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May Cut Railroad Rates

Railway passenger rates throughout this state may be cut to 2½ cents a mile, unless the Great Northern either retires its mileage book or changes their form, and this the railroad company refuses to do, says the Spokane Chronicle. The contest, which will probably be tried in the courts, has arisen over a rule which the commission has promulgated, and which the Great Northern refuses to obey. The order in question requires railway companies in dealing with mileage books to instruct their conductors to pull only such number of coupons as would be equivalent at 3 cents to the regular fare.

One instance is that the exact distance between Seattle and Olympia is 73 miles, which would cost passengers, at 3 cents a mile, just \$2.19. The railroads, to meet competition, charge \$1.80 a trip. When, however, a man is traveling on mileage, the conductor pulls 73 miles. The commission rules that he must pull only 60 miles, in order to give the man owning the mileage the benefit of the rate of 2½

cents a mile, at which rate he has paid for this mileage book.

The railroads say that if the rule of the commission is enforced by the courts they will retire their mileage books. Commissioner J. C. Lawrence has stated that the retirement of mileage books will probably be followed by the issuance of an order by the commission for a hearing on the subject of reducing passenger rates at 2½ cents a mile.

The railroads can if they will, avoid the controversy by issuing a mileage book like that recently put out by the O. R. & N., where the mileage coupons are designated in cents, and the conductors are required to pull only the regular fare between stations, instead of coupons representing the actual mileage.

Lame Shoulder Cured.

Lame shoulder is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and quickly yields to a few applications of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Mrs. F. H. McElwee, of Boistown, N. B., writes: "Having been troubled for some time with a pain in my left shoulder, I decided to give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial, with the result that I got prompt relief." For sale by Tiss & McMoran.

Look out for Land Frauds

Citizens of the northwest who have advanced sums ranging from \$25 to \$100 in the hope of obtaining valuable timber lands in Southern Oregon at \$2.50 an acre will receive a rude awakening by a communication from the general land office at Washington to land offices throughout the United States.

Under the representation that the California & Oregon Railway would be compelled by the terms of its original land grant from the government to sell to bona fide settlers any part of holdings in Southern Oregon at \$2.50 an acre, a number of promoters have had agents in various parts of the Northwest taking applications from unsuspecting persons for the purchase of these lands from the railroad company.

Agents of the promoters, several of whom had headquarters at Roseburg, Oregon, near the railroad lands, would tell investors that the advance was for the purpose of making the necessary legal application through the courts. If the court granted the application,

they said, demand would be made upon the railroad and, according to the terms of the original grant, the company would be compelled to grant the application and the investor would obtain for \$450 lands worth thousands of dollars. The first advance of \$50 would be necessary to cover the legal expenses and no further money would be necessary until the actual tender was made to the railroad.

As far as known the promoters of the scheme have made the first applications to the courts and have thus carried out the deal sufficiently to put themselves beyond the possibility of any legal action for the recovery of any money advanced. According to men versed in land rulings there is no chance for the purchases to be completed as the original grant contains no such clause as advertised by the promoters. It is also true that in making the application to the court and playing the small fee needful the promoters carry out all demanded of them by law and the rest of their percentage of the advance money is clear profit.

Fair Will Be Held in 1909

Seattle, Jan. 29.—Owing to a slight rumor that the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition is going to be postponed, caused by the recent financial flurry, the executive committee of the 1909 fair has passed the following resolution: "It is the unanimous sense of the members of the executive committee that the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition be held at the place and time hitherto planned—Seattle, U. S. A., from June 1 to October 15, 1909."

The contract for another large exhibit palace, the agriculture building, has been let for \$81,830. Six of the main buildings will soon be well under way. The manufactures building is progressing rapidly.

The executive committee announces that there is plenty of money on hand with which to carry on the work, and that money for stock is coming in all the time.

Word received from Washington, D. C., from Vice-President John H. McGraw and Director of Exploitation Henry E. Reed, indicates that congress is looking with favor on the exposition. The appropriate bill will soon come up for consideration. The government has asked for more ground space than was originally allotted to it.

