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WOOL GROWERS WIN RATE WAR

Interstate Commerce Commission Orders Sweeping Reductions In Freight From Western Points.

VICTORY FOR OREGON

Cheaper Rate Is Possible from Pacific Coast States to Eastern Markets Than from Inter-Mountain Districts.

Washington, April 12.—In a sweeping decision handed down today, the interstate commerce commission ordered big reductions in rates on wool, hides and pelts from every point west of the Mississippi to every point east.

The ruling entirely upsets the wool rate system maintained since 1896. The commission holds the present rates are unreasonable.

The decision also orders that the present "blanket system" of freight charges, on wool, be supplanted by graded freight rates and prescribes lower rates for baled wool. The ruling also allows western growers to bale their own products.

In addition to establishing cheaper carload rates, it gives intermediate cities the privilege of cleaning and treating wool in transit.

Under certain restrictions the decision gives the railroads permission to charge lower rates for wool from the Pacific coast to the east than from the intermountain districts.

A complaint of the Oregon railroad commission and that of the National Wool Growers association, precipitated the case.

POOR STEEL TRUST! GROSSLY MISTREATED

Washington, April 12.—The United States Steel corporation never ordered "everybody to stay off the Mesaba district," and the so-called steel trust is not all-powerful over competitors in the Lake Superior districts. These were outstanding features in the testimony given today before the Stanley house committee, which is investigating the activities of the steel trust, by Joseph Sellwood, an iron ore expert of Duluth, Minn.

Sellwood ridiculed the assertions of Leonidas and Albert Merritt, made several months ago to the committee, to the effect that John D. Rockefeller, aided by his philanthropic agent, Rev. Mr. Gates, "fleece" the brothers, pioneer Minnesota mining men, of mining property valued at millions. To prove his assertion that the steel trust is not all powerful, Sellwood declared the corporation was forced out of business in the Lake Superior district for twenty-five years.

GEN. FRED GRANT DIES IN NEW YORK

New York, April 12.—Major General Dent Grant, commander of the eastern division of the United States army and son of the late president and general, Ulysses S. Grant, died early today as the result of heart failure.

It is believed the end was hastened by fear that a cancerous growth on his tongue for which he was operated on Wednesday night, was similar to that which killed his father.

He was born May 30th, 1850 and served in the Spanish war, in the Philippines. He was minister to Vienna under President Harrison.

FIX DATE OF DECISION IN FRISCO GRAFT CASE

San Francisco, April 12.—Whether or not Eugene E. Schmidt, former mayor of San Francisco, will be further prosecuted for alleged malfeasance of office will be definitely known next Thursday, the sixth anniversary of the fire and earthquake which laid the city in ruins. Admission to this effect was made known today by Judge Lawlor, before whom twenty-seven indictments against Schmidts are still pending.

Was No Eruption

Panama, April 12.—Investigation today disclosed the erroneous nature of reports that 1000 persons had been killed and villages had been swept by the eruption of Chiriqui peak, near Bocas del Toro, in Panama. There was no eruption of Chiriqui peak and Panamanians are at a loss to know how such a report originated.

Fair Commission Named

Washington, April 12.—Announcement was made today of the personnel of the commission to represent the Panama-Pacific exposition abroad. It is: John Hays Hammond, president; R. R. Hale, Theodore Hardee, W. T. Benson, Brigadier General Clarence R. Edwards and Rear Admiral S. A. Staunton.

5 NEGROES SACRIFICED

Entire Texas Family Brained With An Axe by Unknown.

San Antonio, April 12.—What is believed to be another sacrifice to the mysterious "religion" among the negroes of the southern states, were the corpses of a negro man, his wife and their three children, which were found in their home here today. All had been brained with an axe.

A similar method was used to murder a score of negroes in Louisiana and Texas during the past year. A Louisiana negress recently confessed to all these murders, saying she committed them in accordance with the rites of the new religion.

