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## ABOUT BUCHTEL

Brother Chapman in the Oregon Voter a while back lambasted Oregon's Public Service Commission in general and Commissioners Buchtel and Corey in particular. More particularly Buchtel, we gather from the rather Delphic allusions to that official.

It is the June 9th issue of the Voter which contained the "roast" and it is headed "The Shame of Oregon." Chapman says the Commission "is doing vast harm to our state." He complains that it is "playing politics." He says that Buchtel "has demonstrated his amazing eagerness to make a hit with the public by demagogic utterances."

But someone, curious to know what ailed the Voter, which usually snuggles up pretty closely to the big corporations and is forever ready to growl when their toes are tread upon, looked up what Brother Chapman had said about Buchtel before.

In the Voter of November fourth, 1916, he calls Buchtel "well balanced and conservative." In June of last year, discussing Buchtel's overwhelming victory over Campbell for the nomination, Chapman writes that he "did not play the demagogue."

All of which makes one wonder what Buchtel has done to make the Voter so peeved at him. And investigation unearthed this statement of Buchtel's which apparently isn't approved by the Voter:

"Until the carriers of Oregon," says Buchtel, discussing the railroads' plea for increase in freight rates, "provide shippers with an adequate car service I will be unfavorable to the horizontal increase in intrastate rates. The right of the public to an adequate and reasonable service is fundamental."

To tell the truth, such a statement as that sounds sensible to us. It echoes an intention to see that the shippers of Oregon get a square deal. It doesn't in the least indicate hostility to railroads or an unfair viewpoint toward them.

If Mr. Buchtel, by adopting such a platform instead of abject subservience to the railroad and corporate wishes has won the displeasure of the Voter, we surmise that he is to be congratulated rather than pitied.

## BREAD SO DEAR

In support of his argument upholding the food control bill Representative John I. Nolan of California has had prepared tables showing the tremendous advance in prices in one of the large market companies of Washington during the last few months, and also a comparison of prices prevailing in this country and some of the warring countries of Europe. Mr. Nolan believes the bill contains all of the provisions necessary to bring prices down to a normal figure, and the sooner it is passed the earlier will be the results. While the prices of other commodities undoubtedly need regulation also, we should take care of the food problem first, and then turn our attention to other articles. "When we find people in the warring countries," says Mr. Nolan, "using our own wheat and buying 35 ounces of bread for from 8 to 10 cents, and then find our own people in the nation's capitol paying 10 cents for a 14-ounce loaf, it is time to sit up and take notice."

## A WORTHLESS JOB

One of the easiest ways to relieve the great pressure of work on the Interstate Commerce commission, in the opinion of Congressman Joseph Walsh of Massachusetts, is to discontinue the work of valuation in which they are now engaged, and which he believes to be absolutely worthless when completed. Instead of increasing the membership of the commission, Mr. Walsh thinks it would be far better to dispense with the endless amount of labor involved in valuing the roads, and allow the three members who now give most of their time to that branch of the work to devote their energies to the more important duties of the commission.

## QUARTER OF A MILLION LOAN GIVEN ENGLAND

WASHINGTON, July 2.—Twenty-five million dollars was placed to the credit of Great Britain today by Secretary McAdoo.

This brings the loans to that nation up to \$585,000,000 and the total loaned all the allies to \$1,043,000,000.

## VESSELS MAY BE TAKEN

WASHINGTON, July 2.—Secretary Redfield is preparing to warn business that the government may find it necessary to requisition shipping tonnage within a short time.

Industrials will be told they should adjust their affairs accordingly.

## PORTLAND BROKER SUICIDE

PORTLAND, Or., June 30.—J. M. Foster, aged 63, an adjuster for bankrupt stocks, committed suicide by shooting himself at his residence, 1005 East Salmon street, early this morning. Mr. Foster had been ill for several months, and the act is attributed to despondency.

