

### NEWSPRINT RATES TO MONTANA STAND

Petition of Publishers Is Rejected at Washington.

### OREGON PAPER IS ISSUE

Interstate Commerce Commission in Ruling Upholds Theory of Long-Short Haul Clause.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Rates charged by the railroads for the transportation of newspaper paper from Portland, Or., to points in Montana are not unreasonable, the interstate commerce commission ruled today.

In the same decision the commission held that the railroads are released authority to charge lower rates from Portland to Denver and other Colorado points in contravention of the long and short haul clause.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Reduced rates on grain, grain products and freight trans-Mississippi territory which the carriers recently sought to have suspended for six months were sustained by the interstate commerce commission today, and will go into effect December 27.

**Concessions Granted.**  
The reductions average about 15 1/2 per cent of the 1920 grain rates and are further decreased by the commission's order today, which requires that corn and other coarse grains be carried for 10 per cent less than wheat and other breadstuffs grains.

The commission's original order for the reduction was issued October 20 and was based on the petition of 15 Western states and a number of agricultural organizations.

Railroads opposing the reduction asked for a rehearing and voluntarily offered a general reduction of 10 per cent throughout the United States.

Further suspension of the rates, it was said, can now be obtained only by court order, in case an appeal from the commission's action is taken by the railroads.

**Order Held Final.**  
"This is the final order so far as the commission is concerned," Mr. Reed said, "and we trust that the rates will actually be available for western farmers who still have to ship the balance of their crop. The only regret we have in the matter is over the delay. The bulk of the crop has been moved at the high existing rates."

Constant agitation of the railroad rate subject has had a harmful effect on business in general and a tendency to retard traffic. C. Powell, vice president of the Erie railroad, said today in testifying at the continuation of the interstate commerce commission investigation into transportation rates. He asked the commission to hasten its investigation.

**STATE ACTION NOW UNLIKELY**  
Rate Cut by Federal Body to Supplement Washington Permit.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 16.—While permission was granted the railroads today by the department of public works to reduce rates 10 per cent on practically all agricultural products and livestock shipped within the state for a period of six months after January 1, it is unlikely, in view of the decision of the interstate commerce commission today on grain and hay rates, that the reduction will be put into effect, department officials said.

The sweeping cut in rates was offered as a compromise by the carriers in case the interstate commerce commission rescinded its order to reduce grain and hay rates in an amount equal to one-half of the increase granted in 1920.

**ARMORY VETERANS 'HOME'**  
Building Is Not to Be Opened for General Use.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special)—Requests that armories be opened for general use as sleeping quarters were refused today by George A. White, adjutant-general, on the ground that the available space at Multnomah county armory is barely sufficient for the use of ex-service men. From 100 to 150 beds will be provided if necessary for use of honorably discharged men who served in any war.

"This is in no sense a charitable undertaking," said Colonel White, "and therefore must be confined to the original purpose as outlined by the general staff of the national guard. We feel that the ex-service men who are out of employment are merely getting something they are entitled to in use of the armory for sleeping quarters."

"They have earned the right to regard the armory as a sort of home, and that fact removes any appearance of accepting charity when they report there for quarters."

**GREAT MUSICIAN IS DEAD**  
(Continued From First Page.)  
They are superior and powerful, which suffices me. But I have never belonged, I do not belong, and I shall never belong to the Wagnerian religion."

M. Saint-Saens' most celebrated musical compositions are, with the date of their publications: "Les Noces de Promethee," 1907; "La Princesse Jaane," 1872; "Le Timbre d'Argent," 1877; "Samson et Delila," 1877; "Belle-Mercure," 1879; "Rouet d'Omphale," 1880; "Danse Macabre," "Symphonie d'Heracle," symphonies en mi, en la et en ut, "Henry VIII," 1883; "Ascanio," 1890; "Phryne," 1893; "Coeurs d'Antigone," 1912; "Favos," 1898; "Delanire," 1898; "Les Bar-

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### STILLWELL ADMITS PRESENCE AT KILLING

Any Part in Murder of Recluse Denied, However.

### SUSPECT BREAKS DOWN

Full Text of Confession Not Made by Stenographer.

George Stillwell, star witness for the state in the trial of A. J. Weston for the murder of Robert Krug, aged recluse of the Deschutes country, confessed yesterday that he was present at the killing but denied that it was his hand that strangled the old man to death.

Stillwell declared that he accompanied Weston on his mission of murder through fear and under the stimulus of intoxication.

At the trial at Bend a year ago, which resulted in a life sentence for Weston, Stillwell testified that his only knowledge of the murder came through an alleged confession made by Weston two days after the old man had been slain and his body burned in the flames which consumed his home. Weston could not implicate Stillwell in the case, as Weston's plea was complete ignorance of the act. Two weeks ago Weston was granted a new trial by the state supreme court.

Stillwell broke down under the rigid cross-examination of Sheriff S.

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Attaches of the motor vehicle department are of the opinion that the legislative committee desires to extend the police powers to the highway department, but that the present force

of traffic officers working out of the secretary of state's office will be kept intact.

In this event the state highway department would commission all of its field men as traffic officers, and they would be in a position to assist materially in the strict enforcement of the vehicle regulations.

Should the legislature find it feasible to relieve the secretary of state of the traffic enforcement and place this work under the jurisdiction of the highway department, it is likely that P. A. Rafferty, at present in charge of the state field officers, would retain his position with the highway commission. His entire crew of men also will find employment awaiting them, according to Herbert Stunt, state highway engineer.

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3. Christmas Books Now on Sale—\$5.35 for \$5.00.
4. Fourth Annual Midnight Matinee at the Liberty Theater Saturday, December 31, 11:15 P. M. Tickets on sale Christmas at our check room.

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