

ODD BITS OF NEWS.

Meadeville, Pa.—A coasting party, the youngest member of which was 84 and the oldest 92, was held on Terrace Hill, Saturday. The members of the party were John Fox, Halsey Terrell, John King and Jonathan Smack.

Wichita, Kan.—R. T. Jocelyn, divorcee, refused to give Mrs. Ivy May Warner a divorce because her present husband is her ninth.

Hastings, Neb.—Robert T. Dressler, a merchant, served notices through display advertisements that he would sue for \$25,000 damages anyone who calls him by his nickname "Jake."

Austin, Texas.—The stringent Allison liquor law, prohibiting shipment of liquor into "dry" territory in Texas, has been practically invalidated by a decision of the court of criminal appeals, which Judge Prendergast said "wiped it off the statute books."

Providence, R. I.—So many people answered a help wanted advertisement at a suburban factory recently that the firm was run to carry them. Three hundred women and 100 men were hired.

San Francisco, Calif.—A family moving here from Nebraska mailed all of their household goods. This is the first time on record that the parcel post has been used in this use.

St. Louis, Mo.—Screach owl is the latest addition to many menus in first-class cafes. It is said that this breed of owl makes very good eating.

Udall, Kan.—H. C. Hall, farmer, unearthed a petrified human skull on his farm near here. Experts say it is more than 10,000 years old.

A Professional Love Letter Writer.
In the American Magazine appears under the title "A Handy Man With the Pen" the confession of a man who is a professional writer of love letters, after dinner speeches, obituary poetry, etc. The following is one of the stories he tells about writing love letters for a customer:

"One day last fall a handsome young man, much embarrassed, suggested and after some hesitation confessed that he had neglected his education and was corresponding with a young woman with whom he was very much in love. She was a college graduate, and he desired to have his letters as well written as hers were, so he wanted me to write them. I advised him to write simply and as he talked, he persisted, and twice a week he came, informed me concisely and briefly what he wanted to say to her, and I wrote the letters into them. He copied the letters himself, blushing frequently as he read what I had added in the way of sentiment. That young lady received some of the most wonderful love letters ever written. They were married during the winter."

Secret of a Sign Painter.
Sign painters do not usually achieve fame, but there was one in the last century who did achieve a curiously long lived bit of work. This was the man who painted a station sign at Harper's Ferry, shortly after the completion of the railway line to that point. The sign is in possession of a western society of engineers.

For a long time the society endeavored to ascertain who mixed the paint and applied it to the sign, which was placed in position at the Harper's Ferry station about forty years ago. Summer's heat and winter's storms in no way dimmed the luster of the paint used to make the words "Harper's Ferry." They stand out as boldly as the day they were formed by the painter's brush. The wood around the letters has been worn about a sixteenth of an inch by sand beaten against it by fierce winds, but the letters have withstood the elements. It is asserted that no paint manufactured nowadays is equal in durability to that which was applied to the old sign.

For a long time, but without success, the society tried to learn the identity of this humble artist.—Boston Post.



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RATE INCREASE NECESSARY

FARMERS' UNION OFFICIALS THINK RAILROADS ARE ENTITLED TO MORE REVENUE.

Products of Plow and Farmer Who Lives at Home Should Be Exempt From Increase.

By Peter Radford, Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The recent action of the Interstate Commerce Commission in granting an increase in freight rates in the eastern classification of territory; the application of the roads to state and interstate commissions for an increase in rates, and the utterances of President Wilson on the subject bring the farmers of this nation face to face with the problem of an increase in freight rates. It is the policy of the Farmers' Union to meet the issues affecting the welfare of the farmers squarely and we will do so in this instance.

The transportation facilities of the United States are inadequate to effectively meet the demands of commerce and particularly in the South and West additional railway mileage is needed to accommodate the movement of farm products. If in the wisdom of our Railroad Commissions an increase in freight rates is necessary to bring about an improvement in our transportation service, and an extension of our mileage, then an increase should be granted, and the farmer is willing to share such proportion of the increase as justly belongs to him, but we have some suggestions to make, and to the manner in which this increase shall be levied.

Rates Follow Lines of Least Resistance.

The freight rates of the nation have been built up along lines of least resistance. The merchant, the manufacturer, the miner, the miller, the lumberman and the cattlemen have had their traffic bureaus thoroughly organized and in many instances they have pursued the railroad without mercy and with the power of organized tonnage they have hammered the life out of the rates and with unrestrained greed they have eaten the vitals out of our transportation system and since we have had railroad commissions, these interests, with skill and cunning, are represented at every hearing in which their business is involved.

