

## VALUE ROADS ON PHYSICAL BASIS

PRESENT METHOD DOES NOT GIVE FAIR GROUNDS

## INSIDIOUS PRACTICES STILL REMAIN

Hidden Methods Worse Than Open Rebating Are in Operation— Report of Casualties

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—The report of the Interstate Commerce commission submitted to congress demands the physical valuation of railroads. It says

"It is a well known fact that no court, commission, accountant or financial writer would for a moment consider the present railroad balance sheet as a statement purporting to give the cost of the property or which suggests even remotely either the money invested or the present value."

The report asserts that the most important feature now in railroad law is the provision authorizing the commission to suspend proposed rate increases pending investigation. It says

"The fight against discrimination is by no means won. There are practices remaining which are more insidious, more difficult of extirpation than the open rebating, because the hidden contractual arrangements are entirely legal except for the effect produced."

The operating revenues for railroads for July, August and September were \$745,134,204, an increase of \$42,000,000 for the same quarter in 1909. The expenses were \$489,899,378, an increase of \$50,000,000.

The number of passengers killed during the year ended June 30th, 1910, was 450; injured, 15,515.

The number of employees killed was 5,418; injured, 68,925.

## HARRIMAN'S DAUGHTER TO BECOME A SHEEP RAISER

Herd of Fine Imported Holsteins Will Be Sold and Replaced by the Woolly Animals

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The Harriman dairy at Arden, in which the late E. H. Harriman took such great pride, and for which he gathered perhaps the finest herd of imported Holsteins in this country, is to be closed. The cattle will be disposed of at auction. To replace the cows, Mrs. Charles Rumsey, Harriman's daughter, has purchased a large number of Kansas sheep, and will undertake sheep raising on a large scale, in the effort to make the estate pay larger dividend than heretofore. The land is said by experts to be especially adapted to sheep raising.

## CUPID CAPTURES THE HEART OF REAL ESTATE MAN

Winged God Plays Winning Game With H. P. Galarneau—May Go on Wedding Tour

Cupid has been busy in this part of the state recently, and one of the persons his marksmanship has been effective on is the popular real estate man, H. P. Galarneau. The little winged god fired a shot that pierced his heart, and Harry has gone to Sunny California to, his friends say, bring back with him one of the fair daughters of the Golden State in the person of Miss Frances La Prairie. While it is only rumor so far, Harry is one of the boys who generally gets what he goes after, and his friends are wishing him success.

## HARKHAM PRESIDENT OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Charles H. M. Harkham of Pittsburg was today elected president of the Illinois Central, succeeding James T. Harahan, who has been pensioned. Mr. Harkham has been vice president since June, 1904.

## NOMINATIONS OF McCHORD AND MEYER ARE CONFIRMED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—The senate today confirmed the nominations of C. C. McChord and B. G. Meyer to be Interstate Commerce commissioners.

## NEARLY FIVE HUNDRED SUICIDES IN CHICAGO

Year's Record Is a Gruesome One— Street Cars Kill 175, While 133 Were Murdered

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Suicide served the problems of existence for 489 persons in Chicago for the year ending November 30, 1910, according to the annual report of Coroner Peter Hoffman, made public this week.

Industrialism exacted the lives of 287 men, women and children. Transportation agencies killed 577, of which 175 went down to death by the wheels of street cars. Homicides, other than suicides, numbered 263, of which 133 were murders and 17 murder and suicides combined. Four of the victims were under 5 years, seven under 7 years, and two of 80 years.

One hundred and twenty-four suicides died by poison, 116 by asphyxiation and 125 by shooting. Poison was the favorite means of suicide of women, while men chose strangulation and shooting. There were 184 Americans, 162 Germans, 44 Italians, 24 Russians and 32 Bohemians in the list. Two Chinamen and one Japanese were among those who violated God's canon against self slaughter.

## THREE-K STORE WILL MOVE

GOES INTO ITS NEW QUARTERS MONDAY

Will Occupy the Corner and Adjoining Room in the Odd Fellows' Temple

Next Monday the large stock of the K. K. K. Store will be moved into the new quarters which this enterprising firm will occupy in the Odd Fellows' Temple. They will have the corner room for the clothing and furnishing goods stock, while the adjoining room will be occupied by one of the most up-to-date shoe stores in the state.

The workmen are rushing the completion of the furnishings and the room will be in readiness by the last of the week. Further notices of the change in location will be given.

