

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Big Cuts in Wool Rate Through-out the Northwest Are Ordered.

Washington.—A decision handed down by the interstate commerce commission ordered big reductions in rates on wool, hides and pelts from points west of the Mississippi river to points east.

The commission ruled that the present rates were unreasonable. The decision also orders that the present "blanket system" of freight charges on wool be supplanted by graded freight rates and prescribes lower rates for baled wool. The ruling allows western growers to bale their own products and in addition to establishing cheaper carload rates, it gives intermediate cities the privilege of cleaning and treating wool in transit.

The present rate of \$1 on wool from Pacific coast terminals to Boston and other points on the Atlantic seaboard will be continued in effect, notwithstanding that this rate is materially higher than the rate from intermediate points inland. The commission specifically declares that this rate of \$1 is forced upon railroads by actual water competition.

Pointed Warning Sent to Mexico
Warning was issued by the United States to the Mexican government, as well as General Pascual Orozco, chief of the revolutionary forces, that the United States "expects and must demand that American life and property within the Republic of Mexico must be justly and adequately protected, and that this government must hold Mexico and the Mexican people responsible for all wanton or illegal acts sacrificing or endangering American life or endangering American property or interests."

Orozco recently refused to recognize Mr. Letcher as the American Consular representative because the United States withheld recognition of the rebel cause. The representations to Orozco accuse him of "practical murder" of Thomas Fountain, an American gunner enlisted with the federals but summarily put to death last week when taken prisoner by the insurgents.

Popular Election of Senator Possible.
Senator Borah is confident that the present session of congress will not adjourn until an agreement has been reached upon the joint resolution providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people. The deadlock has continued for some months, but it now looks as if the house would recede from its position that the control of the election of senators shall be taken from the federal government.

Bill For Rail Line in Alaska
Governmental construction and equipment of a thousand miles of railroad in Alaska and the establishment of a naval coal supply base off its shores are advocated in a bill introduced in the senate. The bill calls for an Alaskan railroad commission to aid the president in building the line. It also provides for the acquisition of existing railroads in Alaska and rights of way by lease and condemnation. The interstate commerce commission is empowered to control the railroad's operations.

Railroads Fear Panama Laws
Washington is just beginning to realize that the railroad and steamship legislation pending in congress presents an issue almost as important as the tariff. The most radical proposals made since the enactment of the Hepburn bill are contained in the Adamson bill, forbidding railroads to own any interests in steamship lines with which they may compete for traffic, and in the Humphrey bill, excluding from American ports any foreign ships which may be a part of a foreign steamship pool.

If no other sign existed of the importance of these proposals, one democratic and one inspired by the administration, it would be indicated by the recent visits of eminent railroad men to the White House.

National Capital Brevities
The president has signed the bill to tax white phosphorous matches. It is asserted the law will in effect prohibit their manufacture.

The interstate commerce commission holds that there is no substantial reason why mohair should be required to pay a higher rate than wool.

A new order issued by President Taft permits federal service employees to present petitions to congress or any of the committees through the heads of their departments.

Testifying before the senate finance committee, Huntington Wilson, acting secretary of state, said that the free sugar bill would mean the abrogation of the agreement between the United States and Cuba.

Under the present law, homesteaders on reclamation lands cannot acquire full title until at the end of ten years. Under a bill just introduced by Senator Smoot, they could obtain title in five years, the government retaining a lien on the land until all payments are made.

CLARA BARTON



Miss Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, who died recently aged 90 years.

Brief News of the Week

May wheat jumped to \$1.10 a bushel in Chicago.

Pitiful stories of child life in the slums of London are told in the annual report of the London county council, just issued.

An increase of five cents an hour, granted to 5,000 carpenters who have been on strike in Chicago since April 1, ended the walk-out.

Fire swept away the Ames building, one of the principal blocks in the retail section of Omaha, and caused a loss of probably \$350,000.

By a vote of 24 to 11 the lower house of the Arizona legislature passed a bill, proposing a constitutional amendment permitting the state to engage in industrial enterprises.

A gigantic strike of railroad engineers affecting all lines east of Chicago and north of the Ohio river is threatened unless the officials grant demands for increased wages.

The Mohammedans at Lanchow-Fu, province of Kan-Su, have decided to organize a force of 500,000 men to resist the efforts of the Chinese republic, which they believe contemplates their extermination.

People in the News

John Hays Hammond has accepted the presidency of a commission which is to go abroad to invite nations to participate in the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco.

A New York department store owner, who also controls a chain of stores in other cities, has offered Dr. Harvey Wiley a position as pure food expert for the stores at a salary of \$12,000 a year.

Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of J. P. Morgan, has made arrangements to employ a staff of Japanese judo experts to give instructions to New York working girls in self protection against street rowdies.

Political News Bits

Secretary Fisher of the Interior department is on the stump in Nebraska for Taft.

Latest returns from Pennsylvania indicate that Roosevelt will have 63 of the 76 delegates to the republican national convention with a possibility of 65.

Senator La Follette who is stumping Oregon this week states that every instructed delegate for Roosevelt makes his chance better, for it may mean a deadlock.

A delegation of 90 members, uninstructed for any presidential candidate but bound by the unit rule, was chosen to represent New York state at the democratic national convention.

It is announced that Mrs. La Follette will conduct a speechmaking campaign in California in the interest of her husband's candidacy for the republican nomination for president.

Kentucky's four delegates at large to the republican national convention were instructed to vote for President Taft, but the Roosevelt leaders in Kentucky will carry a contest to the national convention.

With national guard and police attempting to maintain order, Taft and Roosevelt delegates to the Michigan state convention fought out their issues and each faction elected six delegates at large to the national convention.

The victory of Lawrence Y. Sherman in the Illinois primaries will retire from the senate on March 4 next United States Senator Cullom, 82 years old and dean of the upper house of congress, after 30 years in the senate and 50 years in politics. This is Senator Cullom's first political defeat.

Nearly all of the presidential aspirants will be in the field during the week. Colonel Roosevelt is expected to confine his activities to the eastern states. Woodrow Wilson will speak in Georgia and Florida, Governor Harmon in the middle west, and William J. Bryan will add to the gayety of the situation by speaking against Harmon in the latter's home state.

TITANIC STRIKES ICEBERG; SINKING

Women Being Put Off In Lifeboats as Message Suddenly Ends.

Cape Race, N. F.—Sunday night the steamer Titanic called "C. Q. D." and reported she struck an iceberg. The steamer said that immediate assistance was required. Half an hour afterward another message came that they were sinking by the head and that women were being put off in the lifeboats.

The weather was calm and clear, the Titanic's wireless operator reported; and the position of the vessel 40:46 north latitude and 50:14 west longitude.

The Marconi station at Cape Race notified the Allan's liner Virginian, the captain of which immediately advised he was proceeding to the scene. The Virginian was 170 miles distant from the Titanic. The Olympic at an early hour Monday morning was in latitude 40:43 north and longitude 61:18 west. She was in direct communication with the Titanic and made all haste toward her.

Famous Persons on Board

New York.—The White Star liner Titanic, the largest vessel afloat, left Southampton April 10, on her maiden voyage for New York. She is a vessel of 46,328 tons, is 882 feet 6 inches long, and displaces 66,000 tons. The Titanic carried about 1300 passengers of whom 350 were in the first cabin.

Among these are: Major Archibald Butt, military aide to President Taft; C. M. Hayes, president of the Grand Trunk railway; W. T. Stead; Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor; Benjamin Guggenheim and Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt.

GRANT FUNERAL DELAYED

Burial of General Awaits Arrival of His Daughter

New York.—The body of General Frederick Dent Grant, late commander of the department of the east, was removed to Governor's Island, where it was placed under a military guard of honor. There it will lie until the arrival here from Russia of the Princess Cantacuzene. General Grant's daughter, for whom the funeral services have been delayed. The journey will take at least ten days.

Orozco is "Firing" Gomez Leaders

Monterey, Mex.—Trouble within the ranks of the revolutionists is indicated in dispatches received here saying that General Orozco, the rebel chief, is getting rid of all commanders who enlisted under the banner of Dr. Vasquez Gomez. The messages indicate that Orozco believes that many of his men and commanders are still loyal to General Gomez, and he is rapidly dismissing all whom he suspects.

NORTHWEST FRUIT GROWERS UNITED

Portland.—Consolidation of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange with the growers' representatives interested in the movement to establish a mutual fruit selling agency was effected in Portland and the future systematic and successful sale of the enormous fruits crops of the northwest became assured.

It is expected more than 50 per cent of the fruit growers of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, representing an investment of more than \$250,000,000, at once will become affiliated with the organization.

This action was the result of negotiations that have been in progress for more than a year between the various fruitgrowing interests of the northwest. The exchange amended its bylaws to provide for mutualization, elected growers' representatives to its board of directors and created an advisory council, the members of which will be elected by the various local fruitgrowers' unions of the Pacific northwest. Provision was made for establishing an office at Spokane.

President's Wealth Increases

Cincinnati.—Duplicate certificates of the taxes of President Taft, filed here, show that the president's taxable property has increased in value \$20,000 in one year, and that his personal property now has a total value of \$51,940, with debts aggregating \$6500. The duplicate shows that President Taft now owns \$50,000 in stocks. A year ago his stocks were listed at \$10,000.

