

EDITORIALS

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Our Democratic lawmakers, at Washington are inexcusably careless in the enactment of important statutes. In the "Safety at sea" act passed to promote the welfare of American seamen, and to prevent, if possible, the repetition of the Titanic disaster, failed to clearly fix the date it should become effective. Two different days were named for enforcement, one four months later than the other. Section 14 of the act declares that the requirements must be enforced and obeyed "on and after July 1, 1915, on steamers navigating the ocean or any lake, bay or sound of the United States." Section 18 of the same act is contradictory, declaring that "this act shall take effect, as to all vessels of the United States, eight months after its passage," etc.

A blunder of this type is monumental. In all parliamentary procedure it is elementary that a definite date for the enforcement of a law is practically as important as the signature of the President. Combined the two constitute the electric current which permits the machinery of the law to be set in motion.

Many members of Congress and others familiar with the history of this "safety at sea" act believed that it would go into effect July 1, and are surprised and disappointed that under the opinion of the Attorney General it will not begin to operate until November, after the season for water travel is over.

In most instances a failure to fix definitely the date a statute shall be enforced involves only financial consideration. But in a law designed for the protection of humanity, lives are at stake and the necessity for the highest degree of care becomes imperative.

Application of the Southern Pacific railroad and the Associated Oil company under the Panama Canal act, to continue operation of a fleet of oil steamers from Monterey, Gaviota and Port Costa, Cal. to points in Oregon and Washington, was denied by the interstate commerce commission.

The Commission held, however, that operation of

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S INDUSTRIAL FAIR

TO BE HELD IN SPRAY SEPTEMBER 18 1915

For School Districts No. 1, 2, 4, 9 and 16, Wheeler Co.

PREMIUM LIST

1-PET LAMB One. Class A—1st prize \$2; 2nd prize \$1. Class B—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1.	7-BUTTER. One Pound or Roll. Class A—1st, \$1; 2nd, \$1. Class B—1st, \$1; 2nd, 1.	10-WOODWORK. Any Article Made of Wood. Class A—1st, \$2; 2nd, \$1. Class B—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1.
2-CHICKENS. Trio. Class A—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1. Class B—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1.	8-CAKE. One. Class A—1st, \$1; 2nd, 1. Class B—1st, \$1; 2nd, 1.	11-SEWING. Plain Hand Made Apron. Class A—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1. Class B—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1.
3-PIGS. One. Class A—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1. Class B—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1.	9-FLOWERS. Choose any two of the following varieties and exhibit bouquets: Dahlias, Sweet Peas, Asters. Class A—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1. Class B—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1.	12-JELLY. One Glass. Class A—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1. Class B—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1.
4-POTATOES. Half Dozen. Class A—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1. Class B—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1.		13-MUSK MELON. One. Class A—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1. Class B—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1.
5-WATERMELON. One. Class A—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1. Class B—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1.	14-COL. OF VEGETABLES. Any Five Kinds. Class A—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1. Any Three Kinds. Class B—1st, \$2; 2nd, 1.	
6-BREAD. One Loaf. Class A—1st, \$1; 2nd, 1. Class B—1st, \$1; 2nd, 1.		

RULES GOVERNING EXHIBITS.

1. Any child may make as many different exhibits as he or she desires, but only one entry for each prize.
2. In gardening, a child may have the ground plowed by some one else, but all the planting, care, harvesting and preparation of the produce for entry at the fair must be done by the child in whose name the entry is made. Lambs and pigs must be taken from their mothers not later than two weeks after birth, and thereafter

the child who enters the lamb or pig must take all the care of it. If a child desires to exhibit chickens, he or she must set the hen, and after hatching take all the care of the hen and chicks. All entries must be accompanied by a certificate signed by the child's parents or guardian to the effect that the article exhibited is in every sense the child's own production, according to the intentions of the fair, which is to encourage the boys and girls to raise and make the articles by their own efforts, subject to these rules.

3. Every boy and girl in School Districts 1, 2, 4, 9, and 16, who is under 21 years of age is eligible to enter these contests. Class A will include all over twelve years of age. Class B will include all twelve years of age and under.

