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and

a good assortment of Candy & Nuts

DELL BROTHERS, Athena, Oregon
CATERERS TO THE PUBLIC IN GOOD THINGS TO EAT

ROADS WILL FIGHT THE RATE MEASURE

SAY THAT RULE IS IMPOSSIBLE
OF OBSERVANCE.

Hill Will Bring Suit Against
Constitutionality of Bill Carried
in Recent Election.

The railroads of Oregon, led by the
Hill lines, will fight in United States
court the enforcement of the Medford
freight rate bill. The Oregon Electric
will enter suit in federal court immediately
to have the law declared invalid
because "impossible of observance."

The present freight tariffs will be
continued although under the new
law the railroads are liable for a fine
of \$100 for each carload shipped in
violation thereof. This violation dates
technically, from 7 p. m. November 5,
when the polls closed.

The contest of the freight rate bill
is the first against any measure passed
at the last election. The Hill lines
are taking the lead of other roads in
protest because the tariff, which was
submitted to govern freight carrying
on the extension to Eugene of the
Oregon Electric was returned by the
railroad commission because it was
not in conformity with the new law.

The tariff submitted to govern
rates on the new line is on the same
basis as is and has been in force on
the Southern Pacific. Technically,
all lines that have not conformed their
tariffs to the Medford freight rate bill
are equally violating the law. The
bill was numbered 358-559 on the
official ballot and was adopted by a
vote of 59,899 affirmative to 44,719
negative.

That the damage to shippers and
carriers would be much greater than a
fine of \$100 per car if the new law
should be sustained is asserted by Wilbur
E. Coman, general freight and
passenger agent of the Hill lines in
Oregon. The operation of the law,
says Mr. Coman, would be revolutionary.
Business could not be carried on
under it. When it is considered that
the fine of \$100 on every car of freight
carried on every Oregon line would
quickly amount to a great sum, the
hostility of railroads and shippers
is understood the better in contrast.

Rate experts do not come forward
with explanations or defense of the
law. Generally they term it "weird"
legislation, and say its terms are
scarcely capable of explanation.

The attitude of the Hill lines was
stated by Mr. Coman after a conference
with the system's attorney.

"The Oregon Electric Railway company
believes that the initiative act under
which the commission refused to
receive the proposed tariff is utterly
impossible to comply with. This is
the opinion generally of all the carriers
and none of the railroads of the
state has as yet changed existing rates.
To comply with the new law would
revolutionize rates and make such
treasonous and radical changes as to put
industries out of business everywhere
and create a condition of confusion
unparalleled in the history of the
state. The Oregon Electric company
and the other carriers in the state,
believing that the act is impossible
of performance and therefore invalid,
are proceeding at once to initiate suits
in the courts with the idea of having
the law judicially declared invalid."

Knights of Pythias Entertain.

Friday night in their castle hall,
the local lodge of K. of P. entertained
their families and friends in their
own time honored manner. A splendid
program was opened with music
by Johnson's orchestra, and consisted
of addresses by Will M. Peterson of
Pendleton, Rev. D. M. Helmick of
this city, J. B. Gwynn and G. W.
Bradley of Pendleton; recitations by
Misses Zola Keen, Evangeline Fick
and Savannah Smith, and vocal solos by
Misses Anna Soll and Merna DePott
with Miss Kittle Gholson as accompanist,
both of whom responded to a
hearty encore. The audience was
also favored with an instrumental
solo by Miss Lillian Anderson of Walla
Walla. After completion of the program,
a banquet was served in the
spacious dining room, where about
200 guests partook of their hospitality.
After the banquet, dancing was
indulged in by the young people to the
music furnished by the Johnson orchestra.

Cancels Notary Rights.

On the ground that he is unfit to act
as a notary public, Governor West
has canceled the notarial commission
of W. J. Woods of Huntington, and
has notified Woods' tondemen of this
action. Woods is the man the governor
forced to resign from the office of
justice of the peace at the time the
governor invaded Huntington and
personally led a vice cleanup crusade.
At that time the governor said
Woods was not a proper person to
hold any office, but at the last election
the people of Huntington reelected
Woods justice of the peace, and the
governor has given notice that he will
suspend all sentences and remit all
fines that may be imposed by Woods
if he takes office again.

YOUR CHRISTMAS TRADE AT HOME

How classily arranged with an
display of watches and jewelry.

A splendid effect is noted in B. N.
Hawks' window in which is displayed
the popular Parisian Ivory novelties,
metal and glass articles, all suitable
for handsome Christmas gifts.

Dell Brothers, caterers in good
things to eat have a neat display of
vegetables, nuts and canned goods.

A splendid line of furs and dress
goods is on display at Mosgroves, and
the grocery department shows the
new crop of nuts and red checked
apples.

A splendid assortment of toys and
gent's furnishings is arranged in the
Golden Rule windows.

C. A. Barrett & Co. display a fine
assortment of carving sets and aluminum
ware.

FOLLOWS HER SON IN DEATH

Mrs. Mary A. Swaggart, Pioneer Lady
Well Known in This Vicinity.

