

SAY THE RATE IS FAIR

Shippers on Salem, Falls City & Western Satisfied.

STORY OF PROTEST FALSE

Railway Commission Has Received No Complaints—Rates Advanced Because of Expense of Road. Statement Made Public.

SALEM, Or., March 24.—(Special).—The State Railroad Commission denounces the story published in a sensational Portland evening paper, as being without the least foundation of fact, relative to the alleged protests being made by shippers to the Commission against the rate of certain rates by the Salem, Falls City & Western Railway Company.

The Commission has given out the following details of the case. The request made by the railroad company reads as follows:

For some time prior to February 18, 1907, this company's freight charge on lumber carried over its road was as follows: On 1000 ft. of lumber, kiln-dry, 75 cents; surfaced, 90 cents per thousand. Finding this rate inadequate for payment of the expenses of maintenance and return on investment, it was deemed advisable to advance the rate to \$1.00 per thousand on carload lots of lumber of all descriptions. The company accordingly gave thirty days notice to the public, as required by the third paragraph of section 6 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended by the Hepburn bill of June 29, 1906. The new rate became effective on the 18th inst. and the company has since been and is now collecting charges under it. For the reasons above given, this company, by notice to shippers thirty days in advance of the change, raised the freight rate on logs from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per thousand. The change became effective February 1, 1907. The lumber shipments carried over this company's road are destined to points within and without the state of Oregon—primarily the coast. The shipments of logs are handled wholly within the state. The company's railroad connects with the Southern Pacific, Willamette and terminates at Black Rock, the entire line being in Polk County.

SALEM, FALLS CITY & WESTERN RY. COMPANY. The company goes on to state that section 62 of the Chapin law requires permission of the Commission to raise rates, and they ask for a ruling in their case. The Commission immediately prepared a notice for a hearing to be held on March 5, 1907, at Dallas, copies of which were sent and published in the Polk County Advertiser and the Polk County Democrat, and also wrote the following letter to the railroad company, in reply to the one they wrote above:

Answering your communication of the 24th inst., relative to your duties and liabilities under the act creating this Commission, beg to advise you that it is the opinion of the Commission that before your company is permitted to effect for local purposes the schedule of tariffs of February 1, and February 18, 1907, mentioned in your communication, should first comply with the provisions of section 62 of the act mentioned. Within thirty days from the taking effect of the act you should file with the Commission copies of all schedules of rates effective January 1, 1907, and all rates in force between such points at any time subsequent to such date. If you desire to advance or discontinue any such rate or rates effective January 1, 1907, you should apply in writing, stating the advance in or discontinuation of the rate or rates so desired, giving the reasons for such advance or discontinuation. Thereupon the application will be treated in the manner provided in section 62 of the act mentioned.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF OREGON. Letters received by the railroad company, in accordance with requests sent out by them, were also sent to the Railroad Commission, and are from shippers along the line of the Salem, Falls City & Western Railway Company, as follows: The Polk County Mill & Lumber Company, Falls City; Cone Lumber Company, Falls City; Ober-Meyer Lumber Company, Falls City; Charles K. Spaulding Logging Company, Newberg; Willamette Valley Lumber Company, Dallas, all of which approved of the raise in rates on logs, lumber and merchandise shipments by the railroad company. The letter from the Polk County Lumber Company is a fair sample of the way in which they all read. This company says: "We beg to advise that we think that your rates are fair and reasonable and that the same are entirely satisfactory to us."

The testimony taken at the hearing shows the road is a little over 11 miles long, main line, with about three miles of sidings and spurs, the line extending from Dallas to Black Rock. Its chief business being the transporting of lumber and logs. Their reports as made to the Interstate Commerce Commission show that for the year 1905 their deficiencies was over \$2000, and for the year 1906 the net earnings were about 2 per cent. These reports were introduced as evidence at the hearing. No one appeared to remonstrate against the rates being raised, and after taking the testimony and reports under careful consideration, also the letters from shippers, the petition of the railroad was granted.

UNITE TO BUILD HIGH SCHOOL. Linn County Towns Will Take Advantage of New Law.

