

OREGON FREIGHT RATES REDUCED BY COMMISSION WITH AGREEMENT PUTS QUESTIONS LINGERING IN BUT CLAMS WORKERS OF SEASIDE PROHIBIT PHONES IN THEIR HOMES

Generally Believed Indicted Banker Will Receive Immunity Bath for Testifying Against Others—Manning Declines to Affirm.

George H. Hill is to be witness for the state in the trial of J. Thorburn Ross and the other bank wreckers when the case comes to trial in the circuit court, according to the general belief of those who have watched the development of the case. It is supposed that in return for his testimony Hill is to receive immunity from prosecution.

Shippers Will Pay From One Tenth to One Sixth Less on Articles Sent First Class—Order Includes All Railroads in the State.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., March 31.—The state railroad commission today ended the most important session of its existence, cutting freight rates in Oregon from one tenth to one sixth of the present first-class rates, and all other freight rates accordingly.

reduced a portion of the excess above the rate from Portland to The Dalles, which is 25 per cent on the first-class rate. For instance, the rate from Portland to Umatilla is 85 cents per 100. The new rate is 75 cents and all other rates are cut in proportion. The Portland chamber of commerce only asked for a cut in rates to eastern Oregon points, but the commission assumes that railroads under the state law will have to make the same reductions on all lines in the state.

Secretary Root and Ambassador Bryce Are Rearranging Treaties.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 31.—An agreement between Great Britain and the United States on treaties affecting the two countries was practically reached today at a conference between Secretary Elihu Root and British Ambassador James Bryce. The documents will probably be signed next week.

Bourne-Scott Defeat, Fulton's Power in Senate and How Used.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Baker City, Or., March 31.—W. A. U'Ren last night addressed over 1,000 people at the Baker theatre, on Statement No. 1, the initiative and referendum, single tax, woman suffrage, the university appropriation and the measures to be voted on at the coming election. He said of Senator Fulton: "I have reason to believe that Senator Fulton knows the details of the now famous Scott-Bourne contract, because I have been told by men who profess to be in the language given to celebrate Fulton's election to the senate, that there were many laughing fellows at the prospect of Mr. Scott being made to resign, Bourne, and especially the \$25,000."

Washed Supreme Court Scorns Theory That They Are Wild Beasts.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., March 31.—Governor Mead's famous declaration that claims are "wild animals" was unanimously overruled by the supreme court in the case of Sequim Bay Cannery company vs. H. J. Bugge et al. The last legislature passed an act which gave to the owners of tide lands title to the claims in such lands. The governor vetoed the bill on the principal ground that claims are fish, which are for a nature, therefore wild animals, and belong to the public. He traced claimdigging back to the time of King John and discovered that the public acquired a sort of preference right to the exciting sport of claimdigging in the magna charta and in the custom of the old settler and aborigine of getting their breakfast when the tide was out.

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The seven judges of the supreme court take a different view, however, and even with this special act vetoed and never done at all they anticipated growth in the tide lands for declaring that claims belong with the land. The Sequim Bay Cannery company, which is a California corporation, has a tract of state tide lands under lease, H. J. Bugge, another cannery man, in an effort to get rid of the tide lands, has leased them. When the latter renounced, it is alleged in the complaint that Bugge's employees threatened to go on strike unless they were paid for their work with his diggers. The Sequim company sought an injunction and lost in the lower court on the ground that the claim was not a wild animal, and that therefore the complaint did not state a cause of action.

MARRIED IN HASTE THEN MARRIED AGAIN AT LEISURE

Herman Newman of 173 Caruthers street and his bride, who, until Saturday at least, was Miss Flora Max, have had the unusual experience of being twice married in three days. On Saturday it didn't take, and yesterday the ceremony was performed over again, each time by Rabbi R. Abrahamson. All the trouble came over the marriage license. Mr. Newman thought he would do for Portland publicity, so he went to Vancouver and bought a license. Returning to Portland, he and Miss Max sought out Rabbi Abrahamson and were declared one, forever and ever. But the minister to whom he applied to perform the ceremony detected the fraud and told Ketola he would have to buy another license at the same place. So Ketola, likewise, contributed \$2 to the revenue of Multnomah county. He has two licenses, but was only married once. Now the question is, did he or Newman, who was married twice, have the best of it?

