

FINLEY J. SHEPARD, JR.



John Doe No. 104, alias Austin McCleary, as he was called when he was a homeless waif, is now romping around Lyndhurst, at Irvington-on-Hudson, the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, now known as Finley Jay Shepard, Jr., heir to the Gould millions. Mr. Shepard and his wife, who was Miss Helen Gould, formally adopted the four-year-old boy who was found on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral by a policeman.

ISSUES NEW WARNING

The department of agriculture also gives warning that, notwithstanding that this year's crop of oats in unusually high in moisture content, the transportation and sale in interstate commerce of damaged oats or oats of inferior quality which have been bleached or otherwise treated so as to conceal damage or inferiority, or of oats which have had their weight increased by the addition of water, will be regraded as in violation of the federal food and drugs act.

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I. C. C. Boosts Railroads

By Angus McSween

Washington, Nov. 23.—Another decision was given recently by the interstate commerce commission advancing railroad rates. The action is remarkable, because the decision purports to be adverse to the railroads, although really in their favor.

The effect of the ruling is that all the increases in rates which were granted by the former decision go into effect at once, while the commission agrees to examine further the reasonableness of the rates which they refused to increase in the former decision.

It will be remembered that following the first hearing on the application of the eastern roads for an increase in rates, the commission refused absolutely to sanction a single advance.

Largely as the result of presidential influence, the commission was prevailed upon to grant the eastern roads a rehearing, and upon this increase were granted.

Got Advance to Bolster Up Credit.

At the time it was declared that poor business, due it was believed, to the war in Europe had affected credit and reduced the value of railroad securities.

With the acknowledged purpose of bolstering up railroad credit, and not of adjusting rates upon a reasonable basis as required by the law, the commission authorized a general advance in rates.

When the application of the western railroads for privileges exactly similar to these granted the eastern railroads was made the wonderful growth in railroad business, which has proceeded steadily for nearly a year, had already become apparent.

Western Roads Prosperous.

The commission could not give the

western roads the same increase given the eastern railroads upon the pretext that their credit needed bolstering, because railroad credit was responding to the increase in railroad business.

Consequently, the commission gave the railroads only partial increases and refused to advance rates upon livestock, meats and other packing-house products.

Failing to obtain the increase upon these commodities, the railroads were willing to forego all the increases allowed by the commission for the privilege of making another fight for an advance upon livestock and meats.

They asked the commission to set aside its entire decision, including that portion which had given the roads increased rates, and to permit another hearing of the whole case.

Put Increases in Effect.

This proposition the commission rejected today. But in rejecting it, they put into effect the increase in rates which would have been set aside had the rehearing been granted, and they grant a rehearing upon the very commodities for which the railroads were willing to risk all they had won in the former proceedings.

Certainly since the day the president made it known that he wanted railroad rates increased so that there might be a show of prosperity in the country for the benefit of the then languishing fortunes of the Democratic party, until the present time, the railroads have had no reason to complain that the interstate commerce commission has been unfriendly to railroad interests.

Three of the present members of the commission were appointed by President Wilson. Two others will be appointed before the president's term expires.

HENRY PRATHER FLETCHER



Henry Prather Fletcher, at present American ambassador to Chile, is considered the most probable choice of the president for ambassador to Mexico. Mr. Fletcher is a native of Pennsylvania, and has been in the diplomatic service about twelve years.

which he extended to them, will be arrested and dealt with according to law. He found that more than one-half of the school directors in Morton county were not sending their children to school.

Laws Will Be Enforced.

Mr. Langer declares that the compulsory law will be enforced in Morton county to the letter—that the children of school age in that county will attend school; and that they will attend school in a school house over which the American flag is flying during reasonable weather, and if exposed to prairie fire, surrounded by a suitable fire-break.

The average banker thinks he is working under the initiative and ultimatum.

Argentina is going to build government elevators in order to protect its farmers from the grain sharks.

States Attorney Langer Wants Children In School and Protected

Mandan, Nov. 23.—William Langer, state's attorney, has declared war on the rural school system of Morton county. Yesterday he secured from the district court 290 alternative writs of mandamus calling upon every school board in the county to show cause why they had not displayed the American flag over school buildings during seasonable weather and while school was in session, as the law requires; also why they have failed to provide fire-breaks, as the law requires around school houses of the county; he also directed a registered letter to the parents of 1,716 children of school age in Morton county, who are not in attendance at school, giving them five days in which to place their children in school or suffer arrest.

Poor School System.

Mr. Langer spent three weeks in making careful investigation of rural school conditions in Morton county and in a statement given to the press yesterday he declares that while Morton county is one of the largest counties in the state, it has without doubt the poorest system of rural schools. In his investigation he found many children of 10 and 11 years of age whom had never attended school. In some instances he found districts organized, but without a school house or any school facilities; he found many school districts in which the directors utterly failed to maintain school as provided by law. In his judgment considerably more than 2,000 school children in Morton county are not in public schools at all and in the entire county he found but one Am-

erican flag displayed and that in the city of Mandan.

Visits 290 Districts.

Mr. Langer visited the entire 290 school districts and where school was in session arranged with the teacher to report directly to him all cases where children were not attending school, and any parents who failed to place their children in school at the expiration of five days' grace,

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