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THE BATTLE IS ON.

The government last Friday made an attempt to save the Elkins law and the interstate commerce law from becoming null and void by filing a petition for a rehearing by the United States court of appeals in the case against the Standard Oil Company of Indiana. The millions of people who are interested in the case will be glad to know that this attempt by the administration is under the shrewd management of Attorney-General Hon. Clegg and the eminent attorney Frank H. Kellogg. The petition is also signed by Edwin W. Sims, U. S. district attorney at Chicago, and Special Assistant James H. Wilkinson, both of whom represented the government's side of the case in the original hearing before Judge Landis who administered the famous fine of \$29,240,000 against the Octopus. It is very plain if the interpretation of the law as given by Judges Grosscup, Seaman and Baker were allowed to stand, the presentation of future cases in the future against corporations would be impossible, and the years that have been required to bring about the laws that were supposed to do away with the discrimination to shippers, would be time wasted and the standing of the reversal would place our government into a chaos of abuses which could probably never be overcome, for why could not the lash be applied again after fifteen years more of legislation which might be assigned to correct this rebate evil?

Could a motive be plainer, can the surmise be more unerring? Why the reversal upon such shallow grounds: That "the Standard Oil Company did not know it was not paying legal freight rates?" Infamous! The admission of such testimony matters little and why should not an honest judge charge the jury such a verdict to play. The Standard Oil will never pay the fine, for when their surplus, which has been set aside for the proper adjustment of the case, is at a low ebb, the jingling sacks of lesser evils will be brought forth and thus the battle will wage the power of the mighty dollar, until rank after rank falls before its deadly fire. Twelve years ago this condition was a campaign issue. Republicans scoffed at the suggestion. The realistic has become real. There is no power that can force the payment of that fine.

Railroad Building in Oregon.

Relying upon the promises made by Mr. Harriman, Oregon will soon have more railroads. It is proposed that \$2,000,000 will be spent in the construction of lines into Central Oregon, and work will probably be commenced this fall. It is quite likely that the proposed road from the Columbia river a short distance above The Dalles, running south to Klamath Falls with an interesting line connecting with the Corvallis & Southern at Conestoga, running from Woodburn south. The cost in getting into this desired Oregon territory will be the prime factor in determining the routes already surveyed.

These matters are now under discussion by Mr. Harriman and his associates and elaborate data of all the different routes will be taken to Pollock Bay where the conference this week will decide what projected line they will take. Once started, the work will be carried forward with all the speed that money can accomplish. There is nothing to hinder the work during the winter months and in all probability the line will be completed far enough to take up the grain shipments before another fall.

It has been considered by traffic men generally for years that a road extended across the state north and south in Eastern Oregon commended itself as good business judgment. It would tap a grain district as rich as that of the Columbia Southern and great reclamation work has already been constructed in the Deschutes region, where hundreds of settlers have taken land and are commencing to produce crops, and who will welcome the project with open arms. Transportation as provided will multiply the irrigated farms and greatly increase products which will give sufficient revenue to the railroad project. All along the foothills of the eastern slope of the Cascades there are forests of pine which will invite lumbermen as soon as the marketing of lumber is provided. It looks as though Mr. Harriman intends getting after the business in every section of the state not now reached by his lines and the fact of so many electric lines in the regions where steam lines now exist and the probability of great extensions has done much towards the reaching out into all the sections of Oregon by Mr. Harriman.

An independent man is by all odds the best fortified of any, if from his conviction he finds it possible to cease swearing by his conscience, give up the theory that his party is best in all things and the theory that his party must win at all hazards. These he believes he has to do in order to become independent; but how far off the trail he has wandered. He seems not to care whether he is free and independent from the very start of his life and that he has become bound down and narrow and bigoted and crusty by holding on to one thing so long, by talking one kind of talk all his life. He perhaps conceives that his party may be wrong in a few non-essentials, but he holds it to be right in the main, and that a compromise with the other party (and he has been told by many leading politicians that the other party should be called enemy) amounts to a surrender of all that his dear old party has stood for. For these and other equally unwise reasons he feels that he must stick to his party through good and evil report until he feels the time has come to shift his allegiance to another party whose platform by the vicissitudes of politics, has fallen in the line of his own cherished private convictions. Yes, he's private—because he has allowed them to work into his mind through the medium of having been patted on the back time and again and swallowed a few soft words—he has been gullible. He knows it, but his proud spirit will not permit him to turn his back on the eminent fellow who shook hands with him at the last campaign—but not since then.

About the meanest man on earth is the one who steals another's brains.