## DOG LICENSES TO BE PAID TO THE CONSTABLE

SALEM, Or., July 2.—The license fees under the new state dog tax law are due on July 1 and thereafter it becomes the duty of the constables to catch all dogs which are not licensed. The law applies to all counties in the state, except those east of the Cascade mountains and Josephine, Jackson, Coos, Curry, Lincoln, Tillamook, Clatsop and Columbia. The city of Portland also is exempted.

Constables are allowed a commission of 10 per cent on all fees collected by them. The balance of the money will go into a fund to be used to compensate farmers for the loss of sheep and chickens killed by dogs.

## FLOUR DROPS 40 CENTS

PORTLAND, Or., June 29.—Flour prices were reduced 40 cents a barrel by local millers today, lowering the market for patents to \$11.40 or \$23.30 a barrel under the record of last May. The decline comes as a result of the steadily lower prices ruling for wheat here and in Chicago.

## I LOVE THE OLD UNITED STATES

I love the Old United States,  
As I can love no other,  
More than a friend or sweetheart;  
For you see she is my Mother.

She's fed and clothed me all my life,  
She's given me her treasure,  
(Her skies, her flowers, her fields are mine)  
In an unstinted measure.

She trains me in the school of life,  
To purpose true and holy,  
Her priceless boon of Liberty  
Is for the high and lowly.

It matters not where I may roam,  
What dangers lie before me;  
Her might is pledged to guard me  
While

The Stars and Stripes stream o'er me.  
How small is my sacrifice  
To make for such a mother,  
I love the Old United States  
As I can love no other.

MARY NEWTON BADGER,  
June 29, 1917. Beaver Creek.

## PRESIDENT OF CHINA MAY BE IN CHINA NOW

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military and civil authorities are also proclaiming the republic and opposing the monarchy, but this may be for the purpose of preserving the peace in Shanghai.

It is believed the restoration plans are deeply laid, and that the military governors are really supporting the restoration.

Tang Shao Yi, ex-premier, in a statement to the Chinese press, said that General Chang Hsun's coup in restoring the monarchy affected the whole world. "I'll leave it to the world," he said, "to decide whether it is right. The republic never had a chance. The real Republicans, from the beginning, had been checked by the reactionaries, and now, when the whole world is talking of liberating itself from autocracy, China is reverting to the past. It is a challenge to new China."

Newspapers printed in the vernacular are practically unanimous in denouncing the restoration of the Manchu dynasty. They predict it will be short lived, saying the whole country will rise against Emperor Hsuan Tung and General Chang Hsun.

The China Press in a leading article says the question of the moment is the amount of military strength which the Kuo Min Pang (Democratic party) is able to muster. The Shanghai Times thinks an armed conflict between the north and south is imminent and says that the scale of the civil war will depend largely on the attitude adopted by Vice-president Feng Kwo Chang.

The North China Daily News does not believe that Southern China will accept the monarchy and says the immediate results of the coup d'etat will be to rally all Republicans to the one standard.

The Standard says the differences between the navy and the army around Shanghai vanished on Monday morning and that both branches uphold republicanism.

LONDON, July 4.—A Reuter dispatch from Shanghai today quotes Vice-president Feng Kwo Shang as indignantly denying the allegation of the Peking edict that he is a pro-monarchist and as declaring that, on the other hand, he intends taking action at the earliest possible moment against the new Peking government.

"The military and naval commanders at Shanghai, who are strongly republican, have been bidden to make immediate preparation for such action," adds the dispatch.

## STRIKING MINERS IN ARIZONA AGREE AFTER BIG PATRIOTIC DISPLAY

BISBEE, Ariz., July 4.—The I. W. W. influenced miners' strike is believed to have been ended today as the result of a remarkable independence day patriotic demonstration participated in by over four thousand miners.

The miners paraded the main streets waving American flags and shouting their loyalty to the United States. Non-striking miners of the Calumet and Arizona mine headed the procession. Permission to march in the parade was refused strikers by the celebration committee.

The only violence was the result of the refusal of one miner to uncover as the flag passed. A bystander knocked him down and the threatening crowd was driven off by the officers, who hurried the injured man into the post-office.