AFFIDAVITS ARE BROUGHT TO LIGHT

The motion for a change of venue in the case of the state against J. Thorburn Ross is being argued this afternoon before the judges of the circuit court sitting en banc. Harrison Allen, attorney for Burkhardt & Hitchison, filed a stipulation to the effect that the affidavits filed by Wallace McCamant in favor of Ross should also apply to Allen's clients. The court, upon reading the affidavits, had a big lot of additional affidavits from prominent men which he wished to introduce as counter affidavits to controvert the affidavits of McCamant. The court ruled that the time for filing these affidavits had expired on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

UNCLE SAM'S LONG ARMS DRAW THEM TO HIM IN LOVING EMBRACE

Some foreigners want to become citizens of the United States as soon as they enter the country. Others put off making the necessary application for months, years, and some of them who are here never signify their willingness to give up the land of their birth. Ernest Moore, an Englishman, arrived in Portland several days ago. He came from Canada. He liked Portland. Furthermore, he liked the good old U. S. A. Soon after Mr. Moore arrived he decided that Uncle Sam was the man for him. Consequently, he took steps at once so that in the future he could claim himself as being one of some 80,000,000 others who claim this country as their own.

THE CLUB EST MORT VIVE LE CLUBS

Commercial and Athletic Bodies, Separate, Instead of Old Club. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) La Grande, Or., March 31.—The La Grande Commercial club, for many years the brief factor in rebuilding the town and bringing new settlers and industries to this city and to the Grand Ronde valley, is practically speaking, no more. L. C. Stanley of Chipewaga Falls, Wisconsin, holds a mortgage against the club property, and several months ago instructed his agents to foreclose. The matter has been held in abeyance by these people, mainly through the hope that the business interests would save the institution. Some weeks ago considerable interest was stirred up and it was thought for a time that the club would prove effective had been formed, but for some reason the people of the town would not respond. So now suit will be brought to foreclose at once, and La Grande will be without a club, which has brought much capital and many home-seekers to the Grand Ronde valley. The club was organized to organize both commercial and athletic clubs, the management of which will be entrusted to a local organization which will stand on its own feet.

USES OLD PERMIT TO VIOLATE FIRE LIMITS

East Side Starts Three-Story Frame Building but It Will Be Stopped. A peculiar situation has come up in the office of the building inspector with reference to a building that is under construction in the heart of the East Morrison street business district. In 1906, before the fire limits were extended to include that portion of the east side, J. Daly took out a permit for the erection of a three-story frame building on the face north of East Morrison street, near Union avenue. Acting under the authority of that permit, Daly has started his building. It is a reasonable time after the permit was issued that the construction of his building, and that two years is not a reasonable time.

JAPANESE BANKS CLOSE DOORS

Government Exerts Every Influence to Better Financial Conditions but Fails.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Tokyo, March 31.—Today's banking statement shows that during March 19 banks have closed their doors. The Japanese government is exerting itself to the utmost to relieve the country's financial situation, but apparently its efforts are in vain. The markets seem to have been literally wrung dry of money, and the government has been unable principally to the banks and large commercial houses and industrial companies. A new occurrence daily among the smaller tradesmen. March has been the worst month since the stringency began.

FORGER PROBED FROM UNDER HAND

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., March 31.—Fred Barrett was lodged in the county jail today, a self-confessed forger of a check for \$11, he using the name of William Parker of this city. Later at Helix he forged Max Smith's name to a check for \$50, which was cashed at a Helix store. A party of Helix men went in search of him and found him in a barn under some hay. The posse jabbed about with pitforks, when the fugitive gave a yell and was captured.

