

CONDEMN STATE LODGE

WASHINGTON WORKMEN PASSED RESOLUTIONS AGAINST GUARANTY FUND SYSTEM.

Grand Lodge Suggests Compromise and Proposes Special Session to Consider the Matter.

Following a spirited discussion lasting several hours, and which at times became quite heated, the state grand lodge of the A. O. U. W., in session at Tacoma at Masonic temple, adopted resolutions condemning the supreme lodge guaranty fund system and calling upon the supreme jurisdiction to call a special session and repeal the obnoxious laws.

The question is one that has been fought out between the supreme lodge and many of the grand lodge jurisdictions during the past year or more and has resulted in more feeling than anything else that has been brought to the attention of the grand lodge jurisdictions.

So strong was the objection to the plan that three jurisdictions seceded from the supreme lodge, Missouri, Massachusetts and Manitoba drawing out, and many more threatened to do so, on the ground that the system was unjust to the various low-rate jurisdictions.

REBATES PAID GOVERNMENT

Despite Controller's Opinion Rate Concessions Will Be Made

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The opinion of the controller of the currency, holding that the interior department violated the law when it took rebates from railroads on transportation supplies for irrigation purposes, does not disturb the officials of that department. They believe the government will doubtless continue to get the benefit of the good intentions of western railroads regarding freight rates on materials carried for irrigation service.

The dams and regulation works come in most remote places, at non-competitive points, and are almost without exception, where rates have been adjusted to small business of a kind that should make up for more moderate charges where water and

other competition intervene. The sudden increase in the volume of business at these high rate points makes it only fair that charges should be much less than those applicable to ordinary traffic, and especially so where the railroads have an interest in promoting the reclamation service, because of the return business that will come from settlement. Accordingly, they offered half rates as the interstate law permits reductions to the government.

The only question involved, the interior department felt, was how to make this concession directly available.

Formerly, contractors, knowing they could have this concession, made their bids accordingly, but last March a refund act was passed, by which any moneys received on payments out of irrigation funds were returned to it, instead of going into the treasury's general coffers. Since then it has been intended to have railroads return directly to the government the amount of this concession, and all the department wanted of the controller was his opinion as to how the benefits of the law could be best utilized.

The Punophile.

Senator Newlands, of Nevada, is one of the few American statesmen who loves puns. The senator often regales his colleagues with puns original and quoted. It is generally admitted that he is an excellent judge of this sort of wit.

"Here," said Senator Newlands the other day, "is a Nevada pun.

"An old farmer sat on his doorstep smoking his pipe. His favorite hen pecked near him. He regarded the hen indignantly as he puffed the smoke into the clear evening air.

"All of a sudden he gave a start of astonishment.

"By jingo," he said, "the old hen is eating stray tacks. Can she be going to lay a carpet?"

Debate Interstate Commerce

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—The annual debate between the teams of the University of California and Leland Stanford Jr. university, takes place here this evening and promises to be the event of the university year. Stanford has the affirmative and California the negative of the proposition: "Resolved, That the Interstate Commerce Commission Shall Be Given the Power to Fix and Enforce Railroad Rates." It is understood that the question of constitutionality be disregarded, and that the commission may be enlarged and equipped so as to enable it to meet the new conditions.

Idle Moments at the Fort

Behind the first sergeant's desk in Troop D's quarters at Fort Walla Walla, the window was open. The non-commissioned officers were gathering preparatory to a conference with the troop commander.

They all moved about slowly and lazily as one does when the spring fever gets into his bones. A light breeze was wafted in upon them and some one spoke of shady groves, benches, lunch and a keg on tap.

"Why, it isn't summer yet," remarked Sergeant James Wall. "In Ireland we never think of summer being with us when the spring, beautiful spring, is felt. You'll get ping pong dinners soon enough."

"Yes, and when you are through with those dinners don't stop off on the way back," replied Sergeant Bernstein, "for if you do and are not good I'll go at you with a lot of old shoes."

"I wish I were back in Kansas just now," said Sergeant Payne, with a far-off, dreamy look in his eyes. "I tell you, boys, that's God's own country. There isn't a mosquito in the Fort Riley hills that I know of."