ALBANY, Or., March 24.—(Special).—Some of the country school districts of Linn County will be first to take advantage of the new law passed by the recent Legislature authorizing the erection of union high schools in Oregon. The law provides that where school districts are not strong enough individually to inaugurate and maintain a high school system, such as are attended by the children of the more populous districts of the state, several contiguous districts may unite and start an institution for their common use, to be known as a union high school. This privilege is considered desirable by the rural communities of Linn County, and at a meeting of the people of five contiguous school districts yesterday the question of establishing a union high school was considered. The districts interested include the country towns of Plainview, Sand Ridge and Rock Hill, and could maintain a very creditable high school. The school would be as largely attended as some of the high schools in the larger towns of Oregon.

To Cure Grip in Two Days. Laxative Bromo Quinine remedies the cause. To get the genuine, call for full name and look for signature of E. W. Grove, 23c.

Twenty-two Lots Sold in Belle Crest Yesterday

This Beautiful Subdivision Will Be Sold Before the First of the Month. Prices Same as First Advertised.

What arguments, would you think, were brought to bear to sell twenty-two residence lots in one day!

It certainly wasn't flashy advertising or big promises—it wasn't that these people were personal friends of ours—it was simply the fact that BELLE CREST "MAKES GOOD!"

When we say it is the most beautiful spot in Portland, it doesn't mean anything till you see it, then you agree with us—BELLE CREST THEN BECOMES THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SPOT IN PORTLAND.

When we say a splendid, full-sized lot may be had for \$400, you shrug your shoulders, but when you look at other lots in town and then see Belle Crest, you admit BELLE CREST IS THE CHEAPEST BUY IN PORTLAND.

When we tell you BELLE CREST will have streetcars and graded streets and water within ninety days—you say "maybe"—but when you go along the Sandy Road and see for yourself a streetcar system half finished—when you see the whole length of the road lined with pipe—when you see tons of cement piled up on the tract, you admit "SOMETHING REALLY IS DOING" IN BELLE CREST. * * * People go out skeptical—come away convinced.

BELLE CREST is a business proposition—we bought it to make money, but we selected a place where criticism can't take hold.

All day yesterday people investigated Belle Crest—some came on foot—some in carriages—some rode with us—but EVERYBODY SAYS BELLE CREST IS MORE THAN THE ADVERTISERS SAY FOR IT.

FORTY DOLLARS DOWN is the first payment, and ten dollars a month is the installment. * * * It isn't one family that makes a suburban home; it takes many families; that's why we can sell a suburban lot so reasonably—we make a little profit out of each. * * *

Belle Crest Lots Will Be Off the Market by the First of the Month Autos at Your Disposal Any Hour

THE SPANTON CO. THE JACOBS-STINE CO.

The Commonwealth Bldg. on Sixth St. The Swetland Bldg. on Fifth St. Phone Main 2828 (Either Phone). Phone Main 359 (Either Phone).

PUT YOUR DOLLARS INTO OIL STOCK

If you are a salaried man—put a few dollars into oil stock; if you are a capitalist—buy oil stock; if you are a capitalist—buy oil stock. A better stock investment does not exist elsewhere. Only \$10.00 per share. Write today to

Pacific Coast Gas & Oil Co. 401-402 Com. Bldg. Portland, Or.

Advertisement for The Hart Land Co. featuring a \$30,000 lot at 50x100-N. W. Corner 6th and Irving streets. The lot is being offered for \$20,000, a \$5000.00 advance within the next three months. The Hart Land Co. 109 Sherlock Building.

A SPECIAL RUG SALE

As Spring is here it is high time to purchase new floor coverings with which to cheer and brighten up the home. For Friday, Saturday and Monday we will place our large stock of rug-size Berlin Rugs on sale at a great discount. This assortment includes the Prima, Basra, Tashkent, Mohair Khedive and the Anatolian silk rugs. In point of design and coloring these rugs are unexcelled. Do not fail to take advantage of this rare opportunity.

J. G. MACK & CO. 86-88 Third Street THE EXCLUSIVE CARPET HOUSE

Imperial Hotel Co. Seventh and Washington Streets, Portland, Oregon. European Plan \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 per Day.

Umatilla County Pioneers' Reunion. WESTON, Or., March 24.—(Special).—The Twelfth Annual Reunion of the Umatilla County Pioneers' Association will be held at Weston, Or., Friday and Saturday, June 7 and 8, 1907.

DIED. STOUT—In this city, March 24, at 353 North Twenty-third street, Amanda Stout, aged 82 years. Funeral notice hereafter. HUTTON—In this city, March 24, John Hutton, aged 73 years 3 months. Late residence Woodburn, Or.