MOVIE FOR RURAL HIGH SCHOOLS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pleasant Hill, Or., March 31.—An enthusiastic mass meeting was held Saturday at this place, the historic school district No. 1 of Lane county, to discuss plans for establishing a rural high school and select the one most feasible. President Campbell of the U. of O. addressed the meeting on the need of higher education, for the rising generation, from an ethical and economic standpoint, convincing all that, in the light of recent and increasing scientific discoveries and inventions, a high school education, at least, is indispensable. The establishment of the Eugene city schools followed the precedent of various plans for establishing high schools in the country, advocating the location of rural high schools in town or moving them with them.

HOLD AUTOPSY ON YOUNG GIRL'S BODY

By direction of Coroner Finley an autopsy was held on the body of Viava Gillis, a 14-year-old girl, who died yesterday at a private hospital conducted by Dr. C. H. T. Atwood. The cause of death was given as pneumonia, but inasmuch as the girl died shortly after becoming a mother, both coroner and Dr. Atwood believed it best to hold an autopsy. The results of the autopsy showed death to have been due to diphtheria. Miss Gillis was brought to this city by the train from Baker City by her mother, E. N. Matthews, and was at once placed in the care of Dr. Atwood. Matthews says his niece came to Baker City from a mining camp not far from Salt Lake City.

MEET TO DECIDE ON GRAIN WAGE SCALE

Portland Union Receives 40 Cents per Hour—Sound Cities Pay 30. Next Monday the Grainhandlers' union will receive a proposition from the wheat exporters regarding wages to be paid for the coming season. At that time the contract now in force between employers and employes will expire. Conferences are being held by the exporters and the union, with a view of placing Portland wages on an equal basis with those paid on Puget sound. Grainhandlers are paid 40 cents an hour in this city, but in the sound the scale is 30 cents. This leaves a balance in favor of Puget sound shipping to the extent of 10 cents an hour. Since there is said to be little probability of wages advancing on the sound, it is deemed compulsory to reduce the rate on the coast to make it hear from the exporters.

CHESTER GILLETTE BURIED AT AUBURN

(United Press Leased Wire.) Auburn, N. Y., March 31.—Chester Gillette, who was electrocuted yesterday for the murder of Grace Brown, his sweetheart, was buried today in Soule cemetery. The only ones in the funeral party were members of the Gillette family, two ministers and two grave-diggers. The funeral was held at the home of Mrs. Gillette, who was present. The Gillette family, including Mrs. Gillette, were in the city from a recent return to Zion City, Illinois, today.

HOME OF J. W. GOING ENTERED BY BURGLARS

The home of J. W. Going of the Lowenberg & Going Co., 265 Lovejoy street, was entered by burglars last night and ransacked from top to bottom. The house is at present occupied by John Jensen and Daniel Erickson, Mr. Going having left on a business trip for the benefit of his health. The burglars entered the house last night during the temporary absence of the two caretakers, and in the rear of the house had apparently been left unlocked, the thieves taking advantage of the fact that the door was unfastened. Jewelry and wearing apparel valued at about \$100 was taken. The burglars entered the house without attracting attention, but the caretakers were alerted by their movements and they left nothing that might serve as a clue to their identity. Police detectives are investigating the burglary.

SENATORS APPROVE EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 31.—Senator Robert M. La Follette's employers' liability bill was today favorably reported upon by the senate committee on education and labor. Numerous amendments to the measure were made, but they were all unimportant and the merits of the bill were not affected.

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CALLS WESTERN MEN GRAFTERS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 31.—"I think it is about time that the western representatives in this body be stopped from grafting everything that remains of the great forests," shouted Congressman Hepburn of Iowa this afternoon in the midst of his discussion of the forest reserve appropriation in the house agricultural bill. "You don't dare allow," shouted Representative Smith of California, jumping to his feet. "I know of no reason," cut in Hepburn, "why I don't dare do as I please, or say what I please in this matter, irrespective of what the gentleman from California can do."

J. N. TEAL RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON

J. N. Teal returned this morning from Washington, D. C., where he spent several weeks ago to present his arguments in the case of the Oregon and Washington Lumber Manufacturers' association and his friends, the Harriman and Hill lines to prevent them from advancing the freight rate on lumber from points in the Pacific northwest to the sum of \$3.85. Mr. Teal has represented the lumbermen at all the important hearings of the case, which is now famous all over the country, and hence he has been away much from the city during the past several months.

