

FEEL OF WRATH

Shippers Are Angry at Southern Pacific.

ALLEGED CROSS NEGLECT

Business Men Consider Resort to Legislation.

HOPE FOR AN EXTRA SESSION

Bitter Condemnation Heard of Railroad's Policy Which is Alleged to Be Ruinous to Manufacturing Interests.

Scarcity of cars on the Southern Pacific has made shippers very restive in the Willamette Valley. Complaints are many and sharp, and they show up a condition of affairs whose seriousness cannot be disguised.

Some merchants and manufacturers aver that they are almost entirely shut out of the interior California market; others that their business is being ruined. In all lines of business the wall goes up, most vociferously from dealers in lumber, forage and grain.

Such persons declare that Oregon is losing trade in California which can be regained with difficulty or never again. They cry that the commercial opportunities of Oregon are being neglected by the caliber of outdated railroad facilities; that mills and factories of this city are unable to reach out for markets, and that the commercial and industrial growth of Portland is stunted in consequence. They insist that the grievance comes home to every man, woman and child in Portland.

R. Koehler, manager of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, and W. B. Coman, general freight and passenger agent, say that the scarcity of cars is no severer in the Willamette Valley than in other parts of the West. They insist that the demand for cars is tremendous everywhere, and that their company is doing the best it can.

Threats of retaliation against the railroad are heard on every side. The proposed extra session of the Legislature has set shippers to talking about remedial legislation. Portland lumbermen, who are shut out of rail transportation to California by the prohibitory tariff of \$7.50 per ton, while interior lumbermen ship for \$10.00, are about to institute a suit against the railroad for discrimination. Several persons who have been unable to make forage or grain shipments to fill contracts have been heard to say that they will sue for damages.

An Outrageous Policy.

"A more outrageous and half-handed policy," said W. R. Ayer, president of the Eastern & Western Lumber Company, yesterday, "I never heard of. It has curtailed the lumber output of Oregon 20 or 40 per cent."

"It is past all reason," exclaimed E. T. Williams, vice-president of the North Pacific Lumber Company. "The lumber business of Portland has grown too big for the Southern Pacific to handle, and since the railroad can't keep up with the industry it puts an embargo on the business."

"It's time for us all to howl," asserted Herman Wittenberg, manager of the Portland Cracker Company and the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company, "and I don't see why we should make Harriman's O. R. & N. rich when Harriman's Southern Pacific makes us poor."

"On a side-track," said W. A. Meers, secretary of the transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce, "is where the Southern Pacific has put Portland. Our Legislature has been too easy."

"The Southern Pacific has neglected Portland," remarked C. Lombardi, president of the W. A. Gordon Company, "just as if this were a neck of the woods."

"Our business in California is practically ruined," announced Samuel Connell, manager of the Northwest Door Company and the Oregon Sash & Door Company, and president of the Pacific Coast Milling Company. "We need a special session of the Legislature."

Demand Immediate Remedy.

"The situation demands immediate remedy," declared Bernard Albers, vice-president of Albers Bros. Milling Company, "and the Legislature would be a good doctor."

"It ruins a man's business," said McKinley Mitchell. "It's an outrage. I've canceled nearly all my business."

The transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce plans to take the grievance up to the headquarters of the Harriman system. Lumber, secretary, is drawing up a petition of right, which will be directed to J. C. Stubbs, traffic director, at Chicago.

The committee believes that Manager Koehler and Mr. Coman are doing all in their power to afford relief and says so. The trouble, as the committee views it, comes from the head of the system at San Francisco, or in the East. Who have shunted off the Oregon division on a side-track. The members of the committee believe that rolling stock has either been drawn from the Oregon line, or has been kept away from this division for competing with the Santa Fe or meeting other requirements in the South. Members of the committee condemn the policy of the Southern Pacific in equipping its Oregon lines with old cars and engines, instead of new, both in freight and passenger traffic. They argue that where the Southern Pacific has competition, as with the Santa Fe, it uses good equipment, and that where it has no competition in Oregon, it uses the cast-off equipment of its other lines. They contend that when shippers are clamoring for more transportation facilities, the Southern Pacific should talk about something more remedial than reducing its salary list and otherwise curtailing expenses.

They aver that if the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon have not been making money the fault lies not in the Willamette Valley, which has no other railroad and is the garden spot of the Pacific Coast, but in stupidity or design. They point out that passenger trains average less than 25 miles an hour between Portland and San Francisco, whereas the service should be the fastest on the Coast.

Nerved to Action.