The farmer is seldom represented at rate hearings, as his organizations have never had the finances to employ counsel to develop his side of the case and, as a result, the products of the plow bear an unequal burden of the freight expense. A glance at the freight tariffs abundantly proves this assertion. Cotton, the leading agricultural product of the South, already bears the highest freight rate of any necessary commodity in commerce, and the rate on agricultural products as a whole is out of proportion with that of the products of the factory and the mine.

We offer no schedule of rates, but hope the commission will be able to give the railroad such an increase in rates as is necessary without levying a further toll upon the products of the plow. The instance seems to present an opportunity to the Railroad Commissions to equalize the rates as between agricultural and other classes of freight without disturbing the rates on staple farm products.

What is a Fair Rate?

We do not know what constitutes a basis for rate making and have never heard of anyone who did claim to know much about it, but if the prosperity of the farm is a factor to be considered and the railroad commission concludes that an increase in rates is necessary, we would prefer that it come to us through articles of consumption on their journey from the factory to the farm. We would, for example, prefer that the rate on hogs remain as at present and the rate on meat bear the increase, for any farmer can then avoid the burden by raising his own meat, and a farmer who will not try to raise his own meat ought to be penalized. We think the rate on coal and brick can much better bear an increase than the rate on cotton and flour. We would prefer that the rate on plows remain the same, and machinery, pianos and such articles as the poorer farmer cannot hope to possess bear the burden of increase.

The increase in rates should be so arranged that the farmer who lives at home will bear no part of the burden, but let the farmer who boards in other states and countries and who feeds his stock in foreign lands, pay the price of his folly.

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BREVITIES

Good milk cow for sale. Inquire at this office.

Little Catherine Wright is convalescent, after an illness with measles.

Some extra good household furniture for sale at a bargain. Inquire at this office.

Dreamland motion pictures at Weston opera house next Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Rev. W. R. Payne has gone to Spring Valley near Spokane, to conduct a series of meetings.

Do not fail to see Tom Christy's (All White) Minstrels at Weston opera house Saturday evening, February 12.

According to a supreme court decision lately made, County Judge Charles H. Marsh will hold office for a term of six years.

Charles H. Stewart, state bank examiner, was in town Wednesday making the regular examination of The Farmers Bank of Weston.

Mrs. Jerry Schwartz, formerly Miss Lillie Banister, was here Saturday from North Yakima for a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Banister.

Mrs. Lulu Hite of Portland arrived Sunday for a few weeks' visit with relatives and friends in this vicinity. Her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Kinneer, came in from the Couze creek farm to welcome her.

Miss Edna Banister has returned from Corvallis, where she has been taking the agricultural college course in home economics. Miss Banister will complete her work at the college summer school.

Milton Eagle, Miss Margaret Proebstel and her sister, Mrs. L. P. Fredricka, are on a deal whereby they expect to trade their 14-acre tract located near the state line to Thomas Hall for 180 acres of land near Elgin, Ore.

Invitations have been issued for an informal reception to be given this evening at the H. Waddingham residence by the Young People's Society of the United Brethren Church. An Abraham Lincoln program will be rendered.

Richard Burke, the young Indian convicted of manslaughter for the killing of Ed Kirkpatrick, reservation farmer, was given an indeterminate sentence by Judge Phelps of one to fifty years, and a fine of \$100 was also imposed.

Alex. Still, well-known Dry creek pioneer, was in town Wednesday from Milton, accompanied by his nephew, Chris Armstrong. They arranged for the burial of the infant son of Mr. Armstrong, recently called by death, in Masonic cemetery.

Rabies among coyotes continues to be a public menace in Central Oregon. A dog nipped by a coyote went mad recently at Dry Lake, a small village, and is said to have bitten a dozen people. One boy has since died from hydrophobia, and it is feared that other deaths may follow.

East Oregonian: Dr. R. E. Farnsworth has just returned from Portland, where he purchased equipment for a dental office. He will open here in room 7 of the Temple building on Main street. He expects to have his office open the latter part of the week or the first of next.

Conflicting dates have been set this year for the Pendleton Roundup and the Walla Walla county fair. The roundup will be held September 23-24-25 and fair week from September 26 to 28. The date in both places is at once. The Leader has decided to favor the roundup with his urbane and courtly presence.

William MacKenzie, one of Weston's prominent farmers and president of the local bank, is now driving a "Studebaker Six"—a handsome seven-passenger touring car which he lately purchased. Bets have been about even in Weston for the past year or so that "Mac" would succumb to his longing for a new automobile.

