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WITHOUT DELAY... It is assumed that the railroads will be prompt in putting the ruling in the Columbia basin rate case into effect.

WHERE TO SPEND IT... The government spent \$125,000,000 on reclamation projects in 1920. Crops raised on these lands yielded a return of \$150,000,000.

FOR GIRL STRANGERS... ONE hundred Portland performers will produce "Trimming of the Tree," written by a Portlander, at the Heilig tomorrow evening for the benefit of the fund for the girls' center of the Y. W. C. A.

THEY OWE IT... There is sound public policy in the petition to the Interstate Commerce commission by the Oregon Public Service commission for a preliminary order directing that the Great Northern and North Bank railroads have the use of the Union station at Portland until there can be a hearing and a final determination of the issue.

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ate exercise by the Interstate Commerce commission of its powers." The petition is accompanied by the affidavit of L. C. Gilman, district director of the Puget Sound district during federal control, who avers that the two roads used the Union station respectively from July 28, 1918, and May 30, 1920, that he was familiar with the operation of trains under the joint arrangement and that such joint use has "not resulted in any crowding, confusion or inconvenience" and that it has not "substantially impaired the ability of the terminal company to handle its own business or that of its constituent lines," and that "such joint use of said terminal has been greatly in the public interest."

The railroads accept the public's guarantee of a fair return on their investment. If, by the nature of their service, they were not already public utilities, their acceptance of that guarantee would make them public utilities with definite obligations due the public from them. The public wants a joint terminal. The railroads owe it to the public. That should end the matter.

The wheat gamblers of America are playing havoc, not only with the farmers, but with country bankers. The gamblers are striving, in spite of the price down until they can buy the remaining 50 per cent of the crop which is still in the farmers' hands. The country banks are carrying the farmers, the farmers are paying interest and a general demoralization is created because a comparatively few who prey upon American agriculture are playing to make millions of easy money.

There is absolutely no occasion for them to interpose unnecessary delays. Nor is there the slightest excuse for them in any way attempt to obstruct the ruling of the commission. It is taken for granted that they will promptly accept the inevitable and use due diligence in working out a system of rates in harmony with the purpose of the rate making body.

There is a case involving fundamental principles on which the ruling made a precedent for future policy. The commission realized that the decision would affect not the Columbia basin alone, but districts similarly situated all over the country. It meant the overthrow of long established rates and a rearrangement of rates with a consequent change in the commerce of large areas. It was one of the most important issues ever tried out before it, and for that reason the commission gave the case its most careful attention and undoubtedly made up its finding as a final and determinative settlement of the issue.

It will therefore be useless for the railroads to attempt to oppose or obstruct the ruling. The Columbia basin interests have won the case and they are entitled to the changed rates as a matter of simple and long delayed justice.

"Because she is impartial, raised above the jealousies and ambitions that vex this distracted Europe, is why America's influence is prized," wrote James Bryce from London to the Colonial society of Boston. And because she is "impartial, raised above the jealousies and ambitions that vex Europe," America can do a hundred times more than any other nation to lead the nations into disarmament and the world into permanent peace. What a pity that the "jealousies and ambitions" of a few men in this country hold America aloof from that sublime enterprise!

Officials of foreign steamship companies operating passenger liners between the United States and Europe are elated over the opinion of the solicitor-general holding that wet goods cannot be sold on dry American liners, even outside the three-mile limit. American officials declare that American passenger service is doomed in the event the government stands by the ruling. And in the meantime the ships built

by the government are equipped with luxurious bars.

REPEATING THEIR CRIMES THE effect of failure of courts to function in the public interest is distressingly illustrated in the case of Edmond Murphy, now on trial in San Francisco for participation in the dastardly acts of the Howard street gangsters.

Two months ago Murphy and his gang were beating an elderly man in a negro cafe. A policeman rushed in to rescue the victim. He was finally knocked down by Murphy. Finally the patrolman placed Murphy under arrest and haled him into court. The gangster was given a jail sentence which was immediately suspended.

Shortly after the suspension of the sentence he is accused of luring young women to a shack where they were viciously attacked. Later, gangsters who are charged with having been with Murphy in the attacks killed three policemen and were themselves hung by a mob at Santa Rosa.

A short two months after his sentence was suspended, Murphy is now in court again charged with the most fiendish attacks in the history of San Francisco courts. Frequently men are arrested for heinous crimes soon after they have received lenient treatment by courts. Our worst crimes are almost invariably committed by past offenders. But courts continue in instances to loose them on a public which the courts themselves are established to protect.

A policeman was attacked, robbed and beaten by thugs in Portland Sunday night. Several homes were entered by prowlers. The city has not yet been freed from the crooks.

CLIMATE'S CASH VALUE PORTLANDER, J. A. Currey, goods' amateur zeal in rose culture has done much to spread the fame of the "Rose City," called upon an Eastern manufacturer during a recent pilgrimage of his. Unexpectedly he acquired a bit of testimony as to the cash value of a mild climate:

This manufacturer told me that it cost him \$160,000 a year to heat his plant and that he averaged a loss of more than an hour each during winter for the men to get warm upon coming to work. They would be so chilled that it took more than an hour for them to reach their efficiency. He added that the Pacific coast was the place where this big expense could be avoided.

When the United States was confronted with the emergency of war and miracles in shipbuilding were called for, it was speedily reported from no less official a source than the United States government that the average worker could do 5 to 10 per cent more within a given number of hours in an Oregon shipyard than in an Eastern shipbuilding plant. In the run of weeks and months the differential would be increased rather than diminished because the extremes of cold and heat did not interfere with plant operation or personal efficiency.

As yet there is but one thing standing in the way of a greater industrial development, on the Pacific coast and particularly in the Northwest, than could ever be possible within the limited natural opportunity of the East. We have raw materials in unexampled abundance. We have the sources of supply in merely a marginal state of development. We have the power of hydro-electric energy, more than 21,000,000 potential horsepower in the Columbia basin, which will continue unfailingly while coal, petroleum and other fuels diminish. We lack a large consuming population close to production and manufacture. But time is curbing that impediment as the rest of the world finds that people properly established can live with more comfort and freedom in the Oregon country than in almost any other favored spot of earth.

his people would understand. He was not satisfied with the block cuts from the Chinese printers and decided to have types molded in copper. He did not saddle the expense upon his people, but headed a subscription list which he took around to such of his subjects as he deemed were quite able to subscribe.

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