The committee has held several meetings and is nerved up to business. It is composed of L. A. Lewis, Henry Hahn, T. D. Honeyman, A. H. Deverny, J. F. O'Shea, W. H. Beharrell, A. F. Biles, W. A. Meers, G. M. Scott, Ed Ehrman, George Lawrence, Jr., I. N. Fieschner, H. Wittenberg, F. A. Nitchy, E. M. Brannick, F. H. Ransome, C. Lombardi, A. H. Kerr, S. M. Meers, Sol Blumauer, R. F. Prael, W. C. Noon, P. Lowengard and D. J. Zan.

The committee has discussed three remedies that the Legislature could administer: First, a Railroad Commission; second, a maximum rate bill; third, a law to compel the company to supply facilities for

transportation. A fourth remedy, annulment of the company's charter, is talked of, and though it may be impossible it reveals the temper of the committee. Other proposed means of redress are suits at law.

Manager Koehler said yesterday that Willamette Valley residents suffer from no discrimination. He admitted that cars are scarce, but the same trouble exists all over the Southern Pacific system; also on the Northern roads.

"The Southern Pacific," said Mr. Koehler, "never discriminates against any of its divisions. If the Oregon lines have suffered from shortage of cars, so have lines elsewhere. It is not true that cars and locomotives have been drawn off from the Oregon lines for service on other lines. The cars of the Southern Pacific come and go to all parts of the system and I can truthfully say that Oregon has received its full quota. And as for locomotives, many have been brought to Oregon from other parts of the Southern Pacific, notably the Central Pacific."

Mr. Koehler added that of the \$20,000,000 expended by the Southern Pacific for rolling stock, Oregon had received proportionate benefits. Track improvements had been made in Oregon, to what aggregate cost he could not say. Between Dunsuir and Ashland, for example, 96 miles of track has been renewed with 50-pound rails.

Plenty of Cars Elsewhere.

But shippers disagree with Mr. Koehler that the Northern roads are as "tight" with cars as the Southern Pacific. They aver that they can always get cars over the Northern Pacific; also the O. R. & N. They aver that the Southern Pacific in California has relatively more cars than in Oregon, and that San Francisco merchants are not afflicted as are those of Portland. And they contend that the O. R. & N. steamship service to San Francisco is little better than the Southern Pacific rail service.

Service Was Better Long Ago.

"Twenty years ago," said Herman Wittenberg, yesterday, "Portland had better water transportation to San Francisco than now."

Samuel Connell made the same complaint. He said that he had been trying to ship some 20 tons of oats by steamer for two months. The oats were stored on the O. R. & N. dock and rats were cutting the sacks and insurance was helping to eat up the profits. How soon he could deliver the oats he did not know and meantime he was subject to fluctuations of the market. Mr. Connell told also of how the O. R. & N. had consumed two months in delivering 65 tons of bran. "Instead of realizing an expected profit of \$115," said he, "we suffered a loss of \$160. Can you get goods forwarded promptly? But now our trade down there is practically ruined and we see no chance of relief. Every year, for six years, the trouble has increased, though we have heard promises of improved rail service. This year business has had to suspend."

Bernard Albers, of Albers Bros. Milling Company, said that farmers in the Willamette Valley are sorely aggrieved for they are frequently unable to dispose of their produce.

"We could have loaded 25 cars for California, since August," said Mr. Albers, "but we have loaded only one. Our customers down there are disgusted. Here's a letter from a Sacramento firm which says it doesn't want any more of our goods."

Another owner of a local roller mill said his mill could not get sufficient transport to California. He remarked that in order to keep the mill going he had had to ship frequently short carload lots. The freight charge was trebled, but he had to supply his customers.

One Sawmill Already Closed.

Lack of cars has caused a sawmill in South Portland to shut off its output. One of the largest sawmills in the city is working under its capacity. An owner of another large sawmill said that his plant would have to stop work entirely in December and January unless the situation improved. If the scarcity of cars continues, a number of sawmills will soon be running short time.

"I have had only one car for oats since last August," said McKinley Mitchell. "But the trouble is more serious for potatoes. Early in the season I had an order for 25 carloads of potatoes in the south, and was compelled to cancel them all. Potatoes are now going down there from other places. It's not alone that we are losing business, but also customers, and I'll be a long time getting them back again. All this is a loss to the Oregon farmer."

Two local sawmills are arranging for a transfer yard at Oakland, where their water shipments will be transferred to rail. But this transfer will cost them between \$1.50 and \$2 per 100 feet.

GREAT EVENT.