MAYOR LANE MAY VETO ORDINANCE

By unanimous vote the council passed an ordinance providing that all minors who secured liquor in saloons by misrepresenting their age to the bartenders should be fined or otherwise punished. Mayor Lane has the ordinance under careful consideration and the indications are that he will return it to the council at the next meeting with his veto.

ONE OF THE THACKER CHARGES DISMISSED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., March 31.—One of the complaints against J. T. Thacker, the Olympia politician, charging him with obtaining money under the pretext, has been dismissed. The complaint dismissed is the one in which he was charged with soliciting \$500 from H. C. Heermans, superintendent of the waterworks, for the alleged purpose of using his influence with the city authorities to prevent restrictive measures on the company. Heermans is in the east and the case fell because of the indefinite absence of the prosecution's principal witness. Four other charges are pending in the superior court.

TOLD CHILDREN THEIR FATHER WAS KIDNAPER

Charging that Mrs. Susie C. Barton abandoned him and is guilty of cruelty in teaching the children to fear that he would kidnap them, Frank G. Barton has begun suit for divorce. Some time ago the Bartons were in court in a suit over the custody of their two children, who seem to be the cause of contention. They were married in 1892, and Barton claims that his wife deserted him. Minnie M. Kane has sued Joseph W. Kane for divorce, alleging that he has been guilty of cruelty and that she has been driven to the verge of insanity by his conduct. They were married in Vancouver, Washington, in 1906. She says she several times threw her across the room, grasping her by the throat, and once flourished a butcher knife before her face, threatening to "finish her."

CROPS THIS YEAR ON UMATILLA PROJECT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hermiston, Or., March 31.—Water will soon be flowing on lands under the Umatilla project in considerable quantities in accordance with the plans of the engineers. Water has been running on some of the lands the past week in a most satisfactory manner, and the settlers feel that it will be only a short time until all the land that will require watering this season can be well supplied. The work is going on in the most satisfactory way on the project and many hundreds of acres are now being prepared for crops.

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LOSSES COOK AND SOME MONEY BESIDES

The proprietor of the Blenmark restaurant, 209 Morrison street, is mourning the loss of a cook. The man, whose name is Henry Schroeder, disappeared last evening. At the same time there disappeared from the drawer of the cash register the sum of \$3.85. The police have been asked to find both the cook and the money.

LAWYER BEATS SENATOR DAVIS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Little Rock, Ark., March 31.—Following a sensational fight in which he was badly beaten up here today, Senator Jefferson Davis and his assistant, Deputy Frederick A. Helm, were arrested, and both will appear in court for trial tomorrow. More trouble is expected.

RUEF'S TRIAL IS AGAIN DELAYED

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, March 31.—The Ruef trial in the Parkside franchise case did not start today. It may start tomorrow, but if Ruef can help it. When Ruef was called to the bar today his attorney moved the case to the next day on the ground that he was not qualified to sit in the case, not having been appointed proctor. He submitted an affidavit in which he stated that he was further declared that Justice Dooling has proved himself biased and prejudiced against the defendant. An adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

MOUNT SCOTT WANTS MORE ARC LIGHTS

Mount Scott is after more lights and the Mount Scott Improvement association is leading the effort to secure them. At a meeting of the association last night held at Kern Park the matter of securing additional lights was discussed. The association has appointed a committee to act with the representative of the light company in securing signatures sufficient to warrant the installation of new lights throughout the district. Much important business was transacted at the meeting which was presided over by Ed G. Nagel. The next meeting of the association will be held Monday night.

ELKINS HAS BILL TO ASSIST RAILROADS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 31.—Senator Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia today introduced in the senate a resolution to relieve railroads carrying their own coal from their own mines from the operation of that section of the rate law requiring all such roads to abandon such mines before May 1.