Men Wanted in Alaska

Just now when there are so many unemployed men in this country it seems that it will be interesting to many people to learn of the demand for laborers and miners in the Tanana district in Alaska.

Mr. Chas. E. Peabody, president of the Alaska Steamship company, with which has been consolidated the Northwestern Steamship company, advise that the Tanana district is short between 2,000 and 3,000 men for mining work.

The route into that country is by way of Valdez, and sailings of the Alaska Steamship company from Seattle occur about every eighth day. Passenger fares from Seattle to Valdez are: First class \$45.00, steerage \$25.00.

Where Old Maids are Insured

The Maiden Insurance Co. is a most singular institution, and is believed not to exist outside of Denmark. It is confined to the nobility. As soon as a female child is born her name is enrolled on the company's books, and thereafter a fixed annual amount is paid to the treasury. When the girl has reached the age of 21, she is entitled to a fixed income and to a suite of apartments, and this income and home, both almost princely, are hers until she either marries or dies. The society has existed for generations. It has always prospered. Thanks to it, poverty-stricken old maids are unknown among the Denmark nobility.

L. E. Carter has filed suit against M. L. Morton at Colville and asks for \$5000 damages. He alleges that Morton alienated the affections of Mrs. Carter.

Restore Homestead Rights

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—The bill recently reported by the house committee on public lands, permitting all persons who, through any cause, have failed to prove up on previous homestead entries, passed the house today, with an amendment excluding those cases where fraud has been proven, or where the entryman's rights have been sold for valuable considerations.

The passage and approval of this bill by the president will allow many persons to secure homesteads who lost them through the inability to obtain funds to prove up on.

Lenora News.

Lenora, Wash., Jan. 21, 1908.

Misses Maybelle Hoistington and Mollie Maxwell spent last week visiting Miss Hoistington's parents at Tweedie. Nearly everybody here is ill with la grippe.

A. M. Button made a business trip to Harrison, Idaho, last week.

Clinton Disbrow is furnishing the people of Lenora with extra fine strictly fresh eggs. He has a flock of about 100 hens.

F. S. Maxwell made a business trip to Newport Monday.

A. M. Button went to Newport Tuesday.

Mr. Hart went to Usk Tuesday. Attendance at school is small on account of so much illness.

Arthur Nehuman, Mr. Sherwood and his son Ralph went to Spokane Tuesday. Alex Wilson returned home from Milan, where has been working.

Geo. Budge has secured the job of hauling the cedar poles from Elmer Black's place to the river.

Miss Jessie Mackleboey, who has been staying with Mrs. A. M. Button and attending school has gone across the river to work at Bert Cannon's.

Bad Billy Williams

"Billy" Phillips, a notorious Indian gambler from Cusick, is in trouble again. He has frequently been an inmate of the Whitman county jail. Last Saturday he was taken to Colfax from Tekoa to serve a 12 day's sentence for cruelty to animals. "Billy" is a full blooded Couer d'Alene Indian and is well known in the vicinity of Newport, where he has occasionally figured in the police courts.

Advice to mothers: Don't let your children waste away. Keep them strong and healthy during the winter with Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. It is the greatest tonic for children. Pure and harmless. Does the greatest good. 35c, Tea or Tablets. Adam's Pharmacy.

A Cabby Stung.

Foreigners often fall a prey to the unscrupulous wiles of the British cabby, who basely takes advantage of the stranger's want of familiarity with English idiom, coinage and locality. We have heard of the intelligent foreigner being driven about six statute miles in a journey from London bridge to Charing Cross. That cabby got the best of the transaction, but a recent attempt to impose upon foreign credulity was frustrated cleverly by a son of Gaul, whose taste for joking led him to try to bamboozle a cabby into attempting it with him. He demanded in exceedingly broken English to be driven to a certain place, the fare to which was exactly a shilling. It may be remarked that he really could speak English as well as he could his mother tongue. On arriving at his destination he asked, still in a struggling fashion:

"Ow mooch 'ave I to pay?"

"Five shillings," promptly responded the cabby.

"And 'ow mooch is 5 shillings?" queried the traveler, taking out three half crowns and laying them across his palm.

