

## TO HAVE STATES LEGISLATE ON ALL BRIDGE MATTERS

Portland Attorneys Frame Measure Amending Present Federal Law — Lafferty to Introduce Bill.

A new bill amending the federal law governing the regulation of draw bridges over navigable streams has been prepared by Attorney Arthur L. Moulton and forwarded to congress for its consideration. This bill aims to so change the present federal law as to allow states to legislate on questions involved within the state. It has been prepared specially to apply to the situation in Portland.

In brief, the new measure will give Oregon power to make such legislation considered necessary to solve the congested draw bridge question in Portland. It is the plan of the author of the bill to take the matter up with the Oregon legislature at the next regular session. By that time, he expects, congress will have acted favorably upon the matter.

County Judge Cleston is also associated with Attorney Moulton in working out the plan. The new bill has been forwarded to Congressman Lafferty, who has promised to introduce it in congress, and work for its passage. The bill amends the federal law passed in 1894 and provides that whenever any state or states, in, through or between which such navigable rivers or other waters flow, shall, by legislation in which all the states interested concur in a movement to regulate drawbridges,

such states shall have the power to provide such regulations as agreed upon. Attorney Moulton has spent several months investigating the various phases of the local situation. From a legal point, he finds the new plan will not conflict with any federal regulation. In his argument for the plan, he says:

"It may be premised that it is at least questionable whether the federal government has the right, by congressional enactment, to take from the states the police power to provide regulations of this character," says Attorney Moulton. "It certainly is contrary to the genius of the federal constitution for questions of purely local import to be regulated by decrees of cabinet members in cases where the states interested desire to exercise authority over such questions. It is true that by the constitution congress is vested with power and authority to regulate commerce between the states and with foreign countries. But it does not follow that congress may delegate that power and authority to an executive official, and permit him to enact such laws as shall in his judgment fit the necessities of the case. Nor does it follow that by the provision of the constitution referred to the police power of the states in respect to rivers and other waters within their borders is wholly destroyed."

**Congestion Bill Great.**  
"The war department has granted some relief by its rulings, but the congestion is still great. A great majority of the citizens of the city feel that a longer closing period, both morning and evening should be granted. It is believed that the river traffic could accommodate itself to a longer closing period, and that no serious inconvenience would exist. It is also believed that a great portion of the vessels that travel the river could make some arrangement for the lowering of their masts, so that the draws would not be required to open to admit of their passage."

"The draws are at present opened much oftener for the passage of tugs, drawing barges, and other vessels engaged in business which does not require them to go to sea, or to leave the Port of Portland more than a few miles. But a great deal of the business is carried on by old vessels, constructed

many years ago, with nothing in mind but cheapness of construction. Little or no attempt has been made until the past few years to so construct the river vessels so that they can pass under the bridges without the opening of the draws. The chief opposition that is now urged to the proposal that they be constructed lower is the immediate cost of lowering those already built."

"If these inter-port vessels and vessels carrying on a strictly local business were required to be so constructed that they could pass under the bridges without requiring the draws to be opened, the problem of regulation would be comparatively simple. Sea-going vessels could readily and without inconvenience, accommodate themselves to closed periods. If a ship is leaving Portland for San Francisco, it can as well leave at an hour either before or after the closed period as during it. Nor would any considerable inconvenience be encountered if vessels arriving in port were required to accommodate their arrivals to closing periods?"

## ARIZONA CLIMATE IS BENEFICIAL TO HEALTH

Dr. E. D. Johnson, of this city, has received word from his former partner, Dr. E. H. Parker, who went to Prescott, Ariz., about a year ago suffering from a severe case of tuberculosis, which states that Dr. Parker is in splendid condition and is contemplating a trip to Switzerland. Whether or not he will take this trip before returning to Portland, Dr. Parker has not decided. Dr. Johnson said that Dr. Parker's health is restored.

**Not That Kind.**  
From the Chicago Tribune.  
In response to an appeal from the guest in suite 114 the night clerk of the hotel had sent up a bottle of milk for her little Rupert.  
Again the telephone bell rang.  
"Well?"  
"Mr. Clerk, please send a boy up with a saucer."  
"Can't the little chap drink it out of a glass, ma'am?"  
"Rupert, sir, is a pug dog."