Uncle Sam has gone into the employment agency business in order to help out his people, and in accordance with his usual custom has enlisted The Leader to assist in the advertising details. We are therefore pleased to announce that application blanks from employers seeking help or persons seeking employment may be had in application to the local postmaster or either of the Weston mail carriers.

Stevens Lodge No. 49, K. of P., is among the Umatilla county lodges to be honored next week by an official visitation from the grand chancellor of Oregon, A. E. Wrightman, and the grand keeper of records and seal, L. R. Stinson. They will be here next Wednesday evening, February 17. There will also be a banquet, and the local Pythians anticipate a very pleasant occasion.

At its recent meeting the city council declined to grant a license to 125 citizens asking that the license of Weston's one saloon be not renewed. An application for a ten months' license was received from Carl Couits of Pendleton, and was taken under advisement. If the license is granted the city will receive \$321.33 in revenue for the period to elapse until Oregon becomes a prohibition commonwealth.

J. W. Chapin, uncle of John Chapin of Weston, died February 3 of diabetes at the Walla Walla hospital. Mr. Chapin was born in 1848 at Ottumwa, Iowa, and when a young man he moved with his parents to Nebraska, where he was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Everard. Since coming west with his family in 1892 he had made his home in the Walla Walla valley. He is survived by a widow and three children, besides two brothers and one sister. His nephew was present at the funeral from this city.

Tom Christy's Minstrels will appear at Weston opera house tomorrow evening, and many good laughs are promised by the management. They are said to be all white people, representing the best minstrel talent that money can procure. They are also said to be funny comedians, sweet singers, phenomenal dancers and master musicians. As Weston has gone without this popular form of entertainment for many moons, a large and expectant audience will likely be on hand when the curtain raises tomorrow evening.

The first trial conducted by Magistrate Joe Liscullen attracted a large crowd Saturday to the council chamber. C. L. McGinnis, the local saloon man, was acquitted by a jury of the charge of selling liquor to a patron in an intoxicated condition. Some thirty witnesses were sworn, and the general opinion of those who attended the trial seemed to be that a weak case had been developed by the prosecution. In the absence of the district attorney, who was unable to be present, the court officiated both as trial judge and prosecutor, while the interests of the defense were represented by Homer I. Watts, the Athena attorney. George Nesbitt, private detective, was the complaining witness.

With the advent of bright weather the baseball bugs have begun biting and local fans and players are beginning to grow restless for their favorite sport. A few early birds have already been trying out their wings on the local diamond. A meeting of all Weston people interested in baseball is called for next Monday evening at seven o'clock at the barber shop for the purpose of deciding whether or not this town will be represented again in the Blue Mountain league, and if so, to elect a manager. It is requested that all come, and not leave a few to do everything but the "kicking."

Dr. Clifton F. Hodge of the University of Oregon gave an exceedingly interesting and instructive lecture Saturday evening to a large audience at the high school auditorium. His lecture was illustrated by quite an unusual collection of views giving an intimate glimpse into the plant and bird life of the country. Dr. Hodge showed how crops could be greatly increased by careful seed selection, and also identified the birds that are of vast benefit to the farmer by reducing the number of insect pests. Vocal solos were sung by Mrs. Luther Shellenberger, Mrs. R. G. Saling and Mr. Clark Wood.

The February meeting of the All Saints' Guild was held at the home of Mrs. L. I. O'Hara. Guests present were Mrs. J. M. Price, Mrs. Frank Graham and Mrs. William MacKenzie. Mrs. Price and Mrs. Graham became members of the society. A dainty luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. C. H. Smith. A pleasing program was rendered, and included a vocal solo by Mrs. R. G. Saling, an instrumental solo by Mrs. E. E. Geiss and a reading by Miss Emma Johnson. After an enjoyable social hour, adjournment was had to meet the following month with Mrs. Lillian Fredericks.

The county assessor, C. P. Strain, has turned over the assessment roll for 1914 to G. W. Bradley, county treasurer and ex-officio tax collector, and taxes are now due and payable. Taxes are assessed on the same basis as last year. All or one-half must be paid by March 31st, and the second half is payable on or before the 31st day of August. Statements will be mailed out as soon as possible to all taxpayers whose postoffice addresses appear on the rolls. Taxpayers may remit through their local bank or direct to the treasurer's office.

