

FUTURES DEFENDED AS REDUCING COSTS

Committee Told Abolishment Would Require Larger Margin to Cover Risk.

EVIL IN PRACTICE DENIED

Legislator Who Has Investigated System Says Farmers of Northwest Prosper—Full Investigation Is Favored.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Hearings on the Manahan resolution, authorizing investigation of the Chicago, Minneapolis and Duluth grain "pits," were concluded today by the House rules committee.

Representatives of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, while denying charges of conspiracy, monopoly and combination, asserted they were in favor of a full investigation of grain exchanges. The committee probably will take up the question of a report on the Manahan resolution next week. Members of the committee appeared to favor a general investigation and Chairman Henry said he believed a thorough probe of "future" trading in all agricultural products, including cotton, would aid Congress in proposed legislation.

Market Method Defended.
The principal argument for the Minneapolis exchange was presented by John J. Mueh, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. He said the present method of marketing grain with the accompanying speculation in futures held down the margin of cost between the price paid the producer and the cost to the consumer to a minimum.

"Then it could be merchandised," he said, "just as other commodities are merchandised, without the trade in futures; but that would necessitate a wider trading margin to take care of the speculative risk that would be forced on the middleman, who would buy subject to the constantly changing market price."

Evil in Futures Denied.

David F. Simpson, counsel for the Chamber of Commerce, told the committee future trading was necessary to the proper marketing of the wheat crop. Investigations by the Minnesota Legislature, he said, had brought out nothing evil in the practice.

S. D. Works, chairman of the Minnesota legislative committee which investigated the grain exchange, said the Northwestern farmer was prospering under the present system.

A communication from the Duluth Board of Trade favoring a full investigation of grain exchanges was presented to the committee by Representative Miller, of Minnesota.

FRESHMAN WINS HONOR

FLOYD PAYNE ROMPS OFF WITH EUGENE CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

Senior Team, With Sombrosos and Pipes, Starts and Finishes for Amusement of Crowd.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—Floyd Payne, freshman, romped across the finish line an easy winner of the annual inter-class cross-country race, run between halves of the Oregon-Columbia soccer game here today. He covered the course in 15 minutes and 20 seconds, eight seconds slower than Vere Windnagle's time last year. Sixteen started and eight finished.

The senior team, running but one lap, donned the traditional sombrero, lit pipes, caught their wind and five minutes before Payne appeared, circled the track, thus furnishing the comedy for the crowd.

Langley and Boswick, freshmen, ran second and third, respectively. Pack and McConnell, juniors; Smith, freshman; Holt and Schaffner, sophomores, finished in the order named.

The freshman team, composed of Payne, Langley, Boswick and Smith, won the trophy cup offered. Payne received the gold medal donated to the winner.

Starter, Hayward; timekeepers, Hayward and Walker.

MANY SLOGANS APPEAR

CANDIDATE FOR COMMITTEEMAN TO REMAIN DEMOCRAT.

Astorian Aspirant for State Senate Favors Adequate Protection for Fish Industry of Columbia.

SALEM, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—W. H. Cannon, of Medford, today filed his declaration with Secretary of State Olcott as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for National committeeman, his slogan being: "If I am elected I will, during my term of office, be a Democrat." R. B. Williams, of Portland, seeks the Republican nomination for National committeeman. His slogan is: "I stand for the best interests of the Republican Party, both state and National." C. A. Lenzewer, of Astoria, candidate for the Republican nomination for State Senator in the Fifteenth District, has adopted the slogan: "Adequate appropriations for fish hatcheries and the preservation of the fishing industry on the Columbia River."

"Against saloons, useless commissions for schools, economy; semi-annual tax payments without rebate" is the slogan of Melvin Fenwick, of Springfield, candidate for the Republican nomination for Representative in the Legislature. Frank N. O'Connor, of Junction City, seeking the Republican nomination for Representative in the Legislature, favors: "Tax reform, less laws, economy and law enforcement."

TRAVELERS TO SEE AFRICA

Captain Gadsby and Son Will Visit Egypt and Other Countries.

Egypt and other countries in Northern Africa are the objective points of Captain William Gadsby and son, Walter, prominent Portland furniture dealers, who left here a few days ago for New York, whence they will sail early this week.

The Gadsbys have made a number of previous trips to Europe, Asia and Africa and have given detailed study to the points of historic interest there. This trip, however, is to be devoted to

giving special attention to those places that they overlooked on former visits. One of the first stopping places will be Algiers. They plan to pass several weeks there. They will visit Cairo, Alexandria and other cities in Egypt and will proceed then up the Nile. After an extended tour of the Egyptian cities, they will cross the Mediterranean into Greece and Turkey. They expect to go over the battlefields of the recent Bulgarian War and to study the various maneuvers that resulted in engagements in that war.

