

PACIFIC COAST FREIGHTS

HIGH RATES FOR HEAVY CAUSE ADVANCE NITRATE CHARTERS.

Will Check Movement of Tonnage in This Direction—Two Transports Returning to Portland.

Nitrate freight on the west coast of South America, and wheat freights from the west coast of North America seem to have very much in common. A year ago the high rates paid for nitrate ships sent wheat rates out of North Pacific ports up to the highest rates reached in eight years.

This started the ships north, and Portland has already loaded 10 vessels that came up from West coast ports, and eight more from the east coast.

COLLECTORS WITHDRAWN.

Expenses of Getting Bicycle Tax Greater Than the Receipts.

The 40 bicycle license collectors who have been stationed on the bicycle paths were ordered withdrawn yesterday by the County Commissioners, and it is probable that more Deputy Sheriffs will be put on this work until city paths are built.

The bicycle tax was coming in slowly, considerably less than \$2000 having been taken in at the time the outside men were put to work. This amount has since increased to \$2800, which represents 2800 tags altogether that have been disposed of.

P. Kelly, Deputy Sheriff, who is in charge of the bicycle tax, appeared before the Commissioners yesterday to get the receipts and expenses of the outside collectors as follows:

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ANOTHER COAL PROSPECT

PROJECT FOR BUILDING RAILROAD TO IT FROM HEPPER.

W. S. Lytle Says He Has Found Rich Bituminous Coal, and He is Promoting a Development Scheme.

W. S. Lytle, who was formerly connected with the Northern Pacific Coal Company at Roslyn, Wash., and later was auditor of the Columbia Southern Railroad, has been spending several months in Morrow County, where he has on foot a considerable development project.

It is no less than the organization of the Oregon Coal Company, with a capital of \$500,000, to build a railroad 25 miles southward from Hepper to a coal prospect, and to open and operate the same.

Lytle is president of the new corporation, and chief promoter of the development project. Associated with him in the corporation are E. E. Heppner, attorney; Redfield and Banker Company, of Heppner. Mr. Lytle, who is now in Portland to promote the interests of his development project, expects the intention to put a force of men in the field next week.

The opening of a coal mine and the survey of a railway route to it will proceed at the same time, and no time will be lost in getting the work under way.

Mr. Lytle has specimens of coal assaying as high as 55 per cent fixed carbon, which he says he obtained from the coal near the crest of the western spur of the Blue Mountains. That spur forms the watershed between the Columbia and the John Day. He says he has taken several test measures of coal in that spur, and that all of them crop out on the John Day side also, where blacksmiths have used the coal for years.

He says he has a coal mine in the Blue Mountains, and that the coke is 87 per cent carbon, according to the figures Mr. Lytle has. He says his company has control of the coal near the crest of the Blue Mountains. The route outlined for the proposed railway is up Willow Creek. The altitude of the coal cropping is about 4000 feet, or 2000 feet above Hepper.

It is estimated that the route to be traversed by this line is just the one that would be the most direct to the Steel Company, and that the Pennsylvania Railroad had purchased the Berwind-White Bituminous Coal Company. At the office of the Pennsylvania Steel Company the officials could neither confirm or deny the rumors.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 12.—Pennsylvania Railroad officials today denied positively that the company had acquired controlling interest in the Pennsylvania Steel Company, and that the Pennsylvania Railroad had purchased the Berwind-White Bituminous Coal Company. At the office of the Pennsylvania Steel Company the officials could neither confirm or deny the rumors.

MEXICO CITY, June 12.—The bond issue of \$10,000,000 for the Mexican National Railway group of American capitalists, which they will extend to Tampico, giving this city a direct route to that port, is \$9,000,000.

DENVER, June 12.—Nothing but routine matters occupied the attention of the Southern Railway Association today. The car service men re-elected their old officers.

The Southern Railway Association yesterday morning showed a full inch of snow at the crest of the Siskiyou mountains. Not since that stretch of road was opened to traffic has there been such a snowfall at this season of the year. No particular damage was reported.

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END OF SCHOOL YEAR

COMMENCEMENT WEEK AT ST. HELEN'S HALL.

Attractive and Entertaining Programme—Summer Plans of the Teachers.

