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WASHINGTON AND RELEVANT NEWS

Run Amuck When Drunk.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—A stock yard employe Charles Peck, 20, was charged with this morning entered a room of his boarding house and attempted to force fellow boarder, Vincent Clark, to take a drink. The latter refused and Peck, in a fit of rage, threw a brick at the latter, striking him on the head and knocking him out.

Mary Kreeck, and her husband, warning shot her twice, inflicting a fatal wound.

From London's Mayor.

London, Dec. 31.—The lord mayor today issued a review of the fire. The citizens of London, out of the deepest sympathy and sincere condolence to the American people for the awful loss of life through the fire at Chicago.

MECHANIC'S LIEN.

Held That a Sub-Contractor Has Recourse Under One.

Salem, Dec. 29.—The supreme court rendered decisions today as follows:

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Jewish Protestants.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Simon Wolf, representing various Jewish societies, called on Roosevelt today in the matter of the threatened massacre at Kishinef.

No Duty on American Goods.

At last, Dec. 31.—The senate last night defeated the bill proposing to raise a 25 per cent duty on American goods. The house today will probably take a similar action.

Roosevelt Not Interfering.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Answering many statements regarding the alleged interference of Roosevelt in the settlement of the Russian Revolution, the president today issued a statement in which he says he has not offered it to anyone, because it is not his to offer. He also said he would be glad to help if the Russian people have any special requests to make, but that the place has been overruled by the senate.

PORTLAND BUILDER WILL CONSTRUCT THE BOAT.

Lewiston to Have Another River Vessel in Service by May 1—Cost of New Boat to Be \$10,000, and Will Be First-Class in Every Respect—Built Especially for Mad Rapids of Upper Snake.

Lewiston, Dec. 31.—The contract for the building of the engine and boiler for the steamer Mountain Gem was awarded yesterday to the West Coast Shipbuilding Company of Portland, the contract price being \$10,000.

The new boat will be completed and delivered to the Lewiston Navigation Company on or about May 1. It is expected to be the best of its kind on the Lewiston river and will be able to operate in the most turbulent waters between Lewiston and Doreka.

LEWISTON TRUST COMPANY.

One of the Strongest Institutions in the Inland Empire.

The Lewiston Trust Company, organized by Mr. Harburt, has been established in Lewiston, Idaho. The company has a capital of \$50,000, and is expected to be one of the strongest financial institutions in the West.

TWO BAD WRECK.

One in Indiana, the Other in Illinois, With Fatal Results.

West Wayne, Ind., Dec. 29.—The west-bound limited on the Pennsylvania railway this morning collided with a freight train near Lawrenceville, and a passenger train near West Wayne.

LAKE SHORE WRECK.

Double-Header Ran Into an Open Switch and Three Trainmen Killed.

Geneva, O., Dec. 31.—The Lake Shore limited, with a double-header, ran into an open switch at 60 miles an hour, west of the city this morning. Engagers Spring, Mackin and Fireman Kelpin were killed outright and a number of passengers injured, three seriously. The wreck caught fire.

STEAM PIPE EXPLODED.

Three Men Killed and More Madly Hurt.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 31.—Seven men were scalded, three probably fatally, by the explosion of a steam pipe in the Kuntz cabinet works today. Those probably fatally hurt are Vincent Kuntz, George Gable and Adolph Geedon.

NORTHERN PACIFIC WRECK.

Twin Cities Limited Smashed Near Troy, Montana.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 31.—The Twin Cities limited Northern Pacific east-bound train has been wrecked near Troy, Mont. One report says that 10 were killed and another that only a few passengers were hurt.

NO MORE PASSES FOR STOCKMEN

Must Pay Fares Home After First of Year.

Railroads Have Distributed Thousands of Dollars Per Year in the Past, in Free Transportation to Stockmen—Other Shippers Have Paid for Their Transportation—New Rule Affects All Western Rates—May Result in Higher Prices for Livestock.

Beginning on January 1, a general rule will go into effect on all railroads west of Chicago, which abolishes the free return trip pass for stockmen shipping stock to market over the Western lines.

Since the first railroad was put into operation in the country, stockmen who shipped stock to market in carload lots, or in train loads, have been granted free return transportation from the destination to their homes, for a certain number of men for each car or number of cars.

Hundreds of Western stockmen have enjoyed this privilege, and the profit and appreciation since the trail across the plains was abandoned for the swift stock train. Thousands of dollars each year have in this manner been distributed among the patrons of the railroads, who have shipped stock from the West, but for January 1, 1904, no more passes will be issued on this subject.