We have just purchased entire lots of ladies' skirts, shirtwaists, dressing gowns and kimono of the great manufacturing house of Fieschner, Mayer & Co., of Portland, Or., for 50c on the dollar. This in connection with the suits, jackets, capes and wrappers from Claffin's, New York, secured for 60c on the dollar, places us in a position to sell garments for less than cost of material. Entire lines on sale this morning. Come today, for the best bargains on earth.

M'ALLEN & M'DONNELL, The Wrecked Corner, Third and Morrison.

MEATS, FISH, GROCERIES.

Your special attention is called to the advertisement of the Portland Packing Co.'s State Market, 221 First street, which appears on the first page of this paper. The prices mentioned in this ad are also the same at their other branch markets, 233 Williams avenue, corner West Park and Washington, and 305 First street. This firm manufactures their own hams, bacon and lard, and have a complete refrigerator plant for the curing and holding of perishable goods.

SALE TODAY.

Skirts, suits, waists, kimono, dressing gowns, secured for 50c on the dollar from Fieschner, Mayer & Co.; also suits, capes, jackets, wrappers and furs, secured for 60c on the dollar from Claffin, New York. We have the proof. Store open this evening till 9.

M'ALLEN & M'DONNELL, The Wrecked Corner, Third and Morrison.

Vandura Too Long at Sea.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—Grave anxiety is felt for the British ship Vandura, now out 25 days from Puget Sound for San Diego. Three weeks would be a long time for this voyage. The Vandura has been out eight weeks. Ten per cent reinsurance was paid on her today.

W. Ickes Found Guilty.

At 3:30 last night, the jury in the case of the State vs. W. Ickes returned a verdict of guilty after being out three hours. Ickes lives near Holbrook, and was charged with committing an unlawful assault on Emma Oeter.

Have your friends coming from the East? If so, send their names to the Denver & Rio Grande office, 124 Third street, Portland, Or.

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Meier & Frank Company

STORE OPEN TONIGHT UNTIL 9:30.

New lines of Jewelry just received—Hat Pins, German Silver Finger Purses, pretty new Brooches, Gun Metal Cuff Pins, etc. Last day of the Great Dress Goods Sale—Every yard of black, white and colored Dress Goods greatly reduced—Needs should be supplied today. New Suits, Jackets and Costumes arriving by every express—New Knit Blouses, Norfolk styles in gray, red and white.

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STORE OPEN TONIGHT UNTIL 9:30.

Men's Black Suits and Overcoats Reduced

This morning at 8 we start an extraordinary sale of Black Clothes for men, Black Suits, Black Overcoats, Black Prince Alberts, full dress and Tuxedo suits; materials, clays or unfinished worsteds. The most becoming clothes that ever were made for men, at decisive price reductions. Stock must be greatly reduced to make room for displaying the immense variety of Smoking Jackets, Lounging and Bath Robes for the Holiday season. Your opportunity to buy a handsome suit for business or dress wear at a surprisingly small cost. Sale continues for ten days.



Men's Black Overcoats

- Men's Black Unfinished Top Coats, finely made and trimmed, very stylish and dressy Coat, all sizes, \$15.00 values for... **\$9.95**
- Men's Black Unfinished Worsteds and Clay Overcoats, three-fourths length, finely trimmed, perfect fitting, all handsome new Coats, \$18.00 values, for this sale at the special low price of... **\$12.35**
- \$20.00 and \$22.50 Overcoats, for this sale at the extraordinary low price of... **\$16.30**
- 200 pairs of Men's Black Clay Pants, all sizes, regular \$3.00 and \$3.50 styles, reduced to... **\$2.35**
- 100 pairs of Men's Black Clay and Serge Pants, splendid styles, regular \$5.00 values, for... **\$3.95**
- 150 Men's Black Clay Worsteds Vests, \$2.25 values, for this sale... **\$1.59**

20 Per Cent reduction on our entire stock of Tuxedo and Full Dress Suits, very best materials and styles, all sizes—Second Floor. Great special values in Young Men's Suits and Overcoats; bargains in Boys' Clothing—Second Floor.

