right in front of my machine. If I had not been going very slow my car would have been wrecked."

The office of R. H. Baldock, division engineer of the state highway commission, is co-operating with Mr. Birney in attempting to stop this practice. Mr. Baldock, accompanied Mr. Birney yesterday when owners of some herds were sought out and warned. Owners of several herds have not been found by the engineers and unless these, as well as all others, keep their stock confined, prosecution will be begun.

At Mr. Baldock's office it was stated this morning that prosecution will not be resorted to unless it is found that other means of persuading stock owners to obey the law fail. Mr. Birney also believes in trying to induce farmers to keep their stock confined without resorting to prosecution if possible.

The herd law applies to those roads designated as state highways. The only state highways in Union county are the Old Oregon Trail, from the Umatilla county line to the Baker county line, and the La Grande-Joseph highway from La Grande to the Wallowa county line. On county roads the matter is entirely in the hands of the county officials.

## HARVEST HELP IS ABUNDANT

### IN KANSAS, HARVEST STARTED JUNE 15.

### In Texas, Where Harvest is Already in Progress, Plenty of Help is Reported.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—Advises received by the department of agriculture from its agents in the field indicate that there will be no general shortage of labor for wheat harvest, and that in some areas there will be a decided surplus.

In Kansas, where the harvest begins about June 15 in the southern tier of counties, the supply of labor is already in excess of the demand. In that state wages for shockers do not run over \$3 a day with board and lodging.

In Texas, where harvest is already in progress, there seems to be labor enough to meet all demands, with the possible exception of the "Panhandle" district. In Texas harvest wages run from \$2 to \$2.50 a day.

In the northern wheat states the situation has not yet developed sufficiently to make possible reliable estimates as to demands for outside labor, but it seems probable that the labor market will be comparatively easy in most localities, with the prevailing wage not over \$3 a day.

## A. F. OF L. HAS HOT FIGHT ON RESOLUTION

### SYMPATHY IS EXPRESSED FINALLY FOR IRISH CAUSE; RESOLUTION TRIMMED

## FAVORS MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF BEER

### Hot Fight on the Irish Question Was Started Tuesday When Attempt Was Made to Boycott British Made Goods Until Britain Gave Ireland Independence.

DENVER, June 22.—After a stormy debate, the American Federation of Labor convention has disposed of the Irish question by adopting a resolution—trimmed of the most drastic boycott provisions—expressing sympathy for the Irish cause. This action completed the defeat of the boycott supporters, which they claimed had been drafted by the "high officials of the Irish republic."

The convention also adopted a resolution urging the government to permit the manufacture and sale of beer.

The bitter fight over the Irish question was precipitated upon the floor of the convention late Tuesday, and was at its height when President Samuel Gompers adjourned the convention last evening.

The debate started when the resolutions committee reported a substitute for the four resolutions introduced by Irish sympathizers which ignored the effort to initiate a boycott against British manufacturers and imports.

The committee's report disposed of the Irish question by asking the convention to reaffirm its sympathy for the Irish cause, by urging:

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## Denby in Cap



Secretary of the Navy Denby donned cap and gown the other day when he attended graduating exercises at Georgetown University.

## Railroad Executives Plan Readjustment

### Territory Concerned Includes Utah West of Colorado, and Also Certain of the Eastern Lines

NEW YORK, June 22.—The railroad executives reached a general understanding here today concerning the readjustment of the freight rates on the lines west of Colorado and certain eastern territories. The rates on freight are not made public, but it is understood that they represented reductions.

## TWO AVIATORS ARE DROWNED

WASHINGTON, June 22.—Captain Howard Douglas and Lieutenant Earl J. Plumb, both of the army air service, were drowned at Hampton Roads today, following the collision of their planes while practicing flying.

## ASTORIA SPORTSMAN DIES

ASTORIA, June 22.—Jack Grant, widely known sportsman and boxing referee, died here today.

## PARLIAMENT OF ULSTER IS OPENED

### KING GEORGE AND QUEEN MARY OF ENGLAND PRESIDE AT THE FORMAL OPENING

## CEREMONY IN CITY HALL IS BRILLIANT

### Sinn Feiners and the Nationalist Members of Parliament Were Not a Party to the Opening—Event is Regarded as Important in Irish History.

BELFAST, June 22.—(By Associated Press.)—King George and Queen Mary presided at the state opening of the Ulster Parliament today. The ceremony was held in the city hall, and was a brilliant spectacle, the distinguishing assembly regarding the event as the marking of an important event in the history of Ireland. The Sinn Fein and nationalist members of parliament were not a party to the participation. The king and queen departed for London this afternoon.

## BRIDGE SINKS BENEATH CAR

### ALICE MAN NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH.

### Structure Damaged By Flood Gives Way Sunday—One Other Also in Bad Condition.

W. T. Conley, who lives near Alice, had a narrow escape from death Sunday when he crossed the bridge over the Grande Ronde river below Alice. A heavy car had just crossed the bridge, Mr. Conley following in a light car. As he got on the bridge he felt the structure, which had been weakened by the flood, sinking. Mr. Conley managed to get across just in time. The county pile-driver has been sent to the site of the bridge and piles are being driven to make the structure safe again. So far as is known this is the only bridge besides the one at the fish hatchery on Catherine Creek above Union that was seriously damaged by the flood this spring.

One of the concrete abutments of the bridge at the fish hatchery was washed out. As soon as the water goes down this will be repaired. Damage to the two bridges and the roads is estimated at over \$5,000, this including only the necessary repair work that needs to be done to put them back into the shape that they were before the floods came. The Catherine Creek road was damaged to such an extent that it will have to be rip-rapped.

