

A RAILROAD RATE BILL.

The Esch-Townsend Measure in Changed Form Considered By Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The Esch-Townsend railroad bill which passed the house at its last session has been re-drawn and was re-introduced in the house today by Mr. Townsend. The bill embraces all of the features of the former measure, but is drawn so as to specify the things which may be done by the interstate commerce commission. In addition it has a publicity feature and gives the commission jurisdiction over refrigeration and terminal charges. It also directly prohibits the carrier from granting any shipper the privilege of collecting his product and then getting a special rate under the short term provision for changing rates. As explained today by Mr. Townsend, the bill "expresses the idea of the president in his message and will, if enacted into law, amend the interstate commerce laws so as to make it more effectual in securing exact justice between the carriers, shippers, producers and consumers."

"It enlarges the interstate commerce commission to seven members, increases the length of their term of office to seven years and their salaries to \$10,000. This is done at the president's suggestion, as the increased power conferred upon the commission will increase its duties and responsibilities and require the best men obtainable. This commission will compel the establishment of joint and through rates for interstate traffic and abolish the custom which is, in some cases, of billing shipments within the boroughs of a state and then compelling a re-shipment."

"It seeks to abolish the so-called midnight rate evil by enlarging the time in which a published or scheduled rate can be changed to sixty days and compels the carrier to itemize its schedules and rates in accordance with the instructions of the commission. This schedule must also show the division of charges between so-called trunk, or through lines and terminal or industrial roads."

The bill also provides that the commission shall decide promptly and within 90 days after hearing all cases brought before it. It contains practically the same provision of the Esch-Townsend bill, which authorizes the commission upon complaint and after full hearing to determine whether a rate or regulation is reasonable or unreasonable, and if unreasonable to substitute the reasonable maximum rate in its stead, and it may order both a maximum and minimum rate in cases involving the relation of rates of differential charges, and such order of the commission shall go into effect within 30 days after it is made. This same provision applies also to joint rates, and where the carrier parties to such joint rate fail to agree on the division of the same the commission may determine the share of each carrier."

For Exclusion of Orientals.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The California delegation in the senate and house held a meeting today and agreed on a bill for the exclusion from the United States of Japanese and Koreans. The bill will be introduced in the house by McKinley, the newly elected member who for the past four years was assistant United States district attorney in San Francisco, charged with special duty of enforcing the Chinese exclusion act. It is stated by the delegation that there are 60,000 Japanese in California and nearly 100,000 in the United States. During the last year over 8,000 Japanese came to this country from the Hawaiian islands. Members of the delegation say that the rapid influx of Japanese is regarded as a menace to American labor.

Chairman Burroughs of the senate committee on privileges and elections says that no action will be taken in case of Senator Smoot of Utah until the vacancy on the committee was filled, which will put it over until after the holiday recess.

Illinois Freight Rates Reduced.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 5.—Late this afternoon the state board of railroad and warehouse commissioners, after a conference with Governor Deneen lasting three hours, announced a reduction of 20 per cent. from existing freight rates now in effect in Illinois. The reduction is horizontal and applies to all the ten classes of freight, and is uniform all over the state. The reduction is made on application of the Shippers' association of Decatur and Springfield. The Chicago Shippers' association and Peoria merchants were on the petition at first, but they were granted the reductions ask for and withdrew. When the decision was announced objections were made to the reductions by representatives of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and Wabash railroads.

Safe Blowers Visit Spokane.

SPOKANE, Dec. 5.—Three safe blowers raided the store of the Coey Mercantile company at Rockford before daylight this morning. Drilling into the vault from the outer wall of the

building they shattered it by a heavy charge of nitroglycerine. James and Charles Mottern, two clerks who slept over the store, were roused by the big explosion and looked out of the window, but a shot by a robber drove them back. Securing \$2,100, the robbers stole a handcar and fled north toward Spokane. A posse is in pursuit. Traces of blood indicate that one robber was wounded, probably by the explosion.