4. All entries must be made on blanks which may be had at the COURIER office. No entrance fee will be charged. Exhibits must be listed by 9 A. M. on Fair Day.

For further information address,

Spray School Board.

Mrs. F. A. Hale, Lavina Wagner, Mrs. Chas. Royse, Committee on arrangements.

those ships to the Hawaiian Islands or to Alaska ports would not be in violation of the law.

This ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission does nothing but deprive Oregon and Washington of cheap fuel and road oil, and to that extent hampers the development of the two states.

It is only another illustration of how over-zealous commissions and regulatory laws hamper the industries and tie up business operations. The political management of national resources has been a complete failure.—Pacific Coast Manufacturer.

The State Library of Salem has placed at my disposal several agricultural books covering subjects of interest to every one in this county. There are books on stock, grain, fruit, poultry gardens and home life. They are here for the use of the people of the county and can be had by anyone calling at my office in the court house or writing for them. If I am not in the office Mr. Sasser will give them to you. These books are prepared by men thoroughly acquainted with the different phases of farm life and you will undoubtedly gain some valuable information from them. I also have on hand numerous bulletins treating farm problems that might be of interest to you.

Orren Beatty,
County Agriculturist.

SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Wheeler, on the 18th day of May 1915, upon a decree therein rendered on the 4th day of January, 1913, in favor of J. T. Jones, plaintiff, and against Nellie R. Looney and W. W. Looney, defendants, which said execution and order of sale is to me directed, and commands me to sell the property hereinafter described, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment of the plaintiff in said cause for the sum of \$1889.96, with interest thereon from said 4th day of January, 1913, at 7 per cent per annum, and the further sum of \$51.14, taxes paid on said property, and the further sum of \$170.00, attorney's fees, and the further sum of \$19.00 costs;

I have levied on, and will on the 26th day of June 1915, at two o'clock, P. M., at the Courthouse door in Fos-sil, Wheeler County, Oregon, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment and decree mentioned, the following described real property, to-wit:

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, and the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, in Tp. 12, S. R. 22, E. W. M., containing 160 A., more or less, and situated in Wheeler County, Oregon. Said sale is subject to confirmation by the Court.

Dated this 18th day of May, 1915
Oscar Kelsay,
Sheriff of Wheeler County, Oregon.
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For The
COURIER

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Isolated Tract. Public land sale
Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office at The Dalles,
Oregon, April 7th, 1915.

notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Sec. 2455, R. S., pursuant to the application of Thomas B. Elrod, et al, No. 012560, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$1.25 per acre, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 23rd day of June 1915, next, at this office, the following tract of land: lot 1 & 2, Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 23 East, (111.21 acres).

"This tract is ordered into the market on a showing that the greater portion thereof is mountainous or too rough for cultivation."

The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay the Receiver the amount thereof.

Any person claiming adversely the above-described land is advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

H. Frank Woodcock, Register.
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CALL FOR BIDS.

NOTICE is hereby given that I will consider bids filed with me before June 21, 1915, for four cord of dry wood, to be delivered and piled in the basement of the school-house, before Sept. 1, 1915. Said wood to be cut from green timber.

Charles Royse Clerk School District No. 1, Spray, Oregon.

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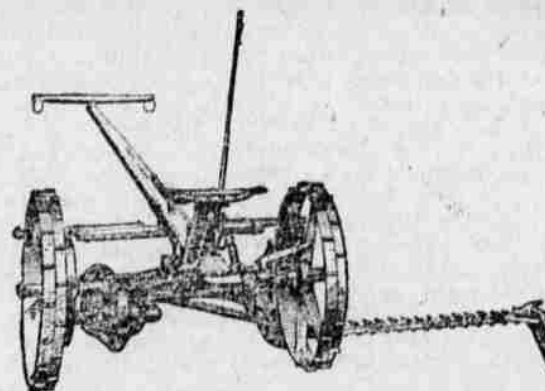
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