HEILIG THEATER MAIL ORDERS FROM IN AND OUT OF TOWN NOW BEING FILLED AND RETURNED. April 2 and 3. San Carlo Grand Opera Tuesday Night MME. NORDICA 'LA GIOCONDA' Wednesday MISS ALICE NIELSEN Matinee 'LA BOHEME' Wednesday Mlle. BERYNE Night 'CARMEN' PRICES—Lower floor.....\$5.50 Balcony.....\$4.00, \$3.00, \$2.00 Gallery, reserved.....\$1.50 Gallery, admission.....\$1.00

Address mail orders and make checks payable to W. T. Paugle, Heilig Theater. BOX OFFICE OPENS MARCH 28. CURTAIN—Evenings.....7:45 P. M. Matinee.....2:00 P. M.

BAKER THEATER Main 2. GEO. L. BAKER, General Manager. Home of the Widely-Known Baker Stock Company. Every Evening This Week. The Original and Unusual Play 'AS A SENECA' Personal Direction Mr. Arthur Mackley. Plot, Scenery, Settings All New, and a De-Olded Hit. First Time in the West. Matinee Saturday. Evening prices 25c, 50c, 75c; Matinee, 15c, 25c. Next Week—'Leah Kleshan.'

EMPIRE THEATER Phone Main 117. Milton W. Seaman, Mgr. Playing Only Eastern Road Shows—Tonight. All This Week—Matinee Wednesday and Saturday, Perce R. Benton's 'A COWBOY'S GIRL' Great Western Scenic Play Immense, Success, Packed House Everywhere. Don't Fail to see it. Regular Empire. Next Attraction—Ole Olson.

LYRIC THEATER Portland's Popular Street Show. Every Afternoon and Evening This Week. Lyric Stock Company in 'A SENECA'S DAUGHTER' Reserved seats can now be secured in advance from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. Daily business at usual time. Evening performances at 8:15. Saturday and Sunday evenings, first performance at 7:15.

Pantages Theater Wilson Bros., Hilton Sisters, Leo White, Stroud, and Thatcher. Zo Tuzel, The Biograph, Barr and Evans. For a Really Good Show Visit the Pantages Theater. Performances daily at 2:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M. Admission 10c and 20c. Matinee 25c. Any seat at weekday matinee ten cents.

CLASSIFIED AD. RATES Following rates will be given only when advertising is ordered to run consecutive days, Daily and Sunday issues. The Oregonian charges first-time rate each insertion for classified advertising that is not run on consecutive days. The first-time rate is charged for each insertion in The Weekly Oregonian.

MEETING NOTICES. ROYAL ARCANUM—Members of Multnomah, Oregon and Willamette Councils are requested to attend a convention meeting of Knights of Pythias Hall, 11th and Alder streets, Monday evening, March 25, in honor of the visit of Past Supreme Regent S. M. Lindsay, of Utica, N. Y.

MOUNT HOOD CHURCH, No. 151, W. O. W.—Members are earnestly requested to attend the annual services of our district, neighbor, Emily S. Pennicard, this (Monday) March 25, at 12 o'clock, from family residence, 1214 Clinton street, corner East Fourth street. Take Waverly-Richmond car. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Sister circles invited.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 12, A. F. & A. M.—Stated communication this (Monday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. Work in the E. C. degree. Visitors are cordially invited. By order of the W. M. DE LIN, Secretary.

FUNERAL NOTICES. TAPPER—In this city, March 23, Ureala Tapper, aged 72 years. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services which will be held at Finley's chapel at 1 P. M., Tuesday, March 26, Interment Greenwood Cemetery.

JONES—March 24, at the family residence, 14 South Mora street, Kern Park, William E. Jones, aged 64 years 1 month 21 days. Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services at the above residence at 2 P. M., Tuesday, March 26. Seattle papers please copy.

PENNICARD—In this city, March 23, at the family residence, 1214 Clinton street, corner of East Fourth, Emily Sarah Pennicard, aged 48 years 7 months 9 days, beloved wife of Charles J. Pennicard. Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, which will be held at above residence at 1 o'clock today (Monday), March 25, Interment Riverside Cemetery.

DUNNING, McEotee & Gilbaugh, Funeral Directors, 7th & Pine. Phone 31. 456, Lady asst.

ERICSON UNDERTAKING CO., 409 Alder St. Lady assistant, Phone Main 6123.

EDWARD HOLMAN CO., Funeral Directors, 220 3d St. Lady assistant, Phone M. 597.