"Them three's right," said the cabby, pointing to the coins.

"Oh!" said the Frenchman. Then, dropping his assumed imperfect acquaintance with the vernacular, "Well, here's a bob for you," he said and departed, leaving his erstwhile Jehu standing with a perplexed expression on his face which took some time to disappear.—London Tit-Bits.

Rules For Right Eating.

The rules for eating, which ought to be a part of every child's A B C's, are few and simple, though neglected by half of the adult population.

Expressed in don'ts, they are: Don't eat in a hurry; don't eat when tired; don't forget to chew well; don't drink much with meals—do it before—don't eat all one kind of food; don't take much cold food at one time.

Most of us live as if unconscious that there are such things as laws of health whose violation brings pain and sickness. The stomach will bear as much abuse and neglect as any organ of the body, perhaps more than most of them. But when it rebels there is usually one more cross dyspeptic inflicted on society and destined to spend the rest of his days alternating between a diet of soft eggs and toast and sundry excursions into mince pies, pork and cabbage and other things that he likes, but which make him miserable.—Charles H. Cochrane in Metropolitan Magazine.

An Illustration.

Little Harry—Pa, what's a foregone conclusion? Pa—Anything that's sure to follow something else. To give you an illustration, if I were to lock the drawer of my desk it wouldn't be twenty minutes before your mother would break it open for the purpose of finding out what I was trying to conceal.—Cleveland Leader.

Neighborhood News.

Sandpoint is contemplating the issuance of a sufficient amount of bonds to construct a new building, a sewage system, the purchase of new fire apparatus and the possible purchase of the water works system. It was figured that the improvements contemplated would result in asking the citizens to vote to issue \$75,000 in bonds.

Spokane parties are trying to purchase a controlling interest in the Traders' State Bank, of Sandpoint, and merging that institution into a national bank with a capital stock of \$50,000.

A new paper to be called the Plantation Gazette is to be established at Meyers Falls, Stevens county. R. A. Smith, of St. Maries, Idaho, is to be the editor of the new publication. It is proposed to boom the Plantations irrigated land in that locality.

Hunters, this county, is to have a waterworks system.

Blanche Lewis, the 14-year-old daughter of a resident of Dunn, died of diphtheria last week. Her parents belong to a sect known as the Saints of God, and did not believe in medical treatment and the girl did not receive proper care. An older brother is ill with the same disease, but insisted upon having a physician and is now improving.

Colville is to have a new city hall. It will be two stories high.

The mistletoe will be the state flower for the new state of Oklahoma.

Martin Donovan has notified the public that his wife has left his bed and board.

The Bonner county fight over the renting or purchase of the Weil block for a court house is receiving much attention from the papers of that county. How would it be to have the county seat location settled before buying?

Sandpoint aspires to entertain the Idaho Republican state convention. Several cities throughout the state have suggested that the Panhandle should be given the honor, and it looks as though Sandpoint might land the prize. It is a rather ambitious plan, but it is probable that the smelter town will be able to give a good account of herself in case the Republicans decide to deliberate there.

The state failed to make a case against the Sandpoint gamblers, according to the jurymen, so the green cloth men went free. However, the gamblers agreed to shut up their games and be good in the future. It appears that the lid is on again and off again quite frequently in the Bonner county capital.

One of the Sandpoint papers is taking a straw vote of its subscribers on the question of purchasing the court house building recently constructed by Auditor Weil.

Springdale is to have a state bank. Parties from Grangeville, Idaho, will furnish most of the capital.

The county seat fight in Kootenai county is going merrily on. Coeur d'Alene and St. Maries are trying to wrest the prize from Rathdrum. It is a three-cornered fight, with the prospects favoring Coeur d'Alene on account of the corporate interests to a large extent, according to some of the other fellows.

An effort is being made to boom the mining districts in the vicinity of Republic and Orient. Both towns are in the vicinity of the Curlew mining district and not far distant from the famous Boundary Creek district, which contains some of the famous mines of the northwest.

The Granby smelter is to be enlarged this year, in order to accommodate the many new producers in the Granby district.

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