The friends of St. Helen's Hall have been out in force this week to enjoy the novel and entertaining programme prepared for them to celebrate the close of the school year.

Commencement week opened Monday night with a concert intended to be held on the tennis court, but Oregon skies being unpropitious, the concert people had to seek the kindly shelter of a roof over their heads.

Yesterday's programme composed features of varied interest, and attracted a large audience. The first hour of the evening, Miss Mollie Buckner, instructor of the Multnomah Athletic Club, has charge of the entertainment at the Hall. There was a band-drill given by 16 little kindergarten girls, a "baby polka," a schottische, and a military salute, in which the girls participated most exactly with the precision of old veterans, but with pretty, unconscious grace that quite captivated the audience.

Another feature of the evening was the giving of the Tribby two-step and other pretty figures, free movements, both Swedish and Delsarte, ending with a live ball.

The hour that succeeded this was devoted to an enjoyable piano recital by Miss Snell, who rendered compositions by Chopin, Debussy and other composers of the romantic school.

And then came one of the most charming children's entertainments that has been given in this city in Portland. This was the Lullabies of the Nations, by the primary department, under the direction of Miss Cannon and Mrs. Walter.

It consisted of these little folks, gowned in irresistibly pretty costumes, after the fashion of various nationalities, Norwegian, French, German, Italian, negro and Japanese, sang the famous lullabies of the world.

It made a charming picture, the curly-haired, fresh-cheeked 7-year-olds in gay peasant costume, each rocking a big doll in her arms, and singing in a sweet, childish tongue was wonderfully perfect. In addition to the national songs there was an opening chorus and march, "Dance Little Feet," by the primary department.

Webster's "Wiegand," by a little round-faced German Gretchen, Flora Freitag, and a goodnight song by a group of the primary department.

The evening's entertainment was engaged the attention of visitors, an unusually varied programme being presented. The piano pupils of Miss Snell and Miss Higgins, the vocalists of Mrs. Reed, and the violin pupils of Mrs. Sherman Brown combined to give solos, duets, trios, single and double quartets, that the listeners' interest was occupied for two hours.

At the conclusion of the programme, while good-nights were being said, there was the usual discussion of Summer plans and chances, and the gathering broke up for the night.

Quite a number of the teachers will return next year. Miss Mabel Layton, instructor in English, will be back after spending the Summer at her home near Chicago; Miss Dewey (mathematics) will return; Miss Curtin, from Columbia College, who has charge of the intermediate department, will be transferred to science, in place of Miss Vale, one of the most valued teachers of the Hall has had, who intends to take a high-school year's rest abroad, and will make a brief visit to Toronto, Canada, from there going to London, England. A considerable part of her winter will be spent at Heidelberg, Germany. Miss Catherine Grove (Latin and Greek) is as yet uncertain as to her plans. As she is still very young and has a promising career before her, her father—who is head of the Carey College Institute for Boys, Oakdale, N. Y.—desires her to finish her college education. She will therefore defer a position until she has completed her studies on the subject. Miss Cannon, head of the primary department, one of the strongest teachers on the force, will return. The musical department will next be headed by Miss Helen Herring, who has now finished her leave of absence, the time having been spent in renewed study of the Virgil Clavier system. Miss Snell, who has been in charge of the primary department of the Postoffice Department, and having direct charge of rural free delivery, recently returned from a hasty tour of the Western States. Mr. Machen visited Portland, Tacoma and Seattle, among other cities. Aside from favorable comments made upon the growth of the service, Mr. Machen was particularly pleased to find that a high degree of success had attended the establishment of rural free delivery in Oregon and Washington.

The service is not so extensive in those states as it is further East," he said. "The Oregonian correspondent, 'but every day is giving satisfaction and surpasses our expectations. In fact, I can say, in a general way, that every rural free delivery route that has been established in the United States is giving satisfaction to the patrons. I had but little opportunity to see the rural districts of Oregon and Washington, but what I did see convinced me that the rural free delivery service was being fitted for the inauguration of this service, where the rural districts are sufficiently populated to meet departmental requirements. The roads are good, and good roads is one of the first requirements. The limitations of the population in