

IMPORTANT RATE RULING

COMMISSION SAYS RAILROADS MUST NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST STATES.

DISREGARD STATE LINES

RATES MADE FOR STATE TRAFFIC MUST BE ACCORDED INTERSTATE TRAFFIC.

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Washington.—In an opinion made public recently the Interstate Commerce Commission established the far-reaching principle that a railroad must so adjust its rates that justice will be done between communities regardless of state lines.

The principle was laid down by a vote of four to three. The minority held that the powers of Congress were usurped by the majority opinion and that the remedy for such a situation should be applied through additional legislation.

The case practically precipitated a conflict between federal and state authority over the control of interstate traffic.

The opinion of the majority by Commissioner Lane is a definite assertion of the supremacy of national regulatory authority over the powers exercised by any state. It is the first time this assertion has been made distinctly by the commission.

A proceeding brought by the Louisiana commission placed in issue the right of interstate carriers to discriminate in favor of state traffic and against interstate traffic.

"The gravamen of the complaint," the opinion says, "is that the carrier's defendant makes rates out of Dallas and other Texas points into eastern Texas which are much lower than those which they extend into Texas from Shreveport, La."

A rate of sixty cents carries first-class traffic to the westward from Dallas, a distance of 160 miles, while the same rate of sixty cents will carry the same class of traffic only fifty-five miles into Texas from Shreveport.

The low rate within the state of Texas was forced upon the railroads by the Texas railroad commission in furtherance of a policy to protect and promote the jobbing interests of Texas. The Louisiana commission declared that Louisiana was being discriminated against because of the action of the higher rates from Shreveport westward and demanded an adjustment. The contentions of Louisiana were sustained by the commission.

The majority held:

"That if a state by the exercise of its lawful power established rates which the interstate carriers make effective upon state traffic, that carrier does so with the full knowledge that the federal government requires it to apply such rates under like conditions upon interstate traffic. To say that an interstate carrier may discriminate against interstate commerce because of the order of a state commission would be to admit that a state may limit and prescribe the flow of commerce between the states.

"An interstate carrier must respect the federal law and if it is also subjected to state law it must respect that in so far as it can without doing violence to its obligations under the national authority."

Floods Are Feared.

Omaha.—Much anxiety is felt over the probability of floods in the Missouri river watershed. Railroads are expecting trouble. Dynamite, with which to break up possible ice gorges, has been distributed to various places. There is more snow on the ground than for many years at this season.

Mill Strike is Over.

Boston.—The great Lawrence strike which brought in its train increased wages for 275,000 textile workers in New England, has been officially declared off at all mills in Lawrence, having accomplished its purpose in the opinion of the leaders.

Misses Hawk; Kills His Son.

Murphyboro, Ill.—W. H. Walker, a farmer living near here, missed a hawk and shot and killed his eight-year-old boy.

Mexican Rebels Claim Victory.

Jimenez, Mex.—The rebels after three days of fighting claim victory. There are many dead on both sides. Gen. Gonzales Salas, the federal leader, and late Mexican minister of war, is among the wounded. He resigned his portfolio to take the field.

NEWS TO DATE IN PARAGRAPHS

CAUGHT FROM THE NETWORK OF WIRES ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD.

DURING THE PAST WEEK

RECORD OF IMPORTANT EVENTS CONDENSED FOR BUSY PEOPLE.

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WESTERN.

Abercrombie, fifteen miles from Washpeton, N. D., was wiped out by fire with a loss of \$50,000.

A peculiar disease has attacked many horses in the Plattville, Colo., vicinity and farmers report losses of valuable animals.

Richard Thiede, aged fifty, and an old-time miner of Cripple Creek, Colo., district, was instantly killed by an explosion of dynamite.

Kansas fruit prospects have never been better than they were this year, according to the secretary of the State Horticultural Society.

Miss Mary Loneragan, an artist of Kankakee, Ill., obtained a verdict of \$25,000 against Dr. Daniel B. Hayden, a Chicago physician, on the ground of breach of promise.

