

**RAIL RATE PROBE IS ORDERED BY I. C. C.**

Washington, D. C.—In conformity with the resolution adopted at the last session of congress the Interstate commerce commission ordered an investigation into the existing freight rate structure of all the railroads in the country.

The action is designed to bring out particularly the bearing of railroad rates upon the agricultural industry.

In proceedings of recent years it has been claimed that railroad rates on crude raw materials have become too high as compared with the rates on finished goods.

Notice was given that representatives of all carriers, state, federal and local authorities, and shippers or organizations of shippers might file briefs or statements as to the procedure to be followed, or complaints, on affidavit, of discrimination. These will be received until May 15 and answers to them, in case answers are necessary, until June 15.

**TENNESSEE BARS EVOLUTION**

Governor Signs Bill Against Teaching Darwin Theory in Schools

Nashville, Tenn.—Tennessee rang down the curtain on the Darwin-Huxley drama when Governor Peay signed a bill passed by the general assembly casting into discard the theory of evolution.

The bill bars the teaching of evolution in the public schools, normals and colleges of the state. The governor in a message to the legislature accompanying the signed bill declared evolution "at variance with the teachings of man's creation as related in the Bible."

**Governor Approves New Tax Bill.**

Sacramento, Cal.—Governor Richardson signed the bill which carries into effect the provisions of the constitutional amendment adopted at the last general election providing for the taxation of foreign securities at seven per cent of their full cash value.

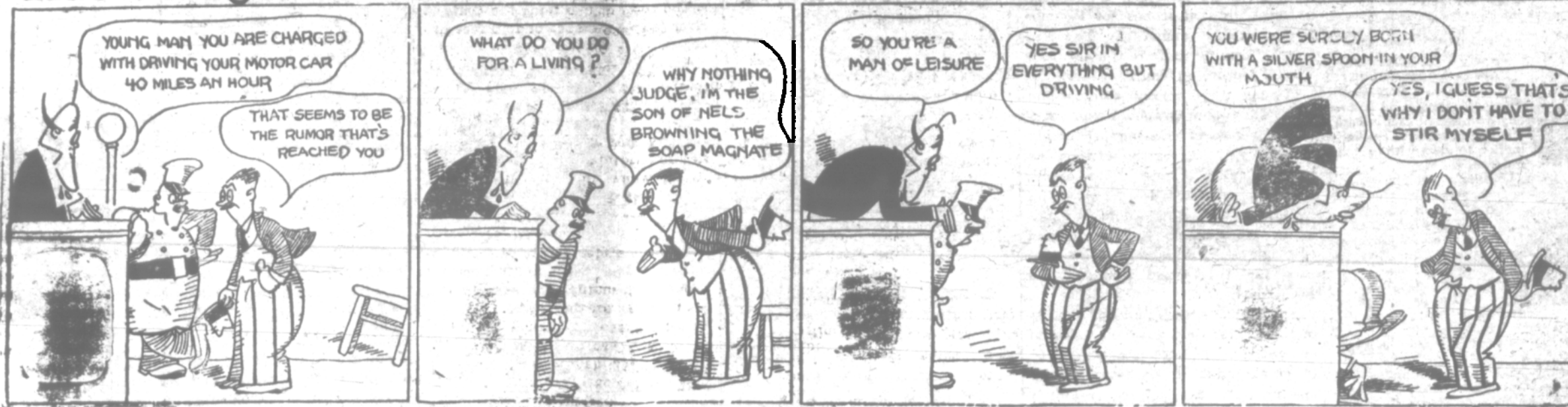
**Girl Matricide Is Put on Trial.**

San Francisco—Dorothy Ellington, 16-years-old, went on trial Monday in Superior Judge Lounsbury's court for the murder of her mother. Temporary insanity will be her defense, her three lawyers indicated.

