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**Fine Vegetables.**

Mr. A. W. Arbuckle, residing on Wimer Heights, has recently supplemented exhibit building displays by a generous gift of extra fine vegetables, the specimens including cabbage, turnips and several varieties of potatoes, all of large size and fine quality, which goes to show that Wimer Heights is located within the zone of plenty as regards abundant yield through skillful cultivation of both orchard and garden.

**Donates Premiums.**

Mr. P. L. Ashcraft sets the pace in aiding the Commercial Club, by generously donating the entire amount of premiums awarded him at the recent District Fair for the purpose of aiding the commercial organization in its publicity work, and as a result a tidy sum will be covered into the treasury to aid in promoting measures with which the club is identified.

**FREIGHT RATE PUZZLE**

Medford Bill Stumps Chairman of Oregon Railroad Commission as to Its Meaning.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 13.—While railroad rate experts are wrestling with the new freight rates act passed at the late election and trying to find out what it is all about, it is generally admitted that it constitutes one of the most radical and revolutionary pieces of rate legislation ever adopted in the state and one which the railroads will oppose to the supreme court of the United States. The act is to be contested as soon as it can possibly be brought to an issue in the state courts.

So far as anybody has been able to analyze the measure, it will overthrow all existing freight rates in force in intrastate commerce, and it is a question if the act will not vitally disturb rates over which the Interstate Commerce Commission has absolute jurisdiction and with which state regulating bodies are not supposed to tamper.

The measure, according to those who have studied it, had a nice little joker concealed in it and a sugar-coated title was given the bill so that it would be easier for the voters to swallow the does. As the general run of voters understood the act, it was merely a proposition to reduce a certain set of freight rates, and naturally the voter would favor anything that meant lower rates, but that is not what is likely to happen if the law is ever made operative.

On the face of the bill it appears to wipe out the commodity freight rates altogether and would, in consequence, mean the enforcement of much higher rates than now exist on such articles as hay, grain, farming products and other shipments of like classification. Another guess at what the measure would mean to the shippers is that it would greatly increase the "spread" between carload and less than carload rates into certain territory, particularly into southern Oregon, where the bill was conceived, born and nurtured under the patronage of the Medford Traffic Bureau. This would give southern Oregon jobbers a much greater distributive zone.

"I have studied the measure carefully and I confess I don't know what to make of it," said C. B. Aitchison, chairman of the Oregon Railroad Commission. "All I can say is that it looks like a radical piece of rate legislation, but being now a law by the vote of the people, our commission will see that it is enforced. We want a test case made of it in the courts as soon as possible."

**Campaign Cost Uncle Joe \$3,200.**

Washington, Nov. 15.—The west reports of campaign expenses received here by the clerk of the house today show that former Congressman Nicholas Longworth, beaten for re-election, spent \$1,578.

Former Speaker Cannon spent \$3,299 and Frank O'Hair, his opponent, spent nothing.

**Southern College Conference.**

Spartanburg, S. C., Nov. 14.—The heads of many of the leading colleges and academies of the south met in conference here today to discuss the question of uniform college entrance requirements and other matters of mutual interest. The conference will conclude its sessions tomorrow.

**TO PENSION EMPLOYEES**

Western Union Telegraph Company Announces Plans for System of Death and Old Age Pensions.

Recently the Western Union Telegraph Company announced to its employees a provisional pension plan guaranteeing a certain income to faithful employees having a certain term of service. President Vail has just issued an additional announcement to the effect that commencing January 1, 1913, a permanent plan will be inaugurated providing not only for pensions but also extending to all employees benefits covering sickness and disability from accident, and, in addition thereto, a life insurance for all employees having relatives dependent upon them.

In case of death by accident occurring in the performance of work for the company, employees having dependent relatives will receive an insurance in the sum of three years' wages, not in excess of a total amount of \$5,000 and payable to dependent relatives. Employees who have been five years in the company's service will be entitled to insurance against death in varying sums not exceeding \$2,000, such insurance to be paid to dependent relatives. The disability insurance covers accidental injury in the performance of work for the company, or disability due to sickness or injury during employment and while not in the performance of work for the company, and the amounts to be paid in case of accident or sickness may be received by employees who have been in the service from two years upward, varying between full pay for four weeks and half pay for nine weeks, which applies to the employees who have been in the service between two and five years, up to full pay for thirteen weeks and half pay until able to earn a livelihood, not exceeding, in the case of accidents, six years in all.

The pension benefits apply to male employees 60 years of age and female employees 55 years of age who have been 20 or more years in the service, but for those employees who have been 25 years or more in the company's employ the pension is made applicable to male employees of 55 years or female employees 50 years of age. Any employee who has been in the company's service 30 or more years may receive the pension benefits.

