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EDITORIAL

THE INTER-STATE COMMERCE LAW

Mr. Frank Barry, Secretary, Washington D. C. is calling attention to needed amendments to the above law of congress.

The Interstate Commerce Law Convention was held in St. Louis on November 20, 1919. It was composed of delegates from the representative industrial and commercial organizations of the United States, and was the outgrowth of the organization of the League of National Associations, formed at Chicago, Ill., October 19, 1919.

A movement was inaugurated then, has been and will be continued, to impress Congress with the necessity of adopting some measures which will remove existing inequalities and unreasonable exactions in transportation charges and prevent the practice of discriminations now so prevalent and injurious to both shipper and carrier.

No question to be considered at this session of Congress is of so much importance to the commercial welfare of the country and to the people generally as that embodied in the bill proposing to strengthen the Interstate Commerce Act as to make the rulings of the commission binding and effective until reversed by the courts.

There has been a strong and persistent demand for the enactment of amendments to the Interstate Commerce Act ever since the Supreme Court handed down its decision to the effect that the commission created by the act was vested with no authority to enforce its findings.

The commission was thus divested of the power which it was supposed to possess and which it exercised for some years after the enactment of the law.

Recent developments have been such as to make it incumbent upon Congress to act. The time is opportune, and further delay would arouse such a feeling of resentment in commercial circles as to render possible serious agitation for radical measures against the carriers.

The firm attitude taken by President Roosevelt in his recent message in discussing this subject is of the deepest significance, and is indicative of the vast change that has taken place in quarters on this question within recent years.

Conservative railway officials privately admit the justice of the demands of the shippers. They assert that something must be done to satisfy public sentiment. The fact is that the people are impressed with the idea that it is the public generally that ultimately pays the freight and bears the burden of the unjust practices.

ARE THE WOMEN TO BLAME

Was the Rev. Dr. Kloss of an Illinois Congregational church right in blaming the women of his congregation because there were few marriages in his flock last year?

He has said they are "too timid," and should themselves do the proposing. But if the women are timid, what shall be said of the men?

This good pastor, who has no doubt suffered in fees from the dearth of matrimony, might give his fair hearers a useful hint from "Vanity Fair." It was Thackeray's sage observation that "any woman, with fair opportunities may marry whom she pleases."

The wise pastor who aims at an increase of revenue from wedding and baptismal fees should not startle the game by openly advising the woman to do the "proposing." Marriage cannot be whooped along in that fashion. As the Scriptures say:

"In vain is the net of the Fowler spread in the sight of the bird."
This sacrament lies his thornail on the head in its declaration that marriage is the result of "propinquity." Rather an awkward word that, which most people never use and few pronounce correctly, but it tells the whole story.

It is association, acquaintance, frequent meeting, being thrown into contact—that is what brings about the "friendliness" and "sympathy" that lead on to matrimony.

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'Twas a Pipe Dream

The Dallas Times-Mountaineer, in speaking of the "Diamond Kid" and "Shy" breaking the roulette game in that city says: A sensational item about two gamblers called the "Diamond Kid" and "Shy" are said to have cleaned out a gambling house in the Dallas to the tune of \$8000 by "doctoring" a roulette wheel. It speaks of a gambling house being located upstairs in a building, and tells about a whole lot of things even the oldest inhabitants never heard of. The party who furnished the item evidently had been "hitting the pipe," for there are no upstairs gambling houses in The Dalles; "Diamond Kid" and "Shy" were never heard of here, and consequently they never made any such clean-up as is credited to them. If they ever performed such a feat as is credited to them it was at some place outside of this city. The story about their operations here is perfect imagination.

A Costly Chicago Blaze

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—The plant of the American Maltine Co. was burned here this morning. The loss will total two hundred thousand dollars.

To get the case in a nutshell, the way to bag a man is to get by him and stay with him long enough. When once a kind and generous hearted man has persuaded himself that he is absolutely necessary to a woman's happiness, he cannot resist the noble impulse to sacrifice himself on the domestic altar, unless some other woman has a prior mortgage on his affections. Even in the latter case he may forget, if too greatly tempted.

ESCAPES FROM ASYLUM

Man Had a Key Which, It Is Believed, He Made.

Oliver Marshall, who killed James Reid near Baker City in 1898, escaped from the asylum, Saturday evening, and is still at large. It is believed that he made a key with which he let himself out of the asylum, locking the doors behind him.

In April, 1898, Oliver and William Marshall, brothers, met James Reid, on a public road near Baker City. They stopped their team so as to block the road and prevent Reid from passing. After Reid had waited considerable time, he grew impatient at being delayed late in the day, and an altercation ensued. Oliver Marshall struck Reid with a slingshot and the other clinched, Marshall falling underneath. William came to his brother's aid, and killed Reid by beating him on the head with a club. The Marshalls were tried, found guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary for 10 years each. At the trial the brothers were the chief witnesses. Oliver tried to get clear on the plea of insanity, and William set up the defense that he went to the relief of his brother. Both alleged that Reid was the aggressor, and that he had previously threatened their lives. The jury evidently did not believe their defenses. Both cases went to the supreme court, where the judgment of the lower court was affirmed. In December, 1899, Oliver was sent to the asylum on a recommendation of Dr. W. A. Cusick, physician at the penitentiary. William was pardoned by Governor Geer. Some time ago Oliver Marshall made a key, by means of which he was about to escape from the asylum, but he was discovered just in time. While it is not known that he escaped by means of a key, this is the only way the asylum officials can explain his departure with all the doors locked.

Chamberlain refuses to make any restriction of his European speech.

A Baker City Chinaman narrowly escaped being made a sacrifice to a Joss the other day.

TROUBLE RIFE IN PENDLETON

Marshal Heathman Cause of It All.

He Took a Rake off from Bagnios.

Pendleton is in the throes of an investigation of the police department, and a council committee is in session behind locked doors, says the Weston Leader. It appears that while he has been a good city marshal, "Missouri John" Heathman has failed to rise up, prior to the profitable methods of numerous predecessors tacitly sanctioned by different council bodies for years. That is, the marshal gets a certain "rake off" from the fines of bagnios, gambling houses and slot machines, and shares it with the recorder. Mayor Halley has attacked this system, and Mayor Halley is right. All such systems of "gratifying" so often tolerated that they have almost come to be regarded as legitimate, should be throttled everywhere in the interests of good government and particularly so at Pendleton, which has of late been getting an excellent example as a well governed city. Meanwhile Marshal Heathman has discharged his duties so capably as to be entitled to serve again, if he is elected, under a better and cleaner system. Well will it be for this republic, and every commonwealth and municipality within its borders, when perquisites and "pulls" have had their day; and President Roosevelt himself is pointing out the path of probity, purity and merit to public servants.

The British sloop of war Condor is overdue at Honolulu. Grave fears are entertained for her safety.

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