

SHOWS PORTLAND BEST PLACE FOR PACKING CENTER

Decision of Interstate Commerce Commission in Carsten Case to Result in More Business for City.

The decision of the interstate commerce commission in the Carsten Packing company case, the judgment of the men who selected Portland as the best place in the far west for a packing center is justified and confirmed, says D. O. Lively, vice president of the Portland Union Stock Yards company.

In this decision, announced in Washington yesterday, the commerce commission dismissed the complaint of a firm of Tacoma packers, who sought to have the railroad rate on shipments of livestock from Portland to Tacoma and Seattle reduced from \$35 to \$25. The commission found that the rate was unjust, and declared that it is not the function of the commission to equalize differences in the natural advantages of communities.

The men who picked Portland as the livestock center of the northwest gave four or five years to study of the conditions, said Mr. Lively. "Because of the downhill haul to Portland and the great country tributary to this market it was decided to make the investment here. The decision in the Carsten case upholds the judgment of the packers in selecting Portland.

Should Increase Buying.

The effect should be to more firmly establish Portland as the central market and distributing point. It points out that the cities on the sound are not entitled to the same rates possessed by Portland, since Portland has natural advantages the other cities cannot claim. It should increase the buying in Portland for shipment to Tacoma and Seattle.

Livestock dealers on the sound have made most of their purchases by sending buyers into Montana, Idaho, wherever the stock could be obtained. This has increased the cost of the product. The decision should result in bringing more business to Portland. At present about 30 percent of the sales here are to buyers outside of Portland.

In its decision the commerce commission found that the rates made by the railroads were voluntarily established, and were not investigated by the board. It should not discriminate against independent packers on Puget Sound. The railroads were justified in fixing rates for distribution to the northern territory to meet the peculiar conditions involved, it is declared, and the commission should not be justified in restricting the Portland distributive territory, even though it permits invasion of the Puget Sound markets.

Advantages of Portland.

In its decision the commission said: "The conclusion is inevitable that the complainant is seeking to have the commission equalize Tacoma and Seattle with Portland as a slaughtering center. Doubtless due to her natural location, Portland has certain advantages as a livestock market and the testimony is that the prevailing prices of livestock are somewhat lower there than at cities on the sound. The record does not show that this condition is due to any unjust arrangement of rates, and it is well settled that it is not the function of the commission to equalize communities in matters of this character.

Testimony in this case is that the cost of transportation in the case of livestock and products of livestock is approximately the same and this is not at variance with our general knowledge of the situation.

Based on the same minimum carload rates for both movements of 25,000 pounds, at the per car rate on livestock of \$5 per 26 foot 6 inch car, the rate would be 14 cents per 100 pounds for movement to Tacoma and 16 cents to Seattle. When these rates are compared with the rate on fresh meats from Portland to Tacoma and Seattle of 20 cents per 100 pounds, it will be seen that at the present time the rates on livestock are lower than the rates on fresh meats. It is our conclusion that the adjustment complained of has not been shown to be unreasonable and the complaint will therefore be dismissed."

HAWKES TO GO BACK TO PRISON TODAY

J. F. Hawkes, whose parole was revoked yesterday by order of Governor West, will be taken to the state penitentiary this afternoon to begin serving the remainder of his 10 year sentence, of which one year was served before he was paroled in 1909 by Governor Chamberlain.

Hawkes was picked up yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriffs Phillips and Hall and placed in the county jail to await the arrival of an officer from Salem. Hawkes was recently twice indicted with Leon Lechard for the sale of stolen goods, to which Lechard has confessed, and the officers claim they have abundant testimony to convict Hawkes without using the confession of Lechard.

By the revocation of the parole, the county will be saved the necessity of trying Hawkes on the recent charges. Governor West based the revocation on the disclosure recently made concerning the conduct of Hawkes. The prisoner was accused of stealing 10 horses when he was sent to the penitentiary four years ago.

According to a report received by the sheriff's office last night, the governor has reconsidered his action in revoking the parole of W. C. Gibson. Orders were given yesterday to take Gibson back to the penitentiary because of stories which he had spread in recent months. Gibson went to Salem last night to report, accompanied by W. G. MacLaren of the Portland Commerce.

It is said they convinced the governor that Gibson had been good. He and MacLaren are reported to be returning to Portland this afternoon. Gibson has been employed on Tom Word's ranch, having been paroled to Word.

Rent a Piano

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City Milk Chemist F. C. Calloway left yesterday for Lexington, Or., where he will spend the holidays. Friends of the hustling official say they expect Mr. Calloway to come back with an assistant. For further particulars these same friends refer the inquisitive to one D. C. Cupt.