All the Western roads are in the agreement, and there will be no discrimination in the matter. It is anticipated that it will be coupled in with the new rule.

The loss is about \$4,000,000, partly insured.

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Expect Conciliatory Reply.

Paris, Dec. 31.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says Russia's reply to Japan will be couched in conciliatory terms.

Freight Rates Will Increase.

Freight rates on the coast will increase after the first of the year.

The new rule will affect not only the Pacific Coast, but will affect it from Vancouver, B. C., to San Diego, Cal. The increased rates will be made on shipments from New York and common points, from Chicago and Missouri river points and from the St. Louis territory.

The Missouri river east to the Atlantic will cost about 10 cents more for each 100 pounds brought to the Pacific Coast.

This is the most considerable general increase made in freight rates in recent years. Even freight men are surprised at the increase, and say that it is the highest in the history of the industry.

The railroads assign no special reason for the increase. As one freight man expressed it, "The New York rates have advanced, and the West had to follow." Rates to the East remain unchanged.

The roads that will comply with the new rate agreement are the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, O. R. & Santa Fe. These roads represent the Hill, Harriman and Rothschil interests and control the transcontinental business entirely.

Some Specific Figures.

Through the new rates cover the entire field and a book of many pages is needed to show the changes, the following list of important articles and the rate will give a general idea of what the coast will pay as the result of the recent general agreement.

In the majority of cases the rates are for carload lots and mixed shipments cannot be sent at even the increased rate. Agricultural implements, 10 cents per 100 pounds increase from New York; from Missouri river points, old rate 75 cents, new rate 85 cents; new rate \$1.10; corn and peas, minimum load 30,000 pounds, old rate 75 cents, new rate 85 cents; from Missouri river points, old rate 75 cents, new rate 85 cents; agricultural implements, old rate \$1.25, new rate \$1.40; hatching eggs, old rate \$1.40, new rate \$1.55, new rate \$1.70; building material, old rate \$1.75, new rate \$1.90; iron structure material of all sorts, old rate 75 cents, new rate 85 cents; bridge material, iron and steel, old rate 75 cents, new rate 85 cents.

Mrs. Ed Sears, a pioneer of Cottage Grove, died Sunday, aged 73 years.

NEW SEWER ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED BY OLD COUNCIL

Last Act of the Outgoing Administration—Total Cost of the Reconstructed Sewer System Was \$48,571.51.

The city council met last night for their last session under the old administration, and it was a busy meeting from the first to the last. The last act of the outgoing administration was the adoption of the sewer ordinance passed by the council governing the reconstruction of the sewer system, and the right to join the sewer, fixing a penalty for harking back after the ordinance was passed, the city against loss from damages which might arise from injuries received from improperly guarded trenches while the connections were being made.

Final Sewer Report.

A report was received from the city engineer detailing the work and expenditures on the sewer in which he had estimated the total cost of the reconstruction at \$48,571.51.

Fifty-six houses are now connected with the system and many others are waiting to have the privilege of joining. The report also shows that all the accounts which were carried on the city to regulate the matter of making connections as soon as possible, so that the city could have the protection from ignorant workmen.

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Mr. Miller also presented the city with a detailed map of the system, showing the locations of all the manholes, manholes and "Y" pipes throughout the system, in order that in the future those who were to connect with the sewer should be able to locate the proper point of connection with the least possible loss of time and trouble.

There was a balance of something like \$500 due the engineer for his labors, and it was ordered that the amount be taken from the general fund and paid to Mr. Miller. This ends the last item in the books of the outgoing administration.

Examination of Books.

The report of F. W. Hendley, who has been at work on the books of the city recorder's office, showed that all the accounts which were carried on the recorder's books and not on the treasurer's, Mr. Hendley recommended that a new set of books be opened in order to make a clean slate for the new administration with an even balance.

The salary list of the month was also examined and it was found that the general supervisor and control of all sewers and house drains which now exist, or hereafter may be built by the city, or which may be permitted to be built, shall be under the instruction and control of the engineer and sewer committee for the purpose of enforcing and putting into effect this ordinance.

Section 3.—No connection shall be made with any sewer or drain except by persons regularly licensed to perform that class of work, and the person or persons applying for it must be residents of the city of Pendleton at the time of application, and must furnish the city council with satisfactory evidence that the applicant is a person skilled in the business and qualified to secure a license.