No Allotment For Squaw Man.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Justice Duell has rendered a decision affirming the judgment of the district supreme court in the case of Willis C. West against Secretary Hitchcock. West, having married an Indian woman, claimed that he thereby became "by adoption" a member of the Choctaw tribe, to which the woman belonged, and was entitled to an allotment of land in Indian Territory. The secretary denied West's application for allotment on the ground that the alleged adoption had never received the approval of the interior department. West then sought by mandamus proceedings to compel the secretary to recognize the adoption. The trial court held that the answer of the secretary showed that his rulings involved the exercise of discretion and could not be controlled by mandamus, and in this view of the case the appellate court concurs.

Panama Canal Bill Discussed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Unanimous consent was given for the consideration of the bill appropriating \$16,500,000 for the Panama canal. Mr. Williams (Miss.), claimed there should have been an itemized account of the appropriation. Answering a question as to canal salaries Mr. Hepburn said he could make the statement that there were 26 salaries over \$5,000, six between \$4,000 and \$5,000, 55 between \$3,000 and \$4,000 and 130 between \$2,000 and \$3,000. These included engineers of high skill.

Mr. Williams said he would object to the issuance of bonds as long as there were \$40,000,000 on deposit in national banks without interest. Mr. Mann said two employees of the commission were receiving \$10,000 a year salary; one was Mr. Ross, purchasing agent and the other was Mr. Bishop, secretary.

Ranch Company Promoter Indicted.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 6.—John Hanley, who has received a great deal of public notice through farmers' co-operative schemes, was indicted by the federal grand jury today on a charge of using the mails in furtherance of a scheme to defraud. The indictment charges that Hanley and others organized the Consolidated Farm and Ranch company, with a capital stock of \$350,000 and sought to dispose of the stock by means of circulars sent through the mails. These circulars set forth that the company had acquired the assets of the Montana Co-operative Ranch company, alleged to have been worth \$250,000. The government alleges that neither Hanley nor the Ranch company owned any property.

No Free Rides On Railroad.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6.—In view of the general agitation on the subject of legislation on railroad rates and the abolition of all forms of rebates and concessions, it has been decided by the management of the Pennsylvania road that all forms of free transportation will be discontinued after the end of the present year.

None of the Pennsylvania railroad officials will talk regarding the decision of the company to discontinue free transportation as a result of a discussion of the passenger officials of the large railroads of the country. Some other large roads, it is expected will follow the action taken by the Pennsylvania. So far as learned the order to discontinue free transportation applies principally to legislators, national and state, members of the judiciary and politicians generally.

Russian Official Killed By Woman.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, in a dispatch dated December 5, says:

"Lieutenant General Sakharoff, former minister of war, was assassinated today. The government had deputed General Sakharoff to visit the province of Saratoff for the purpose of quelling the agrarian riots there. A woman belonging to the so-called 'Flying Column' of the revolutionary movement, called at the house of the governor of Saratoff at noon today, and asked to see General Sakharoff. She fired three revolver shots at the general, killing him on the spot."

"The tidings reached St. Petersburg tonight. Count Witte charged Lieutenant General Rudiger, minister of war, with the task of breaking the news to Madame Sakharoff. The event has created a profound impression in St. Petersburg, owing to fears that the revolutionists here will follow the example set."

Attractive Christmas Gifts. Pretty Presents Made at Home. Boudoir Photograph Frame—Collar Boxes. Reed Basket—Workbag or Jewel Case.

ANY number of inexpensive Christmas gifts can be made up by those who have simple skill with the needle. If a woman combines with this any talent for pen and ink or color work she can create a great variety of useful objects that will make most pleasing presents. One of the many combinations is a new small workbag that will do equally well for a jewel case. It is made with twenty-four inches of light ground fancy ribbon, preferably with a narrow plain strip of color on the edge. Cut this into even lengths and lay one upon the other. Just in the middle of the strip make a two inch pleat by padding the ribbon widthwise with cotton. Featherstitch the cushion down on each side with silk the color of the plain edge and stitch with the machine the two edges of the ribbon along their entire length. Turn in the ends and hem. Just beneath



BASKET FOR PINS AND WORKBAG OR JEWEL CASE.

run in a little drawing ribbon, and there will then be formed a bag at each side of the cushion. The latter does equally well for plain and stick pins and the bags for spoons and jewels.

