

S. P. PROMISES SPLIT RATE ON DOOR SHIPMENTS

A combined rail and water rate on door shipments from California to New York, via Galveston, will be placed in effect, on or before March 10, of 74 cents a hundred, against the old rate of \$1.51 a hundred, the Southern Pacific announces.

New lumber tariffs, marking a reduction of from 7 to 13 cents, according to terminals, are proposed by rail carriers, pending adjustment at the complaint of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce before the Interstate Commerce commission, according to a telegram received by A. Larson, traffic manager of the California Redwood association from R. H. Conant, chairman of the Trans-Continental freight bureau.

The purport of this message, says Mr. Larson, is about as follows: To St. Paul, Kansas City and Missouri River points, 66 1/2 cents; St. Louis and Chicago territory, 73 cents; from California to Mississippi River points south of Cairo, Ill., 68 cents.

Differentials existing prior to August 26 to be maintained from Truckee-Hawley group, and will also apply on ex-water rate, which difference is now 13 1/2 cents and will be reduced to 10 cents.

The new rates announced from California to eastern points follows: To Omaha, Kansas City, Iowa, and points in Kansas, Nebraska, western Oklahoma and Texas, rate lowered from 73 cents to 66 1/2 cents per cwt. To Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Cairo, Ill., and common territory, lowered from 82 1/2 cents to 73 cents per cwt.

To Memphis, New Orleans and eastern Texas, lowered from 80 cents to 68 cents per cwt. Rates from Westwood and mills in Nevada on the eastern slope of the Sierras will be subject to a differential rate of three cents per cwt. less than the rates named from California coast, this being the differential existing prior to August 26, 1920.

Inland Empire Rates
Under the proposed rates the differential of four cents which applied between the north coast and inland empire under present tariff will be reduced to three cents.

New York Rail and Water Rates
The Southern Pacific company will place in effect a 73-cent combined rail and water rate and 74-cent rate on doors applying via Galveston to New York pier from California. The Chicago rail rate is 73 cents. This rate should stimulate lumber and door traffic from California. For example: The present door rate from California to New York is \$1.51 per hundred pounds. The New England rate is \$1.55 per hundred pounds. The old pre-war rate on doors from California to New York was 75 cents.

It is proposed to make the new rates effective on ten days' notice.

NOTE—There are practically no assembled sash and door shipments out of Klamath Falls, local lumbermen say, but a favorable rate might stimulate manufacture. Knocked-down stock takes the general lumber rate. The California rate, said M. A. Callaghan of the Chamber of Commerce traffic bureau, applies to Klamath Falls, with approximately a cent's increase on the 100 pounds.

Dental Lecturer Here Monday Night

Dr. H. C. Fixott of the State Dental association will lecture in the Presbyterian church basement Monday night at 8:15, and will illustrate his lecture with motion pictures. The public is invited to hear Dr. Fixott, his lecture being designed to instruct people in the care of teeth, and the effects of negligence in this regard. He will also address the pupils of the high school during the afternoon.

Miss Lydia Fricke, county health nurse, has received a letter from the county nurse of Clatsop county which contains hearty endorsement of Dr. Fixott's lectures.

Hughes Takes Oath; Considers Central American Quarrel

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Charles Evan Hughes was sworn in as secretary of state at 9:53 this morning at the state department.

His first official action was the consideration of the Panama-Costa Rica situation.

After taking the oath, Secretary Hughes conferred for an hour with Under Secretary Davis and Henry P. Fletcher, former Mexican ambassador who is to be under secretary, and then went to the white house to consult President Harding.

Hughes spent over an hour with the president, and during the conference Secretary of War Weeks was called in. In a talk with Under Secretary Davis before going to the white house Hughes is understood to have approved the sending of warships to both ends of the canal zone.

All other members of the cabinet were sworn in during the day.

HARDING GETS ON JOB EARLY

WASHINGTON, March 5.—President Harding went to work early this morning, appearing at the executive office a few minutes after 9 o'clock. He dictated to a stenographer for some time.

MANY SCHOOLS ARE CONDEMNED AS FIRE TRAPS

NEW YORK, March 5.—Tens of thousands of school children housed in fire traps and hundreds of thousands of them either on half-time or in makeshift buildings is the condition in 429 cities of the United States as disclosed in a report made public today.