SPENCER EDDY WILL GO TO NETHERLANDS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 31.—Spencer Eddy, the Chicago man who has for many months been an attaché of the American legation in London and who recently married Miss Spracklen, daughter of John D. Spracklen, was today nominated by President Roosevelt for minister to the Netherlands. His headquarters will be in Luxembourg. Eddy is a brother-in-law of Senator Beveridge of Indiana, who married his sister. Eddy was president at the same time nominated another Illinois man, Arthur M. Beaupre, whom he selected to be minister to the Argentine republic.

WILLIAM LIEUALLEN, PIONEER, IS DEAD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Weston, Or., March 31.—William Lieuallen, one of the pioneers of this section, died Sunday evening and will be buried here today. He had been ill for several months. Several children survive him. He was one of the best known men in Umatilla county.

EXECUTIVE MANSION NEWS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., March 31.—The state building commission, charged with the construction of the executive mansion, has invited architects to meet with the commission Saturday. General plans will be discussed and an architect selected. The commission has selected Major Frank Dallam, secretary to the governor, as secretary of the commission without extra compensation.

POLICE PROHIBITED POLITICAL PALAVERS

Members of the police department are not to be permitted to discuss politics during the progress of the present campaign. If they exercise their rights of citizenship in the matter of free speech they will incur the displeasure of their chief and will subject themselves to possible discipline for action unbecoming an officer. The embargo on free speech, insofar as it affects police officers and politics, is contained in the following order issued today by Chief of Police Grizzmacher: "Captain of Police—You will call the attention of the subordinates of your commands to section 53 of the police manual, which prohibits members of this department from taking active part in political matters or entering into political discussions while on duty. You will instruct them that they must observe strict neutrality as between the different contending parties and candidates, and you will report to me at once all violations of this order coming to your knowledge."

MAKE ALL CAMPAIGN EXPENSES PUBLIC

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 31.—Representative McClain today introduced in the house a campaign expense publicity bill. The measure is authored by Perry Belmont, president of the National Public Health Association. The bill, if enacted into law, will compel candidates for office and campaign committees to make a sworn statement of the funds expended by them in campaigns and to give the names of the donors of funds.

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MONDAY LAST DAY TO ESCAPE PENALTY

Next Monday will be the last day for the payment of taxes without a penalty for delinquency. One half of the amount due may be paid at this time, and the county will obligingly carry the remainder until October. But unless half has been paid, 10 per cent penalty will be added after Monday and 1 per cent per month thereafter until the tax is paid.

SOUTHERN ARRIVES AS USUAL—LATE

Frisco train is late again. Northern Pacific No. 1, due at 7 o'clock, arrived on time. Southern Pacific No. 16, due at 7:55, arrived at 9:15. Southern Pacific No. 18, due at 11:30, arrived on time. O. R. & N. No. 3, due at 8 o'clock, arrived on time. O. R. & N. No. 5, due at 9:45, arrived on time. Astoria & Columbia No. 21, due at 12:15, arrived on time.

POLICE CALLED IN NEIGHBORHOOD ROW

Patrolman W. E. Drugg believes he arrived in front of 784 East Thirtieth street just in time yesterday to prevent bloodshed. He had been sent to the number given at the request of neighbors who telephoned to police headquarters for an officer. Drugg reports that when he arrived on the scene he found Mrs. Catherine Albert and Mrs. Kate Maule about to engage in a hair-pulling match. He intervened and restored peace, about the permanency of which he has grave doubts. The patrolman says the women engaged in a personal encounter Friday and are likely to renew hostilities at any time.

A. P. MICKEY DIES AT EAST SIDE HOME

A. P. Mickey, 54 years of age, died at his residence, 500 East Twenty-third street south, at 3 o'clock this morning from an acute attack of Bright's disease. He was a brother of ex-governor Mickey of Nebraska, and came to Portland with his family from Lincoln, Nebraska, last May. He leaves a widow, one son and three daughters, all residents of Portland. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

AT SAN DIEGO

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Diego, Cal., March 31.—The battleship Connecticut, flying the flag of Admiral Evans, has arrived at the anchorage in the harbor. The tender Yankton accompanied the flagship.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

WANTED: WOMAN TO MAKE breakfast food. See ad on the next page.