

TALK OF RATES

Traffic Men and Jobbers Hold Session.

EXPECT TO REACH TERMS

Result Will Affect Commerce of Northwest.

MAY READJUST SCHEDULE

Views of Railroad and Jobbing Interests Exchanged at Closed Meeting on Important Freight Distributing-Rate Question.

The long-anticipated conference between the traffic men of the transcontinental lines tributary to the Northwest and the representatives of the North Pacific Coast Jobbers' and Manufacturers' Association was held yesterday afternoon in the offices of the association...

What was done, even what was gone over, is not known, other than in a general way, and will not be until the evening, and perhaps not until later. The question is complex and far-reaching, an has been stated by the railroad men and admitted by the jobbers. That it is now nearer solution than ever before is practically conceded.

The Jobbers' Association was represented yesterday at the conference by J. S. Goldsmith, of the Schwabacher Grocery Company, of Seattle; W. W. Parker, Pacific Star Line, Tacoma; E. P. Baxter, Pacific Coast Black & White, Seattle; J. P. Keen, J. S. Harmon & Co., Tacoma; W. A. Meare, Henry Bahn, L. A. Lewis, A. F. Biles and W. H. Behrrell, of Portland; J. M. Hyde and J. S. Whitehouse, of Tacoma.

The Northern Pacific interests were guarded by J. M. Hannaford, second vice president; James Ross, general freight manager; J. B. Baird, general freight agent; and S. G. Fulton, assistant general freight agent.

The Great Northern delegation consisted of Campbell, fourth vice president, in charge of traffic; J. C. Eden, assistant general freight manager; F. L. Whitney, general passenger and ticket agent; and William Harder, general agent, freight department.

The Harriman interests were looked after by J. C. Stubbs, traffic director; P. C. Shior, assistant traffic director; J. A. Monroe, freight traffic manager of the Union Pacific; T. M. Schumacher, traffic manager Oregon Short Line; R. B. Miller, general freight agent, O. R. & N., and H. C. Coman, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon.

The meeting was secret, and nothing of what was transacted or what was discussed was given out by those who were present. The main discussion was on the distributing rate from the coast back into the interior, and this question practically covered all the other phases of the conference.

Search for Agreement. The railroad men, on the other hand, are as willing to give satisfactory rates as the jobbers are to ask for them, provided an agreement can be reached which seems to them to be just to all points served by their respective lines.

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ELDER TO BE RAISED

Steamer Will Be Bulkheaded and Pumped Out.

MAY GO ON DRYDOCK HERE

Underwriter's Agent to Make a Personal Investigation of Ship's Bottom—Schooner Mahukona Not Injured.

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MAHUKONA NOT DAMAGED.

Schooner is Now Safely Anchored in Astoria Harbor.

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Annual Repairs to Dredges.

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New Steamer Cascade Due.

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AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Vaudeville at the Grand.

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Breaks Loose From Ice Floe.

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GRAND LOVEN, Mich., Jan. 26.—After having been fast in an ice floe in Lake Michigan since Monday night, the Goodrich line steamer A. A. broke loose last night of the ice.

Perkins is Not Injured.

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STEAMER CHANGES NAME AND OWNERS.

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Marine Notes.

Queen of French Dancers.

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Bijou's Great Stock Company.

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TO IMPROVE MONTAVILLA.

Board of Trade Will Do Much Work in That Suburb.

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Snow Smothers Batoum.

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BUSINESS ITEMS.

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READY TO GO TO JAIL

Beaverton Woman Saloon-Smasher Gives Herself Up.

SAYS SHE WILL NOT PAY FINE

Takes Course as an Object Lesson to Her Sons That They Will Remain as Long as They Live.

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AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

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The Newgirl Mattes Tomorrow.

The newgirl mattes tomorrow.

Matties, Last Performance.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Howard Gould's Opening.

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EFFECTING THE REFERENDUM

Effecting the referendum.

Advancing Sale for Lewis Morrison.

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MALE CONSORT BILL IN HOUSE

Male consort bill in house.

BILLS ON TAKING THE CENSUS

Bills on taking the census.

WHY DOES A BABY CRY?

Why does a baby cry?

Work Begins on American Inn.

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Turkish Minister's Mother.

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