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DISQUE'S RECOMMENDATION

Press dispatches indicate that Examiner Disque, of the interstate commerce commission, has recommended that the applications of carriers for lower rates from eastern points to the coast than to the intermediate points be not allowed.

Concerning this recommendation, Public Service Commissioner H. H. Corey says:

"All interior points may well rejoice at this victory. The progression of the theory of regulation of railroad and public utility rates by the regulatory bodies has been made manifest by recent decision. The interstate commerce commission's decision in the Columbia river basin grain rates case and the recommendations of Examiner Disque in these fourth section applications demonstrates clearly that right eventually wins. This has been a long, long battle for the right, it having been before the interstate commerce commission repeatedly since the historical Spokane rate case more than a quarter of a century ago.

"It is realized by all that preferential rates have been the most essential element in determining the growth of cities and influencing manufacturing activity throughout the United States.

"Coast terminal points have repeatedly joined with the carriers in adopting a policy that would be a vital influence in the growth and pre-eminence of favored localities to the detriment of the growth and development of interior points. All the natural factors favoring manufacturing and jobbing are to be found in the interior. Raw material from the farm and from the mines are easily available. Power and fuel are at hand, and living is cheaper because of the prevalence of farms; and manufacturing will now permit the rapid increase in population in the interior and cause further development of our farm lands.

"On the human side, it is far more desirable to have a large number of relatively small factories and jobbing houses scattered throughout the small cities and towns than to have this business forever centered in the coast cities."

TOURIST BUSINESS

With the tourist season at hand, the work which has been accomplished during the brief period of its existence by the Northwest Tourist association in drawing attention to Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia, figures quoted in an editorial taken from the Post-Intelligencer are of interest. The Post-Intelligencer says:

"The efforts of the two Northwest states and the Province of British Columbia, during the past four years, have increased the tourist business in the Pacific Northwest from \$7,000,000 to \$40,500,000. This is accomplished through the organization

known as the Pacific Northwest Tourist association, with a salaried secretary whose business it is to push publicity for the joint benefit. Advertisements are inserted in Eastern magazines and newspapers, and the whole energies of the organization are devoted to putting the advantages and attractions of the Northwest on the tourist map. That these activities have borne fruit is apparent in the yearly figures of tourist business.

"The people of the state should respond generously to the appeal for support. It is to the advantage of every property owner, every business man and every salaried man whose employment is consequent upon the status of trade and industry. Tourists help to swell the tide of general business, and the money they bring with them is imported capital that would never reach the state and swell our medium of exchange otherwise."

HOW IT IS SPENT

Every resident of the United States will contribute \$1.20 this year for the building of good roads by the national government and it must be remembered that for every dollar spent by Washington the states where the money is spent must spend an equal amount. This \$2.40 per person will be the largest outlay for good roads in any single year for more than 20 years. The amount has been fixed by the budget, and it is regarded as none too high. Good roads mean the extension and the development of business particularly to the farmer, who, after all, is the most important factor in American life. Financially, good roads cost the people a great deal more than their present costs. The expense of the president, embracing his salary and expenses, costs each resident two and one-half mills per year, so the head of the nation is not an expensive luxury ever—that is, directly. The figures show that for the whole national expenditures the people must contribute each \$33.39 for the year.

This is the first time the people have really been able to get the figures for national expenditures down from the clouds and consider them in terms of the home. For example, we are told the national debt has been reduced \$1,500,000,000, and that it now stands about \$23,000,000,000. Bewildering figures of this kind are hard to understand. The only real way for people to get an intelligent grasp on the nation's business affairs is to get the figures down to the unit. Pensions will cost the people \$6.73 each. The navy will take more than the army, the cost of the navy being \$4.11 and the army \$3.52.

The cost of congress is only 17 cents, yet there are some people who regard it as expensive even so.

CUTTING THE CURRICULUM

While the school board is making the best of a bad situation, some criticisms are to be expected in connection with the policy of economy which may require the elimination of several departments of instruction which are considered, not as non-essential, but as less essential. That such economies should be necessary is regrettable, but the district, badly crippled financially, must use every expedient possible if the schools are to continue to be operated.

School patrons, however, will find

comfort in the thought that the special work—manual training, domestic science, and music—even if dropped, will not leave the students totally uninstructed in these subjects. Those who will receive their diplomas next year will have had such instruction for three years. The entering class will have had none, but at the beginning of the school year of 1923-24, it may be possible for these subjects to be reintroduced—providing of course that the necessary funds are by that time placed at the disposal of the board. In that case, the incoming class of 1922-23, will have the opportunity of taking three years of such departmental work.

In the last analysis, it's up to the voters of the district. Endorsement of an adequate budget will mean the financing of an adequate school system. To fail to do so will mean that only the so-called essentials will be taught, and that other instruction of great importance in a well rounded secondary education must be left off the curriculum.

In Mr. Ager, Bend is securing a man to fill the vacancy left by City Superintendent Moore's resignation who, judging from the credentials and recommendations showered upon the school directors, will prove an able successor to the retiring official. Assuming the direction of schools in a district laden with debt in which an overly zealous movement for tax reduction necessitates the most drastic economies and seriously threatens efficient school administration during the coming year, his task is one which will be a real test.