**WHY FARMING DECLINED**

A review of the present status of agriculture in New England has shown that the more important contributing causes of the condition which exists are: Waste of farm resources; failure to understand and practice the fundamental principles of business; lack of an adequate program of farm management and soil management, with the attendant depletion of soil fertility; choice of unsuitable and oftentimes unmarketable varieties; the use of poor seed; the keeping and breeding of inferior animals; the use of purchased feeds instead of home grown grain; quantity instead of quality production; and failure to grade produce properly and according to law. The decline of New England agriculture presents a serious problem which deserves the most careful study.—Banker-Farmer

**The Judge:— Men of Leisure Don't Drive That Way by M.B.**



**JAMES BARTON**



James Barton, adjutant of the Iowa Department of the American Legion, who has been named adjutant of the national organization by Commander James A. Drain.

**"Lift" Etiquette Most Puzzling to Stranger**

Apparently it was the stranger's first trip in an office building elevator and he was unaccustomed to the more or less rigid rules of "lift" etiquette.

He stood facing the door as the elevator started down. At the next floor a young woman entered and took a stand behind him. Two floors below a man boarded the car and, looking straight past the stranger, noticed the woman and gallantly removed his hat. As he did so the stranger tipped his hat and then replaced it on his head. At the next floor another man entered and looking sharply at the stranger removed his hat. The stranger responded by tipping his hat and replacing it again.

This was repeated every time a man entered the elevator, the puzzled look on the man's face increasing with each stop. Arriving at the ground floor he paused until his fellow passengers had passed out of earshot and then asked the elevator operator:

"What's everybody saluting me for?"

**Banks of Lee County, Mississippi**

Banks of Lee County, Mississippi have a budget of \$5,000 which they use in keeping an expert going about the county urging more dairying and better dairying, an advisor on all dairy operations. Two hundred cars of hifers and cows were shipped out of the county last year.

**PROBE OF N. P. LAND GRANTS IS STARTED**

Washington, D. C.—A joint congressional committee has started consideration of the land grants to the Northern Pacific railway.

The inquiry is a result of representations by the departments of agriculture and interior that several millions of acres in the national forests are being claimed as lieu lands by the railroad. The railroad, according to these departments, already has had more than was authorized under the grant laws.

Charles Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific, was the first witness. He explained the railroad theory of the grant, placing emphasis on alleged failure of the government to conduct surveys of the granted lands as soon as the road was built, which he contended resulted in the loss of valuable tracts to the railroad.

The investigation into the Northern Pacific land grants by a congressional committee broadened when members of the committee indicated they would inquire not only into the present contentment of the railroad for 3,000,000 additional acres, but to the law and facts attending under which lands have been taken over by the railroad.

**GEORGE A. PARKS**



George A. Parks, for several years Department of the Interior supervisor of survey in Alaska, who will succeed Scott C. Bone as governor of the territory.

**Oriental Have Odd Belief About Foxes**

Foxes have a terrifying effect on the imaginations of superstitious Orientals. A fox will enter a human's body—between the fingernails and the skin, they say—and having made himself at home, will control the person's thought, actions and even his voice, leading him into devilries for which he feels he cannot be held responsible. To thus be controlled by a fox—or rather by the spirit of a fox—is to suffer from what is recognized as demoniacal possession.

We are told, says the Detroit News, that "the person possessed hears and understands everything that the fox inside him says or thinks; and that the two often engage in violent dispute, the fox speaking in a voice altogether different from that which is natural to the individual." Scientifically, we have it explained that "whereas in healthy persons one-half of the brain alone is actively engaged—in right-handed persons the left half of the brain and in left-handed persons the right—in nervously excitable persons or in persons of weak mind the diseased half of the brain is often aroused into activity by fear, and that the two halves, now functioning—one the normal self and the other the new, pathologically affected self—are set one against the other, the result being that the activities of the 'new' brain are ascribed to the fox."

**BRIEF GENERAL NEWS**

Former Senator Charles A. Culberson of Texas, died at his home in Washington, D. C.

Vice President Dawes is considering a visit to the Pacific Northwest late in the summer and the delivery of a speech in some city unselected.

