

SHIPPERS ORGANIZE

Plans Formed in Secret by San Francisco Concerns Mulcted by Southern Pacific to Proceed if Possible Under State Law.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Oct. 8.—Believing that they have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars through the advantageous freight rates given a favored few of the large concerns of this city for years past by the Southern Pacific, which system of favoritism was laid bare in the hearings before Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane, a committee representing the shipping interests met yesterday with former Congressman James G. Maguire to formulate plans for securing damages.

Will Cooperate Secretly.
It is proposed to organize all the local mercantile establishments that they have had to pay published rates on freight and proceed if possible under the state laws. The plans of the organization are to be kept secret until the time for action arrives. Many shippers believe that if the Southern Pacific officials learn of their interest in such an organization they might suffer still more by discrimination.

It is not probable that any immediate action will result, since most of the shippers who are organizing prefer to await the result of the trial in the United States courts. This will give them the advantage of all the evidence in possession of the United States authorities. It is stated that the shippers already have a mass of evidence which can be used to assist the government's case.

State Law Sufficient.
It is proposed to secure monetary redress and for that purpose it is believed the state laws will be sufficient, though in case they are not, suit may be brought under the federal statutes.

James G. Maguire will probably be the counsel-in-chief for the shippers. Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane announced before leaving for the east that he will expedite the cases against the Southern Pacific as much as lies in his power.

Paint and Varnish Men.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 8.—The annual convention of the National Paint and Varnish association opened today at the Sinton hotel. There are several hundred delegates present, representing the local clubs of Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, New Orleans, Kansas City, Boston, Milwaukee, Omaha, Pittsburg and a number of other cities. The association differs from other trade organizations in that it does not consider prices or territory. Its main object is to secure national and state legislation in the interests of the trade. In this connection it is regarded as somewhat significant that the Standard Oil company, which holds several memberships in the association, is represented at the annual convention for the first time in a number of years.

PACIFIC GETS MORE WARSHIPS

Secretary Metcalf Decides on Another Division to Be Located at Frisco.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Oct. 8.—Another warship division will be created at San Francisco next spring or sooner, consisting of torpedo boats, torpedo boat destroyers and submarines. Secretary Metcalf said yesterday that it had not been decided what officer would be elevated to command this flotilla. It will be reinforced by six torpedo boat destroyers, comprising a second torpedo flotilla, commanded by Lieutenant Hutch I. Cone, which arrived today at Norfolk to be docked and repaired preparatory to beginning their journey to the Pacific coast as the advance guard of the Atlantic battleship fleet.

Under Orders to Proceed.
These vessels, it was stated definitely at the navy department today, are now under orders to proceed on their journey from Hampton Roads on December 1. Previous orders as to the date of the departure of the battleship fleet also have been amended, directing that Admiral Evans shall sail out in squadron formation with his 15 ships on December 15. Admiral Stribling left today for Norfolk to take command of the special service squadron. Washington and Annapolis, with which he will sail on Saturday.

Torpedoes From Europe.
It developed today that the ordnance department of the navy has an agent in Europe, sent there to purchase a number of whitehead torpedoes. This recourse to foreign manufacture was necessary because the department was unable to secure enough in the United States to properly equip the torpedo-boats with this class of armament. A contingency which will be avoided, naval officers say, after January 1, when it is expected the government naval torpedo station at Newport will be in operation. The cost to the government of the European make will be slightly less than torpedoes manufactured in this country.

Tomorrow and Thursday are the last days for discount on west side gas bills. In the future the reading of meters on the west side will commence on the 11th of each month instead of the 15th, as heretofore, to accommodate the increase in consumers.

WHITMAN PRINCIPALS PROMOTE DEBATING

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Garfield, Wash., Oct. 8.—At a meeting of the Principals' association of the Whitman county schools held here, plans for a debating league were considered. It is expected that this year a greater interest in debating will be taken than ever before. A number of new schools have asked to be admitted into the league and the principals are a unit in behalf of the organization.

Danbury Kennel Club.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Danbury, Conn., Oct. 8.—The annual bench show of the Danbury Kennel club opened today with several hundred dogs of high degree and many different breeds included among the exhibits. The work of judging the dogs began soon after the opening and will continue until the show closes Friday.

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LOSE MAJOR BUT WIN IN COUNCIL

Roseburg Young Men Win Only Partial Victory Over Their Elders.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Roseburg, Oct. 8.—The most exciting city election ever held in Roseburg, held yesterday, resulted in the re-election of Dr. E. M. Hoover, as mayor. From early morning until the polls were closed the city was in intense activity in every ward. The fight centered on mayor, and the result could not be estimated at any time. The largest vote the city has ever cast was polled in every ward, and the voting was steady all day long.

Dr. Hoover was re-elected for the third term by a majority of 115 over Dr. G. E. Houck, the young men's candidate. Elbert Hermann was re-elected treasurer, and A. N. Orcutt was re-elected recorder.

The new aldermen for the respective wards are as follows: Ward 1, D. P. Fisher and John Long; Ward 2, Charles Patrick and Henry Ryan; Ward 3, R. Robertson and Joseph McCall; Ward 4, Sam Ward and Joseph McCall; Ward 5, Kohlsagen and A. A. Bellows; Ward 6, W. W. Cardwell.

In the newly elected council, the young men have the majority for a cleaner and a better city.

Despite the exciting nature of the contest, good humor prevails and the defeated candidates meet their fate cheerily.

CANNERIES RUNNING IN THE FALL SEASON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Astoria, Or., Oct. 8.—During the present fall season 11 canneries and cold storage plants are now being operated on the various coast streams in Oregon, as follows: The Promer Canning company and C. Timmons, Coquille river; William Kyle and son, Siuslaw; F. C. Barnes, Yaquina; S. E. Emore & Co., Nestucca; Nestucca, Siletz; Umpqua and Alaska; R. D. Hume, Rogue river.