## WHY GOVERNMENT SHOULD OPERATE POSTAL EXPRESS

Present System Cumbersome, and Costly to People; Dramatic Changes in Tariffs Are Suggested by Commission.

**By E. L. McClure.**  
The express business has grown in a few decades from a single person making regular trips on passenger trains, between cities, to a gigantic express business carrying money, packages and fast freight, between all railroad points in the United States and Canada. Its growth has been phenomenal, and the service it renders is absolutely essential for business necessities and public convenience.

The enormous capital and stupendous earnings of the express companies operating in the United States are shown in detail by the recent exhaustive report by the Interstate Commerce commission. It gives a very clear analysis of the excessive rates charged; and provides a zone and block system for simplifying tariff rates, and recommends radical changes in graduated rates to correct some of the impositions upon the public by this gigantic monopoly, which has been fixing its own toll that it takes from every pocketbook in the land.

**Growth Is Rapid.**  
It is a monopoly that has grown too large for regulation and control by legislative enactment, and can only be made to serve the people's interest by the state taking direct management and control of all the details, and superseding

private express companies by the postal express as an exclusive government monopoly.

The express business between cities and towns is the only part of the delivery business performed by express companies. But they are compelled to cover every street with delivery wagons to pick up and deliver express matter coming in and going out of every city and town.

The local deliveries for stores, dealers and individuals vastly exceed in volume all the out of town business, and hundreds of delivery systems run wagons back and forth over the same territory that could be handled by a perfectly organized system to pick up and deliver the express of all kinds by a regular periodic service, with only one trip, instead of hundreds, for each territory, and would give absolutely perfect service for all at a hundred fold saving of expense.

**Rural Routes Needed.**  
The express service could be extended to rural routes and give every producer immediate delivery service to all consumers, direct, and cut out the manipulations of brokers and middle men, which now cuts such a figure in the cost of living.

Radical changes in keeping records and accounts would be necessary before the unlimited volume of business proposed could be handled. The key to all express accounts is the waybill upon which the full detail of each shipment is made, and by perfecting the form of the waybill and utilizing adding machines and vertical files, perfect records and accounts are possible without making any repetition entries.

By adopting a complete numerical system for designating offices, stores and individuals, color designations for charges, carbon copies in quadruplicate to furnish copies for shipping office, delivery office, receipt to shipper and receipt for delivery, the system would dispense with all clerical labor but writing the waybill, which would be filed at each office as a permanent record of each shipment.

**Present System Cumbersome.**  
The present system of waybills and copying the waybills for every record purpose paralyzes the express business whenever the volume increases beyond

the capacity of the clerical force to transcribe the records, which regularly happens every year during the holiday business, and as the postal express would transmit a perpetual holiday business the system suggested would dispose of it without any congestion if there were vehicles and men enough to make the deliveries. There would be no clerical work but to list the number and amount of the waybills for all accounts and record purposes.

The automobile supplies the ideal vehicle for local express business, which can handle any volume without string out. Forms of waybills will be furnished to stores and individuals to be accounted for the same as offices, and the express service will thus be extended for the personal use of every business man and individual, to exchange his produce with every other person, in all localities, as conveniently, safely and reasonably as letters are now delivered.

## BAY CITY LUMBER MILL GETS SPUR, WILL RESUME

(Special to The Journal.)  
Bay City, Or., July 27.—The council of Bay City, at a meeting last night, granted the Pacific Railroad & Navigation Co. the right to construct an 800 foot spur from its present right of way to the Bay City Lumber company's mill on B street. This is the first tangible indication that the mills were to resume operations, and since the railroad company is very desirous of beginning work at once, it is believed this mill will be in full operation within a month. It will employ about 25 men, besides those engaged in the timber.

## Lewis County Candidates File.

(Special to The Journal.)  
Chehalis, Wash., July 27.—Filings were made for county offices here today as follows: Alva E. Judd of Chehalis for state senator, and Charles H. Hoss of Centralia for justice of the peace on the Democratic ticket; M. L. Carrier of Centralia for nomination as county superintendent; E. O. Rose of Mossyrock for commissioner, Third district; C. D. Cunningham of Centralia for prosecuting attorney—all Republicans.