By this is not meant the man who takes another's ideas and improves upon them by the one who trades or endeavors to secure trade on the efforts, brains, courage and risks taken by another man in creating some great industry. The man who spends hundreds or perhaps thousands of dollars in advertising his goods, must offer the best that can be produced and it is the satisfied customer who purchases again and again that must be depended on, and through persistent work are these customers secured and retained. The man who believes in steady advertising and distributes his appropriations judiciously throughout the year will most with greater returns than the chap who spends the same amount in two or three big plunges and then lies back to regain his wind, and this is no mere theory.

Besides the large exhibit that the Oregon Agricultural College will make at the Oregon State Fair at Salem, September 14-19, next, the officers of that institution have arranged to give the fair visitors some special entertainment each day. Each afternoon the commodious auditorium adjoining the main pavilion will be darkened and from its platform different members of the faculty will give lectures illustrated by stereopticon views pertaining to their respective departments at the college, all of which have a bearing on the agricultural industries of the state. Friday, the fifth day of the fair, has been set aside as "Agricultural College" day and special efforts will be made to have this the most important occasion of the entire week. The Oregon Agricultural College has the reputation of being one of the leading educational institutions of the Pacific coast and its participation in the program of the fair shows that the president and his co-workers fully appreciate that the fair is a worthy cause which has been a great factor in the state's development.

Adlai E. Stevenson, former vice-president, has been nominated by the democrats of Illinois as a candidate for governor and the democrats of that state are very jubilant over the prospects of their carrying the state. The Chicago Record-Herald says: "It has been a decade since the democrats of Illinois had a love feast, but it now looks probable that they will have one at the next meeting of the state central committee or at the state convention held September 9." Mr. McGovern, speaking of the nomination, says: "The party has honored itself in the nomination of its most commanding figure, Adlai E. Stevenson, a man in the highest respect and predict his success at the polls in November."

Owners of famous horses as well as breeders of fancy stock are coming to Portland daily from all parts of the country to see the marvelous grounds and track of the Portland Country Club and Live Stock Association. The show will open September 21st and continue a week. Track and barns will be completed by the opening day. No matter how much visitors may expect, they will not be disappointed, for the whole situation is ideal.

The committee on ways and means appointed by the Oregon Good Roads Commission has arranged for a Good Roads Convention at Tillamook, September 4th, and another at Roseburg September 22nd. Other meetings are under consideration and definite dates will be decided within a few days. There is universal determination to make this campaign the most effective the state has ever experienced.

Fifty thousand souvenir postal cards showing the magnificent Oregon State Building at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition have already been circulated, and one hundred thousand more have been ordered. This building is considered by many as the most artistic state building ever erected at an exposition. The Portland Commercial Club will send one of these cards for the asking.

The colors of lightning flashes vary from white to blue. Red is the commonest in forked lightning, with blue closely following, and orange and green less frequent. White is seen oftenest in sheet lightning, red and yellow coming next. Hair usually comes in a thunder storm with blue lightning.

President William P. Stark and three members of the Missouri State Board of Horticulture will spend two entire weeks in Oregon before they complete their tour of the state. The name of Stark is well known to every fruit grower in America, and the good opinion of these gentlemen is worth much to the state.

One of the inventors of the General Electric Company has patented a device for holding the recording instruments on electric vehicles. Until this device was produced the wattmeters and other meters were not accurate on account of the vibrations. The new attachment does away with all this trouble.

Berlin police are taking steps to prevent the best streets from being disfigured by electric signs. No objections are offered to the erection of street signs in ugly or confined spaces, but they will be excluded from the best streets.

Defeated by Women's Votes. Women's votes were responsible for the defeat of the proposal to establish a municipal waterworks system at Feneca Falls, N. Y. An unprecedented number of women voted, and they were almost unanimously against the scheme. The vote was 293 to 281 against the proposition.

A Municipal Rip Van Winkle. Warsaw, with a population of 800,000, has just substituted electric for horse cars. The city has owned the system for nearly twenty years. The new system will be operated by a company under lease from the city.

Municipal ownership is the finest thing in theory and the worst in practice of anything we have in this great country.—Lawrence (Kan.) Gazette.

Excellent Health Advice. Mrs. M. M. Davidson, of No 397 Gifford Ave., San Jose, Cal., says: "The worth of Electric Bitters as a general family remedy, for headache, biliousness and torpor of the liver and bowels is so pronounced that I am prompted to say a word in its favor, for the benefit of those seeking relief from such afflictions. There is more health for the digestive organs in a bottle of Electric Bitters than in any other remedy I know of." Sold under guarantee at Jones Drug Co.'s drug store, 50c.

THE CHICAGO WATERWORKS.

The Report of the Civil Service Commission of Chicago to the Commissioner of Public Works April 17, 1908.

Investigation of certain charges preferred by your department against employees in the water bureau and a subsequent inquiry into conditions in that service show that neglect of duty, lack of discipline, insubordination and corruption have demoralized that service as far back as there is a record of the office. From evidence before the commission is convinced that the fundamental cause lies in lack of organization and discipline and in the absence of common business methods.

