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THE SPOKANE RATE CASE.

After twenty-six months of deliberation, the interstate commerce commission has decided in favor of east points, though making a concession to Spokane by lowering existing rates, which are declared excessive. Had the decision been along the lines contended for by Spokane, it would have revolutionized the traffic business of the country and robbed season points of the benefits accruing from terminal rates.

The points in the complaint filed by Spokane against the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the Harriman railroads were: That the rates from eastern points to Spokane were higher than to Seattle, a more distant point, and that the rates to Spokane were inherently unreasonable.

On the first point defendants maintained that water competition compelled them to charge the rates in effect to season terminals and that therefore they might charge a higher rate to Spokane without violating the long-and-short-haul provision or without discriminating against Spokane under the law.

The commission sustains this claim, recognizing water competition and holds that the rates to Spokane, although higher than to Seattle, are not unlawful.

On the second point the commission sustains the claim of the petitioner and holds that the rates from eastern points to Spokane are unjust and unreasonable and orders a reduction of 16.23 per cent from eastern points.

As it is, the decision will be far reaching in its effects, for it gives to interior cities lower rates than those in existence and will result in great benefit to interior manufacturing and jobbing centers.

WILL ERRECT NEW POWER PLANT ON THE KLAMATH

The Klamath Electric Power and Light company proposes to begin work on a new power plant on the Klamath river, which is to be completed in three years or less and made capable of developing 64,000 horse power, says the Klamath Public Herald. The plant will be located at Ward's canyon. The tunnel will begin above the canyon and pass through the mountains at the head of the river.

STUDENTS IN SISTERS' SCHOOL WIN IN DEBATE

Showing the high scholarship that is maintained in the Catholic Sisters' schools of the coast, a debating team of the Holy Names academy in Seattle won the debating interscholastic championship of that section. The team came with considerable pleasure to the Sisters of St. Mary's academy in this city, at some of these were formerly in attendance in the Holy Names academy, which was erected at a cost of \$100,000.

ELBERT HUBBARD TO VISIT HERE THIS SPRING

Elbert Hubbard and Elizabeth Towne, two of the most prominent New Thought writers in the east are to stop at Medford on their way to the exposition at Seattle this spring. Both of them lecture in the east. Mrs. Towne also gives a course of lectures in mental healing in those interested. If any in Medford would like to learn further concerning these lectures they can do so by attending the New Thought circle or by calling on W. H. Taylor, 304 North H street. Telephone Main 156.

BUILD HOUSES FOR QUAKE SUFFERERS

MEDFORD, March 3.—The work of construction of wooden houses with metal roofs for the United States or purchased with American money to shelter the earthquake sufferers is progressing favorably, under the direction of Lieutenant Commander Reginald Bellamy, the American naval attaché at Berlin and Bonn. The task of erecting and moving the transportation of lumber from the dock to the point of erection, both slow and expensive, it costs \$4000 to deliver enough lumber to build 500 houses. It has been decided to build 1000 houses at Medford, 1000 at Regina and 1000 at the southern point called Regina Elbow being constructed under the direction of Queen Helena.

Probate

Estate John Bivens; order made appointing Gail Bivens administratrix and William Paul, John P. Miller and Emil Britt appraisers.



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