## MRS. KERSH IS FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Convicted of Complicity in the Killing of William Johnson—Sentenced January 5th

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—The date for sentencing Mrs. Carrie Kersh, who was convicted of manslaughter in connection with the killing of William Johnson, in Portland on June 20th, last, was set for January 5th. The verdict was returned last night, after the jury had deliberated seventy-two hours.

## PAID TO EXONERATE BURKE

MISS SMITH SAID SHE RECEIVED \$750 FOR DOING SO

Received the Money for Her Trip to Japan in Consideration of Her Signing Papers

SANTA ROSA, Dec. 21.—The trial of Dr. Burke was resumed today. Luetta Smith's testimony relating to her trip to Japan was the most important development. She said that Marion Derrig of Berkeley gave her \$750 for her Japan trip. In return she signed two papers purporting to exonerate Dr. Burke of the charge of dynamiting her tent. Lois Claussen was the only other witness.

## NEW SUITS FILED

Monday two suits for the recovery of money were filed. One was that of George T. Baldwin against the Long Lake Lumber company, E. L. Elliott being the attorney for the plaintiff. The other was that of Earl Whitlock against Elmer E. Beardsley, administrator, John Irwin being Whitlock's attorney.

## GUNBOATS ARE ASSIGNED TO THE NAVAL MILITIA

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—Secretary of the Navy Meyer has assigned the obsolete vessels Boston and Concord to the Oregon and Washington naval military forces. They will be used as training ships.

## TWENTY KILLED BY EXPLOSION

THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MINERS MISSING

FLAMES SHOOT EIGHTY FEET IN AIR

Fire in English Coal Mine May Result in Awful Loss of Life— Little Hope For Men

MANCHESTER, England, Dec. 21.—Twenty are known to be dead and 350 are missing as the result of an explosion in the Hulto coal mine near Leigh. Four hundred miners were working at the time of the explosion, and eleven were rescued alive, the rest are believed to be dead. Twenty corpses have been recovered. It is believed the workings have been demolished in the interior of the mine, which is burning and making the rescue perilous.

Assistant Manager Rushton perished while leading a party of rescuers. The cause of the explosion has not been determined. The flames are shooting eighty feet above the mine entrance, and unless the entombed men escaped to a gallery other than the one burning there is no hope of their surviving.

## CHICO GIRL LOSES HER CHRISTMAS MONEY

Puts Her Savings in the Pocket of an Old Coat Which is Given to a Tramp

CHICO, Dec. 21.—That an old garment is no safe place to keep her savings is a fact just learned by Miss Crystabel Hegon, a pretty girl of 17, living with her parents and brothers on Park avenue in this city. For some time Miss Hegon has been putting away her spare dimes and quarters to buy Christmas presents for her relatives and friends. She had saved about \$20, and piece by piece she had deposited it in the pockets of an old discarded coat belonging to one of her brothers, which was allowed to hang in a closet in their home. Yesterday afternoon she concluded to do some of her Christmas shopping, but to her dismay coat and money were gone. On questioning her mother she ascertained that the coat had on the day before been given to a ragged tramp who appeared to need such a garment.

## GRAND JURY INVESTIGATES LYNCHING OF RODRIGUEZ

Discharged Without Fixing the Responsibility for the Mexican's Death

ROCK SPRINGS, Texas, Dec. 21.—The grand jury appointed to investigate the lynching of Antonio Rodriguez was discharged this morning without fixing the responsibility for the Mexican's death. No indictments were found.

## GOES EAST TO BOOST FOR KLAMATH COUNTY

O. H. Hunter Left for Chicago This Morning—Will Be Gone About Three Weeks

O. H. Hunter, the genial clerk with Tom Stephens, the insurance man, left for Chicago this morning, where he will attend to some insurance business and incidentally boost for the Klamath country.

He took with him a number of views of this part of the state, and will tell his many friends in the Windy City and vicinity of the opportunities that are awaiting them in this part of the West.

## Barney Chambers Back

The many friends of Barney Chambers, the genial proprietor of the Gun Store, are glad to see his smiling face at the store, where Barney can now be found, after a six weeks' vacation at San Francisco and Placerville, Calif. Barney visited a number of the city stores, but could not find any that had a better stock than is carried here. He picked up all that he could in the way of novelties, including a fireless cooker to be used on boats and camping trips.

