

TO REVISE TARIFFS

Transcontinental Freight Bureau Convenes Today.

FIRST SESSION IN FOUR YEARS

Large Number of Entries on Docket to be Considered—Modifications of Great Importance Seem Improbable.

The first meeting of the Transcontinental Freight Bureau since the memorial meeting in Milwaukee in May, 1898, when the hardware schedule came into great prominence, will convene in this city this morning at 10 o'clock.

It is expected that they will consume a week or 10 days in the work of revising tariffs. The docket contains between 600 and 700 entries. The bureau may take as many or as few of these subjects as it shall see fit, and it may introduce subjects not on the docket.

Though it has been nearly four years since there was a formal meeting of this bureau, the transcontinental freight rates have not been all this time unchanged. Two or three tariffs have been issued since the Milwaukee meeting.

It is said positively that nothing on the docket indicates that the subject of graded transcontinental rates will be brought before this meeting, though it is possible that the subject may be dragged into the meeting before it can conclude its work.

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NAMES DEMOCRATS' DAY

CHAIRMAN WHITE SETS APRIL 10 FOR STATE CONVENTION.

Portland Will Be the Rallying-Place of the County Delegations—Talk of Candidates.

The Democratic State Convention will be held in Portland on April 10, the date and place being named by Chairman Sam White, of the Democratic State Central Committee, yesterday morning.

MAY PASS THROUGH PORTLAND.

Delegates and excursionists for the Y. P. C. U. at Tacoma.

Another victory for Portland has just been won from the northern transcontinental railroad line. It is in connection with the annual convention of the Young People's Christian Union of the United Presbyterian church, to be held in Tacoma June 20 to 27.

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KEEP UP BARRIERS.

LOST PAPERS ARE NO BAR

Citizens May Be Registered, if They Were All Right in 1900.

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SPEAKERS AT THE ANTI-CHINESE "MERCHANT" MEETING.

CHAIRMAN GEORGE OGDON

J. T. MORGAN

June. The northern line objected to the feature of that rate that permitted passengers to come West by any regular direct line and return East by any other regular direct line.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—President W. B. Leeds, of the Rock Island, First Vice-President Barker, and R. R. Cable, chairman of the board, left for El Paso today in a special car, intending to be gone for several weeks.

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CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Through the Kansas City Board of Trade has brought suit before the Interstate Commerce Commission to secure relief from the unjust rates which have seriously crippled Kansas City's grain market.

The defendants are the Santa Fe, Missouri Pacific, Union Pacific and Rock Island Railroads. The complaint has been forwarded to Washington by W. P. Trickett, Commissioner of the Transportation Bureau.

NO CHANGE OF DIVISIONS. TACOMA, Feb. 17.—The proposed change to make Cle-Eum the terminus of the Idaho and Pacific, and the Northern Pacific instead of Ellensburg, it is learned from a reliable source has been reconsidered and the terminus will remain at Ellensburg.

Four new work trains were placed on the Pacific division today, making it altogether, and indicating the purpose of the Northern Pacific to make extensive betterments this year.

MONEY FOR ANTI-MERGER SUIT. ST. PAUL, Feb. 17.—With only one negative vote, the State Senate this afternoon passed the bill appropriating \$25,000 to pay the expenses of the legal contest against the so-called merger of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railroads.

WILL WHEEL TO DAWSON. Party of Six Has Started for Dawson, Taking Bicycles With Them. A company composed of six residents of Fortmouth, with J. C. Paulsen at the head, left for Dawson City last evening. They each took a bicycle, and intend to wheel the 400 miles between the terminus of the Skagway railway and Dawson.

They will undertake to carry their blankets and complete camping outfits on their bicycles from that place to their destination. Several have covered the distance 400 and little chance to survive successfully on bicycles by stopping at the roadhouses, but none has carried his camping outfit.

Mr. Paulsen, who is a shemmaker, was at Dawson in 1897, and made \$400 in one year. He has been back a little over a year. He understands conditions, and will probably be able to pilot his company through successfully.