PIXLER SENTENCED ONE TO TEN YEARS

Irwin Petitions Court For Parole—Court Term Closes

Albert Pixler, convicted Wednesday night of horsestealing, was this morning sentenced by Circuit Judge Phelps to an indeterminate term in the penitentiary, the provisions of the sentence placing a time limit of not less than one nor more than ten years. Upon application by his attorney, five days time was given in which to file a motion for a new trial.

M. K. Thompson of Albee was sentenced yesterday to pay a fine of \$200 after pleading guilty to the charge of selling liquor without a license and of selling liquor to a minor. He was indicted on three counts.

Following the sentence of Floyd Irwin to the penitentiary yesterday application was made to the judge for a parole and the application is being taken under advisement.

With the passing of these sentences the April term of court was brought to a close so far as the jury trials are concerned and District Attorney Van Vactor left for his home this morning.

4192 VOTERS ARE REGISTERED; RECORD

Breaking all records in Umatilla county for registration for a primary election, the number of names on the books of Registration Clerk Sutherland were totaled today and found to be 4192, divided as follows: Republicans, 2816; democrats, 1066; prohibitionists, 85; socialists 138; non-partisan 19, independents 58. In addition twelve voters who appeared for registration were refused because they would not answer the questions put to them.

In the September primaries of 1910 the total registration only amounted to 3721, 2474 of which were republican and 921 democrats, while the total registration at the general election in the same year was less than it is now for the primary election, the number on the books then being 4163.

Pendleton has practically one-fourth of the voters in the county, according to the registration, the total in her five precincts being 1027, divided as follows: Pendleton 234, north Pendleton 153, South Pendleton 204, East Pendleton 193, West Pendleton 243.

In no precinct of the county does the democratic registration equal the republican but in South Athena is only a difference of four in the number, the republicans having 34 and the democrats 30.

Usterites Protected

London, April 12.—The Evening Star, an important liberal organ, today admits the government's most important problem in connection with premier Asquith's Irish home rule bill, is the conciliation of Ulster. The paper declares the bill, as presented, fully safeguards the interests of the protestant minority in Ireland.

It's an excellent idea not to want the things you can't get.

DEATH CLAIMS CLARA BARTON

Most Noted Nurse in World, Founder of Red Cross, Passes Away at Age of Ninety Years.

SUFFERERS' BEST FRIEND

Wounded Soldiers on Battlefields of Many Nations and Stricken Humanity Everywhere Knew Gentle Touch of Her Administering Hands.

Washington, April 12.—Miss Clara Barton, founder of the National Red Cross society in this country in 1881 and was president of it she resigned in 1904. She served on the field in the Spanish-American war.

Clara Barton was more than ninety years old. She was born in Oxford, Mass., in 1821. She first became nationally prominent during the Civil war when she participated in and directed relief work on the battlefields.

After the war she became associated with the International Red Cross of Geneva and served in relief work in the Franco-Prussian war.

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Miss Barton obtained the adoption of the Geneva treaty by the United States in 1882. Ten years later she was active in the famine of Russia.

Throughout her life she was active in almost every great calamity, including Johnstown and Galveston flood disasters. At the latter place she personally conducted the Red Cross work, despite her advanced age.

She was the author of numerous published works in connection with relief expeditions of the Red Cross.

DEMOS TO SIZE UP SITUATION TONIGHT

Indianapolis, April 12.—The democratic political situation will be gone over thoroughly tonight at the Jefferson Day dinner, at which W. J. Bryan will be one of the principal speakers. Governor Thomas R. Marshall will also speak. United States Senator Kern will be toastmaster.

MINERS' EIGHT HOUR DEMAND UNDER DISCUSSION

Philadelphia, April 12.—Discussion of the eight hour day demand of the anthracite coal miners is occupying the attention of the subcommittee of miners and operators here today. Recognition of the miners' union by the operators will be taken up next.