Less fancy, but very sensible, is a round, shallow reed basket, not too large. Fill in the bottom with a cushion in some pleasing shade of silk and make five very small cushions of the same material to fasten to the side of the basket, so that they just touch the bottom edge. They are fastened on at even distances, and between each cushion is tied a bow of narrow ribbon. The large cushion is for ordinary white pins and the others for different colors and sizes.

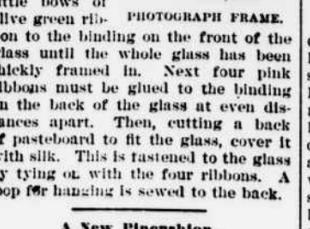
The newest thing in belts, and something easily made with a little skill, is suede, stenciled or embroidered. Pastel tinted leathers make up prettiest, and the paints used are the fresco or zinc colors that are sold cheaply in glass jars. Gold and silver stencils on suede is very effective, silver or gray suede showing beautifully on a blotched background of mauves and oriental colors. Whoever can do broderie anglaise on cloth can probably do the same on suede, and this, backed with self-toned silk, makes up into charming card cases.

A pretty penwiper is evolved from a piece of wash suede laid out in a slightly four petaled effect and the blossoms then tinted green crimson like a dogwood flower. Three little chamois four notched pieces are fastened to the blossom with a narrow olive ribbon.

Collar boxes that have a tiny box for buttons in the cover are useful to men. They are made of two circles of cardboard, large and small, silk covered and sewed to a covered bottom. This is just the size of the large circle, which is sewed to the edge of the bottom after the small circle has been sewed to its center. The lid is made similar to the bottom, only in the center of this a small covered box is sunk and sewed. This also has a lid. Both lids are raised by ribbon loops.

Little boudoir photograph frames are wreathed in pink ribbon roses most fascinatingly. Get a glass of the shape desired and bind narrowly with pink silk glued on.

As many little wild roses as are needed can be made of half inch ribbon and yellow centers worked or artificial stamens fastened in. Glue these alternately with little bows of olive green ribbon to the binding on the front of the glass until the whole glass has been thickly framed in. Next four pink ribbons must be glued to the binding on the back of the glass at even distances apart. Then, cutting a back of pasteboard to fit the glass, cover it with silk. This is fastened to the glass by tying on with the four ribbons. A loop for hanging is sewed to the back.



PHOTOGRAPH FRAME.

A new shape of Christmas pin cushion is three cornered, with a large bow on the flat side, which is nearest to the looking glass. A spray of flowers in ribbon or silk is worked on it, commencing near the bow.

FOR THE OLD FOLKS.

Useful Homemade Presents For Grandpa and Grandmother.

An eyeglass cleaner is just the gift for grandpa or grandmother, and even the small child of the household will be able without trouble to fashion one. The case is simply made of two pieces of chamois cut in heart shape and bound with half inch ribbon. An eye-glass is either painted on one side of the case or done in outline stitch with embroidery silk.



EYEGLASS CLEANER.

An inexpensive photograph holder is constructed with three Japanese fans of graduated sizes held together with thin wire.

Knitting needle caps are easily made and, best recommendation perhaps, afford the children a chance of doing something "themselves" for grandmother, who will find the caps very useful in the summer when she takes her knitting on the beach or in the fields during the summer holidays.

Two new corks—the size of those used for wine bottles—are required. These must be cut down to about an inch in length and have the tops rounded off of caplike. Cover them very neatly and tightly with flannel or any soft material and take care there is no join over the flat end of the cork. Now take a nice piece of fairly wide colored silk elastic about half an inch shorter in length than the knitting needles you use most frequently and attach it at either end to the corks. Make the outside cover for the caps, which can be any pretty material, joining the sides, turning in the raw edges at the bottom and stitching down to the flannel. The top is gathered up and finished off with a pretty gold bead, and the caps are completed, and very useful they are as protection to the points of the knitting needles.

FANCY APRONS.

