

CLEAR THE CHECKS IN LAND OFFICES

Ballinger Sends Man to Roseburg to Work Off Accumulation.

SURVEYS ARE APPROVED

Land Commissioner Is Induced by Bourne to Relieve Long-Suffering Oregon Settlers—Opening Oregon Settlers—Much Land to Entry.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 16.—After a conference with the upper land office, the Senator Bourne, Land Commissioner Ballinger has ordered Special Inspector O'Brien, of Denver, to proceed to Roseburg and assist the local land officers in clearing up the accumulation of business in their office. Work has fallen behind to such an extent that there are now pending about 700 land cases and contents awaiting action. The Roseburg office is straightened out, similar work is to be done elsewhere in Oregon.

Because of lack of appropriation, the Commissioner is unable to increase the clerical force of any Oregon land office, though he realizes the need of more clerks to handle the great mass of business now being transacted. The Commissioner said he would do everything possible to relieve the situation in Oregon. He believes he will be able ultimately to bring the Oregon work up to date.

At the further request of Mr. Bourne, the Commissioner has directed that immediate surveys be made of all pending public land surveys in Oregon, some of which have been held up as much as ten years because of adverse reports of inspectors. All surveys found to be correct will be accepted and paid for and, unless there is some important reason for withholding plats, the land covered by such surveys will be opened to entry. Where pending surveys are found to be erroneous the surveyors will be notified and be given the option of making corrections, so that their contracts may be closed out and those areas as well thrown open to entry.

A large number of bona fide settlers is enduring hardships by the delay in approving these old contracts. There will be no more holdups in Oregon on mere suspicion. Mr. Ballinger will demand evidence.

CONFERENCE ON LAND LAWS

Governor Buchtel Invites Western Governors to Join in Call.

DENVER, April 16.—Governor Buchtel today addressed a communication to the Governors of all the states calling them to meet in Denver June 18, 19 and 20 of this year to discuss the question of public land laws. The letter suggested that a general policy should be agreed upon to be advocated at Washington.

ROOSEVELT NOT TO REPLY

Labor Men Want Attack on Moyer and Haywood Verified.

CHICAGO, April 16.—One week having passed since the Chicago Federation of Labor sent its telegram to President Roosevelt, and no answer having been received, the officials of the federation will at its meeting tomorrow send a special messenger from Chicago to the White House to ask the Nation's Chief Executive to verify the language credited to him in referring to Moyer and Haywood as "undesirable citizens."

During the last week several sessions of the executive board of the federation have been held in the hope that the answer would be raised from Washington and the necessity of taking further action in the matter would be averted. Moyer and Haywood, to whom reference is made in the communication, are awaiting trial in Idaho, charged with the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg, and the trial is set for May 5.

WILL TEST THE 16-HOUR LAW

Montana Holds It Valid; Railroads Will Ignore It.

BUTTE, Mont., April 16.—A Helena special to the Miner states that Attorney General Albert J. Galen in an opinion rendered today states that he holds the recent enactment by the Legislature of the statute limiting the hours of employment of railway employees to 16 hours to be valid. William Wallace, Jr., counsel for the Northern Pacific, filed a writ of certiorari upon the Board of Railway Commissioners that the company will ignore the new statute. Mr. Galen has advised the Commissioners that he will begin a test case against the railways.

CARMEN MAY GO ON STRIKE

Bay City Employees Will Demand Eight Hours and \$3 a Day.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—Though both sides to the controversy refuse through their official heads to discuss it, there is definite information that the streetcar men of San Francisco have been for some days formulating a renewed demand for an eight-hour day, with \$3 per day, to be submitted some time before the first of next month, and that the United Railroads is preparing to resist a serious strike, if that should be the outcome.

The award made recently to platform men by the board of arbitration in settlement of last year's violent dispute expires May 1. It was unsatisfactory to the men. It is stated that it was as much to anticipate industrial trouble as to meet the immediate results of the municipal bribery graft investigations that President Patrick Calhoun, of the United Railroads, came on from New York last week.

The meeting of the Carman's Union tonight did not take any action regarding the contemplated demand for higher wages. It was stated that no move in this direction would be made until the men receive the \$150,000 back pay due them under the award of the recent arbitration committee. This money will fall due April 25, and the agreement between the union and the United Railroads does not expire until May 1.

OPERATORS KEEP UP FIGHT

Telegraphers Not Satisfied With Decision by Arbitration Board.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—The order of the Railway Telegraphers has filed in the United States Circuit Court at

ceptions to portions in the decision come to by the board of arbitration that received testimony regarding the differences between the telegraphers and the Southern Pacific Company as to wages and hours.

There were four points considered by the arbitrators, and two of these were decided against the telegraphers. The first was as to whether the order of Railway Telegraphers should legislate for the train dispatchers respecting rates of pay, hours of service or otherwise. The arbitrators decided that they should not. The other point decided against the telegraphers was the elimination from operation of the schedule to be adopted.