SELLER-BYRNES CO., Funeral Directors, 473 Russell. East 1088. Lady assistant.

J. P. FINLEY & SON, Funeral Directors, No. 201 3d St., cor. Madison. Phone Main 3.

F. S. DUNNING, Undertaker, 414 East Alder. Lady assistant, Phone East 52.

A. B. HEMSTOCK—Funeral director, E. 12th & Umattilla, Ph. Sellwood 71. Lady asst.

NEW TODAY. ALEX. C. BAE, PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, 407 McKay Building. Phone Main 649.

23d Street, \$15,000 Large building, suitable for various business purposes and extra choice corner. \$2000 on 23d and 25th streets. \$15,000 cash. C. H. KORELL, 251 Washington.

\$50,000 To loan at 6 per cent in sums to suit, from \$100 upwards, on city property. No commission or attorneys' charges. Address Q 90, care Oregonian.

\$7500 A middle-aged man of experience desires to invest above amount and give his services in a mercantile or manufacturing business in this city. Best references given and expected. A 89, care Oregonian.

NEW TODAY. Residence Lots Marshall street, between 25th and 26th streets, \$3000, until further notice. Overton Street South side, 167 feet east of 23d street, \$3250. Thurman Street South side, between 25th and 29th and 160 full-bearing assorted fruit trees and good two-story house. This view cannot be beat anywhere. To see it, get off of Morrison car at West ave. and go north to Gilham ave. and north on this avenue. It is known as the Herrington place and has my sign on it. Price, \$5000.

Also 1 1/2 acres on Gilham ave. north of Base Line road, at Mount Tabor, with 160 full-bearing assorted fruit trees and good two-story house. This view cannot be beat anywhere. To see it, get off of Morrison car at West ave. and go north to Gilham ave. and north on this avenue. It is known as the Herrington place and has my sign on it. Price, \$5000.

Second Street 50x100 and good two-story brick building near Madison, for \$25,000. This is below the market now. In this rapidly advancing district. Several corner lots with poor wooden improvements selling for \$5000.

R. M. WILBUR 110 1/2 Second St. J. W. OGILBEE Room 11, 145 1/2 First Street.

\$4000 About one acre of land adjoining main line of railway, suitable for a manufacturing site or for warehouse purposes, in the city and very convenient, on the east side of the river.

\$2700 Lot with two nearly new modern cottages, bringing good rent, in Brooklyn Heights. Good interest propositions.

British Columbia Fruit Lands In the Famous Okanogan Valley 320 acres of excellent fruit land adjoining the city limits of Vernon for sale in 10-acre tracts. This land is all under cultivation and ready for planting. Water in abundance for irrigation purposes. Price, \$200 per acre. Terms, 1/3 cash, 1/3 each year at 6 per cent interest. Map of property on application. Also Board of Trade booklet.

Mutrie, Harris & Mutrie Real Estate and Financial Agents, 15 Barnard Ave., Vernon, B. C.

\$11,000 Corner on earlie, near 14th and Gilman. Cheapest buy in warehouse district.

F. O. NORTHRUP & CO. 211 Commercial Block.

6-Room Modern House This modern home is just being finished and will be absolutely complete; Royal carpet, wood floor plaster, tile bathroom, tile sink bath, large gas pantry, laundry tub, etc. On E. Burnside, one block from E. Ankeny car. \$3300

H. P. PALMER Main 5661. 222 Falling Bldg.

Some Good Ones Show lot on Fifth st., near Burnside business property; the best buy left on the street. 100x150, with 12-room house modern in every respect; a fine home within easy walking distance. Take a look at this. 100x150, in Irvington, 13-room home with all conveniences; perfectly finished and complete for a nice home; location very desirable, but the most attractive feature is the price. SPHINX AGENCY 305 1/2 Stark Street.

PORTLAND HEIGHTS \$3250 Lot 100x150—On carline. Finest location of the Heights. The price stands for one week only. YOU CAN'T GO WRONG HERE. Don't Wait! J. H. Hellbronner & Co. Room 517 Lumber Exchange Bldg.

\$21,000 Well improved 10 per cent income property on Gilman, near 18th. Call and let us tell you why this is one of the best investments on the market today. American Bank & Trust Co. 90 Seventh Street.

Only \$1500 Fine quarter fronting 100x100 on Albia ave. cor. of Webster street. A splendid buy; part cash. C. H. KORELL, 251 Washington.