Smart Christmas Gifts and How to Make Them.

Fancy aprons of the daintiest description are to be in great demand this winter, and the girl who wants to please her special chum will make her a smart one for a Christmas present.

The pretty apron shown in the cut is a most charming and yet simple conception of white muslin, the upper



DAINTY APRON.

part made with a double frill over the shoulders and a big bowknot of the muslin in front. This joins to the waist belt at the sides, or, if preferred, the lower knot ends may be the longest, and fasten at the back of the waist. The rounded apron is prettily finished with a deep muslin frill. The same design may be carried out in white Japanese silk, with lace frills over the shoulders and an applique of lace heading the frill.

Foot cushions are among the necessary luxuries for my lady's hours of ease. They are thick, oblong affairs of velvet, very much adorned with embroideries, gold lace, point lace and gold corner tassels. These luxurious pads are placed on a low wicker stand, so that the whole is just high enough to support the pampered woman's tiny feet when she reclines by the fireside. Her couch cushions are of most dainty and perishable fabrics—embroidered linen, lawn, lace, mousseline and palest satin touched up, perhaps, by tiny lines and bowknots of fur. These pretty cushions are among favorite gifts of women to women and are made and decorated to fit the environment they are destined for.

Corange Sachet.

There is one style of corsage sachet designed as a Christmas gift which lends itself to any size and can be simple or elaborate, as taste dictates. It is made of liberty satin or taffeta ribbon, fashioned in a bow of two loops and no ends. The upper edges of the loops are fastened together and a flat sachet of cotton sheet wadding, with the powder spread inside, is inserted. Then the lower edges of the loops are closed. A dainty one is of white moire ribbon, with a blue monogram embroidered on the left side. Three-quarters of a yard of ribbon about four inches wide, a sheet of cotton wadding and a quarter of an ounce of sachet powder are sufficient to make one.

Notice of Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Nov. 13, 1905. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler, has filed notice of intention to make proof in support of his claim, and that said final proof will be made before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Fort Benton, Montana, on Thursday, December 21st, 1905, viz: WILLIAM R. S. McCORD, who made homestead entry No. 11,445, for the S.W. 1/4, S.W. 1/4, S.W. 1/4, section 20, township 20 north, range 3 east, before John McCall, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Gold Butte, Mont., on Saturday, the 30th day of December, 1904. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Frank Adams, Joseph Brant, Walter Adams, Joseph Adams, Isaac C. McCall, all of Hightower, Mont. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Desert Land--Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Dec. 4, 1905. Notice is hereby given that JOSEPH L. MILLEGAN, of Gold Butte, Mont., has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 7392, for the S 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, section 12, township 20 north, range 3 east, lot 1, section 1, township 20 north, range 3 east, before John McCall, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Gold Butte, Mont., on Saturday, the 30th day of December, 1904. He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Anthony H. Fey, John G. Fey, William J. Morley and John A. Doherty, all of Gold Butte, Mont. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Desert Land--Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Dec. 4, 1905. Notice is hereby given that ELIZABETH OSTERMAN, of Big Sandy, Mont., has filed notice of intention to make proof on her desert-land claim No. 7382, for the S 1/2 NE 1/4, NE 1/4, S 1/4 NE 1/4, section 24, township 27 north, range 10 east, before John McCall, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Big Sandy, Mont., on Wednesday, the 10th day of January, 1906. He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Nicholas Sternberg, of Big Sandy, Mont.; Christian Hokanson, of Warrick, Mont.; William Lutge and Heinrich Lehfeldt, of Judith, Mont. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Desert Land--Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Dec. 4, 1905. Notice is hereby given that MAHUS MESSER, of Big Sandy, Mont., has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 7382, for the S 1/2 NE 1/4, NE 1/4, S 1/4 NE 1/4, section 24, township 27 north, range 10 east, before John McCall, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Big Sandy, Mont., on Wednesday, the 10th day of January, 1906. He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Fred C. Bent, Robert Cook, Albert C. Pratt and Henry Clay Gaines, all of West Butte, Mont. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Desert Land--Final Proof.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, GREAT FALLS, MONT., Dec. 4, 1905. Notice is hereby given that MARY NOBEL, of West Butte, Mont., has filed notice of intention to make proof on her desert-land claim No. 7351, for the S 1/2 SW 1/4, and SE 1/4, section 35, township 37 north, range 3 east, lots 1 and 2, section 36 north, range 1 east, before John McCall, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Gold Butte, Mont., on Saturday, the 18th day of January, 1906. He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Fred C. Bent, Robert Cook, Albert C. Pratt and Henry Clay Gaines, all of West Butte, Mont. J. M. BURLINGAME, Register.