Later he kissed the flag and was permitted to leave without further harm. As a result of the overwhelming demonstration of the real patriotic sentiment of the majority of the miners, most of the strikers are expected to return to work tomorrow when the mines reopen.

## Fifty Years Ago

Taken From Enterprise June 29, 1874.  
A liberty pole, 150 feet in length, will be raised on the grounds of the Clackamas Baseball club, previous to Thursday next, from which "the glorious old banner" will be flung to the breeze.

The East India Telegraph company is sending out materials for a submarine line between Hong Kong and Shanghai. A contract has already been made in England for the manufacture of the cable.

Advices from the continent say that the feeling now prevalent at Paris and Berlin is that the relations existing between the Emperor Napoleon and King of Prussia are not cordial.

Abundance of Cherries—We think we never saw such an abundance of fruit, as we have now in Oregon. On last Saturday Major J. S. Rinearson brought to the office from a tree in his orchard a branch nine inches in length, bearing thirteen clusters of delicious May Duke cherries, numbering 126 cherries. Who can beat it?

Odd Fellows' Election—At the regular meeting of Oregon Lodge No. 3, I. O. O. F., of Oregon, held in this city on last Wednesday evening, the following were elected officers: C. O. T. Williams, N. G.; A. J. Apperson, V. G.; F. Chapman, R. S.; F. Charman, T. The installation will take place on Wednesday evening under the direction of Grand Master J. M. Bacon.

New China Steamer—The Pacific Mail Steamship company has just completed the largest ship ever built in any American shipyard for commercial purposes, and which is intended for the China line from San Francisco to China. She has been named the Great Republic. Other boats to be built for this run will be Colorado, Celestial Empire, America and Nippon, and may be classed among the finest in the world.

These fine steamers aggregate 26,000 tons.

Vacation—The City Seminary closed at noon yesterday for the summer vacation. The average attendance in all departments for the past term has been 136 daily notice.

New Organization—A new baseball club has been organized in this city, adopting the name and costume of the Scotch Highlanders. T. J. Spooner has been appointed president; D. C. Hatch vice-president; J. W. Helm, secretary; H. T. Daly, treasurer. A third club, composed of juvenile members of male society, has also been organized, under the name of Tumwater Baseball club.

## OREGON RAILROADS TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR CLASS INCREASES

SALEM, Or., July 2.—As a result of the decision of the interstate commerce commission in the 15 per cent freight rate increase cases, Chairman Frank J. Miller of the Oregon public service commission expects the railroads in Oregon which have asked for 15 per cent increase on all intrastate freight rates, to abandon their general applications and endeavor to get increases in the rates on certain classes and commodities, which might be able to stand higher rates.

Chairman Miller says he looks for the rail-road companies to drop entirely their request for increases in the rates on lumber and fruits.

"The decision of the interstate commerce commission shows that the western railroads, including the main roads operating in Oregon, are prosperous," said Chairman Miller. "I have said before that they have accumulated surplus earnings sufficient to meet the emergency which they say now exists. If necessary, they could pay dividends from this surplus until the emergency was passed."

## PORTLAND BOY BREAKS 6 WORLD MARKS IN SOUTH

SAN DIEGO, Cal., July 4.—Norman Ross of the Olympic Athletic club, San Francisco, and formerly of Portland today set six new world's records in the national mile swim in San Diego bay. His time for the mile was 24 minutes, 10 seconds, beating the record of 24:51 1/5 held by Ludy Langer. He made the 440 yards in 5:29 4/5; the 660 at 8:45; 1100 yards in 14:59 1/5; 1320 yards in 18:07 4/5, and 1540 yards in 21:10. Jerry Witt, Los Angeles Athletic club, was second in the mile event, and Elliott Burns, San Francisco Rowing club, third.

## ILLINOIS GUARD OUT

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 2.—Six companies of the Illinois national guard were ordered out early today by Governor Lowden, in response to a telegram from the mayor of East St. Louis, Ill., to quell rioting of negroes.