"Why, you're a thousand years behind the times," laughed Corporal Haslam, "and if you weren't I ask to be transferred. There used to be a bunch of them in Walla Walla; but no more. The experts have them all out of business before they begin operations."

"Well if any of them show up around my bunk, I'll give them all a drink of Dr. Mosquitoni's booze, and they'll all back up," added Corporal Feeney.

"That's always the trouble with you fellows, but there," said Sergeant Bernstein, from an adjoining room. "You don't have anything to worry about except mosquitoes. If you were down here in my position you wouldn't have mosquitoes, but trouble to fight."

"That's right," said Sergeant Alexander, as he swung about aimlessly in his chair. "I don't remember when I saw a mosquito here."

"Whiz-z-z," chirped something soft and low out in the hall, as it had chirped all the way up from the barber shop, where a window was open. But the non-coms did not hear it. Up and down the hall and into the library it whizzed, but didn't stay long, as most of those in there were thin and poor for mosquito food, it seemed. Out it came again and into the room where the non-commissioned officers were gathered. They seemed to take on

weight while they talked.

The man in the hall who first saw "it" was sure it was bigger on the return trip than it was when it started into the rear of the building.

Saddler Bollman had just come from his barber shop. He was the vehicle of the thing with the "Whizzzzz." It hopped off of him and lit on Sergeant Alexander, from whom it took a good bite, and then sampled Corporal Haslam. But Tom's preventive was too much for it and with a weak effort it took to the air and reached Sergeant Torbohn. With a resounding smack he missed it, and with a well of "mosquitoes!" tried again. Off came every hat in the room and the race was on.

Whatever had been the career of that mosquito since it left that little black spot on the surface of the stagnant pool on the flats, it is safe to say that it never had such a strenuous time of it before—and after a rest of a whole winter. The men were all tuckered out when it was all over, and there was a mix-up of hats that took some time to straighten out. But they didn't get the mosquito. The last seen of it, it was sailing out of the window and there was a humorous tone to its "whizzzzz."

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed proposals will be received up to Saturday, April 22, at 5 o'clock p. m. by School District No. 1, County of Walla Walla, Wash., for furnishing all Cart Iron, Anchors, Rods, Bolts, Clamps, Window Guards, Iron Hand Rails and Iron Doors for the new Green Park School Building, according to plans and specifications which may be seen at the office of Henry Osterman, architect.

Bids must be marked "Bid for Cart Iron," and addressed to the undersigned. The School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. MARGARET CENTER, Secretary.

ROGAN IS IN AUSTRALIA.

Collector Who Stole From Seattle Firm, Is Alive.

SEATTLE, April 15.—W. A. Rogan, the young man who disappeared between two night, after embezzling a large sum of money from the McDougall & Southwick company, and who was supposed to have been drowned in the Columbia river near Wenatchee, has turned up in Australia. At least, word to that effect has been received by John Whalley, local agent of the surety company, that had gone on Rogan's bond.

Rogan's defalcation created quite an excitement here at the time it was committed. He was running a collection agency and was regularly employed by MacDougall & Southwick company. One day, after collecting a large sum for the above firm, he quietly disappeared, and although an extensive search was made for his whereabouts could not be ascertained.

Some weeks after his disappearance a badly composed body was found in the Columbia river. From the clothing it was supposed to be the body of Rogan. The Catholic order of Foresters in which Rogan was heavily insured, has been asked to pay the insurance on the grounds that the body discovered floating in the Columbia river was that of Rogan. Now, of course, payment will be held up pending, payment will be held up pending.

Mr. Whalley said that he would send a description of the man to the police in all the large cities on the island

continent, and that his surety and bonding company would do all in its power to bring the man back to Seattle and make an example of him. He seems to be pretty confident that Rogan is above ground, and that the Australian story is correct.

Big Wolf Hunt Tomorrow.

OLYMPIA, April 15.—A big wolf hunt is planned to be held in Hawks Prairie tomorrow. State Senator E. B. Palmer of Seattle, and a party of sportsmen arrived today, bringing the senator's pack of hounds, and several Olympia hunters will join the party.

It is probable that 25 men and 50 dogs will take up the chase. Wolves and coyotes are plentiful, Olympia hunters having brought in many of the scalps during the last few days.