Siamese King's Throne Totters

Hong Kong, April 12.—Substitution of a republic for the monarchy in Siam is predicted by travelers arriving here. They say the situation in Siam is alarming for the monarchists. It is stated the republicans control the army and are simply bidding their time.

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN PENDLETON AT EARLY HOUR TOMORROW

United States Senator Robert M. La Follette, candidate for the republican nomination for president, will arrive in Pendleton at 4:55 tomorrow morning, coming to the city via Spokane. The public meeting here will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The senator will speak from the steps of the city hall, if the weather is so as to permit of an outdoor meeting. If the weather is bad the meeting will be held in the Oregon theatre.

Local ladies backing the suffragist move have wired Mrs. La Follette inviting her to speak upon the suffrage question while here. An answer is not expected until her arrival in the morning. As now planned the local ladies will call upon the senator's wife at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. They will then take her upon an auto ride, if agreeable, and a speaking meeting will be arranged for the afternoon. It is possible Mrs. La Follette will speak immediately before the senator's address is given. However the entire arrangements are but tentative, waiting upon the pleasure of the visitors.

T. R. AND TAFT EACH GET SIX

Michigan Splits Delegation and National Committee Will Decide Which Will Be Allowed Seats.

G. O. P. BADLY DISRUPTED

Nomination Hinges on Pennsylvania and Taft Men Admit His Defeat if Quaker State Should Not Instruct Delegates for Him.

Bay City, Mich., April 12.—The outcome of the republican state convention is the appointment of six Taft delegates and six Roosevelt delegates. The republican national committee will determine which will be seated in the national convention.

Affidavits were made today by one hundred Roosevelt men that though they were supplied with tickets issued by the state committee, they were refused admission to the convention hall. These will be presented to the national convention.

The republican party in Michigan is practically disrupted and a presidential preference primary law is admitted to be the only means of preventing a repetition of the scenes of disorder of yesterday.

Hinges on Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, April 12.—That the republican presidential nomination at Chicago may hinge on the result of tomorrow's primary election in Pennsylvania, is the belief here of politicians. Many assert that if President Taft loses the Pennsylvania delegation or fails to capture a majority, it will prove a death blow to his candidacy.

The state republican machine, headed by Senator Penrose, is working hard for a Taft victory. He has instructed his lieutenants to get delegates at any cost.

If Colonel Roosevelt carries the state, it is generally believed here that either he or Justice Hughes will get the presidential nomination. The Taft following is confident of success.

ERRONEOUS REPORT OF POPE'S DEATH EXPLAINED

New York, April 12.—Explanation of the message sent from Rome to Madrid, leading to the erroneous report of the pope's death, was received here today. The report originated through a telegram sent to an attaché of the papal nunciature of Madrid, telling of the death of the attaché's father. The word used, "Papa," means either "Popo" or "Father" in the code used.

Hitchcock to Quit Cabinet

Washington, April 12.—Postmaster General Hitchcock will resign from the cabinet before July 1, according to reports here today. He will enter business in New York at a salary of \$25,000 per year.

CANADIAN SOLON CROOK

Under Arrest in Chicago on Bank Wrecking Charge.

Chicago, Ill., April 12.—William Beattie Nesbitt, alias George Coleman, a former member of the Canadian parliament, was formally rearrested today after being taken into custody last night on a charge of having wrecked the Farmers Bank at Toronto and getting away with a quarter of a million dollars.

His arrest followed, when British Consul Nugent, before United States Commissioner Foote, accused Nesbitt of being a fugitive. The police believe Nesbitt has more than \$100,000 in cash concealed somewhere in Chicago.

'SEVENTH' WILL IS UP FOR ARGUMENT

Mabel Warner's Opponents Fighting to Prevent Probation

In the county court this afternoon before Judge J. W. Maloney, a legal debate is in progress to determine whether or not the seventh will produced to the estate of J. W. Young, deceased, will be admitted to probate.