A leisurely trip will take them to the principal points of historic and scenic interest in Southern Europe. They will visit Gibraltar, Paris and London before starting on the return trip.

FOREIGN INVASION FEARED

Turkey and Russia in Dispute Over Irrigation Concessions.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 5.—(Special.)—A serious question has arisen with regard to land concessions for irrigation purposes in Bokhara and Khiva. English investors may become interested in it, as not long ago the Russian promoters were in negotiations with British capitalists for taking over vast irrigation concessions in Transcaucasia and Bokhara.

The question arises out of a disagreement between the Governor General of Turkestan and the Ministry of War on

PALOUSE IRRIGATION LEAGUE OPTIMISTIC

Second Anniversary of Organization Celebrated at Enthusiastic Meeting.

PLEAS FOR MONEY MADE

Appropriations to Conduct Preliminary Work So as to Convince Government Chief Concern.

COLFAX, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—The second anniversary of the organization of the Palouse Irrigation

FOUR GENERATIONS OF TILLAMOOK FAMILY SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH



ABOVE (READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT), M. V. STILLWELL AND CAPTAIN W. D. STILLWELL—BELOW, ROBERT AND MARCIA STILLWELL.

TILLAMOOK, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—Four generations of the Stillwell family, who are pioneers of Oregon and Tillamook County, are shown in the above picture. Captain W. D. Stillwell is a pioneer of 1844. M. V. Stillwell was born in Yamhill County in 1857. Robert Stillwell and his daughter, Marcia, are also in the picture. Robert's grandparents were James and Anna Quick, who came to Tillamook County in 1835, and Miss Marcia's great-grandfather was James Laughlin, of Yamhill County.

the subject. "The Ministry is reported to have taken up a strange position, in the circumstances, from the Russian point of view. This Ministry is of opinion that Khiva and Bokhara should be allowed to dispose of their lands as they think fit, whereas the local Russian, as well as the Ministry of Land Organization and Agriculture, insist that Bokhara and Khivan land concessions can only be granted with the consent of the Russian suzerain power."

INCREASE IS NOTABLE

WASHINGTON RAILROAD REPORT SHOWS REVENUES.

Rate Expert's Figures Reveal Interesting Fact That Average Passenger Now Travels Less.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—In the seven years, 1906 to 1913, the Washington operating revenues of the steam railroads in this state have increased from \$24,225,542 to \$45,775,054, or 49 per cent, a compilation made by O. O. Calderhead, rate expert of the Public Service Commission, shows.

In the same time, however, operating expenses grew from \$13,859,315 to \$32,258,880, and taxes from \$1,040,616 to \$3,757,158.

An analysis of the operating expenses shows that these amounted, in the aggregate, only to 57.2 per cent of the operating revenues in 1906, but in 1913 expenses ate up 72.6 per cent of the revenues. The percentage of expenses is regarded as somewhat misleading, however, since the railroads charge all expenses of western terminals to this state, instead of spreading these expenses over the entire western half of their lines.

The passenger and freight business increased at almost exactly the same rate, the figures indicate. In 1906 the total number of passengers carried was 4,108,564 and the total passenger mileage was 282,817,719. In 1913 the number of passengers carried was 4,687,758 and the mileage 470,890,053. In 1906, 11,441,952 tons were hauled, the ton mileage being 1,628,860,121. In 1913 the tonnage hauled was 24,056,277 and the ton mileage 3,071,534,013.

The average passenger now travels only 54.3 miles, as against 68.8 miles in 1907, while the average freight haul has dropped to 127 miles, from a former figure of 142 miles. The explanation of both of these changes is that as the state has developed, business has sprung up at smaller localities and short hauls are increasing at a rapid rate.

DOUBLE CREDIT.

First payment of \$10 secures receipt for \$20; \$15, \$30; \$25, \$50, and \$50 first payment secures receipt for \$100. See Graves Music Co. removal adv., last page, section 2.—Adv.

Police Chief Shot in Revenge.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 7.—Lieutenant-Colonel Chebaleff, Chief of Police of St. Petersburg, was shot dead today in his office by a junior officer, Lieutenant Ivanoff. The motive for the crime was said to be revenge.

New York physician declares baring the body to sunlight will prevent cancer. Perhaps we have all this time cruelly wronged the recent fashions in women's apparel.

District, which is working to secure the completion of the Palouse Irrigation project, was celebrated here today, and was largely attended. Governor Lister, Senator George Turner, Arthur Hooker, representing the Spokane Chamber of Commerce; Captain Gray, representing the Pasco Chamber of Commerce; D. B. Garrison, representing the Connel Commercial Club; George N. Lampiere, Secretary of Palouse; C. N. Hinchliff, "the father of the Palouse project"; Judge Thomas Neill, Charles N. Swigart, of the United States Reclamation Service; Judge McCroskey, of the Whitman County Superior Court, and H. W. Goff, owner of 34,000 acres of land in Washington and Oregon, spoke to large audiences in the Courthouse.

