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Commenting upon the Astoria rate decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the East Oregonian says:

"The decision of the interstate commerce commission giving parity rates to Astoria is one of the biggest events of the sort in recent years. The people who have worked so hard to secure this step are to be congratulated. Though nominally in the name of Astoria the move was initiated by the Portland Journal and J. N. Teal on the theory that in this instance the interests of Astoria are identical with the interests of the whole Columbia basin. In granting Astoria the same rate enjoyed by Seaside and Tacoma the commission based its decision on consideration of service cost. Since the expense of haul from the interior to Astoria is no greater than the expense of haul to Seaside a higher rate is unjust and so Astoria is given the same rate as the Sound cities. Invoking this same principle it will be logical for Portland to set up a claim for an even lower rate than Astoria gets because Portland is 100 miles closer than Astoria to this territory. The logic in the Portland claim will be sound and that their contention must be granted in time seems inevitable if rates are to be established on a basis of justice. A peculiar feature of the commission's ruling in the Astoria case is the intimation that Portland will not necessarily be entitled to a lower rate than Astoria and Seattle. If the principle of the cost of service is applicable to one town, why not another? If Portland cannot secure relief through the commission it is possible the Columbia river may be brought into use. In the past Astoria has been urging the use of the river and active preparations were under way to establish a municipal boat line. Having secured a common point rate Astoria may now give up such a line of action, while Portlanders may see the necessity of using the river to get under the Astoria rate. It is going to be very interesting to watch the results of the commerce commission's decision. The decision affects only interstate business."

Umatilla taxpayers will have an opportunity of voting at the Spring primaries upon a measure which has for its purpose the bonding of the county for \$980,000, for permanent road improvement. At a meeting recently held in Pendleton by the Umatilla County Good Roads association and the special road committee of the Pendleton Commercial Association, it was proposed to make the bonds bear five per cent. interest and to be 15-year serial bonds. While no definite program was mapped out, the sentiment seems to be general that any proposed improvement shall not be sectional, but must be distributed to all parts of the county. If the bond measure is to carry, this distribution of permanent road improvement must be justly made and the taxpayers must have assurance that it will be done without partiality to any one section. Until the County Court and the committee of seven from different parts of the county formulate the plans in detail to be submitted to the people there are but minor points of the issue that could be discussed.

Elsewhere in today's Press will be found a notice given by Mayor Watts, requesting that a citizens' meeting be held for the purpose of discussing the city's financial condition and resources at the present time and in years gone by. The Mayor promises to have the city records brought before the meeting and offers every opportunity for discussion and enlightenment on all problems of city government. It is well that such meeting be held, for several reasons. Elimination of all personal likes, and devoted to discussion of straight facts, the meeting proposed by the Mayor should prove of interest and benefit to the citizens and taxpayers of the city.

If the weather man will blow the fog away for a day or two, Umatilla county ranchers would begin plowing.

Card of Thanks.
To all our friends and neighbors who contributed their kindly services; to those who gave floral tributes; to the musicians and others who assisted at the funeral service; to the business men of Astoria and Adams who closed their door at that hour; to all who extended their service and sympathy during the illness and at the time of the death of our husband and father, Jerry Stone, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks. Mrs. Jerry Stone, and Family.

A Mulligan Stew

If I had a basketball team that could play like our Hi school girls' team did the other evening when they submerged the Milton girls with a score of 45-nine, I'd never let 'em quit playing a-Tall. As fast as they wore out a ball, I'd buy them another and I'd hire an assistant janitor for Fred Pinkerton to keep the gym warm, while Fred could get a little sleep once in awhile. And I'd buy up all the seats in the gym and let everybody come in and enjoy the game with me, and I'd have Yellender Post on duty between halves, and I'd have a barrel of ice cream on tap for the players and spectators, and everyone could have all he wanted, except Brookie. And I'd draw the line on Brookie. Because a good basketball referee never eats more than five dishes of ice cream at one sitting in cold weather. And whenever the Pendleton girls came up here to play, no one would get more than one dish of cream and that big blonde Swede girl who plays center for Pen. Hi could have only the ice left in the freezer.

I have noticed a steady raise in the price of salt. Mebby you have too. It's a most serious problem, but Bob Oliver, traveling noise-maker, tipped me the reason for it the other day. He sez that the Athena salt Market has been cornered by Allyn Breakit-offinyon Steels. For this reason: to-Wit: Steels has a houn' Dawg that has formed the Habit of runnin' away from home, and every time the Porp runs way Allyn corrales him by putting salt on his tail. I wouldn't have mentioned it, but I see Allyn has bought Kernel Boyd off by running an Add in out east, contem. the Press; and I believe in giving the People a square deal and putting the news where it belongs—in the Mulligan Stew, don't Chew.

Base ball enthusiasts out at Pilot Rock are trying to pilot Weston, Albion and Pendleton into a league with themselves on one corner of the circuit. Not a bad idea, by any means. But What'll we do 'bout "Rusty"—Hymn with the mistle left Flipper? McCredle has salted the ol' Sorreltop down with the Spokane team for the spring trout, an' it's dollars to huckleberry Dampin's that he'll stick. Watarewetodonyway?

"Say, Mr. Mulligan, old top, don't you think it'd be find and dandle fer us to hev an ol' time Spealing tea sum nits, where all the citizens and come an' spell each other down as Repeat. We aster do it bad where I wuz raised." I received the above note through the mail the other day, and have decided to let it simmer with the rest of the junk in this week's Stew.

