

LITTLE HOPE FOR THEM

NORTHWEST SHIPPERS CAN'T GET LOWER FREIGHT RATES.

Petitions for Old Tariff Will Be Generally Turned Down at Bureau Meeting at Monterey.

The business men of the Northwest, who have been petitioning for lower freight rates on various articles since the advanced schedule went into effect January 18 last, will not get many pleasant surprises as a result of the meeting of the Transcontinental Freight Bureau in California. At least this is the impression among local freight men who have studied the situation and are in touch with the operations of the bureau.

It will be remembered that on January 18 last a complete new tariff went into effect, which advanced freight rates on almost all articles of commerce 10 to 30 per cent. The explanation for this advance made by the railroads was that the cost of maintenance of the roads and cost of labor was increasing; that the business men were getting better prices for their material, and lastly that the roads were entitled to a greater profit on freight.

The business men and shippers do not see the advance in this same light. They considered the advance almost prohibitive in many instances, and too high generally. There was talk for a time about the advance on building material, glass, machinery and furniture seriously hampering business in the Northwest. While the advance did not stop business, the business men say that it has hampered them and they have been forced to suffer severely because of the advance.

This dissatisfaction resulted in hundreds of petitions being filed with local members of the bureau, requesting better rates on various commodities. It was to consider these requests that the meeting was called in Monterey. Some of the questions were of so much importance that the general directors requested the bureau not to act upon them at the present meeting, but to defer them until they could be considered at the general meeting in Chicago.

It was learned yesterday that there were before the bureau requests for reductions on about 400 commodities. Principal among these were building material, glass, machinery, furniture and hardware. It is the action that the bureau will take on these requests that will be especially interesting to Portland business men and jobbers. It is probable that no decision will be arrived at relative to the requests for changes in the lines as they are considered very important.

A local freight official stated yesterday that the request of the business men relative to a reduction on machinery was entirely out of the question, and it was his opinion that it would be turned down. It is possible, it is said, that some reduction may be made on the outside on the part of the bureau chooses to act upon them. If not, the fate of these matters will rest with the general meeting.

From what has been learned of the requests for reduction, practically all ask a restoration of rates to the old basis. Some, it is said, ask for an even lower rate than the old one.

No advice has been received here as to what action the bureau has taken.

Stubbs Found Roads Much Improved.

General Passenger Agent A. L. Craig, of the O. R. & N., returned yesterday from his trip to Salt Lake in company with Traffic Director J. C. Stubbs and Assistant Director E. O. McCormick. While in the city of the Saints, Mr. Craig attended a conference of officials of the Short Line and Union Pacific and the purpose of considering some matters of detail business. Mr. Craig expressed himself as more than pleased with the condition in which he found the lines of the O. R. & N. and Short Line, and was forcibly struck by the improvements that had been made since his last visit to this section of the country.

Trial of the Woods Today.

The trial of T. A. and Hosea Wood on a charge of defrauding the Government in pension matters will commence in the Federal Court this morning at 10 o'clock. The defendants propose to fight the case to the bitter end and a lengthy trial is looked for. It is charged that the defendants secured pensions for parties not entitled to them.

Inspecting Burlington Lines.

BILLINGS, Mont., May 9.—A party of 12 of the leading officials of the Burlington system, headed by D. Willard, vice-president of the system, and G. V. Holdrege, general manager of the road, visited this city today. The party is making an inspection to the various lines of the Burlington.

POLICEMEN IN BIG SCANDAL.

New York Members Said to Have Secured Citizenship Papers Illegally.

NEW YORK, May 8.—In the course of a sweeping investigation into naturalization frauds which has been in progress here during the past 15 months, the authorities have been informed that many members of the police force hold papers said to have been secured by methods not in accord with the law. Most of the men under suspicion are said to have been on the force some years. It is likely every naturalized policeman in Greater New York will be examined.

Assistant United States District Attorney Max, appointed some time ago by Attorney-General Knox at the request of United States District Attorney Burnett to prosecute those who hold and traffic in spurious citizenship papers, said in regard to the matter:

"Arrangements have just been completed between the Department of Justice and State Superintendent of Elections Morgan that the Bureau of Elections and the United States District Attorney's office shall co-operate. We are informed that a considerable number of all the police force have been informed by fraud, or have never been naturalized.

"The co-operation of the Government with the Bureau of Elections will enable the District Attorney to have witnesses subpoenaed.

"It is our plan to subpoena, if necessary, naturalized policemen and examine them as to their naturalization, date of arrival in this country and so on. It will be useless for any of them to tell anything but the truth, because the Government has in its possession the evidence with regard to their landing.

RUSSIANS HELD FIRE TO LAST

Japanese Were Right Upon Them When Yalu Battle Opened.