President Coolidge named Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, now American minister at Peking, to succeed Alanson B. Houghton as ambassador to Germany.

Al G. Barnes, well known circus man, was indicted by the federal grand jury in Los Angeles on charges of defrauding the government out of more than \$100,000 in income taxes for 1921.

Official statistics indicate that farmers of the country plan to plant spring wheat to the extent of 1130 per cent of what was planted last year. Plantings of durum are placed at 112.5 per cent.

Former owners of the minority stock in the Ford Motor company have been arbitrarily assessed a total of approximately \$28,500,000 by the treasury as income tax alleged to be due on profits made by the stockholders when they disposed of their interests to Henry Ford in 1919.

**Receivers for St. Paul Railroad Named**

Chicago, Ill.—Application for a receivership for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company was granted in the United States district court. The receivership is the climax of weeks and months of uncertainty marked by steady and heavy declines of the market quotations of the road's securities as to the refinancing of the \$48,000,000 of 4 per cent bonds due next June. Under the receivership a drastic reduction in the capital structure now exceeding \$700,000,000 is expected.

**Papers Carried by Cyclone 300 Miles.**

Bloomington, Ind.—Articles blown nearly 300 miles by last week's cyclone were picked up here. A lodge receipt from a Murphysboro, Ill., lodge was found in a field near here. Murphysboro is 275 miles from Bloomington.

**Lord Curzon, British Diplomat, Dies.**

London.—Death claimed the Marquis Curzon of Kedleston, Lord President of the council and former foreign secretary after a fight against pneumonia which developed following his operation. The marquis was 66 years old.

**HOW BANKERS HELP**

Seventeen students are securing an education in the Georgia State College of Agriculture through financial aid which the State Bankers Association is giving. In 1923 the Association increased its annual dues so as to contribute toward the education of boys and girls in club work who could not otherwise receive a higher education. This year, therefore, \$1,000 was put into a trust fund with the College to be loaned to students who need help. It was placed in what is known as the "Ex-President's Fund," a fund which has been receiving voluntary contributions from its retiring presidents of the Bankers' Association since 1915. In amount the fund is now \$7,153. Fifty students have been helped prior to this year making a total of sixty-seve.

**OBSERVER WANT ADS**

Rates: Under 15 words, 35c; 15 to 30 words, 50c; Over 30 words, 15c per wd.

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**NOTICE**—The Tygh Valley Flour Mill has closed down until July 1st. Out of wheat. R. B. Knox.

**FOR SALE**—Good milk cow, fresh February 1st, ten years old, \$80. Also 16-7 Thomas hoe drill, \$60. F. W. Hutchcroft, phone 2F24, Moro.

**BABY CHICKS** from farm flock of Buff Orpingtons, \$18 per 100. Mrs. A. H. Barum, Moro Ore. m6f

**FOR SALE or Trade**—Several good brood sows due to farrow this month, also double outway tandem disc. C. P. Walker, phone 2B13, Moro.

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**How to Flavor Coffee**

There is a best way of doing everything—even of putting sugar and cream in your coffee. In fact, to put sugar and cream in your coffee is quite wrong, according to Popular Science Monthly. The really correct procedure is to put cream in the cup, then the coffee and add the sugar last of all. This will prevent the cream from "curdling" should it be slightly sour. Coffee poured on cream and sugar in a cup is almost certain to result in the cream's curdling.

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman. In the matter of the estate of William A. Futter, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the above entitled court her final account of her administration of said estate and that Monday the 23rd day of March, 1925, at the hour of ten o'clock a.m. of said day has been by order of the court appointed as the time and the county court room in the court house at Moro, Oregon, as the place for the hearing of the said report and account, the objections thereto, if any, and the settlement of the said estate.

Dated at Moro, Oregon this 14th day of February, A. D. 1925.

Mary E. Futter, Executrix of said estate.