President Vail first made mention of the pension plan last March, that being the first step in the effort of the Western Union company to give expression of the company's appreciation of loyal and efficient service of employees, and the above designated new plan secures to the 30,000 employees of this company from January 1 next a much more comprehensive and liberal arrangement in regard to benefits than originally announced, and one that will greatly enhance the value of employment with this company.

**Green Peaches Ripen Under Electric Spark.**

London, Nov. 15.—Unripe peaches can now be ripened in a few minutes by electricity.

This discovery is the result of an experiment, with a high-frequency electric apparatus, made by T. T. Baker, scientific expert.

This is how the modern wizardry occurred: A spray of electric sparks was directed full on the surface of the fruit. Very soon, with the sparks flying off at all points of the peach, the green skin was seen to turn a light brown color.

The whole peach was completely charged with electricity, and sparks would even fly out of the fruit immediately any part of the skin was touched by the finger.

After the current had been turned off the peach was left for a few minutes and then it was cut open. The ripening effect had penetrated almost to the stone. The fruit was luscious and juicy.

"I am improving on my apparatus shortly," said Baker, "and soon it ought to be possible for hotels and fruiterers to purchase an apparatus that will ripen most kinds of fruit in a few minutes. In this manner people will be able to enjoy ripe out-of-season fruit at very little cost."

The cost of ripening peaches by electricity is exceedingly small.

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—Twenty per cent reduction on all millinery at Mrs. H. Simons'. Call early and take advantage of this sale 48-tf

**IS HE A BIGAMIST?**

Medford Insurance Agent Charged With Having Two Wives and May Have More.

Medford, Nov. 16.—T. A. Le Master, an insurance agent, has two wives, the authorities say, maybe three, and perhaps four. Therefore he is held in the county jail on a charge of polygamy, awaiting the action of the December grand jury.

Evidence introduced at the preliminary hearing of the insurance agent Thursday morning indicated strongly that one mate resides in Portland and the other in Medford—formerly Mrs. R. E. Loar, landlady of a rooming house on South Front street. The evidence of the Portland mate was taken by affidavit, and alleges that the Medford wedding occurred before divorce papers had been secured, legalizing the Rose City separation. Le Masters says his predicament is due to the jealousy of the Portland wife.

Search of letters written by Le Masters and found by the authorities father the suspicion that he may have helpmeets in Redding, Cal., and Klamath Falls, Ore. One addressed to a woman in Redding begins with the salutation, "Dear Wife." Letters to a Klamath Falls woman point strongly to sentiment and affection, but do not refer to marriage.

After hearing the evidence in the case Le Masters was bound over to the grand jury with \$500 bonds, which he was unable to furnish.

**Unclaimed Letters.**

List of letters remaining unclaimed for in the Ashland postoffice for the week ending November 16, 1912:

- Ladies—Miss Phoebe Hoage, Frances C. Hews, Miss Margaret Mealey, Miss Lillian Norton.
- Gentlemen—W. Alden, W. E. Baker (4), C. V. Bowman, L. H. Brown, J. Bush, L. D. Bushness, J. I. Blair, S. B. Bailey, F. Blain, C. F. Bwilsian, J. N. Barron, G. M. Bailey, C. G. Balcom, S. C. Brown, Jos. W. Bal, Alton I. Brown, D. E. Brockbank, T. B. Bidwell, J. R. Bayliss (2), W. P. Campbell (2), Wm. Campbell, F. L. Clegg (4), Henry Clash, Chas. Childen, F. L. Crisman, John Corbett, A. B. Caldwell, J. P. Collins, Theodore H. Conger, Clarence Wood Dewitt (2), Chas. F. Durkman, Orson F. Dunn, Frank E. Davis (2), H. Deal, V. A. Davis (2), Mr. David, John Doyle, W. P. Darbie (2), I. G. Edwards, L. G. Edwards (2), J. V. Edwards, J. A. Field, Jas. A. Fisher (3), C. Forbes, W. D. Guersey, J. H. Garnett, J. H. Garrett (2), C. F. Grant (2), L. D. Hannis, D. L. Harris (2), Seth Hoag (2), Carl H. Hank, I. Howell, H. S. Harrington, S. Hayden, C. H. Hank, C. Inlow, Charlie James, C. James, Albert Ylepher, G. O. Kaufman (2), J. V. Lett, Jas. H. Locke, Wm. Lytle, R. R. McConocher, G. C. McClain, O. C. McIver, Geo. E. Murphy (2), M. Mayer (4), Louis A. Michals (3), M. N. Mordoff, F. E. May, C. A. Moore, A. C. Moreland, J. C. Nicholl, G. E. Miller, Robt. Wm. Neely (3), Otis C. Nelson, James C. Nichols, Nathan B. Nye, J. W. Orr, R. C. Otis (2), Ernest F. Pyle, E. S. Parker, Wm. Potter (3), Irving F. Rooster, E. F. Roberts, L. Ramsey, C. Riedel (3), J. Harmon Stover (2), D. L. Swihart, Dan Stolz, Fred Simpson, A. E. Scott (3), C. E. Smith, W. Sichenon, J. Smith, D. T. Smith, Charlie Tybe (2), A. S. Tee, S. Woolf, D. R. Weed, W. W. Wilder, Wm. R. Williams (3), J. T. Melchior, F. J. Wood, J. W. Wood, F. N. Wood, R. W. White, Horace G. Walker (2), J. W. Walzer, Chas. Smith Wise, Land Wyland, T. A. York.

