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Full Text of the Recent Decision Received Here by Attorney.

The text of the recent railroad decision adjudicating the rates in Eastern Oregon and dealing specifically with Baker, La Grande and Pendleton rates that become effective shortly has been received by Attorney Turner Oliver who represented La Grande at the hearing before the railroad commission. The entire decision is appended:

Order.

The Baker Commercial club, plaintiff, v. Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, defendant, the La Grande Business Men's association, H. N. Dryer, Pendleton Commercial club, Portland chamber of commerce, interveners.

Before the railroad commission of Oregon.

Now, on this 19th day of January, 1912, the above entitled matter comes on before the commission for determination, having been heretofore duly submitted to it upon the complaint of the Baker Commercial club, and the respective complaints in intervention of the La Grande Business Men's as-

sociation, H. N. Dryer, (a citizen of Umatilla, Umatilla county, Oregon), Pendleton Commercial association and the Portland Chamber of commerce, and upon the appearance and answer of said defendant, Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company, thereto, and upon the testimony and proofs offered and received at the hearing, and the reports of said company to the commission.

There appeared: For the plaintiff, the Baker Commercial club, Frank H. McCune, its attorney; for the defendant, Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, A. C. Spencer, its attorney; for interveners, the La Grande Business Men's association, Turner Oliver, its attorney; for interveners, Pendleton Commercial association, W. L. Thompson, its president, and Ben Hill, its secretary; for the interveners, Portland chamber of commerce, Joseph N. Teal, its attorney; and interveners H. N. Dryer in person.

And the commission having heard and considered the complaints and answers thereto and the testimony, proofs and reports aforesaid, being now fully advised in the premises, finds as follows:

1. Said Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company is a corporation engaged in the transportation of persons and property by railroad through Baker, La Grande, Pendleton and Umatilla, Oregon, between points in the state of Oregon.

2. That the present less-than-carload class rates in cents per 100 pounds charged, imposed and collected by the said Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company for

the transportation of merchandise taking first, second, third and fourth class rates under the Western Classification No. 49 and its supplements for various distances up to 150 miles from the said stations of Baker, La Grande, Pendleton and Umatilla, are set out in Section 9 of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company's local, joint and proportional freight tariff No. 2, O. R. C. No. 37, and its supplements, which tariff is hereby referred to and made a part hereof.

3. That since the commencement of this proceeding said Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company has filed with the railroad commission of Oregon its western classification No. 50, effective February 15, 1912, which will on that date supersede and cancel western classification No. 49, and its supplements aforesaid.

4. That each and every of the aforesaid class rates which exceed those found in paragraph 5 of these findings to be just and reasonable maximum rates, is and are unjust and unreasonable.

5. That just and reasonable maximum class rates for the transportation of property taking first, second, third and fourth classes from Baker, La Grande, Pendleton and Umatilla, Oregon, over the lines of the said Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, for varying distances up to 150 miles, are as follows:

	1st	2d	3d	4th
Over 5 miles or less	10	13	11	09
Over 5 mi not ov'r	10	13	11	09
Over 10 "	15	16	14	11
Over 15 "	20	19	16	13
Over 20 "	25	22	19	15
Over 25 "	30	24	20	17
Over 30 "	35	26	22	18
Over 35 "	40	28	24	20
Over 40 "	45	30	26	21
Over 45 "	50	32	27	22
Over 50 "	55	33	28	23
Over 55 "	60	35	30	25
Over 60 "	65	37	31	26
Over 65 "	70	39	33	27
Over 70 "	75	40	34	28
Over 75 "	80	42	36	29
Over 80 "	85	44	37	31
Over 85 "	90	46	39	32
Over 90 "	95	48	41	34
Over 95 "	100	50	43	35
Over 100 "	105	51½	44	36
Over 105 "	110	53	45	37
Over 110 "	115	54½	46	38
Over 115 "	120	56	48	39
Over 120 "	125	57	48	40
Over 125 "	130	58	49	41
Over 130 "	135	59	50	41
Over 135 "	140	60	51	42
Over 140 "	145	61	52	43
Over 145 "	150	62	53	43