SELECTING JURY IN GODDARD CASE

Three Girls of Tender Years Inform Against Real Estate Dealer.

John H. Goddard, real estate dealer in the Yeon building, is on trial today in the circuit court for a statutory offense against a 17 year old girl. Judge Campbell of Oregon City is hearing the case. This forenoon was taken up in the selection of a jury.

Attorneys Deane, King and Long for Goddard are using extreme care in selecting jurors to hear the evidence. Special attention is given to the family relations of the prospective juror. The defendant is apparently seeking to intimidate a juror who has children in the family.

Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald and Deane are prosecuting the charge. Their questions to the jurors have much to do with law enforcement, and especially the one against young girls. A jury will very likely be selected late this afternoon.

Three girls of tender years have informed against Goddard, one came from a small country town a few months ago, and secured a position in Goddard's office soon after her arrival. She has told that Goddard induced her to lead a wayward life, and gave her several months of his time. She was mentally unbalanced. He ordered a grand jury investigation of the accusation by Baker, which he made in open court.

Prosecutor Baker was fined, following a profuse apology to the court for the scene yesterday. He said that the espionage conducted by the National Erectors' association had preyed upon his mind so much that it resulted in the fight.

IMPORTANT WITNESS IN LOCHARD CASE FOUND

Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald today received information indicating that "Jack" Logan, much wanted as a witness in the case of Leon Lochard, who is suspected of the murder of Barbara Holtzman, is now living in a town up the Columbia river. An officer will be sent to secure his statement.

Reports have been given the district attorney that Logan knows Lochard to have visited the rooming house where the little Holtzman girl was killed. His testimony in that event would go far toward fixing the crime on Lochard.

T. Ambrose, a laborer of 687 Michigan street, yesterday reported to the sheriff's office that Lochard closely resembles a man he saw near the place where the girl was killed about 3 o'clock one morning, either the day the crime was committed or the day after. The body of the girl was not discovered until the day after the crime.

JAIL LOCKS REPAIRED; PRISONERS OPEN THEM

After the Stewart iron works had remedied the locking device in corridor No. 4 at the new county jail yesterday afternoon, the prisoners opened the cell doors without any difficulty.

"Just to show you that we can unlock the doors" was the only reason given by the prisoners when asked for an explanation this morning by Jailer Jerry Hunter.

The iron company completed the job two weeks ago. The first evening the prisoners were put in corridor No. 4 they unlocked each cell door and the main corridor door. Early the next morning they told the jailer about it. The builders of the new jail were puzzled.

"Well, we'll fix it so they can't unlock it," said the superintendent in charge of the construction. Yesterday evening the locking device was repaired, and pronounced safe. Last evening, the same prisoners who turned the big heavy locks before again turned the bolts and the doors opened. The jail builders were more than ever surprised this morning, and again began repairing the locking machinery.

Thinking they had some consideration due for not trying to escape after the first trick, the prisoners in this corridor this morning signed the following resolution and sent it to Sheriff Stevens:

"Whereas, the undersigned prisoners in corridor No. 4, county jail, discovered defects in the new jail and means of opening the doors, and in order to escape we made no attempt to do so, and we give the information to the proper authorities, and

"Whereas, we feel that the information was valuable, avoiding trouble in the future and possible loss of life,

"Therefore, we respectfully suggest that a donation of \$10 to the Kangaroo court in corridor No. 4 would be highly appreciated."

DETERMINE WHETHER OPERATION ILLEGAL

As the result of the death on December 19 of Mrs. Mabel Lyle, age 24 years, at her home at 1140 Willis boulevard, St. Johns, from pneumonia, following an operation by Dr. R. A. Jayne of the First National bank building, Coroner Norden, assisted by Doctors R. E. Lounsbury and E. A. Summers, are today holding an autopsy over the remains to determine whether the operation was a legal one.

Yesterday a St. Johns undertaker presented to the city health office a death certificate which gave the cause of death, and the case was immediately referred to the coroner with instructions to make an investigation of the circumstances.

Dr. Jayne is said to have stated that the operation was absolutely necessary, but the circumstances are such that it was decided a thorough investigation should be made.

MRS. HYMAN COHEN IS ON WAY TO RECOVERY

Mrs. Hyman Cohen, wife of the commercial editor of The Journal, who was taken to the St. Vincent's hospital Monday and who was operated upon Tuesday morning, is reported to be much better today. Yesterday her condition was critical but late last night she rallied and is now resting comfortably.

KING GRATIFIES HUNGER TO KILL; 6 ANIMALS DIE

(United Press Special Wire.) Delhi, Dec. 21.—Three tigers and three rhinoceros, according to news received here today, were the first fruit of King George's hunt in Nepal. The king killed all six animals from the back of an elephant in a hunt yesterday in which more than 1000 hunters were used.

