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WEATHER.

- Western Oregon—Fair in the south; probably showers in north portion.
- Western Washington—Showers; cooler except near coast.
- Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Showers and thunder storms; cooler.

MAIL FROM COUNTRY BANKS.

How not to use the Interstate Commerce Commission is well illustrated by the action of the American Bankers' Association in its complaint against the express companies for "usurpation" in the money order business, of the "prerogatives of banking associations." If it is mere "usurpation" that troubles the banks, why don't they start a crusade on the government postal service, with its immense money order department? If it is business competition that really worries them, why do they fail to recognize the fact that—as the Interstate Commerce Commission was as an especial purpose and mission the fostering of competition in order that the plain, ordinary, citizen may not fail of his share in the "square deal"—their complaints could not be lodged in a worse quarter?

Again, if the banks fail to properly supply a legitimate demand on themselves as factors in the development and progress of communities and regions, why should they ask the government to intervene to prevent some one else's performance of their neglected duties? Imagine, for a single moment, the figure that our frontier hamlets and mining camps would cut with no other facilities for the transmission of money than the banks offer! Imagine also the effect on bank deposits, if these facilities afforded by the express companies for expediting the settlement of indebtedness were cut off!

The fact is that the banks have, in a lordly sort of way, given in the non-depositor class to understand that their business is hardly worth while, and going to banks for small drafts has thus become less and less popular. The express companies, on the other hand, have cultivated the fertile fields of small patronage and have reaped their reward. Now, in the natural progress of business, certain banks find it necessary to work every neglected source of profit "for dividends' sake"—hence this complaint.

When analyzed we suspect the complaint will be found to have its sources in rural soil, and that the country bank has thus, through their natural association, made its voice heard. There are things in the express business that badly need reforming and some, perhaps, that may well come within the purview of the Interstate Commerce Commission; but the bankers have not, it seems to us, put their finger on one of these.

The death of Colonel Will S. Hays revives the controversy of who wrote the music of "Dixie." This dispute ought to be settled by a full and careful investigation. The music of the "Star-Spangled Banner," "God Save the King," the "Marseillaise," "Home, Sweet Home," and "Den Bolt" are all distinctly borrowed from old compositions.

Italy is introducing in its waters an Australian fish that devours mosquito germs. Fish with this appetite exist in America, but the mosquito keeps many laps ahead. One of the best ways to get rid of mosquitoes, and at the same time benefit agriculture, is to drain the wet places.

The Filipinos who say they prefer Japanese rule can get what they want at once by moving over to Formosa or Korea.

NEGRO IS ACCUSED

Charged With Taking \$8500 in Currency.

CASHIER FAILS TO LOCK MONEY

Negro is the Janitor at the Bank and Only One Left in Building When the Cashier Left For His Home on Wednesday Evening.

PITTSBURG, August 2.—Because \$8500 mysteriously disappeared from the First National Bank of Turtle Creek, Thomas Jordan, the negro janitor, is in jail in default of \$9000 bail on a charge of larceny. He protests his innocence.

At a hearing before Justice Bryans, Cashier Thomas W. Carroll testified that when he left the bank Wednesday evening he failed to put away \$8500 in currency. It was left on the counter in front of the paying teller's widow. When the cashier returned yesterday morning the money was gone.

It was decided that as the janitor was the only person who had a key to the bank at night he should be arrested. Dr. A. L. Travaski, vice president of the bank, made the information.

Over the telephone cashier Carroll denied that any money of the institution was missing and was unable to account for the fact that Jordan was in the county jail charge with having stolen between \$8000 and \$9000 of the bank's money. Carroll acknowledged he had expressed some difficulty with Jordan, but said it was a matter of disorderly conduct only, and had nothing to do with the loss of money.

WATER COMMISSION MEETS

A VERY INTERESTING MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT—A FULL ATTENDANCE WAS HELD.

An important and interesting meeting of the water commissioners was held last night, a full board being present. The minutes of the regular meeting of July 5 and the special meetings of July 9th and 29th were read and approved.

The clerk's report for July showing the total business done as being \$4077.15 and cash collections \$3915.50 was approved.

The treasurer made a report showing the balance on hand for July in the general fund \$23,007.57 was received and filed. The assistant superintendent's report was read and placed on file.

The pay roll for the month was reported as being \$477.70.

The bills for the month amounting to \$91.52 were approved and ordered paid. A communication was received from E. L. Parker asking that the commission remove the main from the north half of Jerome avenue between Fourteenth street and the McClure line. The superintendent instructed to take necessary action in the matter. The removal is asked for by Mr. Parker that he may be able to grade the street in which matter he is interested.

A petition from 12 property owners on 35th street and Irving avenue for a main between 34th and 35th streets was referred to the assistant superintendent.

The reading of a communication from Alfred S. Tee giving an estimate of cost of improving James street and filling commissioners properly resulted in the communication being filed.

The clerk was instructed to purchase 250 feet of corrugated metal conduit which will be used to replace the wooden overflow from the reservoir.