W. C. Bryant, attorney for executrix.

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**NOTICE TO WATER USERS ON THE JOHN DAY RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES.**

To all persons, firms, and corporations, claiming a right to the use of the waters of the John Day River, or any of its tributaries, and:

**TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** You and each of you are hereby notified that the State Engineer of the State of Oregon will begin an investigation of the flow of the John Day River and its tributaries, and of the ditches diverting water therefrom, on Tuesday, April 7th, 1925, pursuant to various petitions filed for the determination of the rights to the use of the waters of said stream and its tributaries.

Further notice will be given at a later date, fixing a time when, and a place where, the State Engineer will receive claims and testimony as to the rights of all parties claiming water from said stream and its tributaries, as provided by law.

RHEA LUPER, State Engineer.

**Godness of Water.**

The Virgin de los Remedios is a small wooden image about twelve inches high, evidently carved with full penknife. The carving bespeaks the work of the Indian. The statue is revered as the Goddess of Water.

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**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION IN FORECLOSURE OF TAX LIEN**

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Sherman County.

Lawrence Martin, plaintiff vs. Albert Miller, also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, defendants.

To Albert Miller, also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, the above named defendants.

In the Name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby notified that Lawrence Martin is the holder of Certificate of Delinquency numbered 95 issued on the 21st day of November, 1923 by the Tax Collector of the County of Sherman, State of Oregon, for the amount of Seventy Six and 62/100 (\$76.62) dollars, the same being the amount then due and delinquent for taxes for the years 1919, 1920, 1921, and 1922, together with penalty, interest, and costs thereon upon the real property assessed to you, of which you are the owner as appears of record, situated in said County and State, and particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit: The east one-half (EA) of the northeast quarter (NE4) of section eight (8), township one (1) north, range nineteen (19) east of the Willamette meridian.

You are further notified that said Lawrence Martin has paid taxes on said premises for prior or subsequent years, with the rate of interest on said amounts as follows: Years tax 1923; date paid June 3rd, 1924; tax receipt No. 909; amount \$20.59; rate of interest 12 per cent; interest paid .21.

Said Albert Miller as the owner of the legal title of the above described property as the same appears of record, and each of the other persons above named are hereby further notified that Lawrence Martin, the plaintiff will apply to the Circuit Court of the County and State aforesaid for a decree foreclosing the lien against the property above described, and mentioned in said certificate. And you are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the first publication of this summons, exclusive of the day of said first publication, and defend this action or pay the amount due as above shown, together with costs and accrued interest, and in case of your failure to do so, a decree will be rendered foreclosing the lien of said taxes and costs against the land and premises above named.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable E. D. McKee Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman and said order was made and dated this 26th day of January, 1925 and the date of the first publication of this summons is the 30th day of January, 1925.

All process and papers in this proceeding may be served upon the undersigned residing within the State of Oregon at the address hereafter mentioned.

I M. Peterson, attorney for plaintiff; address Moro, Oregon.

Last publication March 27th, 1925.

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Hay—Alfalfa, \$18.50@19 ton; valley timothy, \$19@20; eastern Oregon timothy, \$24@25; eastern Oregon timothy, 48c delivered Portland.

Butterfat—48c delivered Portland.

Eggs—Ranch, 25@28c.

Cheese—Prices f. o. b. Tillamook: Triplets, 28c; loaf, 29c per lb.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$12.25@8.75.

Hogs—Medium to choice, \$13.00@14.25.

Sheep—Lambs, medium to choice, \$11@16.

Seattle

Wheat—Soft white, \$1.69; western, white, hard winter, northern spring, \$1.68; western red, \$1.66; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.99.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$23; D. C., \$28; timothy, \$26; D. C., \$28; mixed hay, \$24.

Butterfat—45c.

Eggs—Ranch, 27@31c.

Hogs—Top hogs, \$14.75.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$8.35@8.85.

Cheese—Washington cream brick, 18c; Washington triplets, 19@20c; Washington Young Americas, 21@22c.

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