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MANY INLAND TOWNS TO GET LOWER RATES

Senator Poindexter Seeks to End All Unfair Railroad Freight Charges.

INTERIOR POINTS VICTIMS.

Have Had to Pay for the Costly Fight of the Railroads Against Water Carriers.

Washington, D. C.—(Special)—There is a strong probability that Congress, at its coming session, will enact Senator Poindexter's bill to amend the long and short haul clause in the Interstate Commerce law, so as to abolish discriminations in railway freight rates. This means that hun-



SENATOR POINDEXTER.

dreds of inland cities and towns, for the first time in their history, will get a fair deal from the transportation companies. The bill passed the Senate at the last session, but was lost in the House owing to the pressure of war matters and the congestion which developed during the closing weeks. It is believed, however, that a large majority of the members favor its adoption.

In an interview today, Major General William M. Black said: "The Poindexter bill is a long step in the right direction. The abuses connected with railway freight rates first attracted my attention in connection with army work. In fact, there is no question but what the present railroad tariffs constitute one of the grossest impositions ever practiced in this country."

"The tariffs for freight are still based upon the old principle of charging all that the traffic will bear, a relic of the days of unregulated monopoly. The railroads have practically driven water transportation out of business in many parts of the country, by making low cut rates at competitive points where business. Then they made up the losses by overcharging in other localities where there was no such competition. The system was a distinctly selfish one devised for the greater prosperity of the railroads and involved the exercise of autocratic powers which do not rightfully belong to common carriers of goods."

"Water transportation can be revived in many parts of the United States as a result of proper regulation of railway freight charges. There are many classes of freight which might profitably be sent by water to the benefit of the railroads themselves."

EXPERIMENT IN STEER FEED

Pennsylvania Station—Makes Successful Test With Silage, Stover and Linseed Oil Meal.

Twelve head of two-year-old steers were fed at the Pennsylvania experimental station on a ration of 41.00 pounds of corn silage, 2.12 pounds of shelled corn stover and 3.02 pounds of linseed oil meal per head daily. They made an average daily gain of 1.22 pounds per head at a cost of \$13.94 per hundredweight. The cattle were valued at \$14.40 per hundred, making a net profit of \$23.53 per head.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Linn county banks now have deposits aggregating \$5,909,304.75.

The convention of the State Federation of Labor opened in Bend Monday. Marion county's apple crop this year will net the growers more than \$100,000.

Deckhands and firemen of Portland's river steamboats went on strike last week.

Hood kiver apple growers have never experienced so severe a shortage of apple packers.

The price of milk in Pendleton has raised to 15 cents for pints and 20 cents for quarts.

More than \$250 was cleared at a dance given by The Dalles Hospital Alumni association.

Fire which started in the upper story of the Masonic temple in Woodburn caused a damage of \$5000.

J. L. Stalker disposed of his 103-acre ranch situated in the vicinity of Silverton to Edward Olsen.

The Oregon Dairy Council will have four delegates to the national dairy show this week in Chicago.

Road construction in Oregon will be pressed forward through the winter by the state highway commission.

Cranberry raisers near Marshfield are short of help and have the biggest crop in recent years to harvest.

The Salem Pheasant company expects to press more than 3,000,000 pounds of apples during the present season.

Two new paving plants, each costing in the neighborhood of \$15,000, are to be purchased by Marion county.

Fear growers of the Hood River valley in a number of instances will realize \$2000 an acre from their crops this year.

Forty-five thousand gallons of vinegar will be manufactured by the Eugene Fruit Growers' association this year.

The accumulation of materials awaiting shipment is rapidly nearing a congestion at the Southern Pacific depot in Brownsville.

Taxpayers of Coquille have voted a bond issue of \$50,000 for purchase of a site and to construct a new high school building.

Advertisements have been issued by the Umatilla Indian agency inviting bids for the sale of 787 acres of choice Indian allotments.

Two fatalities and a total of 538 accidents were reported to the industrial accident commission for the week ending October 2.

The second annual dahlia show given in Oregon City under the auspices of the St. Paul's Episcopal church guild was largely attended.

Dr. William Sunderland Mott, for more than 30 years a resident of Salem and one of the best known physicians in this section of the state, is dead.

Salaries of all county employees whose pay is not regulated by state laws, were raised by the Douglas county court from \$10 to \$20 per month.

With the number of motor cars constantly increasing in Portland the traffic problem as shown by the September record of accidents, is becoming more acute.

Home nursing will be a part of the curriculum of the future high school girl in Portland, according to plans of the Portland chapter, American Red Cross.

A large touring car ran off the Columbia river highway near Rainier and plunged down an embankment 100 feet. Matt Armstrong of Astoria suffered a broken leg.

Because a large picture of the former Kaiser appears in the new geography, the Park Teacher association at Eugene has passed a resolution condemning the picture.