## SILVER SOARS IN CHINA

AMOY, China, July 2.—The American dollar here now is worth \$1.53 silver in Chinese coin. The rate in normal times is about \$2.25 silver.

## CHARGE OF PLOT MADE BY OWNERS OF SYSTEM

BAKER, Or., July 2.—Carrying destruction in its path, millions of gallons of water from a reservoir high in the Kihhorn mountains, 15 miles west of Haines, swept out the village of Rock Creek, with a population of 100, stopped trains at Haines, destroyed crops on thousands of acres in the Rock Creek, Maddy Creek and Haines district, killed livestock, left Baker and Haines without electric power, and interrupted telephone and telegraph service Thursday morning.

Owners of the Killanogue reservoir this afternoon charged a man named Gray, a farm hand, formerly employed by them, with having dynamited the dam. Gray was taken from a train here today by the sheriff and put under arrest. Gray denies being implicated in a plot, if there was one.

The source of the flood is thought to have been Killanogue Lake, a 15-acre irrigation reservoir on the north fork of Rock Creek above the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company's plant at Rock creek. The power plant, although directly in the path of the flood, suffered but little damage, but a section of the flume and half a mile of transmission lines were demolished. Baker was cut off from power from 8:35 o'clock this morning until nearly noon, when the auxiliary steam plant in the city was put into operation. Haines is without light or power tonight.

At the plant the torrent is described by eye-witnesses as a great mass 200 yards wide and 30 feet deep, roaring down the canyon and carrying away everything in its path. It struck the power company's barn and turned it over, grinding it to splinters in a few minutes.

Big forest trees were borne on the crest of the column and these became a weapon of the flood, striking buildings as battering rams.

The flood reached Rock Creek at 8:45 o'clock. The poolroom and store building of the Farmers' Trading company, the Toll House, the blacksmith shop and hall were destroyed, and only debris and a few tin cans are left to mark the site of the hamlet.

A horse tied in front of the store was killed. Fences were all demolished and as far down as Haines all of the bridges are reported to have been taken out. Many cattle were also killed.

Telephone lines, too, were torn out by the torrent and the effect of the flood was felt even at Haines, where some streets were submerged and the railroad tracks were nearly covered.

Rock Creek residents say when they first heard the torrent coming they thought it was only the wind and paid little attention to it until they heard the snapping of telephone poles and the grinding of the debris as it thundered down the valley. The people escaped to the hills nearby.

Because of the debris, it has been impossible to reach the source of the flood, high in the mountains. If it was Killanogue lake that was loosed, it is estimated that nearly 12,000,000 gallons of water rushed down the creek.

The capacity of Ellis reservoir is not known, but it is thought to be much less. Both are used to store irrigation water. Some are of the opinion that in any case the dams or gates might have been blown out purposely, but because the amount of water in the lakes this year is unusually great, it is generally believed that the break came only from excessive pressure.

Killanogue lake is tapped by a tunnel, 400 feet of which is said to be through solid rock. It is believed that the gate that regulate the flow of water through this must have given way. A party of men, headed by John Fisher, left for Killanogue lake to investigate the cause late this afternoon.

It is not only from the present damage that the ranchers expect to suffer, but with the loss of this great amount of water it is feared it may take toll next fall during the irrigation season.

Several other dams in the mountains west of Baker are reported to be in danger of breaking, but so far this has been prevented by timely action in reducing the volume of the storage water.

Great excitement prevailed at Haines for a time this morning because of fear that the flood might endanger the town. As it was, no damage was done.

## INTERNAL TROUBLES STILL CAUSE SPAIN GREAT UNEASINESS

PARIS, July 2.—The situation in Spain appears to be going from bad to worse. The gravity of the crisis is confirmed by such news as reaches Paris.

The Madrid correspondent of the Petit Parisien, telegraphing Sunday, says suspension of constitutional guarantees by the government has not removed the unrest in Spain.

## FARMERS ASK EXEMPTION

WASHINGTON, June 28.—In a joint memorial to President Wilson, the principal farmers' organizations of the country have urged that so far as practicable the farmer be exempted from the selective draft for military duty until after the harvest.