The report was issued by the national committee for the Chamber of Commerce co-operation with the public schools on a survey conducted by the American city bureau.

The committee was organized in February, 1920, to inquire into school conditions. Its executive committee is headed by George D. Strayer, of Teachers college, Columbia University, New York.

The evidence presented "shows clearly that there are tens of thousands of children now housed in old, insanitary, dangerous buildings," says Mr. Strayer in his introduction to the report. "Many of these structures are best classified as fire-traps."

Data was received from 429 cities. The report says: "These facts, obtained from 75 per cent, of all the cities reporting, show that in these cities even excluding those housed in annexes where conditions may be normal, there are more than 453,000 children who are either on half-time because of lack of building space or are housed in portables, rented buildings, attics, basements or corridors. It would require an average of two 30-room buildings in each of these cities to properly house these groups of children alone."

The report sets forth statistically the inadequacy of playground space. "It is clear that in many cities children are now housed in buildings in which there is less space on the playground than is supplied in the classrooms in which they are taught," says Mr. Strayer in the introduction.

"Three million six thousand children are represented in this report on playgrounds," it is stated, "and the study discloses less than one-half of them—1,800,000 children, have each a playground less than six by six feet per pupil and many of them have no playground at all.

"These facts of limited playground space," says the report, "present one of the serious problems confronting those who are interested in the welfare of American school children."

WEATHER REPORT
OREGON—Tonight and Sunday, fair.

PORTLAND ALSO WANTED YOUNG FORGER SUSPECT

Reason for the willingness of Gordon Nelson, alleged Oakland forger, to waive extradition and return to California immediately, came to light yesterday morning, shortly after Sheriff Low had left for the south with the prisoner. The reason was in the form of a telegram from Portland, saying that Nelson was wanted there for violation of his penitentiary parole and asking that Sheriff Low hold him for the Multnomah county authorities.

The message came too late to stop the sheriff, who was probably across the California line enroute to Oakland.

Nelson, according to persons who knew the family, lived in Klamath Falls at one time. His parents conducted the old Gem restaurant on west Main street, in the theatre block that burned last September.

Joe Konop knew the family. During his three days' stay here Nelson sought Mr. Konop and asked him to endorse a \$500 check for him, but was refused.

Medical Society Selects Officers

At a meeting of the Klamath and Lake County Medical association held here yesterday, Dr. A. A. Soule was elected to head the association for the ensuing year. Dr. C. V. Fisher was elected vice-president, and Dr. Lloyd Stewart, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Stewart, city health officer, announced that he has prepared a sanitary code which will be offered for consideration when the society holds its next meeting. It was also announced that Secretary McInturff of the Oregon League for the Conservation of Public Health will be present at the next meeting. Emphasis was laid upon the rules of the organization which permits educators, public officials, and others to become members.

Through Dr. Leonard, the members of the association were invited to attend a banquet in the White Pelican hotel Monday, complimentary to Dr. Fixott, who will be here as a representative of the state board of dental examiners in the interest of better dentistry.

COPCO STAFF IN CONFERENCE

A dozen officials of the California-Oregon Power company from San Francisco, Yreka, Medford, Klamath Falls and Copco are here today for the company conference at the White Pelican hotel. Problems affecting the local division were on the table for discussion this afternoon. The general question of technical training to increase the efficiency of employees was the chief topic of the morning session.

Tonight a banquet is scheduled at the White Pelican for officers and employes of the local division. Forty persons will participate.

The list of conferees at today's session follows: Paul B. McKee, C. E. Bloe, F. H. Ness, P. O. Crawford, W. M. Shepard, F. G. Phelps and E. S. Taylor of San Francisco; O. G. Steele, Yreka; H. H. Walther, Medford; T. G. Bradley, Copco, and J. C. Thompson, J. C. Boyle, and C. V. Ellis of Klamath Falls.

MUCH BOOZE SEIZED

GREAT FALLS, Mont., March 5.—One of the largest seizures of liquor ever made in this vicinity of Montana was made here by Sheriff Bob Gordon in a raid on a business building. He and his deputies took three truck loads of whiskey, wine and brandy and a small amount of champagne.