Notice of Probate of Will.

In the district court of the Twelfth judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Chouteau. Notice is hereby given that James J. Lannon having filed in this court his petition for probate of will of Thomas Lannon, deceased, the hearing of the same has been fixed by said court for Wednesday, the 21st day of December, A. D. 1905, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the court room of the county of Chouteau, in Fort Benton, in the said county of Chouteau; and all persons interested in said estate are notified that they should appear and show cause, if any there be, why the said petition should not be granted and let the testamentary issued. Dated November 22nd, 1905. CLAY S. H. BOYLE, Clerk. By HARRY C. SMITH, Deputy Clerk. W. S. TOWNER, attorney for executor.

Proposals for Medical Attendance on County Patients.

Bids will be received until 2 o'clock p. m. on January 21, 1906, for the performance of the following services, to-wit: For medical attendance and surgical services upon the county sick, poor and infirm and inmates of the county jail of Chouteau county, and also including all contagious diseases and all post-mortem examinations and inquiries as to sanitary conditions by the county attorney. All for the period of one year, viz, January 21, 1906, to January 21, 1907. This service to include and all such cases as are sent to the county hospital from any part of Chouteau county, together with the furnishing of all surgical dressings, etc., that may be required. This service to be performed in the following district, to-wit: Fort Benton, and all towns and communities within a radius of twenty miles. For medical attendance and surgical services upon the county sick, poor and infirm in the five following described districts or communities, to-wit: Havre, and all towns and communities within a radius of eleven miles. Chinook, and all towns and communities within a radius of eleven miles. Hill, and all towns and communities within a radius of twenty miles. Fortman, and all towns and communities within a radius of twenty miles. Said bids to be submitted as in districts or communities. Said services under article 2 to include all post-mortem examinations ordered by county attorney and inquiries as to sanitary conditions and all surgical dressings, etc., that may be required. Each bidder is to state separately the sum for which he or they will perform the above services in the several districts for the period specified. Bids are also invited to be submitted to cover all the above and excluding contagious diseases. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Proposals to be addressed to the county clerk and properly marked on the outside to indicate what they are. By order of Board of County Commissioners. W. R. LEET, Clerk of the Board.

ALIAS SUMMONS.

In the district court of the Twelfth judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Chouteau. Jesse Blackshaw, plaintiff, vs. Joseph B. Blackshaw, defendant.

The State of Montana sends greeting to the above named defendant. You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the clerk of this court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you in the county wherein you reside, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear and answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. This action is brought to obtain a decree of this court dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and the defendant upon the grounds that on or about the month of March, 1904, the said defendant, disregarding the solemnity of his marriage vow, willfully and without cause deserted and abandoned the plaintiff, and ever since has and still continues so to willfully and without cause desert and abandon said plaintiff and to live separate and apart from her, without any sufficient cause or reason, and against her will and without her consent. And upon the further ground that the defendant for more than one year last past, to-wit, since the month of March, 1904, has willfully neglected to provide for the plaintiff and the necessities of life, having the ability so to do, but has compelled the plaintiff to support herself and her two minor children, although defendant is abundantly able to provide for plaintiff and their two children. In addition to a decree of divorce, plaintiff asks the custody and control of the two minor children, and the issue of said children. Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 10th day of November, 1905. SEAL of court this 10th day of November, 1905. CHAS. H. BOYLE, Clerk. W. S. TOWNER, attorney for plaintiff. First publication, November 11, 1905. Fine Book and Job Printing a specialty at the RIVER PRESS office

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