A. J. Barber, insurance commissioner, has more than \$100,000 in cash on hand and has been designated as the state's first fire insurance commissioner.

James Law, John Nebraska, county farrier, has been awarded a \$241.00 award for his work on the land for the year 1919.

There is a slowdown work back of living.

Labor Day



JACK PARKER EXPIRES WHILE IN DOCTOR'S OFFICE

J. Parker, Athena's pioneer barber, expired suddenly in Dr. Sharp's office shortly after five o'clock Tuesday evening, as the result of heart failure. In company with his son Willard Mr. Parker had gone to the doctor for medical attention, and while sitting in a chair suddenly lurched forward to the floor, dying instantly. The remains were removed to Miller undertaking apartments and the funeral services conducted at the residence this afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. B. B. Burton officiating.

Mr. Parker had been afflicted with heart troubles for about two years and had contracted asthma many years ago, and while death might have been expected to occur at any time, his taking away was a shock to the family and the community. He had been a resident of Athena for thirty-three years, coming here from Albany, Oregon, at which place he spent his boyhood and early manhood.

Andrew Jackson Parker was born near Burlington, Iowa, in 1859, and at his death was aged 60 years, 8 months and 16 days. He came to Oregon three years ago, and lost his father during the journey west. He leaves his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Beesie Beckham of this city and Mrs. Hazel Raymond of Walla Walla, and two sons, Herbert and Willard of this city. Two daughters and one son preceded him in death, a girl and boy in their infancy and Minnie, at the age of ten. He also has a half-brother, William Parker, living somewhere in Washington. Mr. Parker was a member of the Woodmen and Knights of Pythias orders.

"THE MAN FROM PAINTED POST" AND "MAN HUNT"

A splendid picture comes to the Standard Theatre tomorrow, Saturday, night, when Douglas Fairbanks will be featured in "The Man From Painted Post." A nifty comedy of two reels, "Watch Your Neighbor," by the Bennett players, is also offered. Sunday night, popular Julian Eltinge will be seen in "Clever Mrs. Carfax." Eltinge has a splendid opportunity in this production to display his feminine impersonations, and the plot is entertaining throughout. A glorious L-Ko comedy completes the program.

On Tuesday, October 14, the thrilling picture that has been captivating audiences in the big city theatres, "The Man Hunt," will be presented for the first time by any theatre in this section of the state, at the Standard Theatre. Charlie Chaplin in "Police," two reels of fun.

Thursday night comes "Tangled Breads," starring Bessie Barriscale—a splendid picture. Lloyd comedy and Esthe Review.

Leave for Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Steele and daughter Elizabeth leave today for Portland, where they will make their home for the present, being domiciled in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. McArthur, at 581, East Adams street. Mr. Steele will be connected with the George Lawrence Wholesale Harness company, and will later be assigned to a territory not yet known to him.

STATE FAIR FACILITIES ARE TOTALLY INADEQUATE

The unanimous verdict of all who attended the Oregon State Fair at Salem last week is that the fair was one of the best ever held, but that the facilities offered for accommodating the crowds in attendance were inadequate in a marked degree.

For 40,000 people in attendance, but four thousand could find seating places in the antiquated grandstand, "built forty years ago," as stated by A. L. Swaggart—the other 36,000 having to content themselves with standing room about the track and grounds.

The stock exhibits were superior to any heretofore seen at Salem, and the showing of agricultural products was marvelous, eclipsing anything of that nature ever attempted in the Northwest. The racing program attracted entries from the best known horsemen of the country, and the success of this prominent feature of the fair was notable.

JACKSON NELSON, HONORED PIONEER, PASSES AWAY

Jackson Nelson, resident of Athena for 33 years, passed peacefully away last Monday, October 6, at the home of his life-long friend, David Taylor, and was laid to rest today at 11 o'clock in the Athena cemetery. The funeral services were conducted in the Christian church, of which he was a member, Pastor B. B. Burton preaching the sermon. A large number of friends gathered to pay their last respects to this honored old pioneer, who has lived an upright life in their midst for over half a century.

Mr. Nelson was up town Monday morning, but being in a feeble state of health, he fell to the sidewalk. After being taken to his own home, he recovered and attended to business matters, and afterward was taken to the Taylor home, where, upon entering, about noon, he complained of a pain in the side. Soon losing consciousness, he expired at 5:30, Monday afternoon.

Jackson Nelson was born March 25, 1837, in New York State. At the age of eleven years he left home for a seafaring life, and made many voyages over the high seas before settling in California, in the gold mining days where sixty-one years ago he was met by Mr. Taylor, then a lad of 18, when a friendship was formed which lasted throughout life. Twenty-two years ago he was married to Mrs. Jane Howell, a sister of Mr. Taylor, who survives him. He died at the age of 82 years, 8 months and 11 days. He is survived by one brother, J. C. Nelson, of Bozeman, Montana, who was present at his funeral, and also a nephew, Malcolm Nelson, of Athena. Three brothers and two sisters have preceded him in death.