The telegraphers, in protesting against the award, respecting these two points, claim that the testimony was not properly taken, some being left out that should have been admitted, and some being taken that did not relate to the questions under consideration.

Judge Van Fleet will consider the matter and will render a decision. If he favors the railway company the telegraphers will have nothing to do but submit. If the reverse, the work by the board of arbitration will be nullified.

Miners Strike in Alberta.

HELENA, Mont., April 16.—A Tribune special from Lethbridge says 150 miners employed by the Coal & Coke Company of Spokane at the company mines at Coleman, Alberta, struck today for a 10 per cent increase in pay and a semi-monthly pay day. The strike is in violation of the recently passed trade-deputes law of Canada, which provides for the arrest and punishment of every man who strikes without first submitting his grievances to the arbitration board. Other mines will probably be affected.

ALTON ROAD TO PAY FINE

APPEAL COURT AFFIRMS SENTENCE FOR REBATING.

Wheelage Charge Paid Packing Company Mere Device to Grant Lower Rate.

CHICAGO, April 16.—The United States Court of Appeals today affirmed the conviction in the District Court of the Chicago & Alton Railroad and J. M. Fathorn and Fred A. Wann, former officials of the road, for granting rebates.

The company and the two officials were found guilty last year and an aggregate fine of \$60,000 was imposed. The railroad company was fined \$40,000 and the two officials \$10,000 each.

The conviction of the defendants followed the prosecution by the Government which alleged that rebates had been granted to the Schwarschild & Sulzberger in the shipment of meats. The rebates were said to have been paid to a packing company under the guise of refund of terminal charges, the amount being \$10 in each car for the use of the tracks of the packing company in getting the cars of freight out from the packing houses to the main line of the Alton road.

In its opinion, the appellate court declares: "Rentals upon the basis of wheelage are objectionable if the parties have entered into a contract which in all other respects is lawful. Schwarschild & Sulzberger received back a part of the money they paid for the road freight, but this does not prove that the transaction constituted a rebate within the definition of the statute. If the full rate is paid, either in money or in money's worth, the parties cannot be guilty of rebating. These considerations compel the court to the conclusion that the judgment of the lower court cannot be sustained except by holding that the contract between Schwarschild & Sulzberger and the Alton road was illegal and void.

The trouble in this case comes from the fact that the railroad did not take a lease of the tracks of the packing company for the purpose of discharging its obligations as an interstate carrier. The arrangement between the two corporations was therefore a device whereby the produce of the packing company was transported at a cost of 45 per cent, while the other shippers were paying 50."

The court excludes from the case as not being within the issues the question of the right of a railroad company to render greater service or to furnish greater facilities to one shipper than to another for the same public use. The issue in this case is the right to furnish the same or more at a less price. In concluding, the court said:

"The arrangement that existed between the two corporations cannot for reasons of public policy be based lawfully on division of rates, or in any other way be connected with, or affect the rate-making function of the interstate carrier. The agreement as it existed, therefore, was illegal and the judgment of the lower court must be affirmed."

CHANGES IN FOREST SERVICE.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 16.—Specialist P. E. Ames has been placed temporarily in charge of the Tillamook and Umpqua forest reserves in Oregon.

Acting Supervisor Anderson, of Grant's Pass, takes charge of the Ashland reserve. D. B. Sheilar, formerly in charge of the Happer reserve, has been transferred to the Yakima reserve, in Washington, being succeeded by T. R. Childsey.

William Snyder is promoted from manager to acting supervisor in charge of the Colville reserve, in Washington.

Northwest Postal Affairs.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 16.—Postmasters appointed: Oregon—Antone, George C. Glover vice, E. L. Knox, resigned; Kingsley, Theodore Bushnell vice, W. I. Smith, resigned; Lamont, Millard T. Cowan, vice J. C. Rusk, resigned.

Washington—Cascade, Thomas Moffatt, vice Minnie Stevenson, resigned. Rural free delivery route No. 1 has been ordered established June 17 at New Kamlichie, Mason County, Wash., serving 40 people and 25 families.

GROOM JONES FOR SENATOR

Congressman's Boom Launched at Banquet in Seattle Last Night.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 16.—(Special.)—The Senatorial boom of Congressman W. L. Jones was launched at a banquet tendered tonight by the Ballinger Club to Senator R. W. Piles and Congressman W. E. Humphrey. Jones was a guest of honor, and in a speech introducing him, President A. Skelly of the club referred to him as a future Senator. Following him, C. W. Howard, of Bellingham, and A. J. Falconer, of Everett, speaker of the last House, gave Congressmen Jones the same complimentary mention.

Jones ignored the reference to his Senatorial possibilities in his response, speaking broadly of the work the King County members had done in Congress.

