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BIG REDUCTION IN EXPRESS RATES IS ORDER IN STATE

Railroad Commission Ignores Block System as Arranged by Interstate Commission and Portland is Center Commercially--Cuts 20 to 60 Per Cent of Present Rates Are Made All Express Companies Treated as One in Making New Schedules--Some Examples of Sweeping Cuts Made in Rates.

Following the meeting of the railroad commissioners with representatives of the express companies at Portland recently, the announcement is made that there will be a material reduction of express rates in the state. The companies had asked the commission to look into the matter, and, if possible, arrange a block system that would be in harmony with the interstate system as nearly as possible.

leaving it to the companies to divide the sums as they saw fit. As an example of the reductions, the rate from Ashland to Huntington, two of the most widely separated points, was, from Ashland to Portland, \$2.10, and from Portland to Huntington \$3.25, a total of \$5.35. This is now made \$3.50 for the entire service.

MARTIN STARTS TO BREAK RECORD BUT IS FORCED TO DELAY TRIP

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 14.—Carrying two passengers Aviator Glenn Martin ascended from Griffith Park here at 9:20 o'clock today and pointed his bi-plane toward San Diego. His flight was undertaken to break the world's duration and altitude records with two passengers.

Chris Will Try Again. Bakersfield, Cal., Feb. 14.—Aviator Silas Christofferson, who was halted at Tejon pass in his attempted flight from San Francisco to San Diego, returned here today from San Francisco with a 100 horse power Curtiss engine, which he will install in his aeroplane. He planned to make several trial flights over Bakersfield today, and to try tomorrow to resume his trip southward over the pass.

Flies Over Santa Ana. Santa Ana, Cal., Feb. 14.—Glen Martin flew over Santa Ana at 10:30 o'clock today, headed southward.

On Return Trip. Santa Ana, Cal., Feb. 14.—Lieutenant Deol's army aeroplane, headed southward, passed over Santa Ana on its return trip from Los Angeles at 9:34 o'clock. Deol was flying at an altitude of about 4000 feet.

THINKS IT LUCKY DAY. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Feb. 14.—L. A. Larson convicted of wife murder in Los Angeles three months ago and sentenced to be hanged yesterday in San Quentin prison, said he considered Friday the 13th lucky instead of unlucky. He had secured a stay of execution pending appeal.

WILSON KEPT INDOORS. Washington, Feb. 14.—President Wilson's cold was better today, but he was not permitted by Dr. Grayson to leave the White House.

SENATOR BACON IS DEAD AFTER AN ILLNESS OF TWO WEEKS

Washington, Feb. 14.—Senator August O. Bacon of Georgia died here today after an illness of two weeks. He was chairman of the senate foreign relations committee and a member of other important committees.

Senator Bacon was born in Bryan county, Georgia, October 20, 1839. He was the son of Rev. Augustus O. Bacon and Mary Louisa Bacon. He graduated from the literary and classical departments of the University of Georgia in 1859 and the law department in 1860. He entered the Confederate army at the beginning of the Civil war and served during the campaigns of 1861 and 1862 as adjutant of the Ninth Georgia regiment in the army of Northern Virginia. Later he was assigned to staff duty and commissioned captain in the provisional army of the Confederate states.

At the close of the war he resumed the study of law and began to practice his chosen profession at Macon, Ga., in 1866. From that date until his election to the senate he actively continued to practice in both the state and federal courts.

In 1871 Bacon was elected to the Georgia house of representatives, of which body he served as a member for 14 years. He was elected to the United States senate in November, 1894, re-elected in 1900, and again in 1907. In 1913 he was unanimously re-elected in a general popular state election, being the first senator elected to the federal senate by popular vote. His term would have expired March 3, 1919.

ENGLAND DEFEATS IRELAND. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Twickenham, England, Feb. 14.—England defeated Ireland here today in the annual rugby game by a score of 17 to 12. King George was an interested spectator.

FIERCE BLIZZARD IS RAGING AND MANY BIG SHIPS IN DISTRESS

Tramp Steamer Katherine Park Ashore and Lifesavers Hurry to Her.

SNOWFALL IS VERY HEAVY

Seven and One-Half Inches Fall in New York City and Storm is General Over State.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, Feb. 14.—A fierce blizzard swept the Atlantic coast today. Trains were stalled, wires down and street car systems paralyzed throughout New York state, eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and as far south as Georgia. Off shore many ships were in distress.

In New York City more than seven and a half inches of snow had fallen today and more was still coming. The temperature had risen slightly, however.

Outside New York bay the big liners Campania, St. Louis, Savoie, America and Pennsylvania and a number of smaller craft waited for the gale to subside to enter. All arriving sea craft were caked with the ice. The Oceanic docked with a report of a giant wave which swept its upper decks two days out, knocking down and badly bruising a number of passengers.

The tramp steamer Katherine Park was ashore off Cape Charles, Va., and life savers had gone to its assistance. They had sighted another vessel in distress in the same vicinity but had not determined its identity. The schooner Maria Teel was in distress in Nantuxet sound and the British steamship Tafna was ashore on the Georgia coast. Thousands Clean Streets.

By noon 18,000 men were at work in the streets, clearing away the snow. Most of them had been previously un-

TESTIMONY INDICATES POLITICAL CONSPIRACY TO DISCREDIT SENATOR

Thaddeus Robertson, Witness Against Gore, Had Long Promised Revenge.

EARP CALLED IT FALSE

So Quoted by Another Witness, But Swears Gore Said He "Loved Mrs. Gore Up a Little."