The commission is of the opinion that these evils cannot be corrected wholly by spasmodic investigation or by occasional discharge of employees. Evidence placed before the commission by Deputy Commissioner Bedeske of the department of public works and Superintendent McCourt of the water bureau, whose efforts brought about this inquiry, shows utter disregard of the rights of public property on the part of those charged with its custody and use.

It proved complete absence of a sense of responsibility on the part of employees. Officials of the bureau testified that no adequate check is kept upon the city property and supplies. It was shown that officials holding responsible positions were mere figure-heads without authority. Testimony was heard showing that, following the removal on charges by this commission of a former superintendent of the office, it developed that there were 900 unsealed meters in the city. At the same time it was found that fifteen wards of the city had not been reassessed during the last five years. Subsequent assessment of three of these wards added \$20,000 annually to the revenues of the water office.

Testimony heard under oath in regard to the working force of the meter mechanical division disclosed that under these conditions the most the city obtained for a day's pay was 50 per cent of a day's work. Efficiency sheets for the period covered by this estimate of the value of a day's work unwarrantably credited all employees with high efficiency. The head of that division testified he was not permitted during his incumbency of seven years to maintain discipline.

While the commission has no direct evidence of criminal acts warranting prosecution, there is no doubt the city, through neglect, petty stealing, tampering with meters and lack of efficiency, for many years has suffered great loss. Lax methods made easy the theft of water. A discrepancy between the revenue possibilities of the water bureau and the actual income is such as to shock the business sense of any citizen.

In a general way the inquiry of the commission covered all branches of the water service. Conditions under which the entire bureau has been operated are such that they protect neither the city, the property owner nor the employee. Responsibility is so spread that, so far as the inquiry has progressed, the commission is unable to fix responsibility for more serious complaints. Inquiry along these lines might be prolonged indefinitely, with the sole result of an accumulation of evidence of incompetency and lax methods.

It is therefore the conclusion of the commission that there is nothing further to be accomplished by a proceeding of this character. To correct abuses efforts must be directed to systematic constructive work.

With that end in view the commission recommends a complete reorganization of the bureau. To effect this expert assistance should be given the office to enable it to work out a business system and establish discipline.

The commission, in co-operation with your department, will continue the inquiry. To make it more effective it desires to place an expert accountant in the office to audit certain accounts and to make such further investigation as it may direct. In this step it has two objects in view—the possibility of fixing responsibility for frauds and, what it believes to be of greater importance, to point out the inadequacy of the methods of accounting. During this inquiry the commission will deal summarily with specific instances of neglect of duty, incompetency or fraud.

In addressing this communication to you the commission realizes that its course is unusual. It believes, however, that the city's greatest loss in revenue and labor in the water office is fundamental and can only be corrected by constructive work.

Of the twenty-eight cases in which charges have been heard by the commission a number of discharges have been ordered. Findings will be forwarded to you. In the cases of laborers in which testimony was heard a transcript of the evidence is herewith transmitted for your action.

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Mrs. Elizabeth H. Martin



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Dress for Business Women. Anna Steens Richardson talks to business girls in the August Woman's Home Companion on the importance of good taste in dress.

Said a Frenchman to Mrs. Richardson not long ago, as they strolled through a model department store: "Your working girls—they are wonderful. See, they are ladies! Such well-kept hands, such beautifully coiffed heads, such smart shoes! They must spend much time to make themselves ready for work. Nowhere else in the world will you see such girls carrying their living."

"The self-supporting woman in America has won an enviable reputation for good taste in dress," says the writer. "Not even in Paris, where every woman is supposed to be chic and to have an 'air', do the self-supporting girls bear the stamp of casualness in clothes that you can note in any large city or factory town in the United States."

If you'd be dubbed a handsome girl, And win a handsome knight, The secret here I do impart, 'Tis Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea at night. Huntley Bros. Co.

Mr. A. J. Morrison, owning a farm at Dover, Oregon, and who has been connected with Mitchell Lewis & Staver Co., for the past 18 years, was in Oregon City Saturday transacting business. Mr. Morrison expects to retire from his present position with the above firm and move on his farm.

Chronic Diarrhoea Relieved. Mr. Edward E. Henry with the United States Express Co., writes: "Our general superintendent, Mr. Quirk, handed me a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy some time ago to check an attack of the old chronic diarrhoea. I have used it since that time and cured many on our trains who have been sick. I am an old soldier who served with Rutherford B. Hayes and William McKinley four years in the 33rd Ohio Regiment, and have no ailment except chronic diarrhoea, which this remedy stops at once." For sale by Huntley Bros. Co., Oregon City and Molalla.

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