WIJU, May 1, via Seoul, May 8.—(Delayed in transmission.)—When the early mists drifted from the Yalu River this morning the Japanese infantry was disclosed, lined up for battle on the low, sandy island of Kintalo, which is in front of Wiju. The walls and towers of the city on the hill, rising abruptly from the south bank of the river and the nearest of the three channels, were crowded with Japanese and Korean spectators of the forthcoming attack. Kintalo Island is only a few feet above the level of the water, and without shrubbery or cover except on its southern half. The infantry was lined up on the island, awaiting their order. The soldiers were spread out in thin black lines three miles long, from a point on the island opposite the village of Chiu Luen Cheng on the west to a point opposite the extremity of the Tiger's Head. The division of the Imperial Guards occupied the center of the line, another division was on the west, and a third on the east of the line.

The Tiger's Head forms a peninsula projecting into the river almost parallel to the south bank. The Japanese division which executed the flanking movement from upstream yesterday with almost its full force present was now on the sands north of the Tiger's Head.

Four field batteries began the action by throwing shells to the Manchurian side of the river for half an hour while the Japanese were riddled with shells from the embankments whence the Russian guns had been firing for the past week, but no response to their fire was forthcoming, and it looked as if the Russian batteries during the night, it seemed as if the enemy had withdrawn entirely, as no signs of life could be seen on their works.

Japanese Begin the Advance.

Soon after 7 o'clock the Japanese began to advance. The distance from the Korean to the Manchurian bank of the Yalu is about two miles. The Japanese troops spread out in extended formation as they went forward. When they were a few hundred yards from the hills on the Manchurian side they threw themselves prone upon the ground and began volleys.

The Russian gun could be seen at intervals where the road was exposed, hurrying along the hills. These exposed stretches of the road made fine targets for the Japanese guns. A fierce fire was concentrated on one open space, half the shrapnel thrown bursting into the small trees which were growing there. There was a perfect shower of puffs of white smoke at this place, and the observers could see the work of an occasional shell as it dug a great hole in the earth and scattered quantities of rock.

Still the Russians remained silent. There was no answering fire from them until the Japanese were within a few hundred yards of the river bank. Then sharp volleys burst almost simultaneously from several trenches, and the Russian batteries were riddled with a heavy and continuous fire, at easy range, from covered positions high above them. They lay behind the sand hill, replying bravely and hotly to this fire, while their batteries pumped shells over their heads.

Protected by Smokeless Powder.

The Japanese officers sat on their horses or walked along their lines. They were in no way sheltered or protected. A few stretcher-bearers coming back to the field hospital indicated that men were being wounded. The Russian smokeless powder was excellent. Its use made it impossible for the Japanese to discover the exact positions of their enemy or to estimate their numbers.

Soon after 9 o'clock the Russian fire was largely silenced by the combined artillery and infantry attack of the Japanese, and parties of the enemy's troops could be seen hurrying upward over the mountain roads in retreat.

Two regiments of Japanese troops, one directly opposite Wiju and another near a village on the west, ran to the river, stopping to fire now and then as they proceeded, and a sharp shot was heard as they hurried forward, which echoed clearly over the plain. Their formation was closer than that kept by British or American troops, and it looked as though their losses would be heavy. The smokeless powder was excellent. Its use made it impossible for the Japanese to discover the exact positions of their enemy or to estimate their numbers.

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Saloon, last night. "It looks as though my house had been singled out by a couple of 'coops' who want a little notoriety and are trying to make a 'rep.' I venture to say that there are many places in Portland that are not run as decently as my saloon and I shall see my attorney tomorrow to see what can be done about this harassment of my place of business."

Sergeant Hogeboom and Patrolman Smith were out "wising up" a few nights since and a report of a box episode at the Girard Cafe has been anything but beneficial to that resort. Mr. Smith is quoted as having said that Mr. Hogeboom told him not to report the matter to Chief Hunt and this caused the indignation of Mr. Hunt. Mr. Hogeboom denies that he told Mr. Smith anything of the sort and says he has repeatedly refused to be interviewed on the subject.

NO PROPERTY IS EXEMPT.

Everything One Possesses is Subject to Taxation This Year.

No property is exempt from taxation this year, and all property of every description will be assessed. There is no exemption whatever. Assessor Charles E. McDonnell and County Judge Webster arrived at this conclusion yesterday morning in a brief discussion of the proposition, and the Assessor will go ahead and assess everything.