M'NAMARA ASKED TO BE WITNESS IN TRIALS IN INDIANA

Struggle in Dynamiting Cases Results in Fight Between Prosecutor and Detective; Former Is Fined \$50.

(United Press Special Wire.) Indianapolis, Dec. 21.—The assertion that federal officials have, since his imprisonment, approached John J. McNamara in San Quentin prison, California, with propositions for him to become a government witness in the dynamiting investigation here was made today. It is unknown what inducements were offered.

The report of the attempt to make McNamara "witness" followed sensational occurrences in Judge Markey's court. That jurist fined Prosecutor Baker \$50 for contempt of court, following Baker's encounter with a detective of the National Erectors' association, whom he accused of "harassing" the members of the grand jury investigating the dynamiting. Judge Markey also took cognizance of Baker's charge that the grand jurors had been "harassed" that one of them had become mentally unbalanced. He ordered a grand jury investigation of the accusation by Baker, which he made in open court.

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WANDALS NEEDLESSLY DESTROYING TREES

Property owners in Rosa City Park and other districts surrounding Portland are indignant about the acts of vandals in cutting the small fir trees on their property for firewood. The greater part of the shrubs is private property and many of the property owners take pride in the trees on their places, hoping that as they grow they will beautify their homes. One woman was heartbroken on going to look at the lot she had purchased for a home to find two small trees cut off close to the ground. These trees had been one of the attractions which had induced her to buy the lot and her sorrow on finding them gone was pathetic.

Many of these acts of vandalism are done by people who do not stop to think that property is private, but the majority are men and boys who do not care. Trees cannot be grown in a short time and the cutting of these trees is a permanent loss.

MODEL FARM TO SHOW HOW COUNTRY LIFE IDEA CAN BE PUT IN VOGUE

(Special to The Journal.) White Salmon, Wash., Dec. 21.—When a Seattle electrician completes his work, the D. Witt ranch, out towards Mount Adams, will be the model farm of western Klickitat county. All his modern constructed buildings will be lighted by electricity, and a sewing machine, churn, saws, grinders, cutters and milking apparatus will be run by the same power. Mr. Witt is an exponent of the country life idea, making everything an enjoyable, comfortable and handy as possible.

He recently purchased a driving team at over \$1000. Dairying will be one of the features of the farm, for that industry is highly favored in the Trout Lake district, where the past year 26,924 pounds of butter fat was sent to the creamery by 25 patrons, and 47,732 pounds of butter produced, each cow netting her owner \$70.

HARRIMAN LINE HEADS OFF ON INSPECTION TRIP

Planning to inspect the lines of the O-W. R. & N. company in Sherman, Morrow, Gilliam, Wasco and Crook counties, J. D. Farrell, Vice-President and General Manager J. P. O'Brien, Traffic Manager R. B. Miller and Superintendent William Bollons, left last night in a special train.

Since he assumed the presidency of the O-W. R. & N. company, Mr. Farrell has been systematically inspecting the properties of the company. He is particularly interested in inspecting the city electric power plant operated by the Deschutes Railway company. It is announced this journey will have no connection with proposed construction by the Harriman interests out from Vale into Harney county.

C. L. SMITH TO ACT AS AGRICULTURAL EXPERT

C. L. Smith of Spokane has been appointed agricultural expert of the O-W. R. & N. company. His duties will be largely in encouraging intensive farming in diversified production in the backward counties, Sherman, Morrow and Gilliam. For some time the company has been contemplating this step. The demonstration train that was operated through the retrogressive country was a special feature of the project. Smith will come on to Portland at once. He will establish offices in the Wells-Fargo building, and he will endeavor to keep in close touch with the agricultural development of the country served by the O-W. R. & N. lines.

ALBANY CLUB WOULD TAX TIMBER LANDS

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Dec. 21.—The Albany Commercial club has urged action upon timber land surveys in the eastern part of Lin county, to make the land subject to taxation. The secretary of the Interior advised Senator Bourne that action will be taken as soon as papers are received.

CHARACTER ACTOR AT CARRIERS' SHOW

Harry Thomson.

Harry Thomson, one of the country's foremost character actors, is visiting Portland this week and has been invited to participate in the entertainment which The Journal has arranged for its carriers next Friday night at a special dinner at the Swiss hall. Mr. Thomson is a comedian of exceptional ability, and his impersonations of the characters as they appear for trial in the night court in New York city are extremely humorous. Mr. Thomson is now filling a vaudeville engagement for the Sullivan and Conding circuit and is appearing at the Empress this week.

