

### JURISDICTION KINKS NEED ATTENTION

RELATIVE AUTHORITY OF COMMERCE COURT AND COMMERCE COMMISSION.

Washington, Dec. 31.—To straighten out the kinks in the jurisdiction of the new commerce court and of the interstate commerce commission will be one of the first tasks to confront the supreme court when it convenes Monday, January 8. The conflict is growing more acute. The decision of the court is expected to have a far-reaching effect upon governmental rate making. It may foreshadow the ruling of the court in the famous "intermountain rate cases," in which the commerce court in the famous "intermountain commission" are at odds. The latter case will not come before the court until February 19.

One of the ticklish problems for the supreme court to decide is whether the commerce court has the power to review decisions from the commission, in which the complaining shipper is denied relief. It has been argued that the court only is open to a defeated railroad, though the court has ruled otherwise. Another cause of contention to be reviewed in the supreme court was the assertion by the commerce court of power to hold up the commission's orders while it reviews their merits. This particular point will be argued when the supreme court reviews the action of the commerce court in enjoying temporarily the enforcement of the commission's order based on discrimination by railroads in favor of Arbuckle Brothers, sugar refiners. The commission found the railroads were discriminating against shippers in allowing Arbuckle Brothers compensation for lightering its sugar across New York harbor, but not allowing a like compensation to the Federal Sugar company.

### COMMISSION REPORT ALMOST READY

BODY INVESTIGATING EMPLOYERS' RESPONSIBILITY HAS A BILL.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Some time in the month of January the employers' liability commission will present its final report to the two houses of congress and it will embody a complete bill providing a graduated scale of compensation through government instrumentality for injuries to employees of railroads engaged in interstate commerce. The bill was drawn by Senator Sutherland, chairman of the commission, and he will introduce it in the senate. Representative Brantley of Georgia, a member of the commission, will present both the bill and the report in the house.

The preparation of the bill is the result of practically constant labor by the commission since its origin almost a year ago. In the last of the series of hearings which closed last week, representatives of union labor generally endorsed the measure while the attorneys of the railroads indicated satisfaction with the proposed law. Senator Sutherland estimates that the proposed law will entail an expense of about \$400,000 on the government, but says much of this amount will be compensated for by the curtailment of expenses in the courts under the present system of collecting damages under the common law. The aggregate cost to the railroads of the compensation proposed is placed at about \$15,000,000. This is only \$2,000,000 in excess of the present outlay, but, as a large percentage of payments now made is expended in connection with the litigation incident to collection, it is believed that while no individual recovery will be as great as some now received under the common law, employees as a whole will be more generally benefited.

### FREDERICKS TO TELL CONFESSION'S SECRET

Indianapolis, Dec. 31.—When the federal grand jury which is investigating the alleged conspiracy for the transportation of dynamite resumes its sessions next Wednesday, Detective William J. Burns, Walter Drew of the National Erectors' association, and District Attorney Fredericks of Los Angeles are expected to be among the principal witnesses. S. D. Jones and wife also are expected to be called on that date. It was in a barn owned by Jones that a large quantity of dynamite was found by Burns. Considerable interest attaches to the appearance of the Los Angeles county prosecutor as it is understood he will produce the confession of Orrie E. McManigal. Extracts from the confession are in the hands of the federal authorities here, but it is said the original confession, with the later admissions by McManigal will materially assist in determining who was responsible for the shipment of dynamite alleged to have been used in wrecking numerous bridges and buildings in different parts of the country.

### HORES ARRESTED.

Wallace, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Following his repeated refusals to comply with the orders of the district court, citing him to not be punished for contempt, Jacob Hores was arrested yesterday and placed in jail to answer a further charge of contempt. Hores, who was divorced from his wife recently, disobeyed the court's order to refrain from interfering with her rights. She rented the house formerly owned by them as community property and left for the Sound country. Hores at once dispossessed the tenant, throwing his furniture into the street and moving in. All orders issued directing to vacate were ignored.

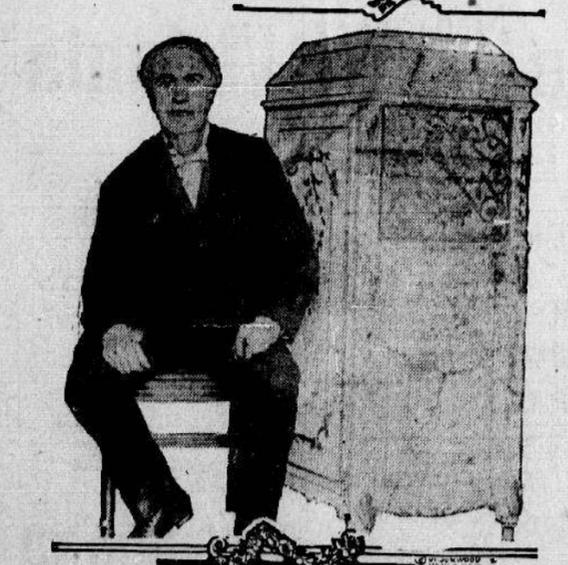
### SALES ARE PROTESTED IN LETTER TO TAFT