Library Benefit at Milton.

Mrs. W. H. Bailey and party of prominent Milton people were in the city Monday, in the interest of the recital, which was given last evening in that city for the benefit of the Milton public library. The entertainment was given by Anne Peyton Compton, soloist, and E. Faye Price, harpist, and was said by those attending to have been a brilliant affair.

LON BOOHER, AFTER SHORT ILLNESS DIED SUNDAY

Lon W. Booher died at Pendleton Sunday night, after a few days illness from intestinal complications. He was taken from Helix to the hospital at Pendleton last week, where he was operated upon just before death occurred.

He was in Athena but recently and was apparently enjoying his usual good health. Returning to where he worked near Helix, a few days later he was taken ill and gradually became worse.

Mr. Booher was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, October 20, 1866 and at his death was aged 53 years 11 months and 15 days. He was one of a family of 10 brothers eight of whom survive him and seven of these attended the funeral Wednesday, which was held from the Christian church. The brothers are: Lank Booher of Lexington, Morrow county; D. E. Booher of Lewiston, Idaho; W. B. Booher of Weston; A. R. Samuel, William, and Charles, of Athena, and George Booher of Coeur de Alene, Idaho.

SMILE HAS DISTINCT VALUE

In a debate in the national house of representatives one member charged the members on the other side with being a "continual grouch." Is it natural for men, especially politicians, to be grouches? Have they not yet learned the value of a smile?

This busy world, with its wonderful revelations, its tremendous possibilities, has no use for the "grouch." The minister who never smiles misses the sweetness of religion. The lawyer who never smiles loses more cases than he wins. The merchant who never smiles loses trade. The general who never smiles loses his grip on his men. The politician who never smiles usually stays at home. The salesman who never smiles loses his position.

Somehow people don't like a "grouch," a man who doesn't know how or when to smile.

A smile is the biggest asset to any man or woman. It means admirer, good nature, health—and wealth. It disarms a foe and makes a friend. It builds hope, banishes fear. It opens the door to the joys of life and the riches of existence. It is a jewel beyond price.

Dancing in Haiti.

Dancing to the music of a drum, saxophone and flute is the chief source of amusement for Haitians in their little villages on Saturday night, according to an article by William Almon Wolff in Collier's. Beginning at sundown every Saturday night, he writes, one will come to a wine shop, if one follows the sound of the drum. The drummer sits outside. His unceasing drumming marks the rhythm of the music; what melody there is, is borne by a flute, and almost always there is a saxophone. The music is the same as a single cadence is repeated, over and over again.

Dancing in Haiti resembles the naturalism among the Australian aborigines, Mr. Wolff writes. The dancers are frank and unashamed and one gets little or no feeling of a personal note between the two one sees dancing; rather they are staging a spectacle.

POTATOES PROPERLY STORED FOR WINTER

Approximately One-Third of Crop Is Marketed in Fall.

Reserve Supply Must Be Protected From Extremes of Heat and Cold—Provide Sufficient Ventilation and Avoid Moisture.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Potatoes properly stored should not sustain a loss throughout the winter season of more than 5 per cent, and under exceptionally good conditions not more than 3 or 4 per cent. The maximum return from the crop after it is produced depends on the care with which the potatoes are harvested, stored, graded, sacked, and the ability of the grower to sell at the most advantageous time. Approximately one-third of the main potato crop is marketed at harvest time, and the remainder is stored as a reserve supply for winter and spring. It is physically impossible, as well as economically undesirable, to attempt to market the entire crop in the autumn, and the only way in which potatoes can be handled successfully, so as to insure a uniform supply, is to provide sufficient storage on the farm or at the shipping station for from 65 to 75 per cent of the crop.

Various types of storage places are now in use, ranging from pits or cheaply constructed dug-outs to large, substantially built storage houses. Plans for the construction of storage houses are given in the department's Farmers' Bulletin 847.

For successful storage, the tubers must be protected from extremes of cold and heat; a temperature of from 35 to 40 degrees F. is considered satisfactory. Sufficient ventilation must be provided to remove foul air and excessive moisture. The storage house must be so constructed as to make it possible to exclude the light, as the table quality of potatoes quickly deteriorates in the light.

The tubers should be dry and reasonably free from dirt when put into storage, an excess of moisture or soil increases the amount of heat in newly stored potatoes. The soil tends to fill up the spaces between the tubers, thus cutting off air circulation, and helping to retain heat that would otherwise escape. All diseased, badly cut, or bruised tubers should be removed from the crop before putting it into storage.

