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#### FAVORS TELEGRAPHERS.

Judge Van Fleet Renders Favorable Opinion In 3 Out of 4 Points.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 12.—Judge Van Fleet in the United States Circuit Court today rendered a decision in the matter at issue between the order of Railway Telegraphers and the Southern Pacific Company. Decision favored the telegraphers on three out of four principal points which had been appealed for decision before an arbitrating board. Judge Van Fleet reversed the decision of the arbitration committee that the appointment of station agents whose annual earnings equal or exceed \$1300 annually shall be controlled by the schedule of agreement between the telegraphers and the railroad company. The board of arbitration which considered the matter was formed several months ago.

#### CAN REPENT AT LEISURE.

Girl Who Runs Off With Minister Now In Canadian Sanitarium.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—According to reports that has reached Hempstead the awakening has speedily come to Miss Floretta Whaley, the 17-year old girl, who eloped on April 29 with her guardian, the Rev. J. Knode Cooke, then rector of St. George Episcopal Church at Hempstead. Miss Whaley, it is stated has been deserted by the unfringed minister and is reported to be in a sanitarium in Canada, a nervous wreck.

The whereabouts of Cooke has not been learned.

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\*\* PERSONAL MENTION \*\*  
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A. R. Church, of Portland, is on a business trip to Astoria.

Sam DeBoest of Fort Stevens was a visitor in Astoria on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Van Dusen, of this city, spent Sunday at Seaside.

Emil Erikson, town marshal of Warrenton was in the city yesterday.

David Keller and wife of Forest Grove are visiting their son, J. E. Keller in this city.

F. A. Hazeltine, editor of the North Bend Journal, is visiting Astoria and vicinity and will remain a few days.

Miss Irene Ashford, of Salem, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Benton in this city and will remain for a few days.

L. T. Anderson of Portland came in on the 9:40 train last night and will remain here about a week visiting friends.

Sheriff M. R. Pomeroy was a Seaside visitor last Sunday, where he kept a close tab on the Sunday lid in that town.

Miss Emily Thateber, of Salem, arrived in the city last night on the Portland Express, and is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jack Ryan, on Ninth street.

Mrs. C. R. Wright has returned from a few weeks' visit to Portland, where she was the guest of the widow of the late Captain Brown.

Mr. G. W. Harley, D. J. Dewey and O. V. Troop are here from Portland to assist the Astorian in forming a Webster's International Dictionary Club.

Deputy Sheriff McLean returned to Seaside last night to finish his vacation. Mrs. Charles Haddix, of Astoria, was a visitor to Seaside on Sunday.

O. L. Ferriss, secretary-treasurer of the Columbia Trust Company, arrived in Astoria last night and will spend the day here on business in connection with the company.

W. L. Thompson of St. Johns, who has been negotiating for the Ilwaco Journal plant, came over to the city last evening, and will probably settle the matter at the end of the week.

A. E. Dimick, of Aberdeen, was in the city last night, having been obliged to remain over as the Breakwater had a full passenger list for Coos Bay, where Mr. Dimick was bound for.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Ostroski, of Spokane, Wash., are visiting Mayor and Mrs. Wise. Mr. Ostroski is a brother-in-law of the Mayor. They will remain until after the Regatta.

Senator and Mrs. C. W. Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Prael and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Fulton, formed a party of Astorians who drove over for a visit to Seaside last Sunday, returning in the afternoon after lunching at the Moore Hotel.

Mrs. J. O'Brien and two daughters, Florence and Beatrice; Mrs. J. W. Beakey and children, of Portland, and Mrs. T. L. Davies, of Vancouver, B. C., arrived in the city yesterday afternoon after spending a few days at Long Beach. They spent yesterday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Donnerberg. They will leave for the city during the day and Mrs. Donnerberg will return to her cottage at Seaside, Miss Myrtle Smith accompanying her.

#### NAMED FOR HARRIMAN.

PORTLAND, August 12.—The Oregonian says: E. H. Harriman, wizard of the Pacific, is to have an Oregon town named after him. A townsite has been laid out and a postoffice established at the town of Harriman which is located not far from Bend, Oregon, on the main line of the Oregon Eastern Survey, two miles from Crane Creek Gap, where the Oregon Eastern enters the Hrne Valley. It is said the location of the new town is a promising one, as it is one of the best sections of the valley. This valley contains 400 square miles of good farming land.

## THOUSANDS OF ACRES

To Be Bought for Timber Value in Benton.

30,000 ACRES IN THE DEAL

M. B. Rankin of Portland is Conducting Negotiations With a Syndicate for the Claims—A Million and Half is the Purchase Price.