Easton, Dec. 31.—A protest against any further sales of the Friar lands in the Philippines is contained in a letter sent to President Taft by Moorfield Storey and Erving Winslow, president and secretary, respectively, of the anti-imperialist league. The letter was written in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the executive committee of the organization. "We earnestly protest," says the letter, "against any further sales of the lands in question, both because such sales tend to foreclose a question that now is under consideration by congress and because the sales, in our judgment tend to postpone the independence of the Philippine islands and to embarrass the relations between those islands and the United States by creating interests adverse to the interests of the Filipino people."

### ZION PRAYS.

Zion City, Ill., Dec. 31.—The faithful of Zion City arose at midnight from their knees in the tabernacle, where for 17 hours they had prayed continuously with Wilbur Glenn Voliva, general overseer, for the healing of several paralytics and other cripples at one of the most unusual gatherings of Zion City. Twenty men and twenty women paraded solemnly through the throng of worshippers and, following the old puritan methods, jabbed those whom the long vigil caused to fall asleep.

### Latest Triumph in Concrete



THOMAS A. EDISON AND CONCRETE CABINET  
New York, Dec. 31.—Thomas A. Edison has announced that he will shortly put on the market concrete furniture to go in his \$1,000 concrete houses. The photograph cabinet shown in this picture is trimmed in white and gold. Its surface is like that of enameled wood. Not only is this

Passes 1911 To the People of the City of Missoula and Surrounding Country Enter 1912  
**Donohue's** ALWAYS RELIABLE  
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## WE THANK YOU

For the liberal patronage given to us for the year just closed. Without assuming the attitude of the Ego, we want to say that in spite of the morbid cries of hard times the past year, we close our books with the greatest volume of business ever done. Not even in the days of boom could we show such a vast amount of yearly business. Every business must depend upon the public for its support and we are proud of our record, because it proves to us that the public will support a business house that aims to treat them right. Again we say, we thank you.

### Our Creed--We Believe in--

- 1—A STORE for everybody—rich and poor alike.
  - 2—A STORE where everybody gets the same treatment.
  - 3—A BUSY STORE every day—busy because we make it so.
  - 4—NOTHING BUT honest, truthful statements in our advertising.
  - 5—A ONE-PRICED STORE where everything is plainly marked.
  - 6—A STORE of cheerful service and pleasant business relations.
  - 7—A STORE where you can send your child to trade, with confidence.
  - 8—A STORE which recognizes that public confidence is necessary to success.
  - 9—A STORE where the called dress is as welcome as the silken one.
  - 10—IN SHORT, a Store that is your store, whomsoever you may be that reads these simple declarations.
- This is our Creed and our Principles.

## 1912

## A New Record

Will you help us this year to achieve a new record? If so, we will make it worth your while. We aim to make this store the "Greatest Retail Store" in Missoula, and one of the great stores of the west. All the energy we possess, all the brains, all the knowledge of merchandise, will be put into the enterprise. We aim to win by sheer virtue of superiority.

WILL YOU HELP US DO IT?

### Our Policy is--

- 1—We employ only the best salespeople to be had.
- 2—We demand courteous and proper treatment from all.
- 3—We sell merchandise at a fair and legitimate profit only.
- 4—We consider our store a servant of the public at all times.
- 5—We fight any wrongs with our customers. All we need is to be told.
- 6—We maintain a liberal money-back system, to insure satisfaction to you.
- 7—We aim to carry in our stocks everything the people want in our lines.
- 8—Nothing is too much trouble for us to do, in the way of merchandising.
- 9—In our "Special Sales" plans we do not mark up to mark down.
- 10—In a word, when you make a purchase here, you can do it with a feeling of perfect safety, feeling that if anything about the transaction is not right—  
We Will Make It So.

## Let Your New Year's Resolution Be to Make This Store Your 1912 Shopping Headquarters

During the year 1911, more than half the entire population of Missoula and the Bitter Root valley traded quite extensively at this store. (This is evidenced by the records of our books, delivery slips and mail order system.) It is safe to say that at some period or other, more than two-thirds of the people within a radius of 50 miles of Missoula did some trading here.

There is a reason for this and it is not far to seek. We offer you, the best class of merchandise at the very lowest consistent selling prices. We cater to the wants of the masses as well as the classes, and we aim at all times to keep our prices below those of our closest competitors.

Departments we operate—Dry Goods, Fancy Goods, Drug Sundries, Stationery, School Supplies, Hosiery, Underwear, Gloves, Men's and Women's Shoes, Children's Shoes, Cloaks, Suits and Millinery, Carpets, Rugs and Draperies, Bedding and Trunks, Men's and Boys' Clothing, Gents' Furnishings and Hats.