The monthly report of the inspector showing the work done by him during the month was read by the clerk and ordered placed on file.

Considerable discussion was indulged in regarding the placing of a uniform rate for water furnished on the waterfront. The opinions of the several members of the commission were expressed and the matter was then laid over until the next meeting.

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Corporations Necessary To Modern Civilization.

By STUYVESANT FISH, Ex-President Illinois Central Railroad.

IT would seem that under the law we are to have a valuation of the railroads for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not any of them and, if so, which are overcapitalized and this apparently to the end of fixing just rates for railroad freights and fares IN PROPORTION TO A TRUE VALUATION. IF such valuation were possible, which I doubt, and the fixing IN ADVANCE by any governmental agency of a just rate were possible, which I deny emphatically, the result would probably be that no railroads would be built in the undeveloped parts of this country, except at the risk and with the capital of EXISTING lines. We are likely to have from the law of 1906 precisely the same experience as was had from that part of the law of 1887 forbidding pooling, from which it has resulted that since 1887 no railroads have been built for a share in the pools, and the only builders of railroads of any magnitude during the last twenty years have been directly or indirectly the LARGE SYSTEMS then existing or since brought together.



From the day that I was graduated from college to this I have been continuously interested in and for most of that time employed by railroad companies and have read somewhat extensively on the subject. As a result of such experience I have no hesitancy in saying that NO RAILROAD FORTUNE was ever made through enhancing rates, oppressing shippers or withstanding the general tendency of rates to decrease.

AND, WHAT IS MORE, EVERY DISHONEST RAILROAD FORTUNE HAS BEEN MADE NOT BY OPPRESSING SHIPPERS, BUT BY ROBBING THE STOCKHOLDERS.

All corporations, federal and state, are technically artificial persons and citizens created by law. So long as they conform thereto, they have the UNDOUBTED RIGHT to continue to exist and to perform all their lawful functions. They are a necessary means to our civilization, were known to our laws in colonial times and have been ever since. As a people we have no quarrel against corporations AS SUCH.

Colleges Help Arbitration.

By President C. F. THWING of Western Reserve University.

THE college is ordained to train men and to DISCOVER TRUTH. In training men the college promotes the cause of international arbitration, for a certain element of character which the college trains holds most intimate relationship to the great cause of arbitration. One characteristic mark of the educated man is SELF RESTRAINT. Self restraint is a function of the will. It represents calmness when one is tempted to be impetuous, humility when one is tempted to be arrogant, reticence when the provocation is to speak. But self restraint is MORE THAN A FUNCTION OF THE WILL. It stands for the simplicity, quietness and soberness of the gentleman. It is remote from bumpiness, extravagance and what in both metaphor and fact is called LOUDNESS. Such a quality the college trains.

Self restraint, however, is never to become atrophy or self negation. It represents repression at one point in order to gain force IN ANOTHER. It is the dam built to give greater power to the pent-up stream. The man of self restraint is the man who best can arbitrate.

THE COLLEGE, THEREFORE, BY TRAINING MEN OF SELF RESTRAINT, IS HELPING FORWARD THE CAUSE OF ARBITRATION.

SENDS PETITION

Commercial Bodies Address Petition to This Country.

TO MAINTAIN TRADE RELATION

Petition Will be Acted Upon in New York in October—Result of Recent Anti-Japanese Outbreaks in California—Other Petitions Sent Out

NEW YORK, August 2.—The New York Chamber of Commerce has received from the Chambers of Commerce of Tokio, Osaka, Yokohama and Kobe the text of a joint petition to use its good offices to ward off setting anti-Japanese sentiment in this country. Copies of the same petition have been sent to other cities in the United States.

The appeal is in Japanese accompanied by an English translation and it is signed by the presidents of the five Japanese commercial bodies. After speaking of the attitude of California toward the Japanese and in the attacks on them the petition says that it is seriously to be feared that unless the ill-feeling which Japanese are now constrained to harbor against the people of the single section may finally have an unhappy effect upon commercial relations between the two nations.

The New York Chamber of Commerce acknowledge the receipt of the petition but will not act upon it until its next meeting which will be in October.

END STRIKE BY VOTE.

DULUTH, Minn., August 2.—The ore dock strikers this afternoon voted to return to work and operations will be resumed tomorrow. This is regarded as breaking the strike.

"Everybody Should Know" - says C. G. Hays, a prominent business man of Bluff, Mo., that Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the quickest and surest healing salve ever applied to a sore, burn or wound, or to a case of piles. I've used it and know what I'm talking about." Charles Rogers, druggist, 25c.

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o-wit: 1 gasoline fishing boat, 1 gasoline skiff, 1 pulling skiff, 1 house boat, 1 diver gill net with lines, 1 piece of 8 1/2 inch mesh gill net, with lead line but no cork line, 1 piece of 7 inch mesh gill net without lines, 2 pieces of cork line and floats, about 300 fathoms in length, more or less.

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