A name of historical significance is wanted for Lost Lake, as the present designation of the lake is no longer appropriate, writes the National Geographic board. "Lake Bend," is in the discard, but there should be no difficulty in recommending plenty of names which would come up to the board's specifications.

After a year's layoff, Bend is going to start off again on her building program. The probable granting of nine loans for contemplated construction is a good start.

Fifteen Years Ago

(From the columns of The Bulletin of A. J. 26, 1907.)

A telegram the first of the week brought to Bend news of the death of J. O. Johnston, well known in Crook county for his connection with the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co.

It is reported in Bend that Sisters will soon be supplied with adequate protection from fire. It is said that work will soon be commenced on a deep well and that a large tank will be built some 50 or 60 feet from the ground. Water mains will be laid, and hydrants put in at proper stations throughout the town.

Tuesday a deer wandered into Bend and went deliberately strolling around the streets looking for trouble, but according to all reports failing to find it. It presented a sore temptation to the hunters who saw it, but they were true to their better instincts and did not take down their rifles.

It is probable that an attempt will be made to inoculate the sage rats on Agency plains with a contagious disease that will kill them and thus rid that section of the pests.

According to reports that reach Bend this week, the contract has been let for carrying mail from Shaniko to Bend.

Will Brock returned to Bend Wednesday after spending the winter in Western Washington.

The boat from which C. D. Brown and Elmer Niswonger were fishing Thursday, sank and the anglers were badly chilled in wading to shore.

INNOCENT, SAYS WESTON; GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE

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He talked quietly but emphatically as he made his statement and unhesitatingly answered the questions asked of him.

Among the incidents which he told as bearing on the case which were not given in court, were his relations with the Wilson family previous to his arrest. After he had leased his ranch to W. T. E. Wilson in 1918, and found out the year following that Wilson was feeding his hay, his tenant told him that an effort was being made to prove that he, Weston, had killed a steer belonging to W. F. Fryrear. Wilson offered to stop the investigation if Weston would release him from paying back the hay used, said the prisoner.

Later, he related, he received an anonymous printed note the lettering of which was recognized as that of



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Mrs. Wilson, threatening him with exposure if he did not pay for the steer within 60 days. Weston said he had no knowledge of the incident referred to by either Wilson or his wife, and pointed to the interview with Wilson, and the note, as indicating that enmity against him had prompted the filing of information resulting in his arrest.

Twenty Ballots Taken

Twenty formal ballots were taken by the jury before the verdict of guilty was reached, it was learned yesterday. In addition to this, numerous oral votes were taken. There was no wavering, first toward one side and then toward another, but a steady progression toward the ultimate unanimous decision of the jury.

Foreman J. C. Rhodes presided in night attire over the session of the jury at which the final vote was taken. A number of the jurors were already in their beds at the Pilot Butte Inn, when the two whose minds were not yet fully made up, conferred for a short time, then announced that they were ready. One juror had dropped off to sleep but was wakened, and with the rest cast his vote for conviction.

No "Holding Out"

Throughout the seventy-eight hours during which the jury was held incommunicado, there was never any "holding out" on the part of any of the jurors, or any "riding" of those who had yet to make up their minds, declared Rhodes. The question involved so many angles, so much testimony had to be sifted out, classified as to credibility, and pieced together pro and con, that a session which constitutes a record for length of deliberations was an actual necessity, he said.

"I feared for a time that the jury would not be able to agree, but never had the slightest fear that there would be an acquittal," said W. P. Myers, special prosecutor, today. "It is the most remarkable and complicated case with which I have ever been connected."

Verdict is Reached

More than an hour after going to their rooms at the Pilot Butte Inn Tuesday, the members of the Weston murder trial jury who had been contending for acquittal announced to their companions their willingness to agree to a verdict of guilty. The bailiff was informed, and a few moments later the jury which had broken the Oregon record for length of deliberation, voted an unanimous verdict of guilty.

At 10:45 o'clock they sent for Judge T. E. J. Duffy, and court was opened with Attorneys H. H. DeArmond and R. S. Hamilton for the state, John A. Collier, Earl Bernard and E. O. Stader for the defense, present. Weston was brought in; and in spite of the painful tensions of the situation, another delay was

necessitated while the court reporter was summoned.

Weston Appears Calm

Weston was the calmest man in the room. The jurors wore the haggard appearance of having passed through a mortal conflict, and even Judge Duffy's face was grim, and his voice faltered a little as he asked, "Gentlemen, have you agreed upon a verdict?"

The signed verdict was handed up, read by the judge and handed to County Clerk J. H. Haer to be read: "We the jury in the case of the State of Oregon against A. J. Weston, defendant, find the defendant guilty as charged in the indictment."

If Weston's expression changed as he heard the words, it was only that

his face paled for an instant; then again it was the inscrutable mask that it has been throughout the trial.

Judge Duffy thanked the jurors for their services, and dismissed them, announcing that they would be excused for the remainder of the court term. He then set the hour for pronouncing sentence at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday.

While the jury filed out, free for the first time in over three days, Weston turned to the few spectators and said:

"A mistake has been made. All the truth has not been told in this case, and I have not been allowed to tell all I know. Tomorrow, before I am sentenced, I will tell all I know about this case."

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