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BLOCKING MOVE FOR LOW RATES

ACTION OF RAILROADS WOULD EFFECT INTERIOR POINTS.

Plans Exposed When New Schedule is Filed With Commerce Commission.

The Washington correspondent of the Portland Oregonian, under date of October 1, says:

Proposed new rates, instead of lowering tariffs to inter-mountain points to bring them within the ruling of the commission are made to conform to the relative requirements of the decision by raising the rate to the coast. For example, after November 1 it will cost \$14 more to ship first class freight from New York to San Francisco and other Pacific coast points.

Two months ago the commission constructing the amended long and short haul section, decided that from the Missouri river to the interior points the rate might be no higher than to Pacific coast terminals. From Chicago it might be 7 per cent higher, from Pittsburg 15 to 25 per cent. If the new rate is allowed to go into effect jobbers in inter-mountain cities will not lose the advantage gained by the decision, but the consumer will find very little comfort by the commission's action. If the rate is accepted now a fight is likely to be made before the commission solely on the question of the reasonableness of the rate in which both Coast and inter-mountain cities will be able to join in hearty accord.

THE GRAIN MARKET QUIET

Coast Warehouses Are Overcrowded and Dealers See Trouble.

What has been nearly at a standstill during the week, sales having dropped off to a smaller point than any week since harvest.

The principal reason assigned by grain dealers for this condition is the overcrowded condition of all the Coast warehouses and docks, where it is said that no more space is available, while little grain is being loaded for export. With the exception of small quantities ordered especially to fill mill demands the Coast houses have withheld buying orders from their local agents stating that the Liverpool market is dull. Walla Walla grain prices dropped off a cent below the level for the last week or ten days, the highest price being 75 cents a bushel paid for turkey red of the quality. Bluestem is in demand only at 74 cents and club varieties are dragging at 69 cents.

One wheat buyer detected in the sluggish condition of the market a slight indication of a flurry among the smaller holders and stated that a large number of small growers apparently believing that the bottom is about to drop out of wheat, have unloaded their grain, most of these lots ranging below 2000 bushels each.

Hunting Season Opens.
The hunting season for ducks, geese and other like birds opened Sunday in Washington and dozens of hunters spent the day by stream after the birds. The law permits the shooting of the birds after October 1, and there were many licenses issued Saturday in preparation for the event. The ducks are reported to be already plentiful on the streams of the lower end of the Walla Walla valley, and hunting is said to be good.

Road Bonds Voted.
By the tremendous majority of more than 1500 votes, Jackson county passed the \$1,500,000 bond issue for the purpose of constructing a modern system of highways in the county. Medford alone gave the bonds a majority of 1371, casting the heaviest vote she has ever cast. When news of the passage of the bonds was flashed to the city from the tower of the Mail-Tribune

building, the town went mad with joy. The streets were jammed with a great throng of people celebrating. Seldom has the equal of the celebration been witnessed in Southern Oregon. The bond issue was a Medford move, fattered by the Medford Commercial club, which has carried on a systematic and earnest campaign in favor of the bonds.

DAM GOES OUT, 800 DIE

Wall of Water Ten Feet High Submerges Three Towns.

Austin, Pa., a town of 3,200 residents in the northern part of the state, was swept out of existence Saturday and more than 800 of its people were killed by a flood which followed the breaking of the Bayless Pulp and Paper company's dam a mile and a half north of the town.

Almost 500,000,000 gallons of water rushed over the place in a wall ten feet high, wrecking every structure in its path. The flood caused heavy loss of life and property also in Costello, a town of about 500 inhabitants. Wharton, a smaller town, was also reported to have sustained heavy damage.

In Austin, the bursting of scores of natural gas mains as the buildings were swept away added fire to the general horror of the flood and hundreds of those imprisoned in the wreckage were burned to death.

The contents of the dam which was filled to overflowing by the heavy rains of two weeks, swept through a natural gorge in which Austin and Costello were situated. While many residents of Austin escaped to the hills, the warning given by the blasts of the Bayless mills whistles was too brief for hundreds of others.