These letters will be sent to the dead-letter office November 30, 1912, if not called for before. In calling for the above please say "advertised," giving date of list. A charge of one cent will be made on delivery. J. R. CASEY, P. M.

**Girls Try Hobo Life.**

Baker, Ore., Nov. 15.—Two pretty girls, each 18, giving the names of Kate Camel and Anna Evans, are today recovering from the ardors of having "hobbed" from Boise, Idaho. The girls, who were trying to "beat their way" to Seattle, where they have friends, were compelled to come out of a box car because an operation recently undergone by one of the girls prevented her from "roughing it" further.

**An Accessory.**

She—After all, society is a mere machine.  
 He—Well, and what part of the machine do you call me?  
 She—Oh, you're one of the cranks.

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**DIAZ ESCAPES PRISON**

Leader of the Latest Mexican Revolt Is Reported to Have Fled Down the Coast.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 11.—General Felix Diaz, leader of the latest revolution in Mexico, has escaped from prison, according to a letter received here by R. G. Kirwan of this city from R. H. Dickerson at Oaxaca, Mexico.

Dickerson is from Boston and is interested in mining in Mexico. The letter was dated Oaxaca, November 3, and that part of it bearing on Diaz' reported escape follows:

"This afternoon a special edition came out here saying that General Felix Diaz had escaped from prison by bribing the sentries and gone by boat down the coast. The whole town is wild and Emilio goes around with a broad grin on his face. Emilio says he is going with several other Mexicans here."

Kirwan says the Emilio referred to is Felix Diaz' nephew. Kirwan, who recently returned from Mexico, said he inferred from Dickerson's letter that the news of the escape of Diaz was suppressed by the government because of the effect it would have on other rebels.

**TO SHOW STREETS.**

Spokane Men Invent Device for Street Cars.

No longer will the street car passenger be compelled to distinguish such street names as "Washington" or "Broadway" out of a collection of sounds resembling a debate at a convention of Zulus, for two Spokane men have invented an electrical contrivance that will flash the street names as the car progresses. W. L. Andre and Frank J. Burns have worked five years on the plan and have just received a patent for a device containing the names of streets crossed by a given car, operated automatically by a wire attached to a revolving wheel, which is tripped and turned as it strikes each trolley wire. The inventors encountered difficulty in the matter of reversing the roll when the car reaches the end of the line, but this was obviated by an arrangement permitting the motorman to press a button to reverse the roll automatically.

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**IS HE SHASTA BANDIT?**

Sacramento Prisoner Is to Be Taken to Scene of Hold-Up at Delta.

Sacramento, Nov. 17.—Local and government authorities are taking seriously the story of George Maine, the 18-year-old ranch hand who surrendered himself at the police station and said he was one of the bandits who held up the Shasta Limited at Delta. In compliance with his request he will be taken to the scene of the hold-up to point out the places where he says the mail sack was burned and the nitroglycerin buried.

The police say he tells a number of surprising things, and his original story remains unshaken after hours of questioning. Robert Benschoff, an employe of the Repp ranch at Sisson, will attempt to identify Maine, who says he was also employed at the ranch. James Gaynor of the United States Secret Service Bureau and Special Agent Thomas of the Southern Pacific will sift Maine's story to the bottom.

Redding, Nov. 12.—The Southern Pacific brakeman, James Yoakum, of Ashland, Ore., who killed one of the bandits that held up the Shasta Limited at Delta, was completely exonerated by a coroner's jury. The inquests over the body failed to develop any clue to the bandit's identity. The body was sent to Sacramento to be measured by the Bertillon method.

**Wants Teal in Wilson Cabinet.**

Portland, Ore., Nov. 17.—Joseph N. Teal, "secretary of the interior." This is the honor citizens of Portland and the northwest in general would have conferred upon the man who so strongly urged the passage of the Panama free toll bill. Already a campaign is under way in the shape of many petitions to be presented to President-elect Wilson, asking him, if he is to remember the west in his cabinet, not to forget Teal. His vast knowledge of reclamation, irrigation, conservation, water and rail transportation and conditions in Alaska amply qualify him for the high position of secretary of the interior, it is contended.

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