At least thirty-two men were killed, and parts of their bodies strewn for blocks around, when a big passenger engine in the Southern Pacific shops blew up in San Antonio, Tex. Fifty persons were injured.

Mrs. Louise Kramer was adjudged in contempt of court at Seattle, Wash., and was sentenced to thirty days' imprisonment for refusing to testify against her son, L. M. Kramer, on trial accused of having robbed his mother of jewelry worth \$1,885.

The National Irrigation Congress will hold its annual meeting in Salt Lake City July 22 to July 27, according to a decision reached by the executive committee of the congress. It is expected that 7,000 delegates will attend the congress.

Herman L. Roth of New York, Nat. C. Goodwin's personal lawyer, is in Denver, it is reported, to begin suit in the Federal Court of that city against Perry A. Clay, editor and publisher of Clay's Review of Denver, for \$100,000 criminal libel.

Of the 116 men at work in the Sans Bois mine No. 3, when the property was wrecked by an explosion 197 have been accounted for. Twenty-six of the number were rescued alive (one has died since), fifty-two bodies have been recovered and twenty-nine bodies have been located.

Foreign capital, mostly American, aggregating \$125,000,000 and invested in the border Mexican states of Durango, Coahuila and Chihuahua, is non-productive and threatened by reason of the revolution, according to information in the possession of El Paso bankers.

Enough potash to supply the United States probably for the next thirty years has been discovered by government scientists in Searles lake, San Bernardino county, Cal. Estimates of field men of the Geological Survey and the bureau of soils is that the deposit may amount to four million tons.

WASHINGTON.

Senator Cummins of Iowa has introduced in the Senate a nationwide presidential primary bill, the national primaries to be July 8.

Supervising Architect J. Knox Taylor has informed Gen. George W. Cook that he would positively complete the new federal building in Denver by July 1, 1912 ready to be occupied.

The waste of millions of dollars' worth of natural gas which is going on each year in the petroleum wells of the country may be stopped soon by a plan that has just been made public by the federal bureau of mines. Briefly, the plan as outlined by oil experts of the bureau is to take the so-called "wet gas" found in all the oil fields and obtain from it a liquefied gas that can be used for illuminating purposes. This liquefied gas, which is a by-product of the natural gas, is held under high pressure in steel containers and can be shipped to localities that do not have a gas system. In this way small towns, hotels and country estates may have the advantage of gas illumination at a fair cost. This gas, it is thought, will also prove an excellent illuminant for light-houses, lightships and other public works of a similar nature that must be located at a distance from a commercial supply of gas.

Dr. A. S. Mitchell, chief of the St. Paul laboratory of the bureau of chemistry, has assumed office as a temporary member of the pure food board in Washington to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley.

Qualified or probationary independence for eight years, from July 4, 1913, until July 4, 1921 after that, full independence for the Philippines. This is the plan of the leaders of the Democratic House of Representatives with respect to the solution of the "Philippine problem."

SPORT.

The Topeka Club of the Western League defeated the Detroit Americans 14 to 13 at Shreveport, La.

Sam McVey, heavyweight champion of Australia, easily defeated James Barry, the Chicago heavyweight, in a twenty-round contest at Sydney, N. S. W.

In four successive battles, Private Cieslinski, of the Fourth Field artillery, has fought himself from obscurity, in Fort Russell, Cheyenne, flat affairs, to a reputation which will result in his being a contestant in the main event of next month's boxing carnival. Cieslinski is to be pitted against Bobby Grimes, champion of the Ninth cavalry, and if he wins will be in a position to challenge for the championship of the post.

The athletic situation between the five leading universities in Colorado was greatly cleared at the annual meeting of the intercollegiate conference, when the representatives of Denver university, Colorado college, State School of Mines, the Colorado Agricultural college and the University of Colorado agreed to send representative teams to the spring track and field meet. The meet will be held on University field at Denver university Saturday, May 25. In all about 100 athletes will compete and it promises to be the best contest of its kind ever held in Colorado.

GENERAL.

The New Jersey State Senate defeated a resolution providing for the right of suffrage for women.