A standard Babcock milk and cream tester has been added to the laboratory equipment of the Weston schools in order to accommodate the pupils who are keeping dairy herd records. Tests for percentage of butter fat have to be made by these pupils at least once a month. Anyone so desiring may have a test made free at the school at any time, the only requirement being a small sample of the milk to be tested. Care should be taken that the milk be thoroughly mixed before sampling. Here is a chance to learn whether your cows are mere "boarders" or not.

The athletic committee of the student body of Weston High school finds that the basketball teams just made expenses during the season just closed. Twelve games were played, from which \$218.60 was received. Receipts from other sources were \$30.71; total, \$249.31. Disbursements incidental to the games were \$127.35, for other purposes \$60.96, making a total of \$258.31.

G. W. Staggs & Son have found that eight acres of barley from one of their lower ranch (formerly the Wade place) on Dry creek, and will re-seed the tract so soon as weather conditions are favorable. The wheat was not damaged, and looks well.

For Sale—At Mrs. Heuberger's ranch, one gray horse 6 years old, one iron gray mare 6 years old, one black horse 12 years old, one black colt 8 months old; \$300 will buy them if taken within the next week. Inquire of Henry Stamper.

Nearly forty cars of fertilizer have been shipped to Walla Walla this season by the Weston brickyard. The yard pays 50 cents per ton for this material, thus giving local people an opportunity to clean up their barnyards at a profit.

Mrs. W. E. Love and children were visiting Wednesday with Mrs. Love's sister, Mrs. W. S. Payne, while on their way from Portland to Walla Walla to make their home.

I will be glad to call for you in any part of town with my rubber tired rig on their way from Portland to Walla Walla at 25 cents for the round trip. Lyle McBride.

A. P. Wright and nephew, Harold Moorhouse, have returned from Nampa, Idaho, where they visited Mr. Wright's mother and sister.

Emerj Staggs returned Tuesday from Portland, where Mrs. Staggs will remain as the guest of her sisters until her health is fully restored.

For Sale—Good milk cow, fresh in March, and some pure-bred Leghorn chickens. Inquire at this office.

See E. E. Zehm at the Weston bakery if you want neat workmanship in shoe and harness repairing.

All those indebted to the McGinnis Co are requested to settle their accounts before March 1st.

For sale cheap, a 65-gallon gasoline tank. E. E. Zehm.

AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK BY RUSSIAN WARSHIPS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople has confirmed reports of the sinking of the American steamship Washington in the Black sea by Russian warships. The reports declared that the Washington was sunk while flying the American flag.

No mention is made of the fate of the crew.

Minstrel show tomorrow night.

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ODD FELLOWS WILL HAVE BIG TIME AT WESTON

Between three and four hundred Odd Fellows are expected to attend the Umatilla county district convention of the order to be held at Weston Thursday, February 25, and local members are making yeoman preparations to accommodate their out-of-town brethren. While many will come in automobiles, many others will spend the night in town, thus putting Weston on its mettle to become a host equal to the emergency.

The grand master of Oregon and the grand master of Washington will both be here, as will also several other grand lodge officers of this jurisdiction. Milton and Freewater are planning to send one hundred delegates and as many more will likely come from Pendleton. The Adams, Athens and Helix lodges are expected to be present in a body, more especially at the night session, when the beautiful Degree of Friendship will be exemplified by three competing teams representing Freewater, Pendleton and Weston. Fearing that the lodge hall would not be able to accommodate the crowd, local brethren have secured the opera house for the degree work.

The forenoon will be occupied with business, the afternoon with addresses and the evening with the ceremonious reception of novitiates. An elaborate banquet will be served at midnight.

"BIG MONEY" AWAITS THE OREGON FARMER

Portland, Or., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—There never has been a time in the history of the state when the farmers have had such an opportunity to make money by raising livestock for meat purposes as at present. With an aggregate shortage of over 3,000,000 meat animals, approximately 800,000-900,000 in the leading packing centers of the United States, it is certain that for some years to come there will not only be an unqualified demand for meat animals, but it is also certain that prices will range high and it is not impossible that all previous records may be broken.

It is a fact that nearly all the big cattle ranges of the state have been broken up and in only a few locations is it possible to find pasturage for large herds, but it is also a fact that the average farm could be made to produce a larger number of animals than it is now doing. With the big packers and bankers willing, and anxious to co-operate with reliable farmers in the state in stocking farms and ranches, it would appear that any farmer who fails to take advantage of his opportunities in this direction is making a big mistake.

The population of the entire northwest is increasing at a rapid rate, the people must be supplied with meat, and if Oregon ranches cannot meet the demand it will certainly be met by other states, a large amount of money will be sent away and the meat industry of the state damaged to just that extent.

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