The catastrophe paralleled in many respects the destruction by flood of Johnstown, Pa., in 1889, in which more than 2900 lives were lost. The extent of the loss of life and the destruction of property cannot be known for several days. The property loss will surely be several million dollars.

Within an hour of the first general knowledge of the calamity, special trains bearing physicians, nurses and food supplies were on the way to the scene. Hundreds of automobiles bearing rescuers also toiled over the mountain roads to lend aid. The food supply of the town was destroyed and immediate aid to survivors was urgent. Hundreds of those who escaped were seriously injured in the collapse of their homes and the panic of the rush for safety. Temporary hospitals were fitted up in nearby farm houses and improvised structures fashioned from the wreckage. The Red Cross also made preparations for immediate aid to survivors. The intense heat of the fire sweeping from the natural gas mains made it impossible for survivors to visit the scene of destruction for many hours.

ZEBRAS IN AFRICA.

They Are a Fearful Pest and a Menace to Civilization.

Zebra in Africa are a nuisance and a menace to civilization, according to John T. McCutcheon in "Hunting Adventures in the Big Game Country." He says:

Then there's the ubiquitous zebra, almost as numerous as the kongoni. You see vast herds of zebras at many places along the railway, and there after, as you roam about the level spots of east Africa, you are always running into herds of them. At first the sight of a herd of zebras is a surprise, for you have been accustomed to seeing them in the small numbers found in captivity. It is a source of passing wonder that these rare animals should be roaming about the suburbs of towns in hundreds. You decide that it would be a shame to shoot a zebra and determine not to join in this heartless slaughter.

Later on your sentiments will undergo a change. Everybody will tell you that the zebra is a fearful pest and must be exterminated if civilization and progress are to continue. The zebra is absolutely useless, and efforts to domesticate him have been without good results. He tramps over the plains, breaks down fences, tears up the cultivated fields and really fulfills no mission in life save that of supplying the lions with food. As long as the zebras stay the lions will be there, but the settlers say that the lions are even preferable to the zebras.

Under the old game ordinance expiring December 15, 1909, a sportsman was allowed two zebras under his license. Under the new one he is allowed twenty! That reveals the attitude of east Africa toward the jaunty little striped pony.

THE TONIC OF VICTORY.

Army Surgeons Say It Acts Almost as an Anesthetic.

Bonnetto, a French army surgeon, writes in the Presse Medicale of the extraordinary indifference to the pain of operation manifested by the soldiers of Napoleon while the great conqueror was sweeping victoriously over Europe. While the defeated soldier is full of imaginary terrors, subject to panic, madness and treason, the conqueror, on the other hand, is intoxicated with success, says the New York Medical Journal. Nothing, not even the morbid microbe, can resist troops who believe themselves to be invincible.

Victory is the most powerful of restoratives and deepest of anesthetics. Legless members of the old guard crowded into an ambulance would at the sight of the emperor rise on their stumps to salute him. After Eylau

Larrey operated uninterruptedly for thirty-six hours, and he reports how the soldiers seemed unconscious of their own troubles, lost in thought of the glory of their leader, and, maimed as they were, lending their best aid to fellow patients.

At Borodino Larrey disarticulated the shoulder of a colonel, who immediately set out for France on foot, where he arrived after three months walking. After fording the Beresina, a river in Russia, General Zayonchek, seventy-five years old, had his kneecap shattered by a bullet. Amputation was performed in three minutes in a violent snowstorm and in bitterly cold weather, yet the white haired officer was placed in a sledge and taken to Vilna, where he died at the age of eighty-six years. Many similar anecdotes are told by our civil war veterans.

Stupid Fish.

Professor Harold Russell, the London zoologist, will have none of the popular yarns about the wonderful things fish will do when put to it. He says they are deaf, dumb and virtually color blind. When the calcareous stones are taken out of the ears of fish they lose all sense of equilibrium and roll about as if crazy. Most fish hunt their food by only defective sight, but the eels by even more defective smell. A conger eel with which Professor Russell experimented devoured with the same avidity fish dosed with cheese, anchovy, camphor spirits, turpentine and lodoform.

Where We Aim.