In an interview tonight Jones reiterated his determination not to consider the Senatorial question at present, insisting that the campaign would not

BORAH CHARGES PLOT OF ENEMIES

Tells Bonaparte That Friends of Accused Federationists Cause Indictment.

RUICK GOING TO CAPITAL

Denied at White House Borah Appeal—Indictment—Bonaparte Will Review the Whole Case.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 16.—It was emphatically denied at the White House today that Senator Borah had appealed to the President to prevent his indictment or, in case an indictment has been found, to prevent its return. According to an official close to the President, no appeal has been made by Mr. Borah. A statement published here today charged that Mr. Borah was seeking the President's protection and that the President was much perplexed by reason thereof.

After a conference with the President today, Attorney-General Bonaparte intimated that he would soon have in his possession the facts regarding Mr. Borah's indictment and he believed he would thoroughly understand the whole matter by the end of the week from which it is inferred that he will get an explanation from District Attorney Ruick on his arrival.

LOOKING INTO REVOLVER'S MUZZLE, HE TAMELY HANDS OVER PACKAGE AND ROBBERS ESCAPE.

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The robber then removed a revolver from one of Zimmerman's pockets and commanded him to open the safe. The clerk obeyed and handed out the package of currency, which was to go to Duluth on the midnight train. After receiving the bulky envelope, the robber backed out of the office, first commanding Zimmerman to turn his face to the wall and to remain in that position for ten minutes under pain of death. Both bandits escaped.

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Your grocer returns your money if you don't like Schilling's Best; we pay him.

DIG TUNNEL, THEN GET RIGHT

Harriman Road Anxious to Begin Work on Entrance Into Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 16.—(Special.)—The Oregon & Washington, Harriman's Puget Sound extension, has applied to the Board of Public Works for permission to begin work on the tunnel the Harriman system will build under the city. The franchise application of the road was made to the City Council last night, and the Harriman system asks permission to begin work on its tunnel before a Council committee can act upon the application. It is proposed to begin the bore at one end, if the Board of Public Works will permit it, and carry over the matter with the Council afterward.

The city is to build a municipal fall and hospital along the line of the Harriman tunnel, and it is essential that the tunnel be constructed beyond that point immediately to demonstrate whether there will be any damage to the city building. For that reason municipal authorities are likely to ignore the Council's prerogative and grant the permit. The preliminary work will probably be completed before the franchise is acted upon.

BIG HAUL BY HIGHWAYMEN

ROBBERS GET \$25,000 FROM EXPRESS CLERK.

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Lipman, Wolfe & Co. Summer Wash Stuffs Presentation of Special Values BITS of Ireland and Switzerland and the best of France and America are here among the Summer cottons in one superb display. It is to be a dainty year in wash fabrics—pale colors, delicate sprigs of embroidery, checks of all kinds; everything suggesting ribbons and frills and laces and charmingly "feminine" gowns.

Annual April Sale of Dress Goods Second week offers even greater values than the first Best values ever given by any reputable store in April 38-inch All-wool Nunsveilings, full line of colors, including, black, cream, sky, light gray, nickel, tan, castor, mode, old rose, reseda, navy, and cardinal; regularly 60c quality; at 47c Imported French Voiles, all-wool, in the new wire finish, black, cream and \$1.19 colors; \$1.50 suitings; at New Spring Suitings—An immense collection of 15,000 yards latest Novelties, in stripes, checks, plaids, mixtures, etc., in Panama, Chiffon Panama, Mohairs, Cloths, Batistes and Taffetas, in every wanted and desirable style; regular values \$1, \$1.25, \$1.35; in one grand lot 98c

BLOT OUT CUPID'S ERRORS DIVORCE MILLS GRIND BIG GRIST AT OREGON CITY. Two Instances Where Severing of Matrimonial Bonds Is Second Time for Same Parties. OREGON CITY, Or., April 16.—(Special.)—Decrees of divorce were handed down today in the Circuit Court by Judge McEwen in the following cases: Ethel Wiseman vs. Albert Wiseman, George Nilson vs. Julia Rosellind Nilson, Ethel Rutherford vs. R. Lowell Rutherford, W. R. Drake vs. Jennie Drake, Barbara Taggart vs. William J. Taggart, George A. Hall vs. Hattie Hall, George J. Moody vs. Myra I. Moody, Elmer V. Markle vs. James C. Markle.

AMOLEK AN ARROW COLLAR WEDDING AND VISITING CARDS W.G. SMITH & CO. TUTT'S PILLS Cure All Liver Ills. Twenty Years Proof. Tutt's Liver Pills keep the bowels in natural motion and cleanse the system of all impurities An absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, constipation and kindred disease. "Can't do without them" R. P. Smith, Chilburg, Va. writes I don't know how I could do without them. I have had Liver disease for over twenty years. Am now entirely cured. Tutt's Liver Pills