Attorneys R. J. Slater and James A. Fee, appearing for Mrs. F. D. Watts and the other accredited heirs, are contending that the instrument cannot legally be admitted while Attorneys Homer I. Watts of Athena and J. W. Brooks of Walla Walla, acting for Mrs. Mabel Warner and her brother, Fred Young, are arguing that the court has no option but to admit the will in view of the fact that the signatures have been proved.

The hearing commenced at 2 o'clock. Slater opening the argument, stated that his clients base their action on the contention that the court has no jurisdiction in the matter because of the provision in the statutes of limitation. He read the law which requires that any contest of the validity of a will or the sufficiency of its proof must be begun within a year after such will has been probated and declared he would try to show by authorities that the introduction of a new will is virtually a contest of the one probated and that one year is the limit of the jurisdiction of a probate court in such a matter.

He read extracts from a large number of authorities before completing his argument.

At press time the attorneys for the petitioners had not presented their side of the question but indications were that they would contend that the submission of a new will to an estate does not constitute a contest of a prior will and therefore is not covered by the law cited.

Following the conclusion of the arguments, Judge Maloney will in all probability take the matter under advisement several days.

Dr. Watts as well as Mrs. Warner and her brother are interested witnesses of the proceedings.

DISEASE AIDS TURKS IN WAR WITH ITALIAN TROOPS

Rome, April 12.—With the first approach of spring in Tripoli, reports of a most alarming nature of the spread of disease among the Italian troops in Tripoli, are pouring into Italy. Returning travelers say that half a dozen serious types of fever, as well as several other contagious diseases are sweeping the Italian army.

As yet no cholera has appeared, but after the prevalence of the disease last fall, it is feared the return of warm weather will bring cholera with it.

Chicago Strike Ends

Chicago, April 12.—An increase of five cents an hour was granted to 5000 carpenters, who have been on strike since the first of April today and ended the war.

5 PLAYERS ARE ON LOCAL TEAM

Manager Garrett Has Signatures of Professional Baseball Players to Contracts for Season.

BEGIN PRACTICE APR. 16

Two Twirlers, Backstop and Two Infielders Form Nucleus of Machine That Is Expected to Land Tri-state League Pennant.

Five of the members of the team which will bear the Pendleton standard in the Western Tri-state league have already been signed up, according to announcement made by Manager Jess Garrett just before departing for Portland this afternoon and three others are all but secured. One catcher, Pembroke, two pitchers, Augustus and Rustemeyer, and two infielders, Rader and Whitten, constituted the players under contract.

George Pembroke needs no introduction to Pendleton fans as he has appeared in action on the local diamond several times. Last year he was the regular backstop for the Walla Walla team of the Blue Mountain league and, as such, won the reputation of being one of the best all-around players in the league. To his catching ability he adds the extra qualifications of being a good outfielder and a heavy batter, his merits with the stick making him one of the most feared players in the league last year. He appeared once last year in a Pendleton suit against Athena and his performance at that time endeared him to the local fans.

Augustus and Rustemeyer are both young twirlers but their rise in the national game has been phenomenal. They have had considerable experience in fast company and Manager Garrett counts himself fortunate in being able to land them.

Don Rader is another familiar player to Pendleton fans, having been a former star of the local high school team. After leaving here he went to Medford where he made such a record as an infielder, batter and baserunner that he was offered a contract with the Boston Americans. He turned it down to enter college but has now decided to enter the professional ranks. Upon hearing of his attitude, the local club lost no time in getting in touch with him with the result that he is scheduled to wear a Pendleton uniform.

Bill Whitten was the shortstop of Buckaroos last year during the last eight weeks of the season and was one of the most popular players in the league. Fast on his feet, sure with his glove and handy with the budgeon he was a valuable part of the machine which took the Buckaroos from the cellar to within a few notches of the pinnacle, and his selection for the new team will meet with general favor.

Manager Garrett states that he has three other infielders in view and hopes to close with them while in Portland. He also states he will pick up another catcher and predicts that with this array supplemented with the best of local talent he will have a strong bid for the pennant.

