

SUSPICIOUS CLEARING HOUSE RATES

Railroad Commission Will Await Data on Volume of Traffic.

FREIGHT AGENT ON STAND

R. B. Miller Testifies in Defense of Distributive Tariffs Complain Against by Portland Jobbers.

After a tentative defense of the distributive rates out of Portland over the O. R. & N. lines had consumed the morning session of the State Railway Commission yesterday, an adjournment was taken.

But one witness was presented on behalf of the company. This was R. B. Miller, the company's general freight agent, who made a detailed defense of the rates and essayed to explain in answer to queries by W. W. Cotton, attorney for the company, why the present tariffs are maintained.

How Rates Are Made. The rates beyond 170 miles are made, he said, by taking the base rate of the railroad, applying by the Railway Commission of that state, and making them up in the same ratio of progression as due to water competition.

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Question of Courtesy. After considerable study Mr. Miller attributed this to the fact that the original rates were based on the original competition and to an unwillingness to cut the rates charged by the Oregon Short Line, as a competing line.

Why It Was. "That is to say," he said, "the rates for 497 miles will over the Southern Pacific, on the same materials, the charge is but \$1.00 for 497 miles."

Effort was then made to learn the basis of local rate making. Mr. Teal wanted to know what was the original basis of rates. In reply the witness said that when originally formulated, after the reorganization of 1896, the rates were based on the cost of the route, the revenues or the investments made having anything to do with the fixing of rates.

OPERATORS WORKING AGAIN Full Crews at Keys in the Western Union and Postal Offices.

A full crew of operators were at work last night in the Western Union Telegraph Company's local office, and the management of the office is experiencing no difficulty either in sending or receiving messages.

A number of the men who were members of the union and went out on strike last August are now back at work. At the Postal Telegraph Company's office, too, there were enough men to handle all the work.

Many Rumors About Vaudeville War. NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Rumors of an agreement between rival vaudeville factions, Keith & Proctor and Klaw & Erlanger, were thick along Broadway last night. One report was that after a certain time it was decided in the near future, Klaw & Erlanger would retire from the vaudeville field.

VOLUME OF TRADE LITTLE AFFECTED

Portland Merchants Praise the Workings of Clearing-House Scrip Plan.

PATRONS ALSO SATISFIED

Leading Business Houses Report Sales as Large or Larger Than a Year Ago—Look for Better Conditions Very Soon.

Portland has settled down to business in most lines of trade, the same as if no money stringency existed.

NEW OFFICERS OF THE SELLWOOD BOARD OF TRADE.

A. N. Willis, President. L. J. Hicks, Vice-President. John W. Campbell, Secretary. With a new set of officers, the Sellwood Board of Trade has started out on the new year.

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THE PORTLAND EUROPEAN PLAN RESTAURANT. PORTLAND, OR. RESTAURANT. LOST ONE MILLION DOLLARS. H. C. BOWERS, Manager.

HOTEL OREGON. CORNER SEVENTH AND STARK STREETS. Portland's New and Modern Hotel. Rates \$1 per Day and Up European Plan. Free Bus. WRIGHT-DICKINSON HOTEL CO. Props.

HOTEL PERKINS. Fifth and Washington Streets, PORTLAND, OREGON. EUROPEAN PLAN. Rooms, \$1.00 to \$2.00 Per Day According to Location. First-Class Check Restaurant Connected With Hotel.

St. Charles Hotel. CO. INCORPORATED. Front and Morrison Streets, PORTLAND, OR. EUROPEAN PLAN. ROOMS 50c to \$1.50. FIRST-CLASS RESTAURANT IN CONNECTION.

HOTEL LENOX. Third and Main Sts. Portland's Newest and Most Modern Hotel. Up-to-date grill—Auto bus meets all trains—Rates: \$1 day and up—European plan—Long distance phone in all rooms—Private baths.

Imperial Hotel Co. Seventh and Washington Streets, Portland, Oregon. European Plan - - - - - \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 per Day.

CLASSIFIED AD. RATES. (FOR CASH ADVERTISING.) Following rates will be given when advertising is ordered to run consecutive days, Daily and Sunday issues.

MEN'S \$30 SUITS. And Winter Overcoats at \$14.85. Sale of the Chicago Clothing Co., 27-31 Third St. All the best styles in men's suits and overcoats.

ST. JOHN IS PROSPEROUS. City Recorder Issues Clear Statement of Finances. St. John's financial condition is better now than ever before.

WILL WORK IN THE SADDLE. New Bishop of Eastern Oregon Talks of Mission. NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Rev. Robert J. Padock, who was chosen at the Episcopal convention held in Richmond, Va., recently, for the post of missionary bishop in the mining camps and cattle ranches of Eastern Oregon, announced his acceptance of the position, today said.

HEART RIGHT. It Makes a Great Difference. "About two years ago I became alarmed because my husband had attacks from fainting spells caused by a weak heart, from drinking coffee."

House certificates will be our only medium of exchange. To obviate this result it occurs to me that these Clearing-House certificates will be made bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum they would be much desired and eagerly sought after by many people, and hundreds of thousands of dollars now locked up in the vaults of the city and elsewhere, would be put to use.

confidence in the natural wealth of Oregon and its sufficiency to meet any and all exigencies that may arise, the public has renewed the full volume of trade, and business men throughout the city say they are suffering no ill effects from the money shortage of the past ten days.

Must Educate Public. Adolph Wolfe, of Lipman, Wolfe & Co.—The clearing-house certificate plan is a new thing, and whenever a new policy is adopted the people have to be educated to it, which requires time.

SALE OF SAMPLE SUITS. Women's and misses' high-grade sample suits and coats on sale today at manufacturers' cost.

Better Than Last Year. H. C. Wortman, of Olds, Wortman & King.—Up to the present time our business had not suffered in the slightest degree.

Collections Are Better. F. D. Gibbs, of Tull & Gibbs.—We are experiencing fine results from the clearing-house certificate plan.

OAK STREET HORSE SHOW A BIG EVENT. Glowing Success Attends Carnival of Equines and Drygoods in the Imposing Heathen Chinese Building on Second Street—Prize Awards Made in Class J. NEVER before has Oak street society in Oregon been in anything with such zest, such unrestrained enthusiasm, as in the Oak-street horse show.

Pulse of Trade Strong. Julius Meier, of the Meier & Frank Company.—We have noticed no difference in the volume of trade, particularly since the clearing-house certificate system was arranged.

Railroads Accept Them. At the general offices of the Harriman Lines in Oregon it was said yesterday that clearing-house certificates are received in payment for both passenger tickets and freight bills.

Weather Conditions. The high pressure area over the North Pacific States has remained nearly stationary and fair weather continues everywhere on the Pacific Slope.

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