It is therefore ordered, considered and determined, That said Oregon-Railroad & Navigation company shall cease and desist from charging, collecting and imposing the class rates set out in paragraph 2 of the above findings, and in lieu thereof shall substitute and hereafter charge and impose class rates which do not exceed

those found to be just and reasonable in paragraph 5. Nothing in this order contained shall be construed to affect or apply to any interstate commerce being carried on or over any of the lines of railroad of the said Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company. This order shall be in force and effect 20 days from and after the date of service of a copy hereof upon the said Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 19th day of January, 1912.
RAILROAD COMMISSION OF OREGON,
By C. B. Aitchison, Thos. K. Campbell, Frank J. Miller, commissioners.

POPULAR ATHLETE WEDS

MEMBER OF BASKETBALL TEAM WEDS COVE GIRL.

Well Known Baseball, Football and Track Hero Turns Benedict.

Clifford Kall, hero of many grid-iron, diamond, basketball and track struggles, and a senior in the La Grande high school, manipulated a coup on his friends here yesterday when he was quietly married to Miss Ruby Jaunita Antles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Antles, the well known Cove residents. The wedding proved a genuine surprise to the groom and bride's many friends, and was quietly solemnized at Cove. Mr. and Mrs. Kall will make their home in La Grande and the benedict will be employed at the Silverthorn drug store.

Working a ruse on his fellow classmates and more particularly on the high school basketball squad of which he has been a member this year, the young athlete went to Cove Monday on the pretense of transacting "important business" and would return shortly.

Until last year Mr. Kall was connected with athletic organizations of Cove, carrying an important role always and is well known throughout Eastern Oregon as an all around athlete.

Miss Antles was popular in Cove where she has a host of warm friends. Her father is at the head of the fruit union in the cherry district.

STAFF SYSTEM A WEAK ONE

Washington, Jan. 25.—(Special)—Among the problems which are vexing the war department and occupying a large proportion of the attention of the officials of the army is the organization of the staff system. While the present "detailed" staff system—in which officers of the army are only allotted to staff duty for a comparatively short period and then returned to the line for further practical experience—has many opponents and a return to the old "permanent" system is imminent. Major General J. Franklin Bell, commanding the Philippine division, in his annual report just transmitted to the war department expresses himself as being very much in favor of the detailed system and opposed to any change.

In the course of his report, General Bell says:

"A return to the permanent staff system would have this serious defect, that once inefficient officers become permanent members of staff corps, through influence which need not be discussed, it becomes very difficult for said corps ever to get rid of them. A striking example of this difficulty has just been had in the case of a staff officer who has been hopelessly inefficient ever since he was appointed, more than ten years ago. There are others, equally inefficient, whom it would be equally difficult to get rid of. These facts are notorious and need no argument. The retention of such officers on a staff corps has a most serious effect upon the interests of the army as a whole, for inefficient staff officers not only constitute a menace to the efficiency of the entire army but are a continual source of embarrassment and difficulty to the staff departments concerned, besides lowering the standard of efficiency therein."

After further discussing the relative merits of the detailed and permanent systems, General Bell concludes: "It is my decided opinion that, if

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the law should be modified so as to authorize the continuous retention of all field officers in staff corps, a provision should be included, requiring such field officers to serve not less than five months of each five years actually on duty with troops at some military post of the command with which they are serving."

It was stated at the war department that there are a number of officers who have not been with their commands for over five years—therefore the Bell provision with regard to the detailed staff would work a decided change in the army personnel, the present detailed system having been in effect less than two years.

Alabama Fruit Growers.

Jasper, Ala., Jan. 25.—A large at-

tendance of prominent fruit growers marked the opening here today of the ninth annual meeting of the Alabama State Horticultural society. Several well known horticultural experts are here to address the gathering, which will continue in session until the end of the week.

Suspect Held in Jail.

New York, Jan. 25.—J. McNamar, a former San Francisco saloon man, under arrest for complicity in looting of the New Westminster bank of \$258,000, will have to remain in jail until the final disposition of his case. This was the ruling made today by United States Judge Hough in dismissing the writ of habeas corpus asked. The Canadian authorities are completing arrangements for his extradition.

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