## SPIRIT OF P. T. BARNUM PERMEATES BIG SHOW

Spirit of P. T. Barnum, known as the greatest showman that ever lived, is said to animate the present day policy of the big Barnum & Bailey circus, which is billed to show in Portland two days, August 16 and 17.

To think of circus is naturally to think of Barnum & Bailey. Barnum, the great "P. T." and James A. Bailey, who in later years assumed the destination of the show and who was largely responsible in making it the enormous aggregation of world wonders which has not yet stopped growing.

It is promised that the show this year is new, so far as outfit is concerned. An entirely new equipment was made last winter, it is said, in the show's foreign workshops in England.

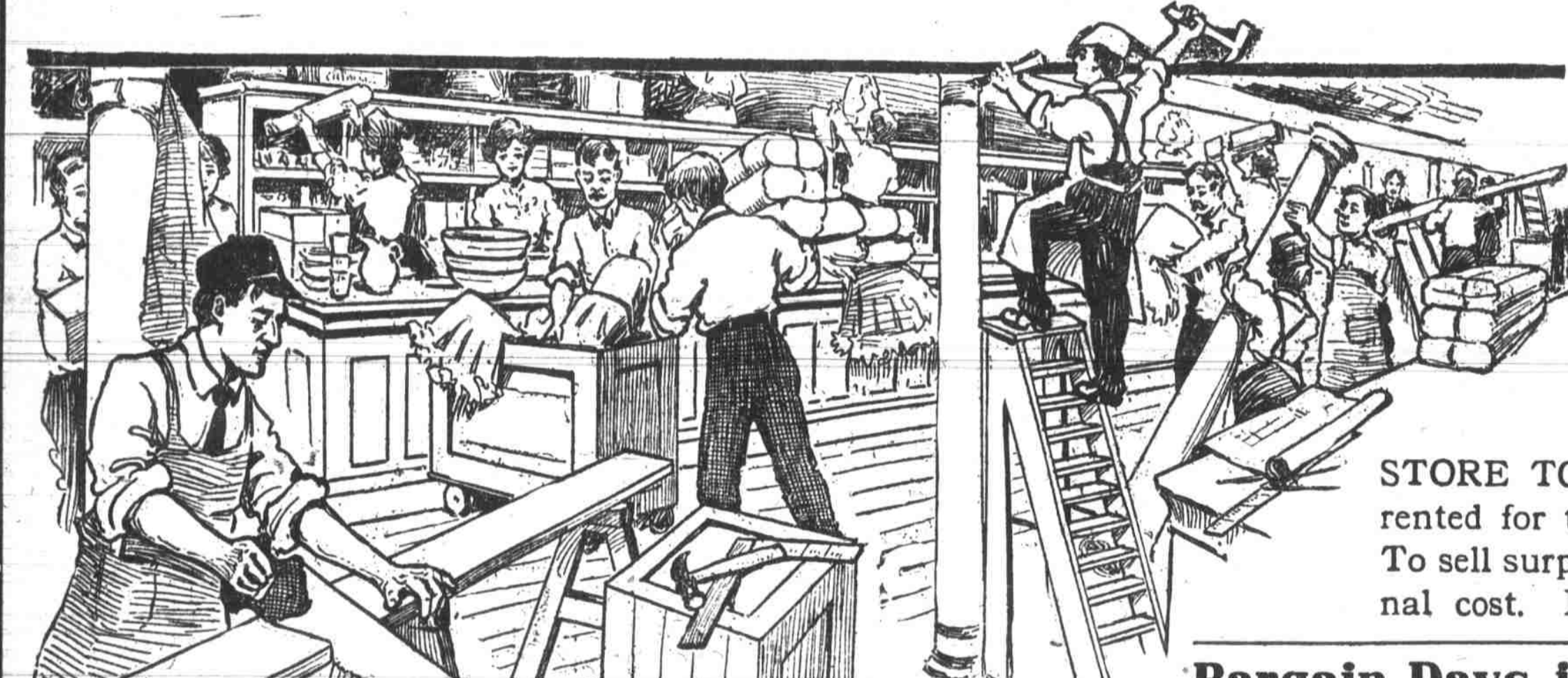
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Another feature is the menagerie, which includes a baby giraffe, the only one in America, as a pet.

A deaf witness in a New York court recently was interrogated with a typewriter.

