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### GOOD LAW, BUT IS IT RIGHT?

The United States supreme court has handed down an opinion to the effect that the interstate commerce commission has the power to prescribe higher railroad rates to inland cities than to coast cities which require longer hauls. It was judge Brandeis' first decision. The matter having decided by the highest court in the land it will have to be admitted that it is the law, but there is no reason why the average citizen cannot continue to consider it not good sense.

In effect it takes the stand that certain cities situate on the coast have a right to have certain territory contiguous to them made dependent upon them. For instance under this decision the citizens of The Dalles will have to pay a higher rate on goods shipped from the east than Portland does though the goods are hauled through The Dalles in order to reach Portland. Not only does The Dalles have to pay higher but cities further away from Portland, still nearer the original shipping point, must pay still more than does The Dalles. The inland city must pay the through rate to Portland and the way or local rate from Portland back. There is no solid reason why this should be done, for it is nothing but discrimination in favor of the coast city and against the inland place.

The claim is made that owing to water competition the railroads cannot compete, and consequently must be allowed to make a lighter charge for the longer haul than for the shorter one.

This brings up the question of whether the roads can make the long haul at the reduced rate and still make a profit. If so, then the charges for the short haul are too high. If a railroad can haul freight from New York City to Portland for a certain rate, and at a profit, then it can drop that freight off along the road at the same rate and still make a profit and a greater one than by making the longer haul. If the roads cannot make a profit on the long haul at the reduced rates they are allowed to make, why should it want to make the haul at all?

Under the system, the towns furthest inland, are the heaviest penalized. Baker City pays greater freight from the Atlantic coast than does Portland or The Dalles, its charge being the through rate to Portland and the way freight back to Baker City. The plan may be good law, but it certainly is not good sense. It is discrimination deliberately made for the purpose of building up one place at the expense of many others, and as such is unjustifiable.

Old High Cost of Living held the attention of the lawmakers at Washington yesterday. When congress opened there was a general attack made on the old man. There were resolutions calling for food embargoes, others for government control, still others for the investigation of cold-storage plants and food speculation. There were dozens of other suggestions as to the best means of making old H. C. L. come down and behave himself. The president in his message did not call attention to the matter especially, but it is claimed he will perhaps supplement his address and make some suggestions as to bringing prices back to normal.

The different departments of state government are busily engaged preparing budgets and wondering where they are going to get off when the legislature is through with them. The six per cent tax limitation is the stump against which they have bumped. Heretofore it was simply a question of how much the legislature could be induced to appropriate for a given purpose. Now it is up to the legislature to find out how much can be devoted to the departments. Like Sancho Panza's tailor it must cut its suits so as to make the cloth do for the lot.

Monday the boycott on eggs in Portland began, and during the day a press dispatch from that city stated that "the Oregon hens had got busy" and eggs were quoted at 40 cents instead of 50. The story is all right but the Capital Journal would like to know whether, in speaking of Oregon hens, the sender of the dispatch alluded to... well the women started the boycott.

In Seattle a plan is being worked out by union labor and the grange by which the middleman will be done away with. It is proposed to start a store, employing some of their own members to run it, with buyers to gather the produce. The sales would be at an advanced price sufficient to cover overhead charges; and the profits, if any, would be divided between the granges and unions backing the store. The idea is to make no profit but to get the farmers' products to the consumer at the least possible cost. While this may or may not prove feasible it is certain that some plan will be worked out that will reduce the cost of getting producer and consumer together.

John D. Archbald, the Standard Oil magnate, died early this morning from complications following an operation for appendicitis. His death is of little matter to the public, for his successor will help cinch the people for coal oil, gasoline, and such products, just the same. As there will be a heavy inheritance tax to pay unless some scheme has been devised to beat it, it is within the range of possibility that auto users will be asked to help pay the bill by contributing a cent or two more for gasoline.