Regular practice will commence next Tuesday afternoon at Round-Up Park at which time the manager will commence the work of trying out the many candidates who have drifted into the city in the hopes of becoming fixtures on the team.

R. R. ENGINEERS THREATEN STRIKE

New York, April 12.—A gigantic strike of all railroad engineers, affecting all lines east of Chicago and north of the Ohio river, is threatened today unless the officials of the roads grant their demands for increased wages. Word to this effect was today sent to J. C. Stuart, chairman of the railroad committee, by Warren Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

The counting of ballots was concluded today. The vote showed that about ninety-five per cent of the engineers favor authorizing the general officers of the Brotherhood to order a strike whenever they deemed it necessary.

The demands of the engineers, according to the ultimatum sent Chairman Stuart, must be met by April 15. The railroads are prepared to invoke the Shuman act in an effort to prevent a walkout.

The engineers are confident the firemen will support them in their fight.

Deputy Slugs I. W. W.

Houquiam, Wash., April 12.—I. W. W. Organizer Thorn was slugged by a deputy on an Aberdeen Main street last night. A mob of men, led by special officers, are alleged to have chased Thorn four blocks. Thorn says he was warned that he would be hanged unless he left the town.

BOURNE-SELLING WAR MAY NOMINATE JUDGE S. A. LOWELL

That the bitter fight between Messrs. Bourne and Selling for the republican nomination for United States senator is working to the advantage of Judge S. A. Lowell and that the prospects of the local man are growing brighter every day the war proceeds is shown by numerous reports from Portland where the fight is now on in earnest.

H. T. Booth, well known insurance man who is in the city today from Portland, is outspoken in his belief that Judge Lowell has an excellent chance for the nomination if his friends will but get busy and promote his candidacy with vigor during the coming week. Booth is in no way connected with the candidacy of anyone and says he is merely taking a casual interest in the fight. He is friendly to Judge Lowell's candidacy however and declares he will support

him in preference to either of the other men.

"The enthusiastic reception Selling's candidacy first received is falling away from him" says Mr. Booth. "The people are now looking at Selling's qualifications and also the nature of his support. With both they are finding fault. Large numbers of voters of Multnomah county are impressed with the fact the Oregonian stands for big business and it is the power that brought Mr. Selling into the field. This very fact is hurting his candidacy for United States senator. The people are thoroughly convinced the Oregonian stands for big business and it is natural to assume Mr. Selling, if made United States senator, will be allied with the monied powers and large business interests.

"At the same time many republicans have sworn not to support Senator Bourne for re-election under any

circumstances and large numbers of the rank and file intend to give their support to Judge Stephen A. Lowell. It is a mistake for the people of Umatilla county to think that Judge Lowell has no chance and to give him lukewarm support. Enthusiastic support on the part of Umatilla county voters and Judge Lowell's friends throughout the state would without doubt give him the nomination. Good local support will help to strengthen his candidacy throughout the state. His support in Umatilla county and throughout eastern Oregon should be unanimous for he is the most capable candidate in the field and no just objection can be raised to his nomination."

Straw Vote for Lowell

That Judge Lowell's candidacy has strength in Portland is also shown by the results of several straw votes taken there recently. Just prior to an Evans campaign meeting in Port-

land the other night 16 men met in the meeting hall and Attorney H. E. Collier, formerly of Pendleton was in the group. The talk turned to the senatorship and it was suggested a straw vote be taken. The vote was taken and the result showed 14 votes for Lowell, one for Selling while the remaining man was non-committal.

An authentic report has also been received of a straw vote taken by a law class in Portland, all the students being voters and the result gave Judge Lowell a big majority. A canvass of a card party in Portland a few evenings ago showed all six men present to be Lowell supporters.

Lowell Has a Show

Judge Lowell who has returned from a speaking trip to Portland says he feels encouraged over the outlook. Though the situation is in a chaotic condition at present he feels he has an equal show with the other men.