## SISTER OF GIRL KILLED IN AUTO WRECK MARRIED

GRESHAM, Or., July 2.—Gran Millson, of Oberlin, Kan., and Miss Elsie Metzger, of this city, were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Metzger in this city Wednesday evening, Rev. Alexander Heers, uncle of the bride, performing the ceremony. The bride is a sister of the young woman who was killed in an auto accident on Wednesday, and this fact threw a damper on the wedding and delayed the departure of the bridal couple to their new home in Kansas for a couple of days.

## PROFUSION OF ROSES MAKE EXHIBITS AT WEST LINN ATTRACT

The West Linn Rose society held its annual rose show in the building at the west end of the suspension bridge, West Linn, Saturday. The roses were magnificent, and were sold at the close of the evening for the benefit of the Red Cross society. The hall was elaborately decorated with flags loaned by Dr. H. S. Mount, Jake Poggans, Carl Hale and B. T. McHain. These with various kinds of evergreens and the bright colored roses made a most attractive sight. The long tables covered with richly colored roses, many of which had pinned thereon a blue ribbon.

The prize winners were: For best four pink roses, one variety, named, (Caroline Testout excepted) Mrs. Nicholls. Best four white roses, one variety, named, Mrs. Phil Schnoerr; best four red climbing roses, one variety, named (ramblers excepted), Mrs. William Rakel; best four sprays of small climbing or basket roses, Mrs. C. Endres; one rose exhibit, named (any variety) Mrs. Nixon; best six Caroline Testout roses Mrs. M. Munch; best three roses, any variety, kind or color, grown in Clackamas county, Mrs. Grant B. Dimick; special prize for best rose in entries from West Linn, Aline Nixon; special prize awarded to Mrs. Cameron for collection of red roses, also special prize to Mrs. J. E. Simpson for roses.

Among the collection of roses were those of H. T. McHain and J. W. Draper, which were artistically arranged at each side of the hall. The Ulrich Bruner roses from the McHain garden arranged in a large jardiner attracted considerable attention. Another rose that was attractive was that entered by J. W. Draper in his handsome collection and given the name of Dolly Pratt, in honor of Miss Dolly Pratt of this city. This is one of the new roses and is of a cream color changing into a canary yellow.

Another collection was from West Linn Heights from the gardens of Mrs. Nicholls, Mrs. C. Endres and Mrs. Schnoerr, also purple roses from the garden of Mrs. Barnes, of Willamette. There were musical selections during the afternoon and evening on the Bismark talking machine, loaned by the Jones Drug company. Many of the latest musical selections were rendered.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were sold, the proceeds of which will go towards the Red Cross fund.

The committees having charge of the affair were: Reception—Mrs. D. M. Shanks, Mrs. J. W. Draper, Mrs. Richard Bittner, Mrs. T. B. Davenport, Mrs. B. T. McHain.

Decorations—Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. William Rakel.

Refreshments—Mrs. J. Simpson, chairman, Miss Julia Sovinsky, Miss Jane Armstrong.

## Grass Clippings for the Poultry Flock

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Grass clippings are an excellent green feed for chickens. The back yard poultry flock of a family often lacks sufficient green feed with a consequent reduction of egg and meat production. With the easy availability of lawn clippings the city poultryman can always have green feed through the summer for his chickens. The flock can be fed daily as much of the green clippings as they will eat. If any continued bowel trouble shows, the amount should be reduced. The remainder of the clippings can be allowed to dry and fed moistened during the time between lawn cuttings.

Amounts in excess can be dried for winter use. Dried grass clippings are a good green feed for winter. They can be dried and stored in sacks. These dried clippings, moistened and fed to the flock, are a very fair substitute for the succulent green feeds of summer.

## 5 MEN GET \$15,000

CHICAGO, July 2.—C. C. Beard, cashier of the National Tea & Coffee company, was held up by five men and robbed of between \$15,000 and \$20,000 today.

The men escaped in an automobile.