Among the appropriations for public buildings asked this year is \$365,000 for the completion of the Portland postoffice and \$20,000 for finishing the postoffice at Roseburg. Will Portland, like Hood River, win immortal fame, by telling the department it is not needed? Will it classify it as pork, and refuse to taste the morsel? Watch and see.

Chihuahua has been captured and recaptured within the past week, and still the fate of the Americans caught in the city when Villa entered it remains a thing unknown. There are ugly rumors to the effect that one American was killed and his daughter carried away, and that the German vice consul was slain. There are in fact all kinds of rumors but that is all.

It is proposed to add to the list of state officials and commissions by creating the office of state fire marshal, and it is claimed the matter will be brought before the legislature at the coming session. With the six per cent tax limit in force it will be pretty hard sledding to get any more commissions created, and the job of fire marshal is not likely to be created.

All parties to the row are so busy trying to kill each other in the Balkans that none of them had time to say anything about the weather. It is probable there are some heavy storms as well as hard fighting on the daily menu in that section, and it would seem that the fighting would soon become so uncomfortable that all parties would lay off for the winter.

The car shortage is as bad as ever but Oregon shippers have evidently become satisfied it is useless to complain, so but little is being said about it. That does not alter the fact that the state's prosperity is held back and its citizens made to pay heavy costs for the Southern Pacific's inexcusable negligence.

And now comes the new kingdom, Arabia and protests against the cruel and inhuman acts of the Turks. This new country like all the balance has brought its troubles to your Uncle Samuel and asked him to do something about them.



### DEFEAT OF HUGHES

C. Hughes went down to grim defeat because his whiskers were too long. His hopes have found their winding sheet, and life is not one grand sweet song. He is a man of sterling worth, in him the virtues all are blent, he would adorn the highest berth to which he ever might be sent. You may dissect his whole career, with hope to knock him from his perch, and friends of Hughes need never fear the outcome of your busy search. Intelligent, high-minded, clean, he surely should appeal to you; yet when his bunch of brush is seen, the voter says, "He will not do." When he was chosen for the race, I said to him, "Oh, Charley Hughes, clean that alfalfa from your face, and, and you'll win, I'll bet my shoes! But if you let those whiskers bloom, and bear their crop of pods and bolls, you'll march straight downward to your doom--we'll all rebuke you at the polls." "My whiskers are my own concern," replied the statesman, "and that's flat. Rebuke? I do not care a dern." And now we see where he is at.

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### Making Arguments in the Colby Trial

Thompson Falls, Mont., Dec. 5.—Demanding that Edith Colby be convicted of first degree murder for killing A. C. Thomas, republican county chairman, Prosecuting Attorney Wade B. Parks today made his argument to the jury. He was followed by Defense Counsel Mulligan. Special Prosecutor Wheeler was to close for the state. Court attaches expected the case to rest with the jury tonight. Parks laid special stress on the testimony of Dr. A. C. Knight of the state insane hospital, who swore that Miss Colby was perfectly sane when she shot Thomas. Knight answered a long hypothetical question and technically attacked the defense theory of insanity. During arguments the court room was packed, men standing in the windows and a big crowd waiting just outside. Miss Colby, surrounded by her friends, waited for the end seemingly in daze. She paid scant attention to what was transpiring.