A \$1000 Prize. A prominent manufacturer has offered a prize of \$1000 for the best essay on preventive medicine, believing that a proper exercise of preventive medicine is of incalculable benefit to the human race.

The best thought of the world is being given to the subject of the Skagway railway and Dawson, and there is disposition to eliminate absolutely any reference to the money question in the coming campaign.

The reapportionment of representation in the state convention has been completed by Richard W. Montague, secretary of the State Central committee. The

James Hamilton Lewis, of Seattle, ex-Congressman and Democrat, is a prominent politician, is at the Portland. W. S. Crowell, one of the stalwarts of the Southern Oregon Democracy, is registered at the Imperial, from Medford.

A. J. Goodman, of Independence, who is registered at the Perkins, is one of the leading merchants of the Polk County town. A. S. Hammond, one of the leading lawyers and Republican politicians of Southern Oregon, is at the Imperial. His home is at Independence.

Judge A. S. Bennett, of The Dalles, was in Portland yesterday, transacting legal business and talking politics with other Democratic war horses. O. H. Fithian, one of the great lawyers in the city, is at the Perkins. He is looking over the business situation in and around Portland.

Dr. Wiley G. Woodruff, well known as one of the coaches of the Multnomah football team, has just recovered from a mild attack of typhoid fever. Attorney Robert G. Smith, the erstwhile Republican leader of Southern Oregon, is now a prominent Democratic politician, is in the city, registered at the Imperial.

D. P. Ketchum, of The Dalles, is registered at the Perkins. Mr. Ketchum is one of the sheep kings of Eastern Oregon, and is here in the interests of his stock business. George M. Studebaker, president of the Studebaker Manufacturing Company, of South Bend, Ind., and M. S. Fish, general manager of the company, are in Portland, conferring with their local representative.

N. M. Cunningham, who has been with the force of the local Weather Bureau as an observer since last spring, has been promoted one grade and has been ordered to report to Valentine, Neb., and take charge of the station at that point. Mr. Cunningham expects to leave this week for his new post.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Rev. Edward Donnelly, of Marshfield, called at the Eastern office of the Oregonian today. NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Arrived from

Portland, at the Imperial, R. I. Cohen, at the Grand Union, T. Vannoy.

From Tacoma—Miss E. T. Tidmarsh, at the Grand Union.

From Seattle—J. McCulloch, at the Grand Union; C. Rand, at the Broadway Central; Mrs. Ranke, at the Hotel; Miss E. Lewis, at the Fifth Avenue.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—A. H. Birrell, a capitalist of Portland, Or., is at the California Hotel with his wife. R. Vanburton, of New York, who is interested in mining property in Oregon, was one yesterday's arrivals at the Palace Hotel.

General Freight Agent G. W. Luce and General Agent G. W. Fletcher, of the Southern Pacific company, accompanied by R. H. Countiss, agent of the Transcontinental Freight Bureau, departed last evening for Portland, Or., to attend the meeting of the Transcontinental Freight Bureau, which convenes in this city tomorrow.

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The committee appointed to draft resolutions reported through the secretary, who read the resolutions printed elsewhere and adoption was unanimously carried by a rising vote. Three cheers for the resolutions were given with a will and the meeting dispersed.

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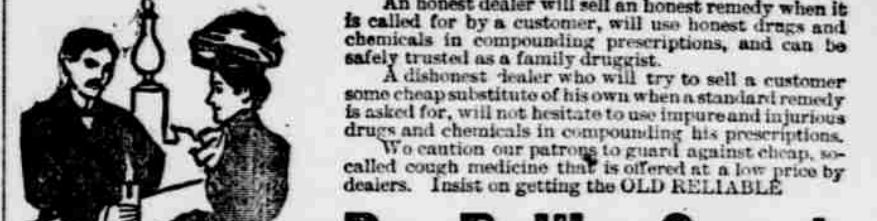
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