I have good news for a certain Young friend of mine, and Yonbet he'll be glad to hear it. He'll fall all over himself with joy when he reads herein that the new Hansen crop down in the tropical zone is the largest in the world's history. Gee-whizz-zi With bananas at 25 for a Nickle, the Deacon will consume more of them this summer than Vic Harris will of lettuce. And Vic will have some the start of him, too.

"The news that Billy Burke gets \$4000 a week reminds us to remind fer that this is leap year and we are still a bachelor."—Kernel Wood in his Weston Fire-kinder.

His sum! And what th'—well, what would she do with you, when she found herself hooked up with such a peaky old grunch? Come to think of it though, you might fit 'in to some degree, carrying the card tray, dusting off the door mat and keeping Fido's bottle filled with milk. Yep. She might find a place for you.

I donno what the members of the county court will do with themselves if that \$980,000.00 road bond issue carries, and they are compelled by the voice of the voters to handle all that vast sum of lucre. As it is now, Mack Cookburn is working overtime; and some say he is a worker, too. And I guess he is, for last summer he had to cancel a fishing date with me, because he had to go down in the Juniper county som'ers and clean out a road culvert that had been jammed up with a freshet of jackrabbits. Well, I never saw Mack from that time until the other day, when he hauled into town with a bunch of Pendletonians. Blamed if he didn't still wear the fishing smile and took me into Ware's and bought Gatos for Two. Al-l-l right, Mack.

Away over from Umatilla comes the old-time warwhoop for county division. And it's some Whoop, believe me. The fellers that are doing the Whooping have plastered a newspaper over there. There are two of 'em and they appear to have their pockets full of influence. They do. Why, they had the name of Vincent changed to Uanapine—and they've got a P. O., too.

The series of evangelistic meetings in progress at the Christian church are creating much interest, and large congregations attend each evening. Pastor Errett is assisted by his wife in the services, and the music is made a special feature, under the direction of Dr. Scott. Special numbers by Dr. and Mrs. Scott, trombone solos by E. A. Bennett and a violin solo by Charles Keen of Weston, have been much appreciated by the audiences.

The Christian church services begin with Bible school, 10 a. m. Geo. R. Gering director; graded school with classes for every one. Preaching and Communion 11 a. m. Morning theme, "A Great Law-Giver's Question;" evening, 7:30 subject, "The Simplicity of the Gospel." Evangelistic campaign continues throughout the week with the following themes: Monday, "What Will You Do With Jesus?" Tuesday, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Wednesday, "Responsibility of the Unsaved;" Thursday, "Almost a Christian;" Friday, "The Divis Drawing;" Saturday, "Where Art Thou?" Strangers and visitors cordially welcome.

Mayor Asks for Mass Meeting.

Astoria, Oregon, Feb. 24, 1916. To the voters of the City of Astoria:

In the past month there have been innumerable questions asked me relative to the city's financial condition at the present time, what it has been in years gone by under prior administrations; how our debt was created and by whom; how it is being paid, and what the resources of the city are, so that it would require an unlimited amount of time for one to look these matters up and answer them in an intelligent manner, and a publication of it would require a complete synopsis of the city records. In view of these objections I am asking some interested voter or voters to arrange a place and time for a citizens' meeting, and I will have all the city records which are in my possession at the meeting and will go over the books with the voters in order, that they may be enlightened on the subject as much as possible.

Homer I. Watts, Mayor.

He Knew.
"I had a seventy mile drive yesterday," she said enthusiastically.

"There ain't no such thing," retorted the golf player grimly.—Detroit Free Press.

Something Like It.
"I hear your husband is crazy about his new auto."

"I should say so! He's a perfect nutocrat."—Baltimore American.

Fortune cannot take away what she did not give.—Seneca.

For Sale.
One brown mare mule, no brand visible, buckskin nose, star in forehead, 3 years old, weight 850 pounds; also one 3 year old brindle cow, brand on side resembling figure 1 with half circle above, ear marks resembling crop of each ear, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder at the Barrett place, one mile north of Astoria, Oregon on Saturday, March 4, 1916, at 2 o'clock, p. m. to pay costs of advertising and feeding. H. A. Barrett, Astoria, Oregon, Feb. 17.

Dan Emmet.
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"Have you tried to forget it?" inquired his friend.

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When in the war of 1812 the British, who had taken Washington, trained their guns upon the patent office Dr. Thornton, throwing himself directly before the guns, cried:

"Are you Englishmen or Goths and Vandals? This is the patent office—a depository of the ingenuity and inventions of the American nation in which the whole civilized world is interested. Would you destroy it? Then let the charge pass through my body."

And the building was spared. Twenty-four years afterward, however, it was destroyed by fire, together with everything in it.

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Wonderful Names.

The seventeenth century jurymen had one disadvantage to contend with from which his successor is happily free.

He was frequently burdened with an intolerable name James Broome in his "Travels Over England, Scotland and Wales," a work published in 1700, gives a copy of "a Jury Return made at Rye, Sussex, in the late rebellious, Troublesome Times." Here are the names: "Stand fast on high Stringer of Crowhurst, Earth Adams of Warbleton, Killist Pimple of Witham, Graceful Harding of Lewes. Weep not Billing of the same, Be Faithful Joiner of Britling, Fly Debate Roberts of the same, Fight the good Fight of Faith White of Emses, Return Speiman of Watling, Meek Brewer of Oukham, More Fruit Fowler of East Hodley, Hope for Bending of the same."—London Chronicle.

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