William Dean Howells in one of his talks about literature said: "Good literature is always condemned on its first appearance. That is because, being original, it is new and strange. Shelley's work was bitterly condemned at first. So was Coleridge's. So was Wordsworth's. So was Stephen Crane's." Mr. Howells paused, then added impressively, "Stones are only thrown at those trees which are heavy with fruit."

The Fertile Rock.

Gibraltar is often called a "barren rock," yet it has 456 species of indigenous flowering plants. Castor oil plants, daturas and daphnes attain the dignity of trees and geraniums and heliotropes the proportions of hedges. These floral delights often conceal cannon and other armaments. The few snakes that are found are small and harmless. Lizards several inches long are often seen.

FRENCH POLICEMEN.

They Can't Be "Fixed," and They Are Always Polite.

The laws of France relative to the out of door life of the masses are made in the interest of the people. Furthermore, they are enforced. There is no fixing things with a French policeman. If your bicycle has suddenly been twisted into junk by a careless driver the belted and brass buttoned gentleman who arrives on the scene questions you with intelligence and jets down in his notebook the facts of the occurrence as near as he can ascertain them. Throughout the interview he is polite, alert and painstaking in getting at the exact truth, and, whether you or the offending driver or both accompany him to the police station, he conducts you with a quiet dignity and an air of fulfilling his duty. It does not make the slightest difference in France who you are or whether or not you have mutual friends or come from his "ward" or are a relative of Congressman So-and-so. If you are at fault you must pay the damages. If the other fellow is to blame you will be ushered from the presence of the commissaire de police with as much ceremonial politeness as would be shown at a diplomatic interview.

If it is boiling hot or freezing cold and you are in need of information, go to the nearest policeman, address him as "monsieur" and raise your hat. He will immediately return you a military salute, listen attentively and give you, as carefully as possible, the necessary information, saluting you again as you raise your hat to leave him.—F. Berkeley Smith, "Parisians Out of Doors."

Couldn't Fool Him.

Serving in the capacity of collector for a local bank is a colored man who spends his evenings playing in an Oakland band.

One of the clerks in the bank, knowing of the clerk's musical attainments, said to him, "Joe, I went to a vaudeville show last night, and one of the fellows there played 'Traumer's' great!"

Joe looked at him suspiciously for a moment and then said: "You tell that stuff to Bonny. You don't get me to bite, 'cause Ah knows they ain't no such instrument."—San Francisco Chronicle.

A Simple Antidote to Poison.

It is a valuable thing to understand thoroughly what simple antidote to take if one is so unlucky as to swallow poison of any kind. Sweet oil is to be found in nearly every house, however humble, and half a pintal immediately is an effective antidote to almost all poisons. Any one with a strong constitution should take a larger quantity of this simple remedy.—London Family Herald.

Greatly Changed.

"Have you seen Miss Beanoople since she inherited a fortune?"
"Yes. She is greatly changed."
"How?"
"Well, she used to be frightfully skinny."
"And now she's divinely slender."—Toledo Blade.

THE COMPULSORY EDUCATION LAW

EFFECTS CHILDREN OVER NINE AND UNDER 16 YEARS.

Parents and Guardians Are Responsible for Pupil's Attendance at School.

The following is a digest of the Compulsory Education Law, as furnished the Press by the principal of the Athena public and High schools. They should be carefully read and studied by all patrons and pupils of the schools:

1. Every parent or other person having charge of any child over nine years of age and under sixteen years of age, shall be required to send such child to the public schools for a term of not less than the number of months of public school held annually in the district in which such child resides. The following exceptions are made to the above law:

(a). Children physically unable to attend school;

(b). Children taught a like period of time in a private school;

(c). Children under ten living beyond a mile and one-half limit;

(d). Children over ten living beyond the three mile limit.

2. The District Boundary Board of each county is required to appoint a County Truant Officer, whose duty shall be to enforce the provisions of this law.

3. The district school clerk shall provide the teacher or principal with a copy of the last school census. The teacher shall report to the secretary of the district boundary board all children who are not in regular attendance at school, and the secretary of the district boundary board shall forthwith notify the truant officer of the non-attendance of such children.