Men's Black Suits

- Men's Black Clay Worsteds and Serge Suits, single and double-breasted Sack Suits; also Frocks, well made, best linings. Great and special value at... **\$8.15**
- Men's Clay Worsteds and Unfinished Worsteds Suits, sacks and frocks, single and double-breasted styles, all sizes, \$15.00 would be the exclusive clothier's price. Sale price... **\$9.95**
- Men's Clay Worsteds Suits, sacks and frocks, the styles and quality the exclusive clothier demands \$18.00 for. Our special sale price... **\$12.35**
- Men's Unfinished Worsteds and Black Clay Suits, sacks and frocks, very best styles, that the exclusive fellow asks \$20.00 for. Our special sale price is... **\$15.35**
- Men's Unfinished Worsteds and Clays, single and double-breasted styles, sacks and frocks, regular \$25.00 values. For this sale... **\$19.95**

Prince Alberts in Unfinished Worsteds, Clays and Oxford Gray, correct style, splendid fit, \$15.00 and \$16.50 values, for this sale, \$10.95 to... **\$13.95**

Ladies' Neckwear



The Saturday List of Special Sales is a noteworthy one, new stylish neckwear at a small fraction of its real value.

- Large line of Fancy Silk Collars in blue, pink, white and black, new styles. Regular 65c values for to-day only... each **47c**
- 200 Handsome Wash Stocks in good colors and combinations... **25c**
- Embroidered Turnovers in white, the regular 15c line; today only at... **10c**
- Large Ecru Lace Collars in new designs, best styles, regular \$2.00 values... **\$1.47**

Knit Underwear Specials

- Ladies' Wool Swiss Ribbed Vests and Pants, white or gray, well made and finished, all sizes; \$1.00 grade, Ladies' Fine Wool Ribbed Combination Suits, white or gray, all sizes, finest made and finished garments one could desire; \$2.50 value... **\$1.83**

Men's Furnishing Goods



Our usual small margin and quick selling prices on Men's Furnishings. Today's list is of vital importance to every man having furnishings needs. Wade through this list carefully.

- Golf Shirts for Men, fancy striped Madras in new colorings, all sizes, regular \$1.00 value, for today only... **69c**
- Men's Suspenders, good webbing, slide ends, patent back. Great special value for today... pair **18c**
- Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs for men, large size. Great special value, 2 for... **25c**
- Men's Gloria Silk Umbrellas, paragon frame, plain and crooked handles, regular \$1.45 value, for this sale... **98c**
- Men's Outing Flannel Night Shirts, well made, full sizes, fast colors, best patterns. Great value... **43c**
- Men's Merino Half Hose, spliced heel and toes, medium weight, 25c value... pair **19c**
- Boys' 50c Ribbed Underwear, 34c a garment; Boys' \$1.00 Golf Shirts, plain and plaid for 69c each. Boys' Wool Sweaters, plain and fancy striped 79c.

Handkerchiefs

100 dozen Ladies' sheer all-linen Lawn Handkerchiefs, 1/2 to 3/4 in. hem, fine quality, one of the best handkerchiefs bargains... **12 1/2c**

Dinner Set Sale

- 60-piece Haviland China Dinner Sets, green floral decoration, solid handles and knobs, reg. \$24.50 value, for today only... **\$24.50**
- 100-piece set, same as above... **\$35.69**
- 60-piece Austrian China Dinner Set, blue violet decoration, our regular \$18.25 value... **\$13.75**
- 100-piece set, same as above... **\$19.78**

Hosiery Specials

For Friday and Saturday, Ladies' fancy embroidered cotton Hosiery, Hermsdorf dye, high-spliced heel, all sizes, great value at the low price of... **37c**

Ladies' block ribbed wool Hosiery, 1 & 1/2 rib, fast color, all sizes; great special value at... **21c**

Kid Gloves 79c

Ladies' fine Kid Gloves go on sale today at a special low price, every pair extraordinary good value at \$1.00; black, white and all leading shades, all sizes; all are over-seam style, embroidered backs; take your 79c pick at, pair... **79c**

GROCERY PRICING

- Pint Liquid Blueing... 7c
- Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate... 35c
- Cooper's Olive Oil, 60c, \$1.10
- 1903 Michler Herring, per keg... \$1.10
- Columbia River Salmon, 2 for... 25c
- Sapolio... a cake 7c
- Santa Claus Soap, 7 cakes for... 25c
- Log Cabin Maple Sugar, 35c, 65c... \$1.25
- 10-lb. sack Rolled Oats... 30c
- Eagle Milk a can... 15c
- 17-lb. Granulated Sugar, \$1.00
- Blue Label Catsup... 20c
- 6 packages Parlor Matches, 25c
- 11 bars Standard Soap... 25c
- Durkee's Salad Dressing, 10c, 25c... 40c
- Pop Corn, 4 lbs for... 25c
- New Bloaters, 3 for... 10c
- 1-lb. Basket Washed Figs, 25c
- Tea Garden Drills, 1 gal... 75c
- Crosse & Blackwells Oil... 65c Basement

Great Millinery Bargains

Last Day of the Great Millinery Bargains—The entire stock of trimmed and untrimmed Hats as well as Ostrich Feathers, Plumes, Tips and Quills is marked at very inviting prices.