The Gun Store has a fine calendar for the coming year.

## SEND WIRELESS FROM AEROPLANE

ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO

LAUNCH MACHINE FROM BATTLESHIP

Important Experiments in War Maneuvers Are to Be Made by Government Experts

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The aviation meet which is to be held at Aviation park, Tanforan, from January 5th to 15th, is by far the most important one ever held in the United States from the standpoint of the military observer, and perhaps the most sensational and spectacular of all from the point of view of the general public.

Not only will all the famous bird men who have made records in Europe and this country be present to fly, but military observations and experiments will be made that, if successful, will mark the revolutionizing of fighting equipment by all great powers.

The military attaches of foreign governments have been invited to attend the meet at the expense of the management, to see the experiments carried out by the United States government officials from both army and navy.

For the first time in the history of aerial navigation a wireless message will be received by an aeroplane from the land, and an attempt which promises to be successful will be made to send an aérogram from a machine in the air to a station on the ground at Aviation park. Special wireless instruments for this purpose will be tested for the first time at the meet, and these experiments will be watched by the foreign government officials with the keenest and most vital interest.

Lieutenant Paul W. Beck, detailed for the meet by the United States government, stated today that he believes that with the new step forward in the aerial science in its application to military purposes made up to this time.

"Should we succeed in sending a message from an airship to a station on the ground," said Beck, "the achievement will create a profound sensation throughout the world. It is easy to realize how the perfection of a new medium of communication like this will increase immeasurably the efficiency of the airship as a scouting auxiliary. We intend in our military experiments during the aviation meet to make extensive scouting excursions. These are to determine the measure of danger that would be presented by airships sent out by an invading force that would succeed in landing at some inadequately defended strategic point near San Francisco, such as Half Moon Bay."

"For this purpose an officer of the United States cavalry who has never seen the trenches around the bay has been selected to make a trip in an aeroplane, make sketches of the fortifications, and turn in his maps and notes to be delivered to the war department. The name is in my possession, but I will not notify him of his selection for this work until immediately before it has to be undertaken, because it is our wish to have this report turned in by a man known to be absolutely ignorant of the bay defenses."

In all cases the aviator will start from the grounds to accomplish the particular experiment which has been assigned to him, and will return to the ground near Tanforan after his performance.

For the first time in the history of aviation an aeroplane will be launched from a warship and engage in naval scouting. The first time this was attempted was on November 14th from the United States steamship Birmingham, when Eugene Ely made a successful flight under adverse conditions, and was warmly thanked by Secretary of the Navy G. L. Meyer.

At the San Francisco meet there will be a similar demonstration, as Lieutenant Paul W. Beck, the government representative detailed for the official observations, has requested Secretary Meyer to send a vessel for this purpose.

Secretary Meyer is keenly alive to the value of these experiments, and both he and the acting secretary of

war, Robert Shaw Oliver, are anxious to take advantage of the meets so that the new devices may be tested and experiments in scouting made.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

SCHOOL WON BY SENIORS

Defeat the Sophomores in the School Gymnasium by Score of 23 to 20

In the high school gymnasium this afternoon the Seniors defeated the Sophomore basketball team by a score of 23 to 20.

Following is the lineup: Seniors—Clarence Motschenbacher and Jack Edwards forwards, John Siemens center, Wilber Telford and Roy French guards.

Sophomores—Glenn Garrett and Harry Messner forwards, Virgil De Lap center, Harold Sargent and Ernest Nail guards.

Referee—Professor Hawley.

## THE SENATE AND HOUSE ADJOURN FOR HOLIDAYS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—The senate and house adjourned for the holidays, and will reconvene January 5th.

## FIRE CAUSES LOSS OF LIFE

TWO KILLED AND TEN INJURED WHEN WALLS FELL

Dead and Injured Buried Under Tons of Debris—Loss Is Estimated at \$2,000,000

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.—One fireman and one spectator were killed and ten firemen were seriously injured in a fire this morning that destroyed the Krippendorf-O'Neill Shoe company and the Taylor-Poole Leather company factories. The damage is estimated at \$2,000,000. Eight other factories were damaged. The casualties resulted from the collapse of the Krippendorf building, burying two engines and their crews under tons of debris. The dead are Robert Greere, a fireman, and an unidentified boy, 16 years old.

The fire was near the city jail, and the prisoners were removed to the courthouse for safety. The fire burned four hours.