LONG FLEMING TRIAL ADJOURNED.

(United Press Special Wire.) Redding, Cal., Dec. 21.—The Fleming murder trial, now in its eleventh week, will close today so far as taking of evidence is concerned. J. J. Carroll of San Jose, the last witness for the defense, took the stand this morning. Adjournment will be taken until the Tuesday after Christmas, when arguments will open.

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EMPLOY HOMELESS ON COUNTY ROADS

Rushlight Has Plan to Aid the Hungry Hordes That Flock to City in Winter.

Mayor Rushlight believes the problem of how to take care of the army of unemployed men in Portland this winter can be successfully solved by the county administration. He has asked the Board of Associated Charities, which administers the city council for aid for the unfortunate, in the shape of an appropriation, to confer with County Judge Cleaton and the county commissioners.

"The county is better able to provide work for the idle," said the mayor, "than is the city. The county roads require the attention of workmen and the county could give employment to hundreds of laborers and thus save the taxpayers a lot of money, as a small wage could be fixed for those employed. Any help extended to the homeless at this time would be in the nature of an emergency with which the county can come to better advantage than can the city, bound as it is by the red tape of civil service rules."

"Even if the suggestion that the city employ the men to work in the parks and on the streets were followed out, only those whose names appear on the eligible list of the civil service commission could be employed at present. Of course, it would be possible for the commission to create a separate classification of laborers and for me to make temporary appointments, but I am of the opinion that the better way to deal with the situation is for the county to take charge of the task. The city pays 50 percent of the county taxes, anyway, so there can be little objection to my plan on the ground that the city may be responsible for the care of the unfortunate."

"I believe my plan would be better than the establishment of a municipal soup kitchen or bread line. But if the county should take up the matter, it would not be advisable to fix the regular county wages for laborers, as in that case all the idle men on the Pacific coast might flock to Portland."

WOULD SELL HOF BRAU AND SETTLE TROUBLE

In replying to the complaint in the receivership suit against the Hof Brau cafe, Frederick Strobel sets forth that he is unable to agree with Mrs. Charles Barensteeher, the other partner, and suggests that the receiver sell the place. The woman recently started action in the circuit court, and charged that Strobel was squandering the receipts of the partnership business.

"A statement of the business shows a profit of over \$4,000 from May 10, 1910, until December 8, 1911, for which I drew a salary of \$250 a month. I claim this is a reasonable fee for the services rendered, only one-half of which was charged to Mrs. Barensteeher. This is the money I was accused of wrongfully appropriating to my own use. The other items are insignificant in amount and were due either to errors in book-keeping or petty disagreement as to what is properly chargeable to expense account," says Strobel in his reply.

EXECUTIVE BOARD FINDS 2 PATROLMEN GUILTY

Patrolman R. H. Stillwell was found guilty by the police committee of the city executive board last night of conduct "unbecoming an officer." The committee held a two hour session at the city hall to hear the evidence against the patrolman.

The charge was that Stillwell visited the residence of Mrs. A. Olsson, 4227 Sixty-fifth street southeast, and was

PORTLAND BUILDING BILL APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Dec. 21.—The senate public buildings committee made a favorable report on the Bourne bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for a new public building at Portland.

Nurse and Two Children Die.

Coquille, Or., Dec. 21.—Seven children of the family of Ed Ruckieff, state representative from Coos county, who lives near Myrtle Point, have had the scarlet fever and two of the children have died. The nurse employed, also took the disease and died.

LABOR LEADERS BEFORE JURORS

Investigation Into Dynamiting Plots May Be Closed Tomorrow.

(United Press Special Wire.) Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—When the federal grand jury resumed its investigations into the alleged dynamiting plots at 10:30 today the corridors of the federal building were thronged with San Francisco and local labor leaders who expected to be called as witnesses during the day. These included Olaf A. Tveitmo, E. A. Clancy and Anton Johannsen of San Francisco and J. E. Munsey of the Structural Ironworkers' union of Salt Lake City.

The first witness was Fred Goodrich, Munsey's stepson. He was followed by his mother, Mrs. J. E. Munsey. It was believed that Government Agent Lawyer called Mrs. Munsey and her son to show that her husband sheltered Jim McManamara for some time immediately after the Times explosion.

The third witness was J. E. Munsey. He is considered by far the most important witness, with the possible exception of Willie E. McManigal, to appear before the inquisitorial body.

Munsey remained in the grand jury room more than an hour. He was not exoused, Lawyer telling him to remain in the building, as he probably would be called before the inquisitors again in the afternoon.

With only nine more witnesses remaining to be examined, the inquiry should be brought to a close not later than tomorrow afternoon.

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