Republic in Siam Now Probability

Hongkong.—Substitution of a republic for the present monarchy in Siam is predicted by travelers arriving here with news that the situation there is alarming for the monarchists, in spite of the failure of the recent plot of the revolutionists to change the form of government. News from Bangkok by wire here is scarce.

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Bids for School Bonds.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, the county treasurer of the county of Crook, state of Oregon, that pursuant to an order of the board of directors of school district No. 84, of Crook county, Oregon, he will sell for the best price obtainable \$1000 school bonds of said district on May 1, 1912, at the office of the county treasurer, Prineville, Oregon. For further information apply to the board of directors of said district or to this office. RALPH L. JORDAN, County treasurer of Crook county, Oregon.

Call for Warrants.

All general fund registered warrants will be paid upon presentation. Interest stops after this date. All registered High School warrants up to and including No. 75 will be paid on presentation. No interest after this date. All registered school bounty warrants up to and including No. 75 will be paid on presentation. No interest after this date. Dated April 4, 1912. RALPH L. JORDAN, County Treasurer.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given, by the undersigned, the administrator of the estate of John H. Jarrett, deceased, to all creditors of said deceased and to all persons having claims against said estate to present them with the proper vouchers to the undersigned, at the office of the J. H. Haner Abstract Company in Prineville, Oregon, within six months of the date of the first publication of this notice. Dated this 14th day of March, 1912. L. M. Bechtel, Administrator.

Call for Warrants.

Registered road warrants up to and including No. 24 will be paid upon presentation to the county treasurer. Interest stops after this date. Dated April 11, 1912. RALPH L. JORDAN, County Treasurer.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, April 9th, 1912. Notice is hereby given that John Hackett, of Lamonta, Or., who, on May 15th 1905, made Homestead, No. 1449 serial No. 9562, for 84 1/2 section 24, township 13 south, range 14 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Thomas H. Meier, Joseph F. Weigand, of Lamonta, Oregon, Shairid Bosarth, M. A. Lehman, of Terrebonne, Oregon. C. W. MOORE, Register. 4-11p

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, March 27th, 1912. Notice is hereby given that Charles W. Freeman of Lamonta, Oregon, who on July 13th, 1906, made Homestead No. 1229 serial No. 0917 for 1/2 sec. 15, and 1/2 sec. 22, township 18 south, range 14 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Warren Brown, county clerk, at his office at Prineville, Oregon, on the 6th day of May, 1912. Claimant names as witnesses: Charles Paxton, George Ragner, John W. Jenkins, Almon S. Negro, all of Lamonta, Oregon. C. W. MOORE, Register. 4-4p

Bids for School Bonds.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, the county treasurer of the county of Crook, state of Oregon, pursuant to an order of the board of directors of school district No. 23, of Crook county, Oregon, he will sell for the best price obtainable \$1000 school bonds of said district on May 1, 1912, at the office of the county treasurer in Prineville, Oregon. For further information apply to the board of directors of said district or to this office. RALPH L. JORDAN, County treasurer of Crook county, Oregon.

Bids for School Bonds.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, the county treasurer of the county of Crook, state of Oregon, that pursuant to an order of the board of directors of school district No. 49, of Crook county, Oregon, he will sell for the best price obtainable \$1000 school bonds of said district on May 1, 1912, at the office of the county treasurer in Prineville, Oregon. For further information apply to the board of directors of said district or to this office. RALPH L. JORDAN, County treasurer of Crook county, Oregon.

Bids for School Bonds.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, the county treasurer of the county of Crook, state of Oregon, that pursuant to an order of the board of directors of school district No. 62, of Crook county, Oregon, he will sell for the best price obtainable \$1000 school bonds of said district on May 1, 1912, at the office of the county treasurer in Prineville, Oregon. For further information apply to the board of directors of said district or to this office. RALPH L. JORDAN, County treasurer of Crook county, Oregon.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned the executrix of the last will and testament of C. McPherson, deceased, to the creditors and all other persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to present said claims with the proper vouchers to the undersigned at her place of residence in Hay Creek, Oregon, or to T. E. J. Duffy, her attorney at Prineville, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice. Dated at Prineville, Oregon, the 14th day of March, 1912. MARTHA S. McPHERSON, Executrix of the estate of C. McPherson, deceased.

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Loans and Discounts	\$129,870.26	Capital paid in full	\$36,000.00
Overdrafts	2,911.33	Surplus	10,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	2,298.44	Undivided profits	2,500.00
Real estate	6,706.00	Deposits	\$63,940.75
Cash on hand and due from banks	\$47,809.95		
	\$188,996.98		\$188,996.98