### COUNTY CORN SHOW OPENS NEXT MONDAY

Marion, Polk and Yamhill to Co-operate in Third Annual Event

The Third Annual Marion county corn show will be held in Salem during the week of December 11 to 16, inclusive, under the auspices of the Salem Commercial club and direction of Luther J. Chapin, who will have charge of all exhibits. The lower floor of the Derby building, formerly occupied by the Geer-Kreuger furniture store has been leased for this purpose. The counties of Marion, Polk and Yamhill will cooperate in the show, although this year the displays will be arranged according to the individual rather than by communities. There will be no entry fee, no admission will be charged, and the prizes offered amount to \$150. Displays may be made as late as Monday, December 11, but Mr. Chapin advises that all corn should be in at an earlier date. Potatoes will also be shown along with the corn and it is probable that the Potato Growers Association of Marion county will take some action in the way of awarding prizes. It is the purpose of those interested in corn and its display, on Saturday, December 16, the last day of the show, to organize the Willamette Valley Corn Show Association. Corn growers feel that the Willamette valley has a problem of its own to settle in growing corn, and that the growers of the valley should be properly organized. Hence the association will be formed, in order that the corn show to be held in the fall of 1917 will be represented by all the counties in the valley. Plans will be worked out whereby each county will make a special exhibit, competing with other counties. Governor Withycombe has expressed his interest and sympathy in the movement and will be present on the afternoon of the show when the organization is formed. H. C. Seymour, state leader of the boys' and girls' work has also expressed his approval of a valley organization and favors the plan of making the annual exhibit the official show for the boys and girls.

Following are the awards to be made in the various classes for the December 11-16 show: Class A—100 ears yellow dent, first, \$10; second, \$6; third, \$4; fourth, \$3; fifth, \$2; sixth, \$1. Class B—100 ears white dent, first, \$10; second, \$6; third, \$4; fourth, \$2; fifth, \$1; sixth, \$1. Class C—100 ears any other color, dent or mixed, first, \$5; second, \$3; third, \$2; fourth, \$1. Class D—100 ears flint, first, \$3; second, \$2; third, \$1. Class E—10 ears yellow dent, first, \$5; second, \$4; third, \$3; fourth, \$2; fifth, \$1; sixth, \$1. Class F—10 ears white dent, first, \$5; second, \$3; third, \$2; fourth, \$1. Class G—10 ears any other color, dent or mixed, first, \$4; second, \$3; third, \$2; fourth, \$1. Class H—10 ears flint, first, \$4; second, \$3; third, \$2; fourth, \$1. Class I—One ear yellow dent, first, \$2; second, \$1.50; third, \$1; fourth, \$1; fifth, \$1. Class J—One ear white dent, first, \$2; second, \$1.50; third, \$1; fourth, \$1. Class K—One ear any other good dent or mixed, first, \$2; second, \$1.50; third, \$1; fourth, \$1. Class L—12 ears pop corn, first, \$2.50; second, \$2; third, \$1.50; fourth, \$1. Class M—12 ears sweet corn, first, \$2.50; second, \$2; third, \$1.50; fourth, \$1. Class N—Best six stalks, first, \$2; second, \$1. Sweepstakes—10 ears dent, \$2.50.

More men are willing to lend an ear than a hand.

Jefferson Has Light Vote. Jefferson, Ore., Dec. 5.—With little voting and little interest shown the following officers were elected at the local election here yesterday: Mayor, George P. Griffith; recorder, J. T. Jones; treasurer, W. E. Smith; councilmen, J. J. Benson, F. R. Tandy and C. M. Smith.

Hubbard Elects Full Ticket. Hubbard, Ore., Dec. 5.—C. W. Mayger was elected mayor of Hubbard yesterday. Other officers elected were as follows: Treasurer, H. C. Mack; councilmen, M. A. Beckman, L. N. Scholl, Joe Johnson, O. S. Miller and L. L. Hershberger.

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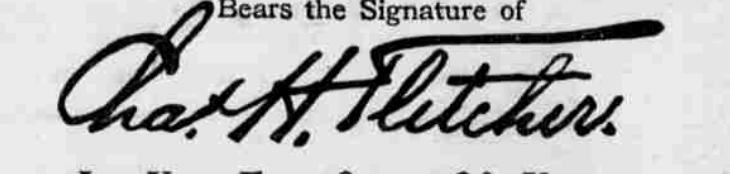


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### Citizens' Ticket Wins in Turner Election

(Capital Journal Special Service.) Turner, Ore., Dec. 4.—The city election held here yesterday, passed off very quietly. The so-called opposition failed to organize their forces, but some scratching was done. The following Citizens' League ticket was elected: Mayor—H. L. Earl. Councilmen—M. T. Miller, H. R. Crawford. Treasurer—Miss J. I. Gray. Recorder—Pearl P. Hassler.