BOY WITH HORSE TO CARRY Statesman route, after school. Apply at this office between 4 and 6 o'clock.

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Last Sale of the Easter Series Begins Monday

If you have not yet selected your Easter garments, now is the time. You have just six more days to prepare for this great style event. Putting off the buying of needed articles may cause unnecessary delay, or perhaps disappointment, as there is usually a rush of orders at the last moment.

REDUCTION IN PRICES
Butterick Patterns
10c 15c 20c
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While we feel much gratified at the successful issue of the first and second sales of this Easter series, it but quickened our ambition to

THE MAY PATTERNS

Have arrived and are now on sale in the pattern section

even greater achievements; therefore, we are determined to make this last sale the banner sale of the series, if low prices for good, reliable merchandise will do it.



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Spring Attire for Men

Easter summoning nature commands a change from the gloom of Winter to the sunlight of Spring. Material man, gathering inspiration from nature petitions the HOUSE OF KUPPENHEIMER to clothe him in keeping with the hour. We, as representatives of the HOUSE OF KUPPENHEIMER, throughout this "Valley of many Waters," are responding to the call of man and the decree of nature with bright fancies and colorings of Spring. We submit them confidently, for we know they represent the truest skill, and most refined taste of which human hand and mind are capable. We bind ourselves with every sale to give quality and satisfaction.

A New Spring Hat Free

With every Man's Suit sold this week as follows:

- With every \$7.50 Suit a\$1.25 Hat
- With every \$10.00 Suit a\$2.00 Hat
- With every \$12.50 or \$15.00 Suit a\$2.50 Hat
- With every \$18.00 or \$20.00 Suit a\$3.00 Hat
- With every \$25.00 or \$30.00 Suit a\$5.00 Hat

If you don't want the Hat, select any other Furnishing of equal value.

We are the only store in Walla Walla selling the famous "KANTWEAROUT" brand; bring your boys here. We fit them with the best Boys' Suits, and this week we do it for less.

- Boys' \$3.00 Suits\$2.50
- Boys' \$3.50 Suits\$2.75
- Boys' \$4.00 Suits\$3.00
- Boys' \$5.00 Suits\$3.25
- Boys' \$6.00 Suits\$3.50
- Boys' \$6.50 Suits\$3.75
- Boys' \$7.50 Suits\$4.25

BOW AND ARROW FREE WITH EVERY SUIT SOLD.

Specially Priced Wash Goods

The Wash Goods' section is fairly running over with Summery fabrics. There are new weaves, new colors and new beauties in Spring materials. Special attention is directed this week to several underpriced items as follows: All White Goods reduced for this week's selling—for instance:

- 10c India Linons 10 c
- 12 1/2c India Linons 12 1/2 c
- 15c India Linons 15 c
- 20c India Linons 20 c
- 25c India Linons 25 c
- 30c India Linons 30 c
- 35c India Linons 35 c
- 40c India Linons 40 c
- 50c India Linons 50 c

On all other White Goods, such as Persian Lawns, Dotted Swisses, Mercerized Damask, Waistings, Cord Welt Plaque, White, Duck, etc., 10 PER CENT DISCOUNT.

In Colored Wash Goods—3 pieces Sole Radiant Silks, in fancy Scotch plaids, regular 65c, for this week, per yard 45c. All other colored Wash Goods, such as Volles, Venetian Veiling, Nubeline, Mercerized Tafeta, Canton Pongee, Cotton Mohair Lustre, Etamines, Kyoto Crepes, Toile de Noid, A. F. C. Gingham, etc. ALL GO AT 10 PER CENT LESS.

Colored Silk Petticoats

Colored Silk Petticoats to Match Your Easter Gowns—Fancy Scotch Plaids, Reds, Greens, Blues, Champagne, Browns and full line of changeable colors. **YOUR CHOICE 10 PER CENT DISCOUNT.**

Muslin Underwear at Changed Prices

Your Easter outfit will not be complete without a foundation of dainty Lingerie Garments. We are showing this season a superb line of new creation in Lingerie, including Gowns, Chemise, Drawers, Skirts and Corset Covers. All go during this Easter Sale at 10 PER CENT LESS.

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