# Gevurtz Great "Alteration" Bargains

Amazing bargains are offered during building alterations. If you are in need of home furnishings don't fail to see the great values we are offering this week—take advantage!



By the terms of our compromise with the new landlord, on the first day of August our business will be confined to the four floors, 50 x 100, at the corner of First and Yamhill. Our show room will be cut down one-third its former size. It is crowding us to find room for all this stock—WE HAVE MORE GOODS THAN WE CAN DISPLAY or STORE TO ADVANTAGE. A big warehouse rented for the occasion is already overflowing. To sell surplus quickly we are ignoring the original cost. Present prices will astonish you.

## Bargain Days in the Carpet Department

Our carpet and rug department has been a hummer for business the past week. It will be a long time before such values in carpets, rugs, draperies, curtains, etc., are again offered the public. Tomorrow morning will see this department opened in the new quarters—second floor, corner First and Yamhill streets. The transferring of the stock brought to light many odds and ends—parts of rolls of carpet, odd lace curtains, couch covers, rugs, etc., which will meet with a sacrifice in price this week. Take, for instance:

**\$1.40 Velvet Carpet, Now, Per Yard, 80c**  
A goodly quantity of this high grade Carpet in a variety of patterns in different shades of brown, tan and green, on sale Monday at, per yard..... 80c

**\$1.60 Axminster Carpet, Now, Per Yard, 95c**  
A large assortment of this splendid wearing Carpet, with and without borders, in floral and Oriental patterns. Our price this week, yard..... 95c

**\$1 All-Wool Ingrain Carpet, Per Yard, 60c**  
A great variety of patterns of all wool ingrain Carpet, in all colors; regular \$1.00 and \$1.10 the yard; special at only, the yard..... 60c

**75c Union Carpet, the Yard, Only 39c**  
This Union Carpet is half wool and half cotton and makes a very good floor covering for bedrooms, etc. Special, the yard..... 39c

**75c Cardeman Carpet, Yard, Only 40c**  
A tough Carpet, able to withstand hard usage.

**50c Floor Burlaps, Per Yard, Only 30c**  
A variety of colors from which to choose.

**\$30 Axminster Rugs, 9x12, \$15.50**

High grade Axminster Rugs, 9x12 feet in size, handsome patterns, fast colors, high pile, closely woven, floral and oriental designs; sell regularly at \$30 in other stores; our price \$15.50

**\$27.50 Velvet Rugs, 9x12, \$14.95**

A Velvet rug that will last a lifetime. The nap is short and will not sweep out; colors are fast, patterns are pretty and sure to please. Regular \$27.50 values; this week our price is \$14.95

**High Back Oak Rocker \$9.45**  
This is a solid Oak Rocker, wax finish, beautifully quarter sawed, three panels in back, 4-inch arms, made like the cut, with auto (removable) seat; made of oil tempered steel frame and spiral springs, covered with heavy genuine leather; regular \$17.00 value for \$9.45

**Medicine Cabinets \$1.25**  
Every family should have one of these little oak Medicine Cabinets.

**Solid Oak \$9.85**

**A 6-Ft. Oak Table at \$9.85**  
This is a table that sells regularly at \$17.00. It is made of selected oak, has large rim, plain pedestal and legs like above cut. It is a fair sample of the great furniture bargains we are now offering.

**Window Shades Now at 30c**

The "Neptune" Opaque Shades, regular size, nearly every color; regular 50c quality, each, 30c.

**Nurse Rocker \$1.25**  
This is a solid oak Nurse or Sewing Rocker, made like the cut, golden finish, cobbler seat and has continuous back posts and brace arm.

**Porch Chairs \$1.45**  
Closing out a lot of porch or lawn chairs with rattan seat, painted a pleasing shade of green; like cut. Regular \$2.80 value at only \$1.45.

**"Alaska" Refrigerators in Family Size, \$10.00**  
The capacity of the icebox is 35 pounds. It is of sufficient size to accommodate the average family. You know the "Alaska" has stood the test of 40 years. It has no equal. The celebrated "Alaska"—the "old reliable"—is insulated with pebbled charcoal and carbonized cork; very heavy walls, perfect circulation of cold, dry air. Takes a very small amount of ice. Any size will be sold this week at a special discount of 20 per cent.

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