## FRENCH EJECT GERMANS

PARIS, July 2.—The French last night made a counter attack and ejected the Germans from trenches captured by them in the offensive last week on the Aisne front along the Ailles-Palsay road, the war office announced.

## RAILROADS MUST WAIT AT LEAST 4 MONTHS

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Today the Interstate Commerce commission suspended until October 28, 1917, the proposed general 15 per cent increase in railroad freight rates.

Commissioner McChord dissented and Commissioner Meyer concurred in part. Commissioner McChord said: "The issue is in reality one of governmental policy rather than a question whether the rates sought are reasonable for the service of transportation."

The commission then announced the decision, saying: "We are led to the conclusion that no condition of emergency exists as to the western and southern carriers which would justify permitting a general increase in their rates to become effective."

"In the eastern districts increased rates have recently been permitted to become effective generally on bituminous coal, coke and iron ore. We think that similar increases may properly be permitted in the southern district on coal, coke and iron ore and in the western district on coal and coke."

"In the southern district the proposed increased rates on coal are on the basis of 15 per cent, with a maximum of 18 cents a ton. These tariffs we shall permit to become effective."

"In the western district the increases are based upon 15 per cent, with a minimum of 15 cents per ton. These tariffs will be suspended by the western carriers, if they so elect, while new tariffs carry increases in rates on coal and coke not exceeding in any case 15 cents per ton."

"All of the tariffs included in this proceeding of the western lines will be suspended. All of the tariffs included in this proceeding of the southern carriers will be suspended excepting those applying on coal, coke and iron ore."

The commission declared its willingness to meet any situation which may arise in case the fears of the railroads of heavily decreased incomes are realized.

The commission also declares its willingness to increase class rates between New York and Chicago, provided the carriers preserve established relations between ports and localities. Amounts ranging from 11 per cent on first-class rates down to 6 per cent on sixth-class rates will be permitted.

Approximately 25 per cent of the freight tonnage in eastern territory moves under class rates, and the increases, officials estimated, would amount to perhaps a 2 or 3 per cent increase in gross revenue for eastern carriers.

The commission authorized roads to file tariffs increasing existing joint rates between rail and water carriers to a level not higher than the all-rail rates between the same points."

## BOOZE PERMITS ARE PROHIBITED IN WASHINGTON

SEATTLE, July 2.—Washington's liquor permit system went into the discard today following the decision of United States Attorney Clay Allen who ruled that the Reed amendment to the postal appropriation bill applies here. It prohibits liquor shipments into states where the manufacture or sale of liquor is prohibited. Because liquor cannot be manufactured in Washington, the bone dry measure applies, Allen ruled, thus defeating the state law which provided a permit system of liquor consumption.

## NEWTON GIVEN A LICENSE TO WED IN CHICAGO, ILL.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 2.—A marriage license was issued Saturday to Frank Newton, aged 44, of Oregon City, Oregon, and Mae Charleston, aged 30, of San Francisco.

OREGON CITY, Oregon, July 2.—Frank Newton formerly of this city, but now stationed at Chicago where he has a commission as captain in the United States army, was sent to the San Francisco fair to serve as part of the federal troops used during the explosion. From there he was ordered to Omaha and then to Chicago.

Mr. Newton was formerly in business in this city and was at one time employed by the city of Portland in the purchasing department. He is a Spanish American war veteran. His mother Mrs. K. L. Newton of this city was agreeably surprised Saturday to learn of his intended marriage.

## Bank Law Is Changed

SALEM, Or., July 2.—Notices calling attention to the new law covering dormant bank deposits have been forwarded to all banks of the state by Secretary of State Octott. He directs attention to the fact that savings deposits do not escheat to the state until after 12 years, but that all others do so after seven years.

## COLUMBUS KNIGHTS AT CHICAGO

CHICAGO, July 28.—The annual meeting of supreme council, Knights of Columbus, which was to have been held at Old Point Comfort, Va., will be held here August 7 and 8. It was announced today. Four hundred delegates, representing 400,000 members, are expected.