

### SEEK APPEAL TO HIGHER COURT FOR PEOPLE'S RATE BILL

The Medford Traffic Bureau has requested Attorney General Crawford to appeal from the decision in the federal district court to the higher courts in the case of the Medford rate bill. The request is as follows: Medford, Ore., Dec. 22, 1913. Mr. A. M. Crawford, Attorney General, Salem, Oregon.

Dear Sir: We learned from the press that the initiative freight rate act, which carried at the last general election by an overwhelming majority, has been permanently enjoined by the federal district court. We are not informed that an appeal to the United States supreme court has been taken by the state.

In view of the various recent decisions of the United States supreme court, uniformly reversing injunction decrees of the federal district court in the state rate cases of like character and establishing the state rates, we believe ample precedents are now established to justify the taking of an appeal of the initiative freight rate case to the supreme court, and therefore formally request your office to appeal the case, if it has not already been done, so that a ruling may be had from the highest court. We make this request on behalf of this community.

This act carried every county except two, having a very small vote and this fact, together with the overwhelming majority, clearly shows the people want this rate policy applied in this state, and the principle is now being urged upon shippers by the railroads throughout the county on basis of economy of transportation, i. e. heavy car loading.

Kindly advise.  
Yours truly,  
MEDFORD TRAFFIC BUREAU.

### SWEDISH YULEFEST NEW YEAR'S EVE.

A Swedish Yule feast will be held at Smith's hall, 128 North Grape street, on New Years eve, Wednesday, December 31, from 7 o'clock to midnight. All the Scandinavians and their families are expected to attend. No admission. No formality. The young people and the children will play national games and sing native songs, and all the sons and daughters from the Northland will celebrate "Nu a de Jul igen."

According to the United States census, there are in Jackson county about 300 Swedes, over 100 Norwegians and nearly 100 Danes. But no attempt has ever been made to gather these people together for an old-fashioned Christmas celebration in any part of Southern Oregon. Yet Yule festivals among the Northmen seems to be as old as the race itself, even going beyond the Christian era. No other people in the world spend half of the year to prepare for the Christmas holidays and the other half to remember how good a time they had.

The Swedes in Medford have been working for weeks preparing for the event. The Swedish vice-consul in Portland, Hon. V. Lidell, recently sent a new Swedish flag to O. N. Nelson for the occasion.

### MEDFORD APPLES MAKE HIT IN CHICAGO

Mr. Streets, Medford's Commercial club secretary recently requested Mr. Lowe who had charge of the Rogue River valley exhibit at the Land show in Chicago to send a box of apples to Somers, Jones and company, board of trade commission merchants, and the following letter received yesterday is in acknowledgement:

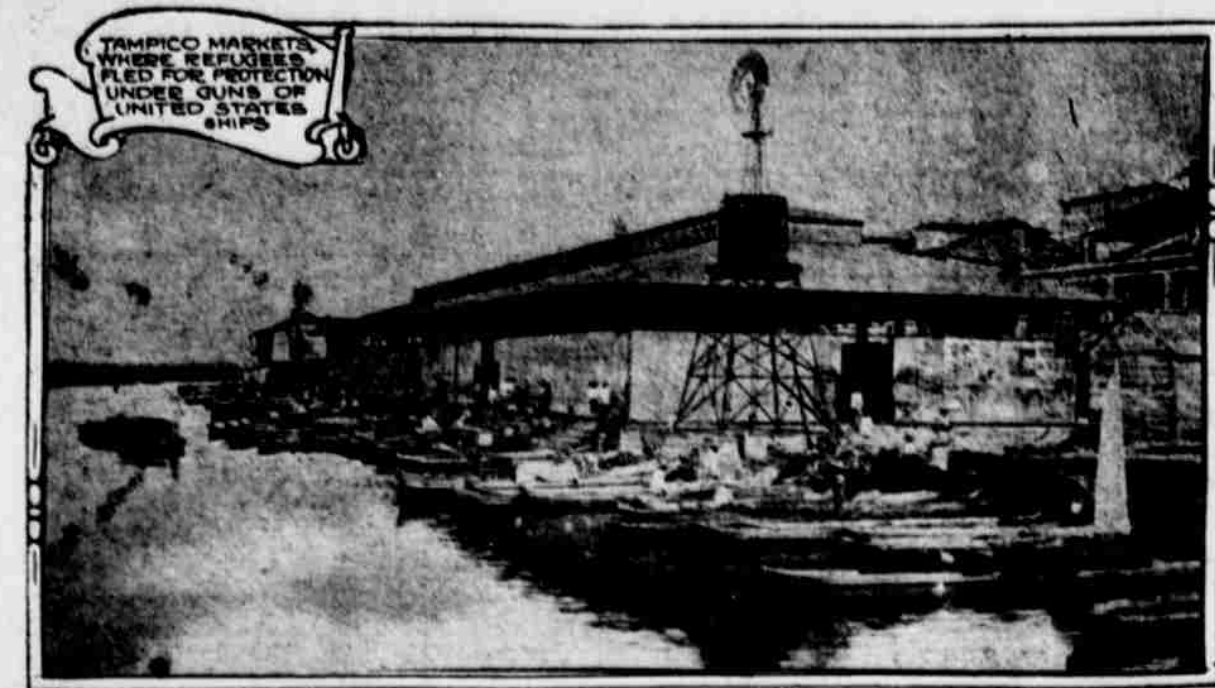
Dear Mr. Streets: We received your splendid box of apples through Mr. D. M. Lowe, and certainly enjoyed them, all agree that we had never eaten better apples in our lives than those from the Oregon country. Frankly speaking some of the boys as well as myself had the impression that the praise accorded western apples was unwarranted but we are now quite converted.