At the regular session of the Legislature in 1903 the clause in the statute exempting personal property to the amount of \$500 from assessment and taxation was repealed. When the Legislature met in a special session in December, 1903, it was decided that a mistake had been made in repealing the exemption clause, so it was re-enacted. The bill, however, did not carry an emergency clause, and therefore did not take effect until March 2. The assessment is made as of March 1, and consequently the exemption clause does not apply this year for the reason that the statute repealing it was in force on March 1. This year, therefore, no property will be exempt.

REBUILDING THE SEWER.

Break on Tanner Creek to Be Bulk-headed and Old Roadway Built.

City Engineer Elliott yesterday made an investigation of the feasibility of placing a bulkhead around the old break in the Tanner-Creek sewer at Sixteenth and Lowland streets. It is believed that the bulkhead could be built at considerable expense.

As soon as the waters of Tanner Creek dry up for the summer, work will begin on the new sewer. It must be built entirely anew, almost from the Multnomah field to Sixteenth and Washington streets.

In many places under the dilapidated roadway there are breaks in the sewer through which the water can at present be seen bubbling up. Much of the remainder of the sewer must have a new stone arch built. It is already being made under a portion of the Minomah field.

The old Alder-street roadway, now hanging by its eyelids, is gradually being filled in by contractors, and a petition was granted at the last session of the Council to fill the entire sewer to Nineteenth and Nineteenth street. But the removal of the old timber of the roadway is still a question. The City Engineer is of the opinion that a safely-guarded fire would be the best solution.

ST. MICHAEL'S FAIR OPEN.

MANY FAIR ONES OFFER GOOD THINGS FOR SALE.

Consul-Candiani Makes Opening Address, and Mr. Manning Speaks—Lively Contests Are On.

For trees, hemlock, Oregon grape twined around prettily decorated booths made an attractive picture last night at 163-170 Fifth street, on the occasion of the opening of the Catholic fair for the funds of St. Michael's Church, at Fourth and Mill streets. There was a large attendance. In the unavoidable absence of Governor Chamberlain, who was to have formally opened the fair, the speech of welcome was made by Dr. Charles F. Candiani, the Italian Consul at this port. District Attorney Manning also made a brief speech, in which he wished all possible success for the undertaking. Mr. Urban's Italian band played several selections, which were much appreciated. Miss Elizabeth Hoben gave an excellent piano solo, a selection by P. Albert, and Andrew Cain, baritone, sang a song.

"Won't you take a ticket from me, mister?" was the favorite salutation from red-checked, pleasant-looking little girls as soon as visitors entered from the street, and it was hard to say "No" when the request was accompanied by persuasive looks from bright eyes. There are special sales of a kindling, coal cake, a lot in University Park, a kitchen range, cigars, candies and a host of quite desirable articles, and all for a few cents. There is also a competition for the title of most beautiful young girl. There are five booths. The Foresters of America are sponsors for No. 1 booth, which is presided over by Mrs. W. J. Corcoran, with these assistants: Miss Annie Gately, secretary; Mrs. Seetern, Mrs. T. Maguire, Mrs. Lawler, Miss Jennie Short, Miss Mary Short, Miss Elizabeth Hoben, Miss J. Hoben, Miss O'Neill, Miss Dasher and Miss Ryan.

The Knights of Columbus booth is in charge of Mrs. J. R. Sutton, with these assistants: Mrs. E. Gurney, secretary; Mrs. H. Dillon, Mrs. William M. Murphy, Miss M. Murphy, Miss Dorothy Hincks, Miss Dunning and Miss Hickey. The Ancient Order of Hibernians booth is presided over by Mrs. John Hallinan, assisted by Mrs. Matt, Mrs. Gleason, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Jessup, Mrs. Riley, Miss Lilla, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Engelberg, Mrs. Trautner and Miss Lywyer.

The Italian booth is presided over by Mrs. J. A. Berovich, with these assistants: Mrs. Nicolodi, Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Runch, Miss McMahon and Miss Vincent. The Columbia University conference booth, Mrs. Fredland, president, with these assistants: Mrs. Benedict, Miss Louise Fredland, Miss Rose Fredland and Miss Catherine Maney. The refreshment stand is in charge of Mrs. John Webber, Miss Caroline Woltring, and Miss Minnie Woltring. Miss Julia Murphy presides over the card machine. Mrs. B. Riley is in charge of the "guessing" cake at the Hibernians' table.

There are lively contests for these prizes: Gold watch for the most popular young woman of St. Michael's Church choir—Adele Golsaken, Mary Neerer. Golden charm for the most popular freeman—A. G. Heber, Ed. Bowman, W. H. Hembree, Z. S. Elliot, W. Smith, W. Hansen, S. X. Neate, D. M. Loyd, Ed. Davy, E. H. Feldman, Frank Slavin. Policeman's hat, with golden crescent, for the most popular policeman—M. P. Sloan, William Carr, George J. Quinlan, William West, Daniel Comors. Gold watch for the most popular girl—Miss Toaste Owens, Miss Emily McPerry, Miss Mollie Campbell, Miss Minnie Elder. Buggy for the most popular Italian garage—Mrs. E. Noll, for I. Noll & Co.; Sottoria, Gloriat & Co., Ourgeruel, Curletto & Co., Garbarino Bros. & Co. Bicycle for the most popular altar boy—Joseph Albert, George Kelly, Nic Steiner, Dominic Berovich, David Landy.