- Dress Hats Reduced**
Choose from our entire stock of Ladies' Dress Hats at special reduced prices today. All the newest and best styles in immense variety.
\$2.50 Beavers 89c
100 more of those handsome Beaver Hats for those who come today; best colors; values up to \$2.50... **89c**
- Children's Hats 39c**
200 Children's Felt School Hats, in all colors; every one regular 70c value; for this sale your choice **39c** at the very low price, each.
- Ostrich Tips 10c Each**
200 bunches Ostrich Tips, 3 in bunch; all colors; value extraordinary at the low price of, a bunch... **10c**
- \$2.50 Hats 89c**
Ladies' Untrimmed Hats. Our entire stock, including the popular large Lyons shapes, stitched satin edge; about 60 left for those who come early today; values up to \$2.50... **89c**
- Ostrich Plumes 10c**
200 bunches of 7-inch Ostrich Plumes; real ostrich feathers; all colors; wonderful bargain at, a bunch... **10c**
- Ladies' Black Velvet Dress Shapes at... **39c**
50c Tam O' Shanter, 15c.
100 Quills for 5c.
Infants' Wool Hoods, 10c.

Children's Cloaks

Two splendid bargains in Children's Long Coats and Suits for today. Economical mothers are interested in these offerings.

- \$12.50 to \$14.00 Coats \$9.85**
Children's Long Coats made of fine quality kersey, full box coat, circular cape-collar and Bishop sleeves, castor, blue and brown, ages 6 to 14 years, all new desirable garments, reg. \$12.50 and \$14 values, \$9.85.
- \$7.50, \$9.00 Suits \$6.85**
Children's Fancy Dress and Russian Blouse Suits made of cheviot, granite cloth and zibelines in red, blue and brown, sizes 6 to 14 years, all the new desirable styles, \$7.50 to \$9.00 values for this sale \$6.85.



Thanksgiving Linens

- Pure Linen Hemstitched Table Cloths, satin damask, handsome patterns, two and one-half yards long, \$2.45 each, three yds. **\$2.98**
- Pure Linen Hemstitched Tray Cloths, 22x32 inches, great special value **67c**
- Pure Linen Hand-Embroidered Doilies, great special value at the low **12c** price of, each
- Pure Linen Hand-Embroidered Center Pieces, 24 x 24 inches, **\$1.05**
- 64-inch All-Linen Bleached Satin Damask, in handsome designs, for this **67c** sale, yard
- 66-inch All-Linen Bleached Satin Damask, beautiful patterns, big variety, sale price, yd. **78c**
- 72-inch All-Linen Bleached Satin Damask, fifteen patterns, sale price, **89c** yard
- All-Linen Satin Damask Napkins, large size, handsome patterns, sale price, dozen... **\$1.52**
- All-Linen Satin Damask Napkins, large size, great special value, at, dozen... **\$2.03**

Drug Sundries

- Good 10c Sponge... 4c
- Good 15c Sponge... 9c
- Large box hardwood Toothpicks... 3c
- Japanese Toothpicks, odds and ends, 7c and 10c values, at... 5c
- Star Enamel, 18c value... 12c
- Aluminum Enamel, a rust preventive, special... 13c
- Good 15c Whisk Broom, 11c
- New line of "Howard" real Ebony Brushes, just received.
- Sole Portland agents for Mme. Yale's Toilet Preparations.
- Sole agents for Satin Skin Face Cream.

Jewelry Specials

- Stick Pins of various kinds, different metals and settings, great special values, at, each... 4c
- 50c Chain Purses, oxidized and white metal... 29c
- All our 25c Cuff Links for... 9c
- 25c Brooches for... 8c
- Guaranteed Alarm Clock for... 59c
- \$1.00 guaranteed Nickel Watch... 77c
- 40c and 50c Brooches... 19c
- New Clocks and Watches. New line of Jewelry just received.

The Picture Department

- 15x20 matted pictures, framed with 3-inch molding, best subjects. Regular **\$1.39**, \$2.00 value...
- 19x27 Etchings, new subjects, framed in brown. Regular \$2.50 value, today... **\$1.89**
- Artistic Picture Framing to your order, new molding, orders promptly executed. 2d Floor.

THE SHOE SALE
Continues with wonderful bargains in footwear for men, women and children.