Much of the whiskey taken in the raid in barrels, and is very fine old stock, raiding deputies stated.

COSTA RICAN ARMY INVADES PANAMA SOIL

(By Associated Press)
SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Nicaragua, March 5.—Many casualties were inflicted upon Panama troops by the invading Costa Rican army, which took 150 prisoners after crossing the Panama frontier.

The Costa Ricans took Bocas-del-Toro at the southern end of Columbus island in Panama, and after crossing the Sixola river captured the town of Guabito and advanced southward, reaching Almirante, 20 miles south of the frontier.

Crowd Fills House for Funeral Rites of Former Speaker

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Funeral services for Champ Clark in the house of representatives today marked the final passing of the veteran from the halls of the national legislature. The galleries were filled. The casket, covered with flowers, stood before the speaker's stand during the ceremony.

Representative Mann in his eulogy referred to the dead congressman as "the loving father of the house and the wise counsellor of his country." Senator Reed said that Clark was the "best loved of Americans."

CLAIMS DIET AFFECTS THE BIRTH RATE

LONDON, March 5.—Dr. Josiah Oldfield, English physician and author, who believes that flesh-eating is a prolific source of disease and one of the worst enemies of the human race, is of the opinion that the wastage of life caused by the war might be speedily repaired by right feeding.

Dr. Oldfield is a strong advocate of the fruitarian diet and has been senior physician of the Lady Margaret Fruitarian hospital at Bromley. Writing from Jamaica he says: "My observations here confirm my views that food and fertility go hand in hand. The commission dealing with the grave problem of the steadily falling birth rate in Europe has failed to grasp the fundamental truth which applies to vegetable and animal and human life alike—that a right dietary means increased fertility and wrong feeding leads to increasing sterility.

"If a gardener wants much foliage he feeds the plant with one food; if he wants fruit or seed he feeds it quite differently. So does the stock-feeder and breeder. It is a difference in food only which transforms similar eggs, one into a drone and another into a queen bee.

"Whereas before the war in every European country the birth rate showed a steady fall, yet in Siberia, Bulgaria and Rumania, where the hardy peasants still lived on rye bread, dried fruits, vegetables, cheese, oil and sour milk, there was a continuous high birth rate and no decrease.

"Here in the West Indies, where the dark races live on yams, sweet potatoes, cassava, Indian corn, sugar, milk, coconuts, bananas and oranges, with some salt fish, the birth rate is high and the fertility irrefragable.

"Owing to ignorance and want of sanitation the infant mortality is high, but when that is removed the black population will multiply at a far higher rate than the white unless the white population of the world learns that it is corn, oil and wine, salads, milk and honey which produce a fertile race, and that meat eating spells increased sterility."

BODY IS FOUND

PORTLAND, March 5.—Arthur Gardner, head fireman of the dredger Port of Portland, was drowned when the dredger sank yesterday in the Willamette river. His body was recovered today.

Captain Calkins' Boat Makes Rocky Point First Time This Year

Captain Calkins, with his launch, "Oregon" made the first trip of the season to Rocky Point last night, returning this morning. For the next two or three weeks trips will be made on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and after that they will be made daily. Mail service over this route was resumed with this trip.

Captain Calkins said that there was some ice in several of the bays, and some in Eagle lake, but that there was none in Pelican bay. The middle of the lake is entirely free from ice, and in his opinion the ice at any place in the lake is on the verge of melting away, and the trip can be made without inconvenience from this source.

LODGE AGAIN LEADER

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Senator Lodge, republican floor leader, was re-elected today. Other republican senate leaders were re-elected.

LUMBERMEN SHIP BY SEA

The weekly Review of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association says that for the week ending February 26th actual production remains 51 per cent below normal.

Rail orders for the week were 53 cars less than last week. Of the new business taken for the week 42 per cent was for water delivery.

Orders for domestic totaled 7,437,910 feet, export 5,607,204 feet.

Shipments equalled 43,131,805 feet, of which 28,320,000 moved by rail.

Unshipped balance rail trade including movement for California totals 3,248 cars, domestic 62,484,592 feet; export 16,272,905 feet.