## PRICES OF UPPER PULLMAN BERTHS LOWERED

Interstate Commerce Commission Orders Reduction of 80 Per Cent in the Rates

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today ordered the prices of upper Pullman berths reduced to 80 per cent of the prices of lower berths.

## FRAMING NEW JAPAN TREATY

SECRETARY KNOX BUSY WITH THE DOCUMENT

The Japanese Labor Question Will Be One of the Delicate Matters to Be Taken Up

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—Secretary Knox is framing a preliminary convention on which the new treaty with Japan is to be based. The proposed treaty is to replace the convention ratified in 1894. He will do his utmost to prevent offending Japan by demands regarding the labor question, and at the same time pacify the Pacific coast residents who protest against any concessions to the Japanese. The present treaty provides that the convention may be reconvened after July 17, 1911, by either party giving a year's notice. Neither party has yet renounced the convention.

## MRS. A. D. CHURCH RECOVERS FROM OPERATION

The many friends of Mrs. J. D. Church will be pleased to learn that she has fully recovered from her operation for appendicitis, and has returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wright, at Pasadena, Calif. The operation was performed by Dr. Bryant, at the Pacific hospital in Los Angeles. Dr. Bryant confirmed in every respect the diagnosis of Dr. G. I. Wright.

## ANOTHER MAN FORGES CHECK

H. E. STANFORD PLACED IN THE COUNTY JAIL

CONFESSES HE COMMITTED THE ACT

Seventh Man to Be Arrested for That Crime Within the Past Few Months

The seventh man to be arrested for forgery was caught by Chief of Police Townsend yesterday evening, and is now in the county jail. He is H. E. Stanford, who claims to be a contracting carpenter, and the check, the signing of which may mean for him a term in the penitentiary, was for the paltry sum of \$12.

Yesterday Stanford presented a check for \$12, signed by M. S. Mason and payable to himself, to Mr. Ingram, proprietor of the Klamath coffee house, telling him to retain it and he would pay him back that amount later. Instead of keeping the check Mr. Ingram gave it to S. C. Hamaker of the Model bakery as payment of a bill. Mr. Hamaker turned it over to F. W. Gundelach, who presented it to the American Bank and Trust company, who later passed it on to the First National bank, on which it had been drawn, and it was there turned down.

The matter was placed in Chief Townsend's hands, and he at once started after Mr. Gundelach. He referred the officer to Mr. Hamaker, who in turn took him to Mr. Ingram, who likewise denied the responsibility of drawing the check, and passed it up to Stanford, who was placed under arrest.

At first Stanford said the check was given to him by a man named Mason for whom he had worked, but when the officer offered to go in search of the alleged Mason, Stanford weakened and confessed that there was no such person. He was then taken to jail.

He is to have a hearing today, and has signified his intention of waiving a hearing and being bound over to await the action of the grand jury.

## Still Another Forger

Word has been received from Worden that a Mr. Veit, who conducts a store there, had been victimized by a stranger who represented himself to be "George Houston" of Klamath Falls, and persuaded Mr. Veit to let him have \$5 in goods, and left a security a bogus check for \$11.85. The man was apprehended at Weed, but was not arrested, as no charge was made out against him.

## HOME FROM THE STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

John and Vincent Yaden Are Visiting Their Parents—Carlisle Goes Back in February

John and Vincent Yaden are home from the state university at Eugene, and will visit with their parents until after the holidays. Vincent is taking the regular college course, and will fit himself for the study of law, and is now in his freshman year. He has made good at the tennis court, and may make the basketball team.

His brother, John C. Yaden, is taking a special course in electrical engineering.

Carlisle Yaden will go back to the university in February, and take up his work again. He is also preparing himself for the law course.

## His Eye Getting Better

Roy H. Vernon, who injured his right eye at the Nickerson ranch near Fort Klamath about six weeks ago, is getting along very well. Sympathetic inflammation set in in the other eye, but under the skillful care of Dr. Fisher it is subsiding, and he will recover his eyesight.

## THIRTY DAYS FOR

STEALING A SAW

A Mexican stole a saw from H. P. Galarneau and was given thirty days in jail Monday by Justice of the Peace Miller.

For eighty years three members of an English family have made a profitable business of comparing a reliable watch with the official clock at Greenwich Observatory and selling the time to London watchmakers.