Just one week after the summons of
death had called her son Lester, Mrs.
Mary A. Swaggart died at her home
in Pendleton Monday morning. The
funeral held Wednesday afternoon
from the M. E. church in Pendleton
was attended by a large number of
friends and acquaintances. Mrs.
Swaggart for many years made her
home at the farm north of this city,
where Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Swaggart
now reside. Monday's East Oregonian
contained the following:

Though Mrs. Swaggart had been
feeble for some time because of her
age and had been suffering lately from
injuries sustained two weeks ago in a
fall it was not thought she was seriously
ill and death came unexpectedly.
It is probable that her son's
death a week ago hastened her own
end.

Mary Adeline Harper was born in
Hancock county, Illinois, October 28,
1829, and was thus 83 years of age at
her death. Her father, George Harper,
bore the distinction of having
been a schoolmate of the martyred
president, Abraham Lincoln. On June
24, 1847, at her home in Illinois, she
was married to Nelson Swaggart and
six years later with him crossed the
plains by ox team to Oregon, settling
in Lane county upon a donation claim
and remaining there until 1875 when
they came to Umatilla county and
commenced farming and stockraising
about a half mile north of Athena.
There they remained until twelve
years ago when Mr. Swaggart retired
from active life and moved to Pendleton.
Her husband died in Pendleton
six years ago.

Mrs. Swaggart was the mother of
fourteen children, seven of whom
still survive her as follows: George
Swaggart of Heppner, Ben Swaggart
of Lexington, A. L. and J. M. Swaggart
of Athena, Mrs. W. F. Matlock
and Mrs. C. S. Wheeler of Pendleton
and Mrs. Wilbur Keith of Wamsutter,
Washington. One brother older than
herself, William Harper, resides near
Colfax, Wash.

Deceased had been a member of the
Methodist church since 1859 and was
counted a woman of sterling worth.
Despite the fact that she had a large
family of her own for which to care,
for many years she acted as a midwife
and traveled many miles with
her own baby in her lap to care for
patients in confinement cases. She
had made a host of friends during her



forty years' residence in Umatilla
county who will be grieved to learn of
her death.

Guardian Is Appointed.

Carl S. Wheeler has been appointed
the guardian of Lenore and Lois Swag-
gart, aged 13 and 10 years respectively.
The property left to them is es-

timated to be worth about \$9,500 after
the estate is fully settled up and
consists of lots in Pendleton and Port-
land. The will will be filed for probate
after the depositions of the wit-
nesses are taken. It was drawn while
Mr. Swaggart was living in Portland
and the witnesses are all in that city,
says the Live Wire.

LOSES RIGHTS ON ELECTION BOARDS

REPUBLICANS FALL TO THIRD
PLACE ON BALLOT.

G. O. P. Ranks on Ticket In
Oregon Hereafter Above So-
cialists and Prohibitionists.

For the next four years at least,
there will be no Republican election
clerks and judges in Oregon. This
announcement was made by Deputy
City Auditor C. F. Wiegand of Port-
land after he had examined the state
election laws preliminary to sending a
notification to the city council to ap-
point officials for city primary and
general elections next year, says the
Journal.

According to the particular section
of the state law governing the appoint-
ment of election officials these must be
selected from members of the two po-
litical parties "that cast the two
highest number of votes for presiden-
tial electors at the last preceding pre-
sidential election, and no more than
two judges and two clerks on any one
election board shall be members of
the same political party."

At the coming primary election next
May, therefore, only Democrats and
Progressives will be included on the
election boards. There will be two
Democratic judges and two Democrat-
ic clerks and one Progressive judge
and one Progressive clerk on each
board of six.

Furthermore the Democrats will
have first place on the ballot and the
Progressives will have second place.
The Republican candidates will have
to be content with third place, just
ahead of the Prohibitionists and So-
cialists. Such is the strange turn of
affairs brought about by the great
split in the G. O. P. by Theodore
Roosevelt and the resultant ascendancy
of the party of Thomas Jefferson.

Buy Walla Walla Store.

Fix & Radtke have purchased the
dry goods department of the Chicago
Store at Walla Walla, and are now in
possession of the stock, which will be
removed to Alder street. The new
store will be called the "Leader."

We Contend It's a SNAP To Satisfy You Here

An inspection of our splendid stock of Holiday goods
will convince you of the truth of our contention, for
your own judgment of selection of presents will tell
you that our stock comprises the dependable kind—the
kind that spells "your money's worth," for every cent.

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MIRRORS—BOOKS, latest fiction—PARISIAN IVORY ARTICLES
PEN KNIVES—XMAS CARDS, BOOKLETS—CALENDARS—MIL-
TARY BRUSHES—PHONOGRAPHS—LINE OF EASTMAN KODAKS
CANDIES—STATIONERY—GAMES OF ALL KINDS—FINE CIGARS
HARMONICAS—THERMOS BOTTLES—RUBBER DOLLS, ETC. ETC

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while the stock is unbroken, and you are not rushed.

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