The various booths are well filled with quite a variety of useful and artistic articles, and the fair is well patronized, and will be open every day and evening except Sunday, from 1 P. M. until 10:30 P. M.

PAYS FINE UNDER PROTEST.

The California & Oregon Coast Steamship Company, which was "fined" \$125 by the Longshoremen's Union of this city, has paid the fine at San Francisco under protest. The trouble arose over the company giving the work of loading the vessel here to the Grain

VINCENT RUNS AGROUND.

Grain Ship in Trouble in Swansea Harbor.

SWANSEA, May 9.—The British ship Vincent, from Portland, Or., is aground in the harbor here. It is expected that she will be floated on the next high tide.

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Blood Troubles

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You can't check a blood disease by any external treatment; the sores and eruptions that appear upon the surface of the body are only manifestations or symptoms of some internal disorder that cannot be reached from the outside. S. S. S. antitoxins the poisons, humors and acids that are the real cause of disease, cleanses and enriches the blood, and builds up at the same time the general health. S. S. S. invigorates all the organs and parts of the system to greater activity, and strong nerves and renewed health is the result. If you have any blood trouble, write us. No charge for medical advice.

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Years ago my blood was bad, as evidenced by skin eruptions and other symptoms on different parts of the body. So I concluded to try S. S. S., knowing it to be highly spoken of. After a number of bottles—my blood was thoroughly purified, and I was relieved of all eruptions and manifestations of impure blood. I believe you, S. S. S., to be the best medicine I have ever used in any need of such medicine would do well to use it. Mrs. C. E. SHOEMAKER, 515 E. Patterson St., Alliance, O.

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Handlers' Union and ignoring the long-shoremen. The steamship company will take up the matter with President O'Keefe, of the International Union.

Rajore Laces Sailors. The British ship Rajore, which is discharging a general cargo at Columbia dock, is short six sailors, who are alleged to have been sent away by local sailor boarding-house men. Captain Garrick acknowledges the loss of his men. It is believed the deserters will ship on the schooner Henry K. Hall, which is ready to sail with a lumber cargo for Tsingtau, China.

Domestic and Foreign Ports. ASTORIA, May 9.—Arrived down at T. A. M.—Schooner Sophie, Christensen. Arrived at 12:10 P. M. and left up at 6 P. M.—Steamer Oregon, from San Francisco. Condition of the bar at 5 P. M., moderate; wind northwest, weather cloudy.

San Francisco, May 9.—Sailed at 11 last night—Steamer Noma City, for Portland. Arrived at 1 A. M.—Steamer Geo. W. Elder, from Portland. Arrived at 7 A. M.—Steamer Geo. Loomis, from Portland. Arrived at 7 A. M.—Steamer Geo. Loomis, from Portland. Arrived at 7 A. M.—Steamer Geo. Loomis, from Portland.

Tacoma, May 9.—Sailed—Steamer Santa Barbara, for Olympia; steamer Parallon, for Alaska; steamer Unatilla, for San Francisco; schooner Nakoma, for San Pedro. Yokohama, May 9.—Arrived previously—Korea, from San Francisco, via Honolulu; from Hogo, Nagasaki, Shanghai and Hong Kong; from Port Gamble, schooner Marion, from Gray's Harbor; British bark Adderley, from Newcastle, Australia. Sailed—Steamer Acapulco, for Panama; schooner W. H. Leonard, from Honolulu; steamer Centralia, for Gray's Harbor.

With this—The Fashions, of course. More to choose between and better pictures than in any other magazine you ever looked at—and through them all the safety of absolute authority as to Fashion's approval. There are two gowns shown that are destined to—but one can't describe them here. And the Hats, too!!!

For Home Builders—There is much to interest the Child in this number—and as much more that will appeal to its Mother, as for instance, "Varying Temperaments in Children," by Mrs. Theo. W. Birney, Hon. Pres't National Council of Mothers. The tots themselves have half a dozen work and play stories to amuse them.

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"Around the World in Eighty Pictures" is the title of a series of picture-letters written by a young bride who is making the grand tour as a honeymoon trip. The letters are accompanied by a profusion of the most brilliant photographs we remember having seen. She is travelling through Manchuria in this number.

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