The Spiritualists in New York city are to build a \$300,000 temple in the heart of the fashionable Park West section.

A new crusade against the long hat pin is being launched in New York this time by the city's department of health.

Gen. John W. Noble, who was secretary of the interior in President Harrison's Cabinet, died in St. Louis recently.

A gas well struck near Silver Creek, is flowing 3,000,000 feet a day. It is the biggest gusher ever struck in New York gas fields.

River men are apprehensive of floods along the Mississippi river because of the rapid breaking up of ice and melting of snow.

Demands of the 200,000 miners in the bituminous coal fields of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, for a ten per cent. wage increase in pay had shorter working hours were voted down by the operators.

Following J. P. Morgan's long sojourn in Egypt this winter, reports have reached New York to the effect that he is negotiating for the purchase and removal to America of the famous ruins of the temple of Philae.

Negotiations between the 200,000 miners in the bituminous coal fields of western Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois and the operators for an adjustment of wage differences have been postponed. Two compromise offers by the operators were voted down by the miners.

Sidna Edwards, a tall, rugged mountaineer of twenty-two, sits calmly in the darkness of the little brick jail in Hillsville, Va., the first catch of the possums that have been scouring the mountains for those of the Allen gang who got away after the court house assassination of March 14.

In a gas explosion caused, it is believed, by mine settlements, nine persons were killed and two injured in Dunmore, near Scranton, Pa. Two families, comprising two women and seven children were either blown to pieces in the explosion or burned in the fire that followed and destroyed three houses.

The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad was found guilty in United States District Court in Buffalo of violating the commodities clause of the Hepburn act and was fined \$2,000. The company was indicted on 20 counts and faced a maximum penalty of \$100,000, the charge being that it shipped free from Buffalo to Scranton, Pa., a quantity of hay to be used in feeding mules in the mines.

Wage increases aggregating more than \$10,000,000 will go into the pockets of New England textile workers during the next twelve months, according to authoritative estimates of the result of the present upward trend of wages in cotton and woolen mills. On the basis of an annual payroll of \$79,000,000 in the woolen mills, the increase there will amount to \$5,000,000, while cotton mill operatives will receive an advance of \$5,000,000.

Read Admiral George W. Melville, U. S. Navy, retired, died at his home in Philadelphia of paralysis. He was national commander of the Royal Legion at the time of his death. Rear Admiral Melville, who was placed on the retired list January 10, 1903, was seventy-two years old. For sixteen years he was chief of the bureau of steam engineering in the Navy Department, and was a member of both the Jeannette and the Greely relief expeditions to the Arctic Circle.

A tornado struck New Douglas, Madison county, Illinois, unroofed several houses, wrecked the Pango flour mill and broke scores of windows. Smithboro and Greenville and other small towns were damaged. In Greenville 125 houses were wrecked.

President Taft may take a hand in the coal situation to avert a strike in the anthracite fields. The President is said to be preparing to follow the precedent established by his predecessor and bring pressure to bear on the anthracite coal operators to make concessions in the interests of peace.

HAPPENINGS IN NEW MEXICO

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Calls Good Roads Meeting. Santa Fe.—Gov. McDonald has called a New Mexico good roads convention to meet here April 3.

Tax Rate Lowered—Ten Per Cent. Tucuman.—The county commissioners met recently and reduced the assessment of county taxes from 60 per cent to 50 per cent.

Sells Farm for \$20,000. Clayton.—Jack Potter, one of the earliest residents of the county, sold 120 acres of fine alfalfa land to Jim Wiggins and George Hubbard, both of Kenton, Okla., for \$20,000 cash.

Crops in Mesilla Valley. Las Cruces.—Of the 40,000 acres under cultivation in the Mesilla, 20,000 are devoted to the production of alfalfa. It costs about \$4 per ton to produce alfalfa and the market price ranges from \$10 to \$14. The other 20,000 acres under cultivation are planted to various crops. Wheat produces 45 bushels to the acre, and sells for 90 cents a bushel. Oats have yielded as high as 93 bushels per acre. Corn is also a heavy producer. It has been estimated that 3,000 acres are planted to cereals. Fruit is rapidly gaining favor and orchards are being planted everywhere. Apples and pears are the leading crops, but grapes, peaches, plums, figs, etc., do well.