Sec. 4.—At the time of applying for a license the applicant shall pay the sum of \$25 per annum and file a bond with the city recorder in the sum of \$2,000, with two or more sureties to be approved by the common council, conditioned that he will indemnify and hold harmless the city of Pendleton from all suits, accidents and damages consequent upon or by reason of any opening in any street, alley or public place made by him or his employees for the purpose of making any connection with any public or private sewer or for any purpose whatsoever; and that he shall also keep all openings in streets, alleys and public places in as good condition as they were previous to the work being commenced, and keep the same for at least 24 hours after the work is completed, and for at least 24 hours after the work is completed, and for at least 24 hours after the work is completed.

Sec. 5.—For each permit for connecting with any sewer a fee of \$2 shall be paid to the city recorder. No connection shall be made with any sewer until a receipt for such fee shall have been obtained, and no house drain, or other sewer, shall be allowed to be put in place, nor any work in connection therewith commenced or prosecuted unless such countersigned receipt is in the possession of a person making the same, or the occupier or owner of the premises to a receipt of not less than \$10, nor more than \$100 for each and every day said connection shall remain after receiving notice to close and disconnect the same.

Sec. 6.—The materials of all house drains laid shall be the best quality of salt glazed vitrified clay pipe, not less than four inches in diameter.

Sec. 7.—All drains shall be laid as nearly as possible in straight lines, and on uniform grades.

Sec. 11.—All house drains or private sewers shall conform to such grade as shall be shown on a plan filed by the engineer, and as little as possible of the trench shall be dug until the branch pipe is found in the public sewer.

Sec. 14.—Any settlement over the trench in any public place shall be immediately repaired by the drain layer upon notification by the engineer.

Sec. 17.—The sewer district shall contain all those portions of the city of Pendleton that can be drained into the sewers now built, or hereafter constructed.

Connection Compulsory.

Sec. 18.—Within said district all buildings now existing and on lots and property requiring sewerage connection, shall be connected with the sewers prior to the first day of July, 1904; and hereafter before any building which may properly require sewer connection shall be constructed, such connections must be made. If the owner of any building fails to make such connections within the time and in the manner above prescribed, he shall upon conviction be fined not less than \$10, and also \$2 for every day after his first conviction during which he fails to make such connection until he complies with the provisions of this section, or he may be imprisoned not less than one day or more than ten days, or may be punished by both fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 19.—No person shall maintain or use any water closet, privy, cesspool, or urinal of any kind, unless it be connected in a proper and legal manner with the sewer of the city, and shall be abated or removed prior to July 1, 1904. Any violation of this section shall be fined not less than \$10 and an additional sum of \$2 for each day until complying with its provisions.

Sec. 22.—This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its approval by the mayor.

Attorneys File Bill of Exception in Baker Murder Case.

Baker City, Dec. 30.—Attorneys Bentley and Godman filed the bill of exceptions in the celebrated long pending Armstrong case today, and they will probably be taken to Salem tomorrow.

Only two points are excepted to and the attorneys for the defendant will stand for these in the supreme court.

They except to the ruling of Judge Fakin in not discharging the defendant when he was called up for sentence upon the mandate of the supreme court, the attorneys having made a motion to that effect at the time.

The second exception upon which the defendant will go to the supreme court is the order of the court fixing Friday, January 27, for his day of execution.

RUNAWAY GIRL LOCATED.

"Hello" Beauty From Spokane Leaves Home Mysteriously and is Now at Heppner.

Spokane, Dec. 29.—Without doubt, Miss Frances Smith, the 16-year-old daughter of Herman Smith, who left home suddenly a week ago Saturday, is now with her aunt in Heppner, Ore.

Before she left here she secured a girl friend in confidence that she was ill, treated at her home and she intended to run away to her aunt, first going to Portland. At the time she made this confession to her chum she said she had \$30 in her pocket which she had secured, the girl traveled alone.

Her father thought when he first discovered her absence that a young man had been mixed up in the case, but nothing can be learned to bear out this theory.

Last Thursday, not being able to find out his daughter's whereabouts, he secured a warrant for her, charging her with being a runaway.

Miss Smith had been in the charging of the telephone company for a long time and is quite well known. Her disappearance last Saturday was so completely unexpected that her father and mother were at a loss to account for the same. She had shifted to the west about five inches in the last year.

As Well Be Dead as Divorced?

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