4. In estimating regular attendance, the teacher shall count all absences, unless such absences were excused; provided, that no excuse shall be accepted unless such absence was caused by the pupil's sickness, or by the sickness of some member of the pupil's family, rendering it impossible for such pupil to attend school during said time. Eight unexcused half-day absences in any four weeks shall be called irregular attendance.

5. Upon notification by the secretary of the district boundary board, the truant officer shall within twenty-four hours give written notice in person or by registered mail to the parent or to the person in parental relation, that such child shall present himself at the public school on the next school day following the receipt of such notice. Said notice shall inform the parent that such attendance must begin and must continue regularly during the remainder of the school year. At the same time the truant officer shall notify the teacher of the fact of notice, and it shall be the duty of the teacher to notify the truant officer of the failure on the part of the parent to comply with said notice.

6. Should the parent, after receiving said notice, from the truant officer, fail to send such child to school, then the truant officer shall immediately file a complaint before the nearest resident Justice of the Peace. Said justice of the peace shall issue a warrant upon said complaint and in case of conviction, said parent or other person in parental relation, shall be punished by either fine or imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court.

7. Should any board, officer, or teacher fail to comply with all the

provisions of this act, said officer or teacher shall be subject to arrest and upon conviction, shall be fined not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$20.00 for each offense.

(See Lord's Oregon Laws, Sections 4119, 4120, 4121, 4122, 4123, 4124, 4125, 4126, 4127, 4128, 4129.)

Use Road Drag Now.

"Use the road drag now" says Prof. E. F. Ayers, highway construction expert of the U. S. G. "These heavy rains thoroughly wetting down the roads, have made ideal conditions for the use of the drag before the winter weather begins. All potholes, mud-beds and other irregularities can be leveled and the surface of the roads put into first class condition by using the drag two or three times before the roads get too soft. The use of the drag, moreover, at this time for crowning the roads will aid drainage and keep in good condition many roads which were very poor last year. The expense of using a road drag is slight, and a much wider use of it throughout the state would be very favorable. There is no better way to keep a dirt road in good condition than dragging it frequently."

Walla Walla Loses.

By a score of 56 to 0 the Walla Walla high school football team went down to inglorious defeat Saturday afternoon at the hands of the fast and heavy Wenatchee aggregation of professional players, for which the apple town is well noted throughout the Northwest. Watson, a Tekoa star player who has long since passed through his four years of high school, starred the victors, while other big and heavy billed men of professional calibre, ploughed through the scholastic team at will.

Trains on the main line of the O. W. R. & N. have been late since the strike of shermen delayed. Railroad officials say the train delays are not caused by the strike. The Walla Walla-Pendleton local has been on time during the week, but the Spokane trains have been late.

RAILWAY SHDPMEN STRIKE

Harriman Lines Including Illinois Central Tied Up.

With members of the system federation of the Harriman lines and Illinois Central railroad on strike, with Santa Fe railroad employes striking in sympathy rather than handle work otherwise handled by strikers; with the federal courts in New Orleans issuing one of the most sweeping injunctions yet handed down against strikers and with strikebreakers being recruited in large numbers, the middle west and far west face what, it is feared, will prove one of the most critical upheavals American railways have ever encountered.

Officials of the systems federations of the Harriman lines and the Illinois Central declare 35,000 men already have obeyed the strike call; officials of the roads declare they do not employ that many men in the departments affected.

The strike order went into effect at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, called out boiler-makers, machinists, car men, blacksmiths and helpers, clerks, steam-fitters, sheet and metal workers, painters and laborers.

It involved all the western lines of the Harriman system, the main lines being the Union and Southern Pacific and the middle, western and southern lines of the Illinois Central.

Fear that the strike may spread to other lines and eventually to every line in America, was given added fuel when 100 Santa Fe shermen in Los Angeles walked out when told to make repairs that had been left by the striking Harriman employes.

That the battle may be fought in the United States courts and may result in a final battle of labor against what it terms "government by injunction" is the belief expressed following receipt of a message from New Orleans.

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