The Economy Center It Is a Great Store—Twenty Small Stores Rolled Into One. Where the Wise and Shrewd Do Their Buying The Economy Center

Come Early in the Morning TOMORROW The Big Sensation of a Year Come Early in the Morning

Sale of Women's Suits Worth to \$29.75  
\$10.00 It is a big event—one that we have been preparing for for months. Full particulars will appear in this paper tomorrow morning, and we advise you to be on hand real early. **Donohue's** ALWAYS RELIABLE \$10.00

### RADICAL DEPARTURE FROM POLICY

FOREST SERVICE GRANTS LONGER PERIOD OF OPERATIONS IN TIMBER SALES.

The government is advertising for bids on a large body of timber on the Tahoe national forest, in California, with an offer of terms which inaugurate an important departure from the policy of the past. About 73,000,000 board feet of saw timber is offered for sale, with a 10-year period for the removal of the timber. The national forests contain a vast supply of merchantable timber, estimated at the equivalent of over 500,000,000,000 feet board measure, a great part of which is ripe for the ax or already over-mature. In many cases, however, the purchaser has to make a very heavy initial investment in transportation facilities. To have this pay, he must be able to figure on a large operation, requiring a number of years to carry through. The timber sale policy of the forest service recognizes that, in view of the general upward tendency of stumpage prices, long contracts based on present prices would be a strong incentive to speculation, and might turn out to be highly disadvantageous to the public. To protect the public as consumers, against monopoly prices and also

against exhaustion of local supplies through over-cutting, sales of timber are carefully proportioned to the existing supply and demand, and sales to small purchasers, who are vastly in the majority, are encouraged. To protect the public, as owners, against sales at what may prove to be too low a price, it has been the policy in the past to allow no operations extending over more than five years. A plan has, however, now been devised for allowing longer operations, with a periodic revision of the stumpage rates.

Sliding Scale. At the end of the first five years of the Tahoe sale the price to be paid for the timber cut in the following five years will be determined by the prices of lumber which have ruled in the locality during the preceding year. Since it is recognized that present stumpage prices are rather high in proportion to present lumber prices, if lumber prices do not show an increase of \$2 per thousand feet the stumpage price will not be changed. On any increase above \$2 per thousand, three-fourths the amount of the increase may be added to the stumpage price. A Big Sale. The Tahoe sale will call for the construction of 20 miles of railroad, which will be a common carrier and therefore decidedly beneficial to the community—another reason for making the sale which is taken into account. A minimum price of \$2.50 per 100-foot feet for yellow pine, the amount of which is estimated at 52,000,000 feet, and also for sugar pine, and of \$1 per thousand feet for all other species, is specified in the advertisement. The interest which has been shown by lumbermen in this sale leads the forest officers to believe that one or more bids will undoubtedly be received. The usual conditions of cutting national forest timber, to insure a renewal of the forest and close utilization of what is cut, will be incorporated in the contract of sale. That national forest timber is in increasing demand is evidenced by the fact that over \$30,000,000 feet were sold during the year which ended on June 30, 1911, as against less than 275,000,000 feet in the previous year. The current year is likely to show a still higher total.

VOLUNTARY ASSIGNMENT. Kellogg, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—A voluntary assignment was yesterday made to the Spokane Retail Merchants' association by A. J. Dealy, a local jeweler. The action was taken when Dealy found it impossible to raise money to meet his obligations. Until a representative of the Spokane association arrives, the assets and liabilities will not be made public, but it is said the latter are not large.

### WHISTLES AND BELLS PROCLAIM NEW YEAR

The new year was ushered in appropriately in the Garden city last night and by the time all of the whistles had their throats well opened one not acquainted with the place would have taken Missoula for a big manufacturing center. There was much tooting, and ringing of bells, all being punctuated by the crack of small firearms. As a whole, however, the ushering in of the new year was rather quietly observed and there was not the usual crowd on the streets and no rowdiness of any kind. The day promises to be ideal. There was just a little flurry of snow during the night and this will help to make sleighing better today.

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SMASH OF "OREGONIAN" DEVELOPS BUT HALF A DOZEN FATALITIES. Devil's Lake, N. D., Dec. 31.—No additional deaths among those injured in the wreck of the Great Northern train "Oregonian" at Sharon, N. D., were reported today. There is nothing to indicate that more than six persons lost their lives. The body of the sixth victim has not been identified. A special train was made up here and left today for the Pacific coast with all the 40 passengers aboard who were stranded here as a result of the wreck. None of these was seriously injured.

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### HITCHCOCK'S HELPER MAKES A SUGGESTION

Washington, Dec. 31.—The enactment of a law to compensate all postal employees, including the letter carriers, for injuries sustained in the line of duty, but not attributable to

MISSOULIAN WANT ADS BRING QUICK RESULTS.