

COMMISSIONERS TRY TO PREVENT BIG STRIKE

Railroad Managers Explain Their Side of Controversy, Claiming It Would Put Roads in Bankruptcy to Grant Demands—Master Workmen State Case.

Chicago, March 30.—Interstate Commerce Commissioners Knapp and Neil arrived this morning and immediately went into session with representatives of the railroads at the Auditorium. The managers explained that they could not grant more than from seven to ten per cent increase and a 10-hour day, because it would be impossible to pay operating expenses and a dividend under the two-cent fare law in a number of states, and claimed that the men must modify their demands or accept responsibility for whatever business calamity should follow.

MANY NICE CHICKS ARE ROASTED BROWN INSIDE OF INCUBATOR

"Four and twenty black birds baked in a pie. When the pie was opened the birds began to sing. Wasn't that a funny dish to set before a king?" Unconsciously humming the Mother Goose rhyme as he light heartedly hastened toward police headquarters to report off this morning, Patrolman Bales of the second night relief, in passing a corner of Front and Taylor streets, was suddenly aroused from his childhood reverie by the pleasant odor of fried chicken.

BABY BULLETIN READS LIKE ONE FROM DR. LARGE

"Male child, born March 15, weighed 4 1/2 pounds the first week and steadily growing." was the astonishing announcement made in a report of a physician to the local health board this morning. When the report was received, everybody in the office supposed that it had come from Dr. C. L. Large of Forest Grove, the author of the

BODY OF MURDERED WOMAN IS BURIED

Mrs. Henderson's Remains Held for Instructions Never Given Maxwell's Estate.

Oregon City, March 30.—The body of Joseph D. Maxwell, who was slain by his son-in-law at the William Tell house at Sixth and Main streets in this city and who died last night at the Good Samaritan hospital, Portland, will be brought to this city for burial.

GRANGERS FIGHTING BLACKSMITH TRUST

Brownsville, Or., March 30.—Ash Swale grange has been recently organized at Ash Swale, three miles north-west of Brownsville, with 45 charter members. This is one of the largest and leading granges of Linx county. They have organized a "farmers blacksmith shop" in opposition to the Linn County Blacksmiths' association. Other granges in the state are advocating the Ash Swale grange's plan.

WOODBURN WETS AND DRIES TO MEET MONDAY

Woodburn, Or., March 30.—The following ticket was placed in nomination in this city for the election on Monday, and street improvement caucus: B. T. Randall, mayor; H. J. Altrow and George Landon, councilmen; J. J. Hall, recorder; S. C. Berry, treasurer; Z. J. Riddle, marshal.

IF SUPERVISORS RESIGN THEY GO TO PRISON

San Francisco, March 30.—The graft prosecution is in possession of absolute proof that Schmitz attempted to force three of the supervisors to resign. It is unlikely that anything will be done in the matter as long as the supervisors do not resign, but if they do a term in the penitentiary stares them in the face.

THAT TWELVE THOUSAND WILL BE DEPOSITED

Deputy Collector of Customs L. A. Pike will henceforth deposit moneys collected in any United States depositary in the city that he sees fit, in accordance with instructions from the department at Washington. The instructions were received today in answer to a question what to do with some \$12,000 in silver that had been refused by the First National bank a few days ago because of its already having all the silver on hand it could comfortably handle.

LEGISLATORS ASK TO WARDEN DOGS CHECKS

Declares Removal From Fifth Ward Has Already Lost Him the Seat.

W. Y. Masters, councilman from the fifth ward, it out of the council in his own belief and severed his connection last night at six o'clock when he finished moving from his old residence in the Fifth ward to his new home on the East Side. He maintains that he is no longer a member of the council, and he has written the council to elect some one to fill out the two years remaining of his term or not to do so just as it sees fit.

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