Money for New Highway. Deming.—Messrs. R. C. Hoffman and V. S. Hills have secured the funds necessary for the building of eight miles of road, beginning where the road leading northeast of town crossed the Santa Fe railroad. The grubbing is to be done for \$10 per acre. The amount of grubbing to be done is twenty-seven acres. After grubbing is finished the use of a grad will be brought into use, which will cost \$20 a day. The sand will be scraped away leaving a hard and solid roadbed, and this being an east and west road, the wind will keep it free from sand. Four culverts will be put in. Over \$500 has been subscribed for this piece of road, and an effort will be made to have the county donate toward the building of this road.

Legislative Committees Announced. Santa Fe.—The first bill of the first State Legislature of New Mexico was introduced by W. H. Chrisman of San Juan county, in the House. It provides for an appropriation of \$25,000 for the rebuilding of bridges washed out last fall in San Juan county.

Speaker Baca announced his committee, the chairman of the most important being: Finance, James W. Cheves; judiciary, W. H. H. Llewellyn; railroads, Tranquillo Labadie; state affairs, C. H. Hilton; education, Blas Sanchez; public institutions, W. E. Blanchard; irrigation, Miguel Baca; indebtedness, Charles Downs; corporations Zacarias Padilla; agriculture and manufactures, M. Cordova; mines, Jay Young; counties, M. P. Manzanos; insurance, Marcos C. De Baca; roads, T. Cooney; banks, A. S. Goodell; internal improvements, T. A. Gurules; public property, J. P. Lucero; library, J. J. Clancy; penitentiary, L. R. Montoya; printing, W. H. Chrisman; capitol, Julian Trujillo; military affairs, J. V. Tully; live stock, Duncan McGillivray; enrolled bills, O. T. Toombs; rules, J. R. Skidmore; liquor traffic, Presciliano Moreno; elections, A. D. Vargas; public lands, Charles C. Catron.

Local Self-Government Wanted. Albuquerque.—The city of Albuquerque, through a special committee named by the City Council, has, after careful consideration, had drawn up a proposed law to give each city in the state of over 5,000 population an opportunity to adopt a charter suited to its needs, which will give it complete local self-government.

Two New Counties Proposed. Melrose.—The Melrose Commercial Club is working hard to get into shape its county seat data. An enthusiastic meeting was held recently in which a considerable sum of money was raised and more was located in places where it can be got at when needed. The plan is to establish two new counties with county seats at Melrose and Fort Sumner.

Deming Postal Savings Bank. Deming.—Postmaster Pennington has been officially notified that Deming has been designated as one of the Postal Savings Banks.

Investigating Bribery Charges. Santa Fe.—The House committee investigating the bribery charges against Representatives Trujillo, Lucero, Montoya and Cordova, lost no time in beginning work, calling the fire witness, Mounted Policeman Apolinio A. Sosa, even before the attorneys of the defendants had filed their answer. Meanwhile the defendants waived hearing in District Court and their bail was fixed by Judge Leahy at \$4,000 each, which was promptly furnished.

LITTLE NEW MEXICO ITEMS.

Minor Occurrences of More Than Ordinary Interest.

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Albuquerque is to have an election this spring.

East Las Vegas, during the past six months, had 61 deaths and only 36 births.

J. P. Atsworth was fined \$50 and costs at Roswell for giving whisky to a minor.

L. K. McGaffey was fined \$25 for permitting his auto to stand on the streets at Roswell.

The modern sewer system for East Las Vegas has been completed at a total cost of \$25,024.15.

A plan is being pushed to create two new counties out of parts of Roosevelt, Curry, Quay and Gaudalope counties.

A splendid soaking rain relieved the unusual dryness which has prevailed in the Silver City section during the past two months.

In the District Court for Valencia county, at Los Lunas, Toribio Greigo was indicted for the murder of his wife at San Rafael.