## CHAUTAUQUA AT IMBLER

### THREE-DAY PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED.

The town of Imbler is making extensive plans for the success of their Chautauqua, and a committee of Imbler people was in the city yesterday, selling tickets for their program.

The program covers three days, today, tomorrow and Friday, and is as follows:

Wednesday afternoon—Concert. The Oakley Concert Company; Lecture, "The Value of the Individual," Mr. Edward Tomlinson.

Wednesday night—Lecture, "America's Political Ideal," Mr. Edward Tomlinson; concert, The Oakley Concert Company.

Thursday afternoon—Lecture, "A Community Program," Chautauqua Director; concert, Emerson-Winters company, and M. Gustave Milburn, magician; Miss Marybelle La Hatto in a program of stories for young and old—the opening of the Junior citizenship Campaign; Miss Marybelle La Hatto—playground period.

Thursday night—Lecture, "America's Social Ideal," Chautauqua Director; concert, Emerson-Winters Company; M. Gustave Milburn, magician.

Friday afternoon—"Americans All" Detachment—entertainment (From the Recruit Educational Centers of the U. S. Army); Larry Gewecke, entertainer; Lecture, "Community Co-operation," Harry Hibbsman, Lt. D.

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## VANDERLIP HAS RETURNED.

NEW YORK, June 22.—Washington B. Vanderlip arrived today from Europe, saying that he had received more concessions from the Russian soviet government.

## Tropical Storm is Raging in South

### Steamship Has Lost Propeller in the Storm and Has Sent Out an S. O. S. Call.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—A tropical storm was raging along the Gulf Coast today and moving inland over Texas, in the vicinity of Matagorda bay, said the weather bureau bulletin.

## LOSES PROPELLOR.

### HOUSTON, June 22.—The steamship William H. Dohney has lost a propeller in the gulf storm and has sent out a radio call for help.

## RAIN NEEDED FOR SPRING WHEAT CROP

### FALL WHEAT EXPECTED TO BE AVERAGE.

### Sufficient Rain Has Fallen To See Grain Planted in Fall Through—Is Thin in Spots.

Present indications are that the fall wheat crop of Union county will be up to the average, according to several local wheat buyers, although it is too early to make an accurate forecast of the wheat yield. Sufficient rain has fallen practically to assure the fall wheat coming through in good shape but it is the opinion of those interviewed today that another good rain is needed to bring the spring crop through in good shape.

"I have not made a thorough inspection of the wheat fields of the county, but from those I have examined I see no prospects of a record crop," B. Oswald, manager of the local office of Kerr-Gifford company said. "The grain in the center of some of the fields is rather thin, although along the road, where it is cut early with a mower, it is thicker. A good rain is needed to make the spring grain crop."

J. D. McKennon also stated that the crop, according to present indications, seems to be up to average and that another good rain is needed to assure the spring crop coming through in good shape.

## BADLY HURT IN RUNAWAY

### W. W. HORRELL MAY NOT RECOVER.

### Leg Broken in Two Places—Team Started Off as Driver Was Opening Gate.

W. W. Horrell is in the Grande Ronde hospital suffering from serious injuries sustained when a team he was driving ran away Monday. Horrell was opening a gate when the team became scared and started off. He caught the wagon and in attempting to jump on it fell, alighting on the tongue. The accident happened on the northside.

His leg was broken between the knee and the hip and also fractured below the knee. Just how his leg came to be broken is not known as the accident happened so quickly that he has been unable to figure out just what transpired. Yesterday his recovery was despaired of but today he is getting along better.

## BOSTON GLOBE EDITOR DIES

BOSTON, June 22.—General Charles H. Taylor, editor of the Boston Globe, died today from paralysis. He was seventy-five years of age.

## Late News Flashes

### BIG FIGHT REFEREE CHOSEN.

JERSEY CITY, June 22.—Harry Ertle was today selected as referee of the Dempsey-Carpenter fight.

### GERMAN SUBS ARE SUNK.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—A division of American destroyers sank the former German submarine U-140 and U-148, off Cape Charles today, firing 79 shells and making 39 hits.

### SEATTLE MARINES ACCEPT.

SEATTLE, June 22.—The Seattle local marine engineers union has accepted the new reduced scale, it was announced today at the convention of the locals of all of the coast cities here. Representatives of other cities proposed to accept "under protest."

### AMERICA WINS TROPHY.

LONDON, June 22.—(By Associated Press.)—America today regained possession of the international trophy, defeating Great Britain in the second match ten to six, winning two series two games to none.

## REAR ADMIRAL SIMS ARRIVES IN U. S. TODAY

### THOUSAND POLICEMEN WERE MASSES ON DOCK TO PREVENT DEMONSTRATION.

## EVERYTHING WAS PEACEFUL ON ARRIVAL

### Admiral Refused to be Taken Ashore by Cutter, and Was the First to Step Ashore—Declined to Make Statement and Left for Washington

NEW YORK, June 22.—Rear Admiral Sims returned home today to explain to Secretary of the Navy, Edwin Denby, the remarks attributed to him in his recent speech in London on the Irish-Americans.

Refusing to be taken ashore by cutter he came up the bay aboard the liner Olympic, to meet the friends or foes who might await him. Everything was peaceful when he landed. A thousand policemen were massed on the dock.

The admiral was the first person to step ashore and declined to make any statement regarding the situation into which he has fallen. He left immediately for Washington, to see Secretary Denby. At the station, there were a few boos and cheers.

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## PORTLAND MARKETS

PORTLAND, June 22.—The livestock market was steady today; eggs and butter steady and unchanged.



THE END OF A PERFECT DAY.