PORTLAND, August 12.—Negotiations are understood to be pending between M. B. Rankin of Portland and a syndicate of timber buyers whereby the latter will secure title to 30,000 acres of timber land in Benton county. The deal involves approximately \$1,500,000. Timber cruisers have been sent out to estimate the standing timber on these lands. The deal will not be closed until the estimate is complete. A portion of the land lies in Linn county, and it is said to be one of the finest stands of fir timber on the coast. The deal pending is one of the largest transactions in timber ever entered into on this coast.

#### AN ASSIZE OF BREAD.

Mobile Regulation of Bakeries Early in the Last Century.

In the latter half of the seventeenth and the early part of the eighteenth centuries the regulation of the price of bread by public authority was a familiar principle in the English colonies of America. In New Haven, for instance, the weight of the penny loaf was regulated by law about 1690, and in 1696 the Massachusetts general court also provided a regular assize, fixing the weight of the loaf according to the price of flour. At various times during the first quarter of the eighteenth century the selectmen of Boston likewise performed this duty.

It is interesting, however, to note a survival or perhaps a revival of this principle as late as the nineteenth century in the town of Mobile, a place whose economic history is marked by many peculiar features. After fifty-two years of French, seventeen years of English and thirty-three years of Spanish rule Mobile came under the control of the United States government in April, 1813, and was included in the Mississippi territory. On Jan. 20, 1814, by an act of the territorial legislature the town received a charter of incorporation, and at two meetings of the inhabitants, on March 11 and 14, the municipal government was organized and the charter publicly read in English and in French. The population at this time was composed of French, English and Irish elements. On April 4 following, three weeks after the organization of the municipal government, a "tariff for bakers," or assize of bread, was drawn up by the commissioners (the governing body of the town) and proclaimed in English and in French. This fixed the weight of the loaf for the ensuing month in accordance with the price of flour. Instead of changing the price of bread it was more convenient to make the loaves lighter or heavier as the price of flour rose or fell. On May 2, 1814, the weight of the bit loaf (the bit being a coin worth 12½ cents) was fixed at twenty-eight ounces, and the weight of the half bit loaf was fixed at fourteen ounces.

On July 8, 1815, Mr. Martin, the baker, appeared before the board and paid the sum of \$10, a fine inflicted on him for having his bread too light, one-half of which sum was paid to the police officer. On Jan. 24, 1817, a regular scale of weights for the bit loaf was adopted.

Beginning May 3, 1817, the assize of bread was proclaimed weekly instead of monthly, as before, and this system was continued for a little more than two years. The records do not show that the assize was proclaimed after 1819, but the town continued to exercise a control over the business of baking. Every baker was required to procure a license and to register his trademark, which was stamped on his loaves. A public bakehouse was also established and seems to have been managed in the same way that municipalities control public markets, the bakers renting the stalls from the town and being subject to inspection. As late as 1826 in the annual statement of the city clerk the following entry occurs in the statement of receipts during the year: "Sales of condemned bread, \$1.87."—Quarterly Journal of Economics.

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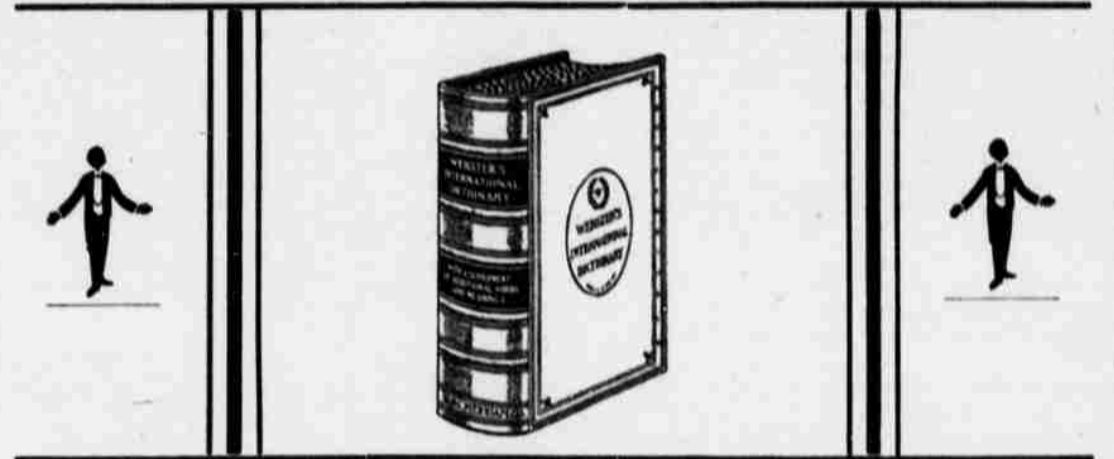
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