All but Hume have secured state licenses. He is contesting the law. He was arrested for running his plants during the spring season and was tried and convicted and fined \$500 by Judge Hamilton of Curry county. He appealed the case on the ground that the law was unconstitutional under orders from the state fish board he will be rearrested and prosecuted on a separate charge for every day he operates without a license.

A complaint was filed September 27 against S. Elmore & Co. for running their Tillamook plant without a license. A license was procured September 30.

FISHING CASES IN COURT AT ASTORIA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Astoria, Or., Oct. 8.—The trial of John Murbeck on a charge of fishing with traps during the closed season was dismissed in the circuit court yesterday on a demurrer to the indictment, based on a clerical error.

Anton Searpatti has been arrested at Seaside by Water Bailiff Settem on a charge of operating a set-net without securing a state license. He will have a hearing today.

Mississippi Valley Doctors.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Columbus, O., Oct. 8.—The annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Medical association began a three days' session here today in the board of trade auditorium. More than 600 members are in attendance.

A notable program was carried out at the opening session, among the features of which were welcoming addresses by Governor Harris, Mayor Badger and President Thompson of Ohio State university and a response by the president of the association, Dr. Horace Grant of Louisville. The program for Wednesday and Thursday includes a large number of technical and practical papers by prominent physicians and surgeons who are members of the association.

PERSONAL.

Edward Kestin, clerk of the justice court of the Portland district, is taking a vacation of a few days in the mountains. He expects to bag some big game before he returns the latter part of the week.

Uno Hyland, formerly of Portland but now a miner of Goldfield, Nevada, is in the city today on business and incidentally visiting friends of whom he has a large number here. Mr. Hyland's property is in the immediate vicinity of Goldfield and is now being extensively developed. He is pleased to learn that the railroad strike in Nevada has been settled because a tieup there this winter would undoubtedly have caused much hardship and loss of time.

The strike was called after Mr. Hyland's departure for Portland.

F. T. Abbott, general manager of the Klamath Falls railroad, is at the Hotel Portland.

Colonel H. E. Mitchell, U. S. A., retired, is at the Imperial.

J. F. Hamilton, an Astoria attorney, is at the Imperial.

W. L. McCormick, of the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company, is at the Oregon, and George E. Long, of the same firm is at the Hotel Portland.

Congregational Conference.
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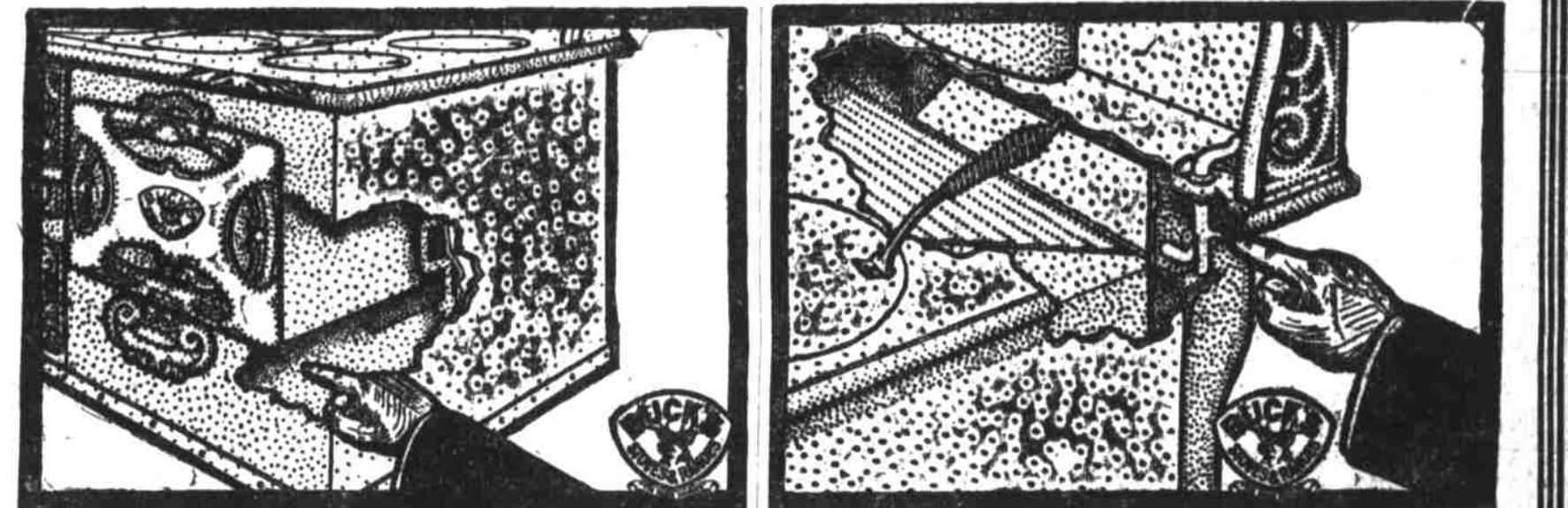
Cleveland, O., Oct. 8.—The thirteenth annual session of the National Council of Congregational churches began in this city today and will continue during the next 10 days. For the first time in the history of the denomination, the missionary and benevolent organizations of the church are to hold their



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meeting in Des Moines three years ago. At the same time some of the strongest churches in Congregationalism have placed themselves on record as being opposed to union on the terms which are proposed and they have virtually filed notice that if the union is effected they will withdraw and continue their work on an independent basis.