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### PUT CREAM IN NOSE AND STOP CATARRH

Tells How To Open Clogged Nostrils and End Head-Colds. You feel fine in a few moments. Your cold in head or catarrh will be gone. Your clogged nostrils will open. The air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more dullness, headache, no hawking, snuffing, mucous discharges or dryness; no struggling for breath at night. Tell your druggist you want a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic cream in your nostrils, let it penetrate through every air passage of the head; soothe and heal the swollen, inflamed mucous membrane, and relief comes instantly. It is just what every cold and catarrh sufferer needs. Don't stay stuffed-up and miserable.



### CLIFFORD WRITES THE INVITATIONS

CHAPTER XXIII. I had ordered the invitation cards and when they came Clifford filled them out for me. I wrote a miserable hand, while his was like copperplate. We passed a delightful evening over them, and, late as it was when we finished, we planned our dinner before we went to bed. "I'd like a party every day in the week, if you would help me plan it," I told him as we went upstairs. Clifford laughed good naturedly, but made no response. I often wondered what my husband thought of me; if he still cared the least bit in the world for me. He never said he loved me, never showed any particular interest in me, unless I happened to be handsomely dressed when he took me out, or when I complained of feeling ill. But I was too healthy to claim much attention on that score, and he took me out too seldom to keep me happy by complimenting me on my appearance. For no matter what I wore when alone at home with him, he never mentioned it; unless I asked him pointedly how he liked something new I was wearing. It takes so little attention to make a wife happy, yet so few get even the little. I used to think much of such things, and wonder why women cared for what was so grudgingly given. Busy Days. The following days were very busy ones for me. I had set the date for my dinner dance, as I persisted in calling it, for the next Tuesday, and

it was Friday when the invitations went out. The hours simply seemed to fly. Leonard Brooke called up, and asked me to take a spin with him in the country. I had to refuse, although I dreadfully wanted to go, as he had also asked Muriel. Of course, Leonard didn't know it, but I had just refused to go out with Mr. Mayson because I had so much to do. Leonard's voice sounded hurt, and he plainly showed his disappointment when I told him I couldn't go on account of my coming entertainment. Of course, he was invited for the dance; and I had wanted him to dinner, but Clifford had vetoed it so strenuously I had thought best not to insist. "You are coming Tuesday night, aren't you?" I asked eagerly. "Y—es, I expect to," he replied, but without animation. His tone rather hurt me. I thought of him all the afternoon as I worked around the house, and was almost sorry I had not dropped everything and gone with him and Muriel. Manly and Kate were almost as excited over my party as I was. They were to serve the dinner unaided, but a couple of men from one of Clifford's clubs were to come in and serve the supper. Interesting Decorations. I had consulted a florist as to the decorations I should use, and between us we had arranged a simple scheme for both the dinner table and the rest of the house. We banked great flower-

ferns in the hall and in front of the fireplace in the long living room where we were to dance. Carnations in the most beautiful shade of pink were the flowers, and I had soft pink shades on my candelabra, and long, pink ribbons holding the favors. Really it was going to be very pretty, I thought contentedly. There was so much to do that I laughingly told Clifford that I didn't know what to do first. The rugs had to be all taken up for dancing, the musicians engaged, the silver and glass to be polished, the entire house to be put in perfect order, as so large a party would of necessity see every part. Clifford was very nice about it all, and cautioned me many times not to overdo. "When he could be so nice, why was he so often horrid?" I asked myself many times. The dinner was but for 12. It was all I dared attempt; but about 30 more were coming in later. So, really, it was quite an undertaking. I was so anxious it should be successful that I scarcely ate or slept. "We won't give any more parties if they are going to affect you like this," Clifford had grim led. "Oh, don't say that! It's because this is the first one, and because I want your friends to see that I can do things, that I am so anxious." I replied, and he said no more. I had found that he seldom continued a conversation after I had referred to "his friends."

(Tomorrow—A Ruined Gowr.)

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