We thank you heartily for the gift and should you see Mr. Lowe be sure and tell him how much we enjoyed them.

Mr. Somers and I made a trip last summer to the Yellowstone and intend this next season or in 1915 to come and see your wonderful Rogue River valley.

Yours very truly,  
A. R. SOMERS.

### REFUGEES AT TAMPICO UNDER PROTECTION OF THE UNITED STATES.



Despatches from Vera Cruz, Mexico, report that five hundred Americans, all the foreign women and children and most of the men other than Mexicans fled from Tampico and took refuge on board American war ships when the fighting was resumed between rebels and federals.

The exodus of Americans was ordered by Rear Admiral Fletcher, commander of the American war ships. By his order the refugees were received on board the cruisers Wheeling and Tacoma and then transferred to the battle ships Virginia and Rhode Island.

### BOLD ROBBERS STEAL RIVER TUG LOOT 10 CARS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—With four alleged members of one of the boldest robber bands with which it has ever had to deal, the New York police were on the trail today of the leader of the gang who engineered about the strangest and most daring robberies in criminal annals. The loot was nothing less than a big river tug and a barge with ten loaded freight cars aboard, stolen from the East river.

The robbery was discovered yesterday when the barge and its ten cars were found adrift. The cars had been looted of valuable merchandise. At the same time the tug James Bradley was found awash with its sea-cocks open. A watchman saw five men board the tug at Hoboken Christmas night. The four men arrested were heard discussing a robbery. These men are being examined closely in efforts to trace the robbery to them and to locate their leader.

### STOCK MARKET FEELS LONDON HEAVINESS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Heaviness in London was reflected by early trading in stocks here today, most of the leaders opening lower. Canadian Pacific dropped 1 3/4 to 208 1/4, a new low record for the year. On light trading a few isolated advances were scored. After the opening drop a better tone developed, but renewed selling caused another slump. Before the short session ended New Haven jumped 3 points on reports that the company had compromised its differences with the government. Bonds were steady. The market closed firm.

### WILSON SILENT ON MOYER DEPORTATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Secretary of Labor Wilson had heard nothing today beyond what the newspapers published concerning the Moyer deportation case in the Michigan copper country. He was not investigating the matter, but looked for an early report from Agent Denmore of the department. In the meantime he declined comment.

### Women's Fancy Dress Slippers

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### 50-POUND LIMIT FOR PARCEL POST PACKAGES IN 1914

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The following changes in weight limit and postage rates for fourth-class matter take effect January 1, 1914. The limit of weight of parcels of fourth-class mail for delivery within the first and second zones shall be increased from 20 to 50 pounds and in the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth zones from 11 to 20 pounds.

The rate of postage on parcels exceeding 4 ounces in weight in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth zones shall be as follows:

Third Zone.—Six cents for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.  
Fourth Zone.—Seven cents for the first pound and four cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.  
Fifth Zone.—Eight cents for the first pound and six cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

Sixth Zone.—Nine cents for the first pound and eight cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof. All regulations or parts of regulations in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

On and after March 16, 1914, the classification of articles mailable under section 8 of the act of August 24, 1912, authorizing the establishment of the parcel post service shall be extended so as to include books. The rate of postage on books weighing 8 ounces or less shall be one cent for each 2 ounces or fraction thereof and on those weighing in excess of 8 ounces the regular zone rate shall apply.

All regulations or parts of regulations in conflict herewith are rescinded.

### Born

To Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Drury of Drury Lane orchard, a daughter, Barbara Drury.



### SUNDAY PREACHES REVIVAL IN LARGEST TABERNACLE BUILT

PITTSBURG, Dec. 27.—In the largest "tabernacle" ever erected or erected for any evangelist, "Billy" Sunday will open an eight weeks' revival here tomorrow. The huge structure was reared on the Bellefield tract, near the National league ball park, and three carloads of lumber were used in construction of the rostrum alone.

The building will seat about 10,000 people, besides the chorus of from 1500 to 2500 that has been rehearsing for weeks. Despite its dimensions, only four weeks were consumed in the building. A large force of Pittsburg workmen under "Master" Joseph Speice, Sunday's contractor, did the work.

Sunday admits that Pittsburg has proven the hardest place he has ever tackled. But he predicts that he will convert thousands while here. Stern opposition marked his coming. Lutheran churchmen of prominence, thousands of citizens and what "Billy" called the "devil's gang," working separately and from different angles against his coming.

Sunday insisted that the congregations needed a revival, and he made his coming conditional on the closing of most all of the local churches. He won his point.

A commission has \$5000 available which it will utilize for the employment of men during the emergency.

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### 3000 PROPERTY OWNERS UNABLE TO RAISE MONEY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—That 3000 men of property in Los Angeles are penniless and without work and unable to raise a cent upon their holdings is the startling contents of a report by Secretary F. E. Golding of the Christmas Good Fellows' organization on file today with the city council's relief committee.

Golding asserted unqualifiedly that these men have realty, stock in companies or equities in properties which are at present valueless for raising money for living purposes. He declared further that 3000 heads of families and 2000 unmarried persons are without work.

To permit the employment of jobless men, the park commission has set aside the civil service rule under which it must employ men. This

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150	115	1.35	1.20
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