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Oklahoma City, Feb. 14.—Testimony intended to support the contention of the defense that United States Senator Thomas P. Gore of Oklahoma, who is being sued by Mrs. Minnie Bond for \$50,000 damages, is the victim of a political conspiracy was offered when the trial was resumed today.

Deputy Sheriff Ezell was recalled by the defense as the day's first witness. He said he talked to Thaddeus Robertson, an important witness for Mrs. Bond, just before the suit was filed.

"Robertson told me," said Ezell, "that Senator Gore had double-crossed him but he said his revenge would be awful sweet."

Robertson also was recalled but denied making any such assertion to Ezell.

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The Weather. The Dickey Bird says: Oregon, fair tonight; Sunday fair, except rain northwest portion, southern a s t e r l y winds.

"Bill" Astor Wants to be Carpenter Despite Wealth



William Waldorf Astor.

New York, Feb. 14.—Sometimes he is known as William Waldorf Astor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldorf Astor, but he prefers to be called plain "Bill." This lively picture of him was taken on a recent visit of his parents to America. His father is a British subject and his

grandfather, William Waldorf Astor, a naturalized British subject, but "Bill" is American right down to his shoes. He and he wants to be a carpenter. "Bill's" mother was Nannie Langhorne, of Virginia, one of the famous "Gibson Girls."

JONES LIKES OUTLOOK IN HIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST CONGRESSMEN HAWLEY

D. F. Jones, of Roseburg who recently announced his candidacy for the nomination for congress was here today. He modestly states that hundreds of people living in the district have never written, telegraphed or asked him to become a candidate. He also expresses his opinion that the best way for a man to get what he wants is to ask for it and then go out after it and not wait for it to come to him. Having thus admitted that his candidacy is entirely of his own initiative, he briefly points out some of the good work he has done for the public in his official capacity. He says he is intended to do this in a measure average up and counter balance the bad traits he possesses, and which he depends on his opponents to point out, realizing that it is not necessary for him to attend to that part of it. In the legislature he was the father of the car shortage bill, and also of the bill under which the canal and locks at Oregon City were purchased, and navigation of the Willamette made free.

At the 1907 session he introduced a resolution providing for the amendment of the constitution permitting women to vote, and though the resolution was voted down, it was among the first weights that finally opened the ballot to Oregon's women. In fact, Mr. Jones makes a showing that is highly creditable, and he will surely make Congressman Hawley get a move on if that is possible.

He stated today that had received much encouragement since his candidacy was announced. He has not yet been relieved of his duties in the land office at Roseburg. When he has been relieved he will devote his time to the campaign.

POSTMASTER NAMED. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 14.—James D. Smith was appointed postmaster at Fairgrounds, Marion county today.

ROBBERY AT MONITOR. Sheriff Kach received the information today that a store belonging to O. E. Gregson, of Monitor, Ore., was robbed last night. The proprietor informs the sheriff that the thieves broke a door open and ransacked the establishment, taking two suit cases, several knives, some money and a revolver.

MURPHY HIT HARD JOLT BY TENER

President of National League Says Owner of Cubs Cannot Run Things.

MURPHY VIOLATED EVERS' CONTRACT

Will Be Punished for It and Tener Tells Him What He Thinks of Him.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, Feb. 14.—John K. Tener, president of the National league, voiced today his opinion of Charles W. Murphy, owner of the Chicago Cubs. He also told "Chubby" Charles to his face what he thought of him.

Interviewed today by the United Press, Governor Tener indicated that he intended to be the head and front of the national league as long as he continued president, and lay down the law to magistrates and players alike.

"The day has passed," said Tener, "when one man can say: 'This is my club. I'll run it as I please, and do as I please.'"

"Baseball is going to be conducted in the National league for the good of the league as a whole. Club owners will be held as responsible as the players are when they violate the rules of organized baseball.

Murphy Violates Contract. "The league directors discussed the contract that Johnny Evers had with the Chicago club, and it was decided that it had been violated by Charles Webb Murphy. This certainly indicates that Mr. Murphy cannot expect to be regarded for his action. As to punishing the Chicago club or its owner, it might be said that whatever is done will be done for the good of organized baseball, and the Chicago club, therefore, will reap the benefit from this action, even though it should protest.

"If a player violates a contract the club owner expects him to be punished. In the same manner, the National league, while I am its president, will hold the club owner responsible for fulfillment of contracts with players.

Murphy's Threats Foolish. "I have told Murphy to his face what I think of him and his proposition to sue the Boston Braves and force Owner Gaffney to give him Pitcher Pedree and Infielder Sweeney. That is all I have to say about that.

"Murphy's threat to sue Ban D. Johnson, president of the American league, for libel, is merely foolish. My political friends and rivals could all see for conspiracy and libel on the same grounds, and every baseball writer in America, having some time said that a certain player was 'rotten,' also might be sued on the same silly grounds."

COURT ROOM WILL BE REMODELED VERY SOON

The Marion county court has at last decided to take definite action toward remodeling the court house to an extent whereby Circuit Judges Kelly and Galloway will both be supplied with chambers in which to conduct cases in the future. The county officials have decided to so arrange the present court chambers so that instead of there being just one large room for court purposes, there will be three chambers, one for Judge Galloway, one for Judge Kelly and another for the county court.

Judge Busbey and Commissioners Beckwith and Goulet made an inspection of the court quarters this morning and they decided that a change must be made immediately. They plan upon constructing a hallway down through the center of the big chamber (the portion of three rooms. Judge Kelly will occupy the north half of the building, the county court the south-west section, while Judge Galloway will have his chambers in the south-east section of the room.

Office-holders are great sticklers for keeping appointments.