Fresh Rioting in Russia Reported

LONDON, March 5.—News reaching London concerning Russia is conflicting, but reports of uprisings were reiterated and enlarged upon. A Heisingfors dispatch declared the anti-soviet outbreak had not been suppressed, but was speeding. The message asserts that both Moscow and Petrograd are in the hands of the revolutionists.

EVANS CASE IS NEARING FINISH

George Humphrey, former sheriff, returned last night from Jacksonville, where he was a witness in the trial of Lark Evans, accused of the robbery of G. W. White, a Grants Pass jitney driver, about a year and a half ago. Evans is accused of having hired White to drive him into the country. He is alleged to have pulled a gun on the driver, taking his car and money, and he left him bound and gagged in a prospect hole.

Evans was arrested in Klamath Falls, the reason for summoning the ex-sheriff as a witness. At the first trial Evans was convicted, but new evidence developed and he was granted a re-hearing. His alibi has been strengthened and much new evidence introduced and it is generally believed in Jackson county he will be acquitted. The case will go to the jury today, it is likely.

Bank Case Next

Judge D. V. Kuykendall of Klamath is presiding at the trial.

He will also hear one of the Jacksonville bank cases next week, in which President Johnson of the defunct bank of Jacksonville is defendant. In the case of the state against Hines, Johnson's half-brother, a change of venue was secured to Josephine county.

DRY WORK IN T. H.

HONOLULU, T. H., March 5.—At a recent meeting held here by the Anti-Saloon league, a committee was appointed to raise \$10,000 to aid in enforcing the national prohibition regulations in Honolulu.

NEW TYPE OF BEETLE FOUND AT SWAN LAKE

Jack Kimball, secretary of the Klamath-Lake County Forest Fire association, reports the finding of what apparently is a species of pine beetle in a small timbered area near Swan Lake, and which appears to be more destructive than the pine beetle against which the government and timber men are now preparing to wage a campaign of eradication. This beetle, which is a little larger than the destructive little insect so well known here, works in the branches of trees, as well as in the trunks, which kills the trees faster than when they work only in the trunks.

Mr. Kimball states that the association is at sea at the present time in regard to the habits and the extent of the damage that this beetle can do, but they have already done considerable damage, and a thorough investigation will be made with the help of government and state experts.

UPPER COURT DECREE HERE

Copy of the supreme court mandate in the courthouse litigation has been received by C. F. Stone, local counsel for J. M. Dougan, plaintiff. It awards Dougan judgment against Klamath county for \$92,674.95, with his costs, which will amount to \$1000 more.

It decrees that all money of the county in or belonging to the special courthouse fund on March 20, 1918, or then in process of the collection, or which may be collected in the future from the tax levy for courthouse purposes made prior to March 20, 1918, shall be applied to the payment of the judgment.

Any money paid by the county for the preservation of the Hot Springs courthouse shall be paid only out of the tax levy of December 1918.

No part of attorney's fees paid by the county shall be charged to, or paid out of the fund for constructing a courthouse on block 35, the Main street courthouse.

While there is a deficiency between the judgment and the amount on hand to satisfy it, there is considerable money returnable under the decree, sums paid out for attorneys fees, architects fees and Hot Springs courthouse preservation, which will go to make up the deficit. Dougan will come within ten or fifteen thousand dollars of collecting the judgment.

The mandate made no direction that the new courthouse should be occupied by county officers. It is well understood around the courthouse, however, that the county clerk and district attorney may declare most any day a moving day.

Rural Schools Are Inspected by Nurse

Miss Lydia Fricke, county nurse, has just returned from a trip to the Pine Grove, Henley and Mt. Laki schools, where she inspected the physical conditions of the pupils of these schools. Miss Fricke states that she found the usual defects, but that there were no unusually bad cases.

At the Pine Grove school, Miss Fricke found that hot lunches were being served at noon, a splendid school feature seldom found in rural districts. The school has its own kitchen, where the pupils prepare at least one hot dish for each day's luncheon.

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, March 5.—Livestock steady, eggs unsettled, butter four cents lower.

WANTS JURY TRIAL

Trial of Dick Williams was set yesterday for Monday at 10 o'clock by Justice Gaghagen. Williams pleaded not guilty to having liquor and asked for a jury trial.