The body of Dionicio Sanchez, of La Cueva, was found near Azul, San Miguel county, in a snowdrift. Death was caused by the cold.

The women in the Roswell school district No. 1 may vote at the coming school \$35,000 bond election, April 9, if they have registered.

A mass meeting was held in Vaughn recently in the interest of a proposed new county to be carved out of Guadalupe, with Vaughn as the county seat.

Among the new enterprises recently started in the Mesilla valley is the Dona Ana Fruit Company. The purpose of the company is to develop a tract of land near Dona Ana.

Louis Vellatch, who recently jumped into the limelight when he broke the world's record in a two-man bowling contest at the annual American Bowling Congress at Chicago, rolling the marvelous score of 250 in a single game, is a Belen boy, having been born and reared there.

Natividad Rivera, the 20-year-old daughter of Thomas Rivera, met death in a horrible manner at Hillsboro. The girl was subject to epileptic attacks and while suffering from one of these she fell into the open fireplace, where she was building a fire, and was fatally burned.

Farming in earnest has once more commenced in and around Belen. As a result of a very good winter, the ground is now in excellent shape for every kind of crops, and the agriculturists and fruit growers are getting everything into shape for the season's work.

Before a crowd of fight fans which literally packed Ed's theater in Santa Fe, John Floyd, better known as "Lefty," an Albuquerque welterweight of considerable reputation as a boxer, made short work of Kid Russell, a much heralded fighter of El Paso, knocking Russell out in the first round of what was to have been a twenty-round bout.

Fourteen carloads of assorted lumber and several carloads of lime and cement have been unloaded in Gallup and there will probably more arrive in a short time. This material is the property of the government and will be transferred overland to the site of the new government school at Crown Point, about 40 miles northeast of Gallup.

The orchard irrigation district of San Juan county, which recently authorized the issue of half a million in bonds, forfeited the bond of \$1,000 it filed with the state irrigation engineer and the state treasurer has been asked to collect on it. The district has been granted another extension of time and has awarded the contract for construction of a large irrigation system on the San Juan.

At Santa Fe Elias Herrera, who accidentally killed his sweetheart, was sentenced to two years in the reformatory by District Judge Abbott for manslaughter. Adolfo Quintana was given two years in the reformatory for burglary. Donaciano Crespin was sent to the penitentiary eighteen months for larceny. Petra C. Quintana and Pilar Padilla were committed to the state asylum for the insane at Las Vegas.

From all indications the season of 1912 will yield bountiful crops in the great Mesilla valley. The alfalfa fields have been irrigated and are turning green. The alfalfa crop is the largest one in the valley, and is getting an early start this spring, and the fruit trees are blossoming. The farmers of the Mesilla valley are beginning to grow a diversity of crops. For many years alfalfa, vineyards and wheat were the staple crops. Some one tried fruit and made a success. The Mesilla valley is now known as the "home of the apple," the "home of the pear," and premiums from the county to the World's fair have been awarded fruit raised there.

The latest well brought in is near Dexter and owned by M. M. Bruick. It flows about 1,800 gallons per minute—22 inches over an 8-inch casing, having a pressure of 19 pounds, and is 924 feet deep.

The City Council of East Las Vegas has drafted the budget for the coming year, entailing total disbursements of \$15,530, of which \$2,000 is for interest, \$2,000 for street lighting, \$2,500 for water, \$1,000 for park and library, \$4,000 for salaries and \$2,500 for contingent expenses.

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AT POKER.



Horan—Is O'Brien a good bluffer? Doran—No; whenever he gets a spade he spits on his hands.

No End to His Bad Luck.

John D. Shoop at an Anti-Cigarette league banquet, explained his feelings in the story of the colored man.

"How are you getting along, Lazarus?" asked his master, interestedly. "I gets along poorly," replied Lazarus, who complained of his misfortune at length. "Master John, I has such bad luck," says he, "that when I dies and is laid away in the tomb and the good Lord says to me, 'Lazarus, come forth,' I know I is sho' to come fifth."

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