It is a common practice for commercial growers and shippers to store potatoes in bins to a depth of 10 to 15 feet. This is almost certain to entail a much heavier shrinkage loss than when stored to a depth of not more than 6 feet. The heavier shrinkage is the result of the greater amount of heat generated by a large pile of potatoes, which results in a higher amount of moisture loss as well as a heavier loss from decay, as heat and moisture both help to develop organisms causing tuber rot.

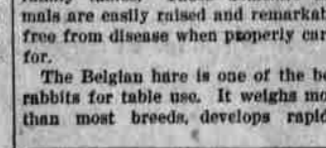
Frequently the losses sustained under these conditions reach 25 per cent, and where rigid care has not been exercised to remove all diseased tubers before storing the crop, the loss is even greater. It is advisable, therefore, to pile the potatoes not greater than 5 or 6 feet deep, and the floor dimensions of the bin should not be greater than 12x12 feet unless provided with a series of ventilating shafts or division walls for the escape of moisture and heat.

RAISE RABBITS FOR PROFITS

Little Domestic Animals Are Easy to Handle and Remarkably Free From Disease.

Rabbit raising on a backyard scale is not an experiment. Thousands of small rabbitries in this country are producing meat crops regularly for family tables. These domestic animals are easily raised and remarkably free from disease when properly cared for.

The Belgian hare is one of the best rabbits for table use. It weighs more than most breeds, develops rapidly



Females Flemish Giant.

and the quality of the meat is superior to all the others. The Flemish giant is a Belgian hare bred exclusively for large size, with the result that the meat is coarser and less delicate in flavor. These characteristics are considered by some persons as desirable, but this is largely a matter of individual taste.

If all pull together the high cost of living will soon be pulled down.

WAR OFFICE STOPS BOMB DISTRIBUTION

Treasury Department's Plan to Award Hand Grenades Blocked

The War Department has cancelled its contract to supply the Treasury Department with 15,000 hand grenades which were to be converted into savings banks to stimulate the sales of War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates, according to a telegram received by C. A. Farnsworth, associate director of the War Loan Organization in the Twelfth Federal Reserve District, from Washington, Banks and Trust Companies of the Twelfth Federal Reserve District had ordered nearly 100,000 grenades before news of the cancellation was received.

The telegram to Farnsworth read: "As the War Department has determined that the distribution of hand grenades as souvenirs should be discontinued, and has cancelled its arrangement for supplying grenades to the Treasury Department to be manufactured into grenade savings banks, the Treasury is unable to continue the distribution of the banks."

"In order, however, to recognize the efforts of the children in working and saving during the vacation time, each one who would be entitled to a bank will receive a certificate of achievement from the Treasury in appreciation of his industry in saving and buying government securities."

AMERICA'S MILLIONAIRES

By the income tax returns for 1917 it is shown that there were in the United States 3303 incomes between \$100,000 and \$150,000 each. If the average was \$125,000, the total incomes in that class were \$412,500,000. There were 2347 incomes between \$150,000 and \$200,000 each. If the average was \$200,000 the total incomes in that class were \$469,400,000. There were 659 incomes between \$200,000 and \$300,000 each. If the average was \$250,000 the total incomes in that class were \$164,750,000. There were 316 incomes between \$300,000 and \$1,000,000 each. If the average was \$750,000 the total incomes in that class were \$238,500,000. At the top of the heap were 141 incomes of \$1,000,000 or more. If the average was \$1,500,000 the total incomes in that class were \$211,500,000. The grand total for all classes given would be \$1,843,500,000 income among 6664 individuals.

What is your income? You haven't any? Neither did those millionaires until they started to save and invest. Begin now and build up an income. Buy a five dollar United States War Savings Stamp. It pays 4 per cent, compounded quarterly. If you haven't got four dollars and twenty cents—that is what a five dollar stamp costs—buy a twenty-five cent Thrift Stamp. Get started. Get an income. An income from War Savings Stamps is not taxable.

Queer Burial Custom.

Among the Indians of Alaska living along the rock-bound coast of the Bering sea many old customs prevail, and it is still believed that when a man dies he must pass forward through four successive stages before he reaches heaven. Thus his mourners and family must spend four days and nights in chanting songs or telling of his virtues and must eat only the foods of which he was fond. At the end of that time the body of the dead man is wrapped into a bundle and is hauled up through the roof by strong ropes that the corpse may not pass through any door used by the living. Cremation follows and the ashes are put into a bag and stored in the great wooden chests which all the family "grave house."

In the old days these ceremonies of those four days were very elaborate, and the songs and chants used striking in their solemnity. Now, however, much has been modernized, but they still dislike the thought of entering a door through which a body has been carried.

A frown may be as serious as a walk-out.

Keep after the profiteer. He is a robber.