The session was attended by a large and enthusiastic audience composed of citizens of Whitman, Franklin, Adams and Spokane counties.

Appropriation Is Urged.
Judge R. L. McCroskey, of the Superior Court, spoke in favor of the project, and urged that Whitman County appropriate money to assist in the preliminary work, as Franklin County had done.

H. W. Goff put this as a motion before the house that a committee of three be appointed to urge the Commissioners to make an appropriation, and it was carried unanimously.

Charles N. Swigart told of what had been accomplished in the Yakima Valley, where \$7,500,000 had been spent and a new empire had been created. He said that it would require the expenditure of about the same sum for the Palouse project, and that equally satisfactory results would be obtained.

Governor Lister spoke at some length, and told of the united efforts of state and Federal governments to secure the appropriations, and how the work is being done, and predicted that a report that will be sufficient to take before Congress and secure a liberal appropriation will be made.

Mr. Lane to Be Invited.
Judge Neill moved that Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, be invited to meet with the league, and Pasco was selected as the place for holding the next meeting.

The convention adjourned to meet at the call of President Lipitt, after the president and executive committee had asked the convention to allow them to retire and select a new board to carry on the work. A suggestion was rejected by the convention, which demanded that the officers who have been in charge of the work two years continue.

MEDFORD TO HEAR OPERAS

Tour of Arizona Planned and Oregon Town Gets Finale.

MEDFORD, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—Medford is to have a real opera company in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Burgess, Ralph Burgess, Mrs. Chas. Burgess, Robert Burgess, Frank Burgess and other former members of the Andrews Opera Company, which united here several years ago, have formed the Boston Ideal Opera Company and already have arranged for performances in various parts of Arizona.

"Fra Diavolo," "Chimes of Normandy" and other old-time operas of the more popular type will be presented. The company will make the trip back to Medford playing on the way and give a final performance here.

Farmers' Conference Called.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—Plans for a farmers' and stockbreeders' convention to be held here March 21 are being made by L. J. Campbell and a Commercial Club committee. An organization will be formed to include cattle and hograisers from Walla Walla, Columbia, Umatilla counties and portions of Benton and Franklin counties. Speakers will be present from Washington State College, Portland Union Stockyards and the O.-W. R. & N. and Northern Pacific.



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EMPLOYEES JOIN PLAN

OBJECTIONS TO STATE INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE RECALLED.

Employers Who Do Not Come Under Proposed Arrangement Are Deprived of Best Defense.

SALEM, Or., March 7.—(Special.)—F. W. Hinsdale, secretary of the State Industrial Accident Commission, said today that a large number of employers who several months ago notified the Commission that they had elected not to come under the provisions of the law had recalled their objections and announced they would be bound by them.

"The reason for this," Mr. Hinsdale continued, "is they have learned that the act itself deprives employers who do not come directly under its provisions of their best defense in accident litigation. Representatives of liability companies seeking business, I am told, inform prospective clients that they will be in the same position after the law becomes effective, July 1, so far as defending damage actions as they were before, but such will not be the case. For instance, section 15 of the act says that employers engaged in hazardous business who reject the act cannot set up the defenses of accidents being due to carelessness of the injured persons, carelessness of fellow employees or knowing assumption of risk by workmen."

Mr. Hinsdale thinks a majority of the employers eligible for protection under the act will take advantage of its provisions before or soon after the insurance and contribution features become effective July 1.

Grocery Clerks Organize.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—The grocery clerks and drivers of Centralia have organized a union. John Woody is president. There is talk of organizing a musicians' union, as those who hold cards here and non-

union players willing to join would form the nucleus for a strong organization.

Centralians to Attend Meeting.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 7.—(Special.)—H. M. Robinson, secretary of the Centralia Commercial Club, announced today that he and possibly one other member of the club will attend the meeting in Olympia, March 27 and 28, called by Secretary of State Howell to discuss immigration. It is probable that several of the smaller clubs of Lewis County will also send delegates to the Olympia meeting.

Road Bonds Are Wanted.

WEISER, Idaho, March 7.—(Special.)—For the purpose of considering the proposed state highway an enthusiastic

meeting of Washington County taxpayers was held Friday evening at the Weiser Commercial Club. Strong sentiment in favor of the proposed improvement was expressed by a majority of those in attendance. Miss Cannon, of the State Highway Commission, was present. It is hoped that the County Commissioners will submit the question of bonds for good roads to the voters at an early date.

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